

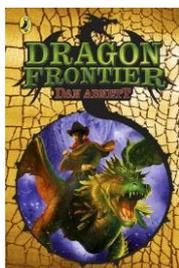


## Year 6 Booklist 2016

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T = Younger Teen Reads

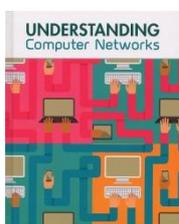
P = Picture Book for Older Readers



### Abnett, Dan - Dragon Frontier (series)

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Dragons, cowboys and native Americans all appear in this engaging fantasy set in the Wild West. A well constructed plot, strong characters and narrative should appeal to boys and girls alike.



### Annis, Matt - Understanding Computer Networks

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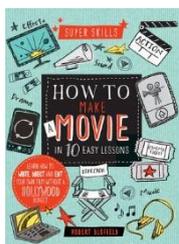
This is part of a series of books about different aspects of computing. They have clear explanations and take a logical, accessible approach to the subject. This book considers www, the internet, how they help us communicate and what a network is.



### Black, Holly - The Iron Trial

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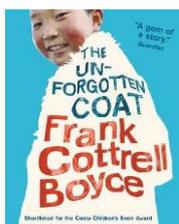
A really exciting read and an interesting experiment with two writers involved. Certainly this is a page turner and a good next read for Harry Potter fans. The novel is infused with magic, good wizards and bad but which is side is Callum on?



### Blofield, Robert - How to Make a Movie in 10 Easy Lessons

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We all have the tools to make a movie these days but what should your approach be? This book takes the reader through the basic steps to write a script, prepare a storyboard and completes this with filming techniques.



### Boyce, Frank Cottrell - The Un-Forgotten Coat

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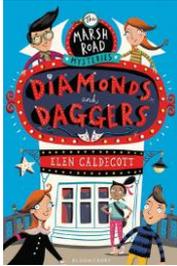
This is a wry humorous look at the difficulties of settling into a new country and culture. The story is based on a real story and the book has been nominated for a number of awards.



**Bradman, Tony - Viking Boy**

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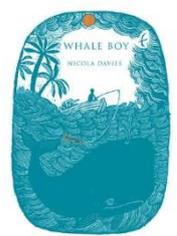
A Viking boy seeks revenge on his father's killer in this adventure. It is action packed, interwoven with Viking mythology, a quest for self discovery and villains of awesome, mythical proportions.



**Caldecott, Elen - Diamonds and Daggers**

**CF**

In this contemporary well-written alternative to Enid Blyton, the mystery must be solved by 5 friends if they are to help prevent Piotr from being deported back to Poland. Piotr's Dad is the number one suspect for the jewellery theft. Can you solve the mystery before the friends in this engaging story?



**Davies, Nicola - Whale Boy**

**CF**

Set on an imaginary Caribbean island, Michael is the first to rediscover the whales that used to frequent the seas off the island. This is an exciting story celebrating animals and the environment. It was shortlisted for Best Story prize, Blue Peter 2014.



**Delaney, Joseph - The Ghost Prison**

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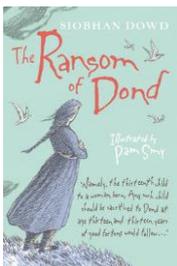
If you like books short and spooky, this is a book to consider. Billy has a new job as a guard in the local prison. An atmospheric story, creepy spine tingling description with a twist at the end. Did you see that coming?



**Doherty, Berlie - Far From Home**

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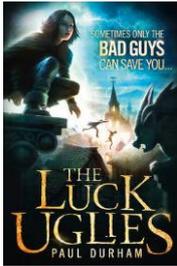
Set in Victorian times and a sequel to Street Child, although it can be read independently. Beautifully written, with emotionally charged descriptions of child labour and these hardships of the time give it a strong sense of place. The story follows the difficulties of two orphaned sisters.



**Dowd, Siobhan - The Ransom of Dond**

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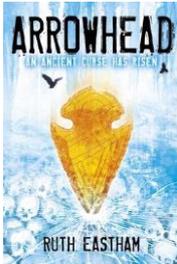
A fantasy island setting for this Irish fantasy has the rhythm and beauty of a traditional tale although it is a modern story. Darra is the 13<sup>th</sup> child and at the age of 13 must be sacrificed to the monster of Dond. A plot twist and a mother's heroic sacrifice complete this story.



**Durham, Paul - The Luck Uglies**

**CF**

A well realised fantasy world is created here as you join Rye and her two close friends on their dangerous adventure. The friends dare to challenge their world order and discover that the bad guys may just have a bad press, whilst those in charge are corrupt and cowardly.



**Eastham, Ruth - Arrowhead**

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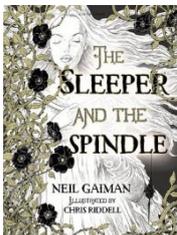
Jack has recently moved to Norway and is coping with making friends in a new school. He accidentally uncovers a body and an arrowhead which unleashes a Norse legend and curse that threatens to overwhelm his own time. An exciting, edgy thriller with some good descriptions of mob mentality.



**Eason, Sarah - Malorie Blackman: a storytelling sensation (Real-Life stories series)**

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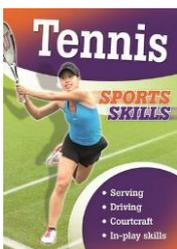
An inspiring biography about this award winning British writer. Malorie's story demonstrates the need for determination and talent to become an author. The series presents biographies in an appealing, visual way with textboxes, timelines, speech bubbles and photos.



**Gaiman, Neil - The Sleeper and the Spindle**

**T**

A book characteristic of the author with a dark alternative retelling of Sleeping Beauty. It is beautifully produced with a poetic sound to the writing and stunning pictures to complement the text. The unexpected twist to the plot makes this a Year 6 title.



**Gifford, Clive - Tennis (Sports Skills series)**

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Interested in improving your game? This series has a good introduction to all the steps needed to take part in the sport of your choice with tips and technique as well as background information.



**Gourlay, Candy - Shine**

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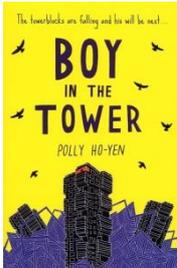
Rosa is protected from the suspicion and superstition of Mirasol society because she has been born unable to talk. Lonely and bored she spends her free time on the internet and there she meets Anselm. This story is beautifully written.



**Hartnett, Sonya - The Children of the King**

**CF**

An atmospheric ghost story is woven around the experience of three children evacuated during WW2. This has two historic settings, a strong sense of place, some interesting characters to get involved with, and the writing is very good.



**Ho-Yen, Polly - The Boy in the Tower**

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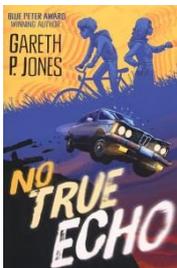
A boy and his mother are trapped inside a high rise tower as mysterious alien plants devastate their community. A gripping story of survival in the tradition of HG Wells and John Wyndham. Shortlisted for Blue Peter and Waterstones awards 2015.



**Humphries, Kris - A Whisper of Wolves**

**CF**

This may appeal to CS Lewis fans. A fantasy story for animal lovers in a world where guardians of the wild have animal companions. Alice is a strong, talented guardian but can she be the hero and save the village in this exciting story?



**Jones, Gareth P - No True Echo**

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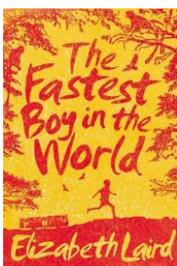
A sophisticated time slip adventure this story crackles with danger as well as excitement. Suddenly Eddie's hometown of Wellcome looks far from boring after the mysterious Scarlett turns up.



**Kibuishi, Kazu - Explorer: The Hidden Doors**

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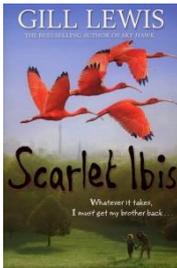
A wonderful way to look at different writing styles and illustrations with these short stories all centred round a common theme of doorways. They lead into fantasy lands in the most unexpected and rewarding way for the reader.



**Laird, Elizabeth - The Fastest Boy in the World**

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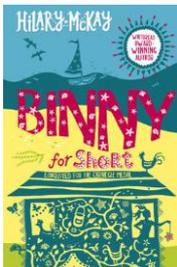
Solomon dreams of joining Ethiopia's national athletics team. He loves to run and this helps him in a 20 mile run to get help for his dying Granddad from his village. A beautifully written, exciting story about a boy who is full of hopes and dreams but puts his family first.



**Lewis, Gill - Scarlet Ibis**

Scarlet and her brother, Red, are separated when they are taken into care. A moving story about family love and loyalty from a talented author.

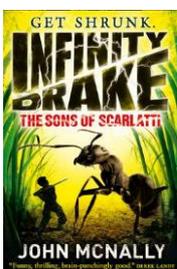
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**McKay, Hilary - Binny for Short**

A warm, funny plot about a family who relocate to the Cornish coast. The setting is well described and the mischievous antics of Binny provide most of the fun as she discovers a new enemy to challenge and dare.

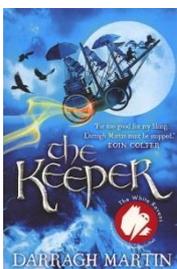
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**McNally, John - The Sons of Scarlatti**

Science, electronic gadgetry, mad Uncle Al all make Finn's life action packed as he starts this adventure. Terrific characters, an excellent plot, insects and a lot of humour result in this action thriller.

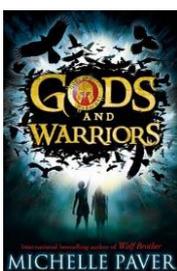
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**Martin, Darragh - The Keeper**

Set in Ireland and steeped in Irish myth, Oisín has unwillingly become the Keeper of the Book. There is magic a-plenty, some dark evil forces, an annoying brother and a fast-paced action packed plot to satisfy readers looking for a story more dangerous than the Harry Potter series.

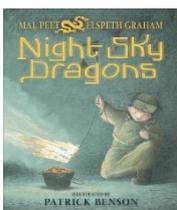
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**Paver, Michelle - Gods and Warriors**

Wonderful new series from this award winning writer set in Bronze age Greece. Action, strong central characters and a life threatening situation ensure a pacy read.

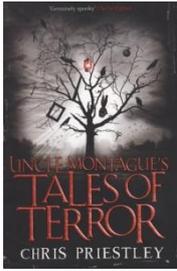
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**Peet, Mal - Night Sky Dragons**

A multicultural story written in the storytelling tradition of folk tales. Yazul lives with his father in a trading post along the Silk Road in China. The writing captures the time and the culture, but Yazul's main preoccupation is winning his Dad's approval.

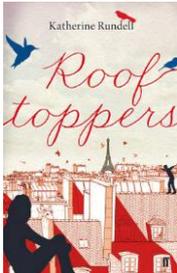
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**Priestley, Chris - Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror**

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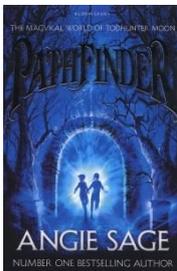
No time for reading? Try this book of truly spine chilling short stories. They are not for the faint-hearted. A good example of the Gothic/horror genre.



**Rundell, Katherine - Rooftoppers**

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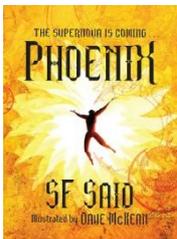
Award winning title, this quirky story starts with a shipwreck and an orphan and ends in Paris among the roof tops. A marvellous host of characters and an exciting setting above the streets of Paris.



**Sage, Angie - Pathfinder**

**CF**

Really exciting fantasy with page turning action from the outset. This should appeal to girls and boys interested in this genre. The story is well written with a strong feisty female character driving the plot on in her quest to rescue her Dad and the other villagers.



**Said, S F - Phoenix**

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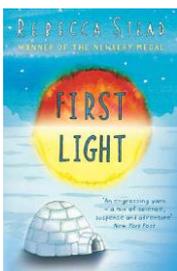
Beautifully produced, even the black edges to the novel are enticing. This is a science fiction which fizzes with originality, ideas, pace of the writing, strong characters and an excellent ending.



**Staake, Bob - Bluebird**

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A lonely boy befriends a bluebird in this wordless picture book. Here the reader is the narrator, supported by the storyboard illustrations. Good for thinking about loneliness, bullying and death.



**Stead, Rebecca - First Light**

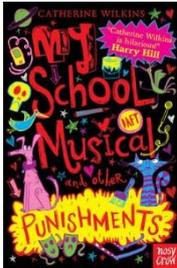
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A remarkable story told in parallel worlds up in the Arctic circle. The story follows two characters - Thea and Peter - who inhabit separate worlds which are set to collide. Fascinating idea that a group of people hounded from the known world because of their powers could create a civilisation under the ice.



**Thomson, Jamie - The Wrong Side of the Galaxy**  
If you are looking for a funny science fiction title, this may well appeal. Jamie wakes up on his birthday and is kidnapped by aliens in his worst birthday ever. On the plus side he does become captain of the spaceship and if he can just get the better of the ship's computer he may find his way back to earth.

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**Wilkins, Catherine - My School Musical and other Punishments**  
A funny story set in school looks at the frenzy a school musical can produce. Stardom can play havoc with friendship and Jessica is more interested in her latest idea for a comic.

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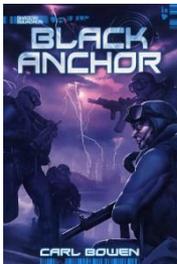


**Give the Ball to the Poet: a new anthology of Caribbean poetry**

Shortlisted for Clippa 2015, this collection of poetry is aimed at a mature reader. It celebrates the range of writing styles from a number of areas in the Caribbean and is beautifully illustrated.

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## Pacy Year 6 Reads



**Bowen, Carl - Black Anchor**

Written in a classified Briefing style with a Q & A with the author at the end, a book that will appeal to anyone interested in the military and combat.

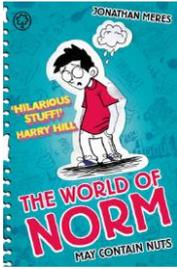
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**Jenkins, Paul - Fairy Quest Vol One: Outlaws**

A graphic novel told using classic comic book visuals and drawing from traditional tales. Very humorous especially when Red Riding Hood teams up with her wolf to defeat Mr Grimm.

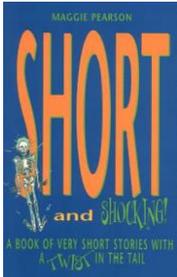
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**Meres, Jonathan - World of Norm series**

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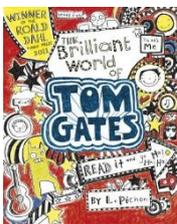
Award winning series in the same vein as Wimpy Kid. Norm is moving house and life is just unfair.



**Pearson, Maggie - Short and Shocking!**

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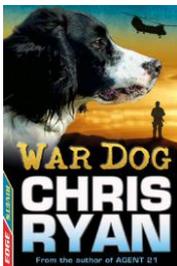
Short of time to read? Try these stories, all are just two pages long at the most, but still shocking, funny, thought provoking and great for sharing.



**Pichon, Liz - Tom Gates series**

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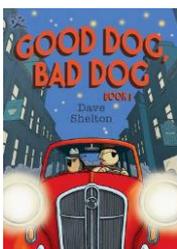
Award winning series (Roald Dahl Funny prize). Popular because of well drawn characters, strong plots, familiar settings and very, very funny. They strike a chord with readers and the doodles are good too.



**Ryan, Chris - War Dog**

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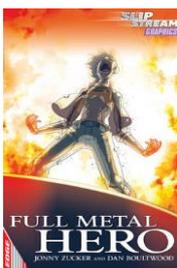
A quick teen read with the story set in Afghanistan. "Did you ever think that a dog could save someone's life?" Try this if you want a realistic story set in war.



**Shelton, Dave - Good Dog, Bad Dog**

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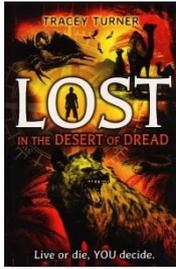
This has a graphic comic book style, a crime to solve and lots of puns and humour. The detectives are pedigree dogs from "Muttropolis".



**Slipstream series**

**CF**

Graphic, cartoon science fiction with a lot of action, a fast moving plot and a straight forward text.



**Turner, Tracey - Lost in the Desert of Dread**

**CF**

This is an excellent, contemporary choose your own adventure dealing with survival in an extreme environment. The opening provides survival information and the end has some real life survival stories. Lots of fun.



**Zucker, Jonny - Gladiator Revival & Island Shock**

**CF**

Part of the Toxic series, this story is a time slip with the characters suddenly thrown to the monsters in the Coliseum after a quick training on what to do. These books are short, action packed and fast-paced. Beware the potato skin.

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