

## Young Readers Programme Recommended Booklist 2011

Recommended for ages 9 - 12

Cover	Synopsis	Details
	Twelve year old Mira is dealing with her Nana's illness and when she meets the mysterious Jide. An excellent award-winning coming-of-age novel ideal for ages 11+	<b>Artichoke Hearts</b> S Brahmachari ISBN: 9780330517911 £5.99
	A selection of letters written to a popular 'tween' author, covering common concerns for girls growing up such as making friends, crushes, dating, following your dreams and more.	<b>Letters to Cathy</b> C Cassidy ISBN: 9780141328942 £6.99
	More insights into the crazy life of Clarice Bean – the story rips along at a hectic pace, starting with a flooded bathroom! Plenty of humour, but serious issues such as friends moving on also make this a <b>good pick for confident younger readers</b> .	<b>Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now</b> L Child ISBN: 9781846165078 £6.99
	The story of Hiccup Haddock Horrendous III's rise to fame, through his dragon-training exploits. Packed with <b>lively diagrams and jokes</b> , this is a popular choice for older or more confident readers.	<b>How To Train Your Dragon</b> C Cowell ISBN: 9780340999073 £5.99
	This feel-good novel <b>written in verse</b> follows Annie, who loves running, her family and drawing, as she deals with changes in her life, from her best friend's moods to her mother's new baby.	<b>Heartbeat</b> S Creech ISBN: 9780747571476 £5.99
	Amir Khan recently won his first world title. This <b>inspirational biography</b> doesn't pull any punches, relating how hard work took him from a small gym in Bolton to being Britain's youngest boxing champ.	<b>Amir Khan</b> A Croft ISBN: 9781842997529 £5.99
	This <b>humorous but gory</b> illustrated murder mystery featuring two girl sleuths is a Waterstone's Children's Book Prize-winner, and is highly recommended for 7-10 year old Dahl fans (but not for particularly sensitive readers!)	<b>The Great Hamster Massacre</b> K Davies ISBN: 9781847385956 £5.99
	The first of an <b>exciting horror series</b> following the adventures of Luke Watson, a boy forced to move to Scream Street after he transforms into a werewolf, and his spooky new friends.	<b>Fang of the Vampire</b> T Donbavand ISBN: 9781406320602 £4.99
	Jimmy dreams of becoming a professional footballer and wearing the number 7 shirt like his heroes. Designed for <b>dyslexic or less confident readers</b> , this includes facts about top players.	<b>The Number 7 Shirt</b> A Gibbons ISBN: 9781842995365 £5.99
	This 'choose your own adventure' book allows you to join characters from <i>Star Wars: The Clone Wars</i> and prove yourself worthy of your Jedi training! Includes <b>links to online scenes and games</b> .	<b>Crisis on Coruscant</b> J Green ISBN: 9781409390077 £5.99
	One of a series of popular pocket-sized editions featuring America's first family of fun. Even the least keen readers should enjoy following the hilarious adventures of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie in this <b>comic book</b> .	<b>Simpsons Comic Spectacular</b> M Groening ISBN: 9781845767365 £4.99






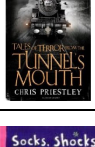




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	One of the famous and <b>extremely popular</b> <i>Where's Wally?</i> series, this recent addition challenges readers to find bobble-hatted Wally in a range of ever-changing art-related scenes.	<b>The Great Picture Hunt</b> M Handford ISBN: 978-1406304022 £6.99
	A pocket-sized, colour-illustrated manual, this is a must for car fans and may also appeal to less keen readers. One of a new series that also includes dangerous animals and football stars.	<b>World's Fastest Cars</b> Haynes ISBN: 9781844259656 £4.99
	A successful novel and film, this official <b>graphic novel adaptation</b> of the film script is beautifully illustrated in a modern manga style. The fast pace and clear visual clues appeal to <b>less keen</b> readers.	<b>Stormbreaker</b> (Graphic) A Horowitz, A Johnson etc. ISBN: 9781844281114 £7.99
	Hand-picked from hundreds of short stories written over the last 20 years, these <b>spine-chilling stories</b> with a twist are perfect for less confident readers and great for reading aloud at spooky sleepovers!	<b>Spookiest Stories</b> P Jennings ISBN: 9780670028917 £6.99
	When Carla's Grandpa dies, she and her siblings decide to give him the end he always wanted – a Viking funeral, in a burning boat heading out to sea! A <b>quirky tale</b> for more confident readers aged 9+.	<b>Sparks</b> A Kennen ISBN: 9781407111087 £6.99
	A fantastic book for all space and science fans, this relates the history of mankind's fascination with the universe through a mixture of innovative <b>comic-style</b> illustrations and entertaining text.	<b>Comic Strip History of Space</b> S Kindberg ISBN: 9780747594321 £6.99
	The fourth book in the hilarious <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> series. It's summer break, and while Greg wants to spend it indoors, relaxing, playing video games with his friend, Rowley, and watching late-night horror films, his mom has other ideas...	<b>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</b> J Kinney ISBN: 9780141331973 £6.99
	The latest in the series of <b>word-of-mouth bestsellers</b> featuring an unusual detective and his adventurous sidekick Stephanie. Thrill-a-minute action makes this a top choice for keener readers.	<b>Skulduggery Pleasant: Mortal Coil</b> D Landy ISBN: 9780007326013 £6.99
	A <b>fun and funky new series</b> charting the hopes, dreams and schemes of lively 'tween' Lucy. In this story she develops a crush on an older boy - is she setting herself up for a major dose of cringitis?	<b>Boy Band Blues</b> K McKain ISBN: 9780746066911 £5.99
	A <b>colour-illustrated chapter book</b> telling the tale of Kaspar, the Savoy Cat and the only cat to survive the sinking of the Titanic. A good introduction to the novels of the former children's laureate.	<b>Kaspar Prince of Cats</b> M Morpurgo ISBN: 9780007267002 £5.99
	Set in the weird world of Ribblestrop School (where the motto is 'Life is Dangerous') this brilliantly anarchic story is <b>highly recommended</b> for keen and confident readers.	<b>Ribblestrop</b> A Mulligan ISBN: 9781847382306 £6.99

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	A <b>re-assuring read for anxious children</b> , this science-based book examines common fears (e.g. natural disasters, spiders, needles, darkness, dentists, ghosts and monsters) and the statistical probabilities of bad things happening.	<b>Stuff That Scares Your Pants Off!</b> G Murphy ISBN: 9780330477246 £4.99
	An <b>inventive football</b> story using an interview between top football writer Paul Faustino and El Gato, the world's greatest goalkeeper, to tell the incredible story of the mysterious 'Keeper'.	<b>Keeper</b> M Peet ISBN: 9781406328066 £6.99
	Another <b>great title for fans of the Wimpy Kid!</b> Tom's exercise book is full of his doodles, cartoons and thoughts, as well as comments from his long-suffering teacher, Mr Fullerton. In this story, Tom's keen to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him...	<b>The Brilliant World of Tom Gates</b> L Pichon ISBN: 9781407120690 £6.99
	The perfect introduction to the successful <i>Big Nate</i> books ( <b>inspiration for the Wimpy Kid series</b> ), packed with drawing games, puzzles, activities and wacky facts to keep boredom at bay!	<b>Big Nate Boredom Buster</b> L Pierce ISBN: 9780007432394 £4.99
	<b>From the writer of Captain Underpants</b> , this new series follows the adventures of Ook and Gluk, kung-fu cavemen from the future, as they try and foil an evil plot to invade their quiet town!	<b>Ook and Gluk</b> D Pilkey ISBN: 9781407123882 £8.99
	When a train stalls at the mouth of a tunnel, a boy is entertained by a fellow passenger, a mysterious woman in white with a stock of <b>super-scary short stories</b> . Perfect for horror fans.	<b>Tales from the Tunnel's Mouth</b> C Priestley ISBN: 9781408802748 £6.99
	Keen readers will enjoy this <b>diary-style story</b> set in the fascinating world of Bathsheba Clarice de Trop, who struggles to distinguish real life from fantasy! Written by an ex-member of the Young Readers Programme team.	<b>Socks, Shocks and Secrets</b> L Rasheed ISBN: 9780746098851 £5.99
	Nikki Maxwell is the opposite of popular - she's a total dork! But she's hoping that by moving to a new school she might make some friends. This book follows her life in <b>doodles and diary entries</b> .	<b>Dork Diaries</b> R Russell ISBN: 9781847387417 £5.99
	Bradley is considered a trouble-maker by everyone except the new school counsellor, in this funny and thought-provoking story using <b>quirky characters and gentle humour</b> to examine being different.	<b>Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</b> L Sachar ISBN: 9780747589525 £5.99
	Did you know a spider has 48 knees? Or that your brain feels like jelly? All this and more awaits in this fascinating book, <b>packed with freaky facts</b> that will appeal to Horrid Henry and trivia fans alike!	<b>Horrid Henry's Bodies</b> F Simon ISBN: 9781444001624 £4.99



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	Dahl fans will love the wacky humour and <b>hilarious adventures</b> of a parade of grotesque characters in this popular series set in Lamonc Bibber. In this eighth book, a curse seems to have fallen on the town.	<b>Mr Gum and the Secret Hideout</b> A Stanton ISBN: 9781405253277 £5.99
	Set in a hospital ward where 11 year-old Jack has ended up following a tomato-related accident, this <b>funny story</b> by a popular author for this age range is perfect for humour fans and less keen readers.	<b>Beware Killer Tomatoes</b> J Strong ISBN: 9780141320588 £5.99
	Hundreds of <b>horribly hilarious historical jokes</b> in one laugh-out-loud book make this a must-have item for any <i>Horrible Histories</i> fan. Laugh your head off at this comical collection of nasty bits.	<b>Horribly Hilarious Joke Book</b> D Taylor ISBN: 9781407108377 £4.99
	Written by England footballer Theo Walcott, this great story tells the tale of TJ, a new boy at Parkview School, and how the school begins to put together a brilliant football team.	<b>T.J. and the Hat-trick</b> T Walcott ISBN: 9780552562454 £4.99
	Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy – he’s so rich that he has his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler! But all that money can’t buy a friend – or can it? A <b>funny story</b> for keen readers.	<b>Billionaire Boy</b> D Walliams ISBN: 9780007371082 £6.99
	Follow the adventures of the eccentric Glistster Butterworth, a ‘magnet for the weird and unusual’, in this title, latest of a series of <b>graphic novels aimed at girls</b> .	<b>Glistster: The Family Tree</b> A Watson ISBN: 9781406320510 £4.99
	This spiral-bound title includes <b>arty ideas of things to draw and paint</b> such as an inky beetles, wax resist fish and landscape paintings, and is sure to keep children (and adults!) amused for hours.	<b>50 Things to Draw and Paint</b> F Watt ISBN: 9781409504955 £6.99
	One of a fabulous new series of ‘mash-up’ books that <b>combine popular children’s interests in fun and interactive stories</b> . In this title, help the scientists protect their underwater invention form aliens– you can even add your own illustrations!	<b>Aliens v Mad Scientists Under the Ocean</b> T Wessen ISBN: 9780857630094 £5.99
	Step-by-step instructions, clear illustrations and cultural information for more than <b>40 simple and delicious recipes</b> from around the world, from Thai chicken in coconut sauce to New York cheesecake.	<b>Children’s World Cookbook</b> A Wilkes ISBN: 9781409508991 £6.99
	A retelling of the classic story of the heroic deeds of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, illustrated in colour with <b>strip-cartoons</b> and speech bubbles to complement the clearly written text of the stories. A good choice for less keen readers.	<b>King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table</b> M Williams ISBN: 9781406318661 £6.99
	Sunset lives a life of luxury, while Destiny lives with her mum on a rundown estate and has never met her rock star dad. When they meet their lives change. From <b>popular author</b> Jacqueline Wilson.	<b>Little Darlings</b> J Wilson ISBN: 9780440868347 £5.99