

# PARKHILL READING TREE



*Enjoying Reading  
and  
Growing Together*

## **Our Reading Vision**

At Parkhill Junior School, our vision is to deliver a creative and inspiring English curriculum that opens children's minds to a world of imagination. By being uncompromising in our aspirations, we endeavour to promote exceptional standards and expand every child's potential for knowledge, skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing and articulation.

We aspire for every child to read widely and frequently; to become a critical reader and cultivate a deep appreciation and lifelong love of reading. We intend for our pupils to become independent, fluent and enthusiastic readers who can use their skills to access all other areas of learning.

Through a carefully curated curriculum, using high quality texts that appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage, we aim to provide children with the chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

## **Parkhill's Reading Tree**

### **100 books to read by the end of Year 6**

To ensure we are always promoting a love for reading, we have developed our own reading band called the Parkhill Reading Tree. For this, we have compiled a list of 100 books which we aspire for every child to read before they leave Year 6. Through this grassroots approach to reading, we believe that children will be able to build strong foundations throughout their time at Parkhill, which will enable them to grow as passionate readers.

### **How it works?**

Each year group has been assigned with 20 must-read books. Once a child has read a book from the list, the teacher will stamp their Parkhill Reading Tree log. If a child completes all 20 books before the end of the year, they are able to graduate onto the next list. If a child is unable to complete all 20 books by the end of the academic year, this list is simply carried forward to the next year. Children will also be strongly encouraged to explore their own favourite genres/authors and read book of their choice, alongside the compulsory list.

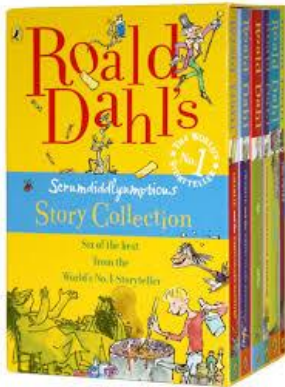
### **Why these books?**

It is always difficult to write an exhaustive list of recommended books for people to read – what books to include, which to leave off and whether they are age-appropriate. We have attempted to take a number of well-known lists and customise them to fit the pupils at Parkhill Junior School.

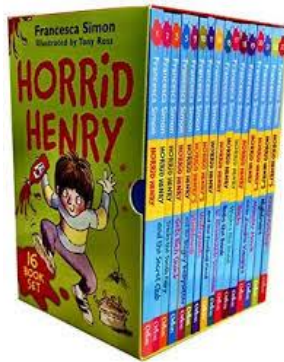
Please remember, there are no set rules about where a book belongs in terms of assigning it to a year group. Our intention is not to restrict or inhibit children's reading, on the contrary it is to ensure that every child leaves Parkhill with rich diet of reading.

Each list has been carefully curated, to ensure there are books from a range of genres and diverse cultures; covering various themes, societal issues and helping build empathy towards others. Through the adventures and journeys the characters embark on, we hope that a piece of every book will forever remain with the children, as they help shape their identity and ever-growing sense of self.

## Year 3 Reading List



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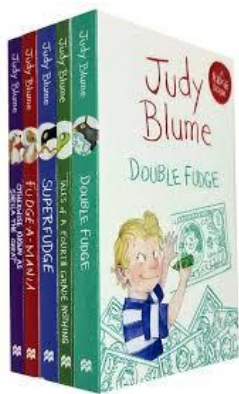
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By Francesca Simon



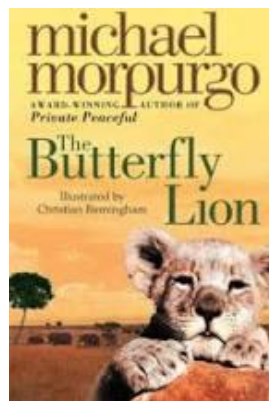
The Famous Five Series  
By Enid Blyton



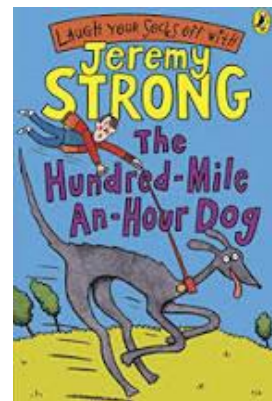
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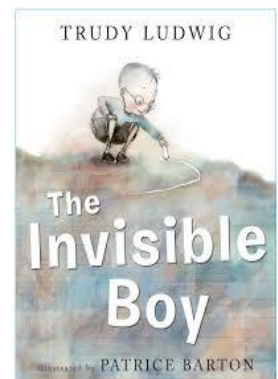
Fudge Series  
By Judy Blume



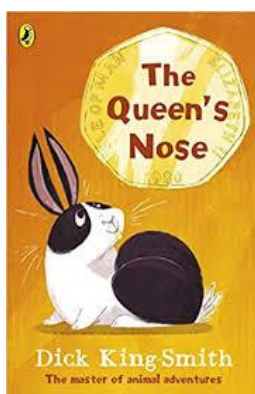
Butterfly Lion  
By Michael Morpurgo



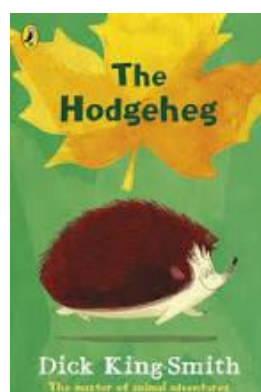
The hundred mile an  
hour dog by Jeremy  
Strong



The Invisible Boy  
By Trudy Ludwig



The Queen's Nose  
By Dick King-Smith



The Hodgehog  
By Dick King-Smith



Bill's New Frock  
By Anne Fine



The Worst Witch  
By Jill Murphy



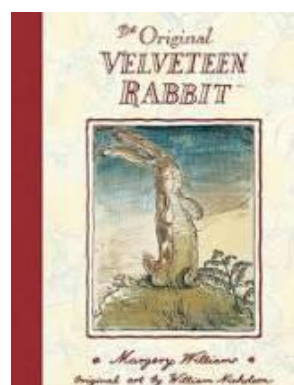
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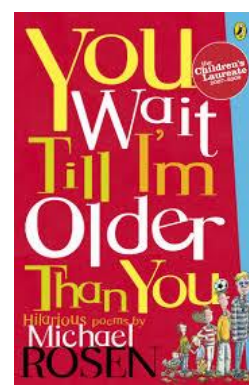
Alice in Wonderland  
By Lewis Carroll



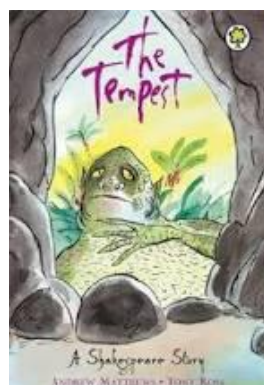
The Iron Man  
By Ted Hughes



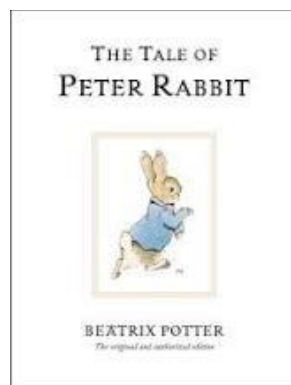
Velveteen Rabbit  
By Margery Williams



You Wait Till I'm Older  
Than You By Michael  
Rosen



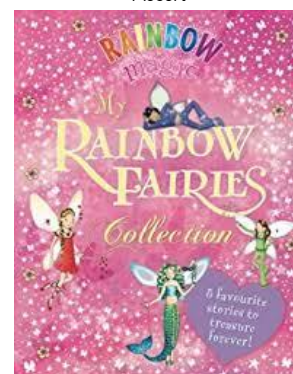
The Tempest  
(Shakespeare retold) By  
William Shakespeare



The Tale of Peter Rabbit  
By Beatrix Potter

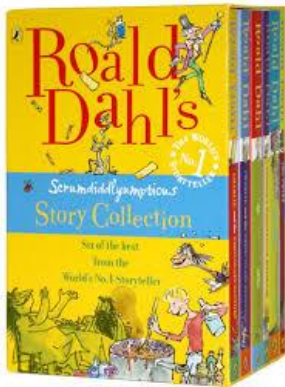


A place called Perfect  
By Helena Duggan

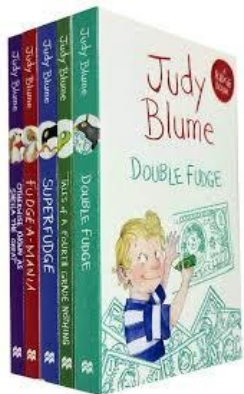


Rainbow collection  
By Daisy Meadows

## Year 4 Reading List



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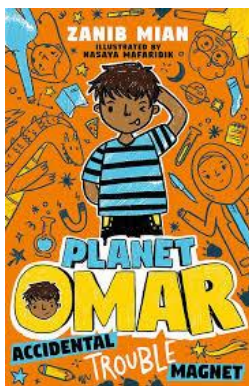
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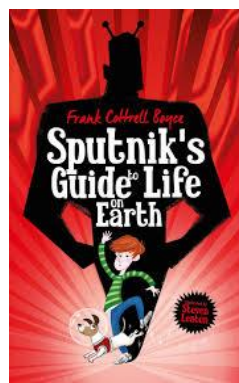
The Secret Seven series  
By Enid Blyton



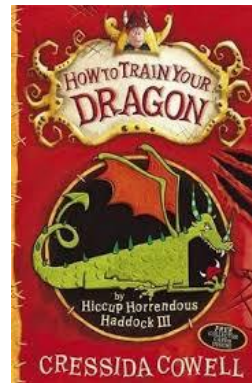
Ellie and the cat  
By Malorie Blackman



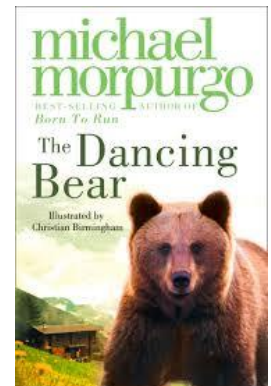
Planet Omar  
By Zanib Mian



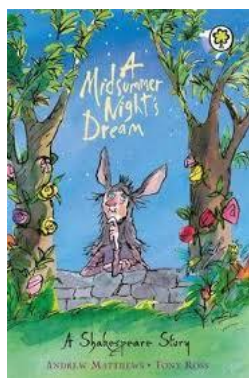
Sputnik's guide to life on Earth  
By Frank Cottrell-Boyce



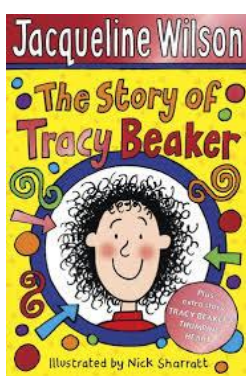
How to train your dragon  
By Cressida Cowell



The Dancing Bear  
By Michael Morpurgo



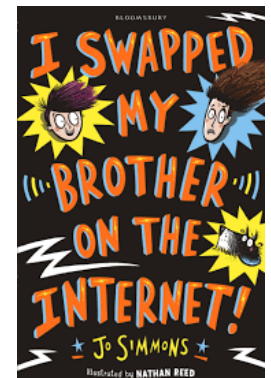
A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare retold)  
By William Shakespeare



The Story of Tracy Beaker  
By Jacqueline Wilson



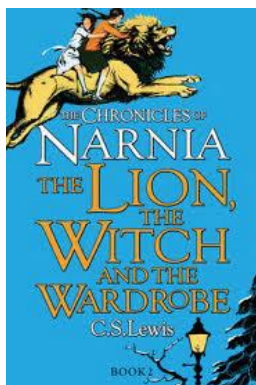
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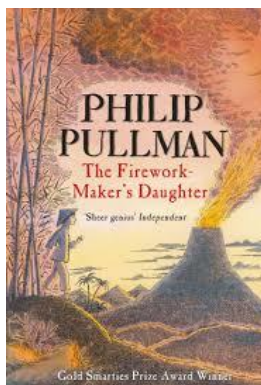
I Swapped my Brother on the Internet  
By Jo Simmons



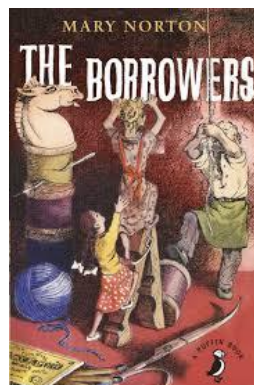
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the Wardrobe  
By C S Lewis



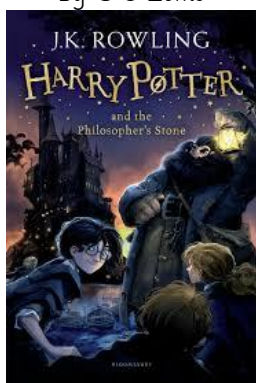
The Firework-Maker's  
Daughter  
By Philip Pullman



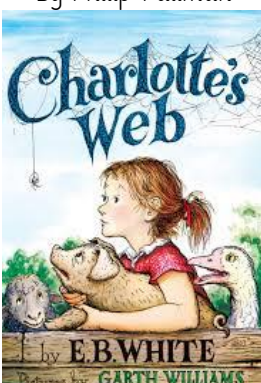
The Borrowers  
By Mary Norton



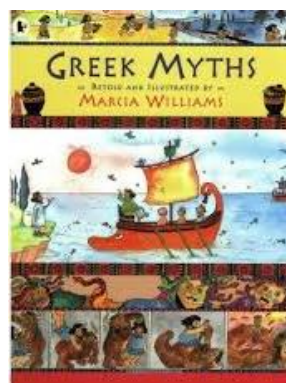
The Demon Headmaster  
By Gillian Cross



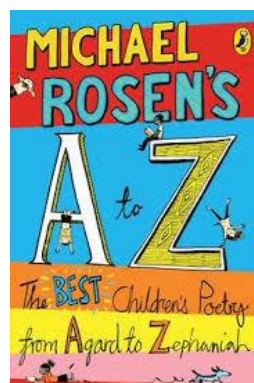
Harry Potter & The  
Philosopher's Stone  
J.K. Rowling



Charlotte's Web  
E.B. White



Greek Myths for Young  
Children  
Marcia Williams

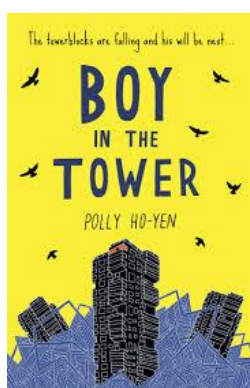


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Michael Rosen

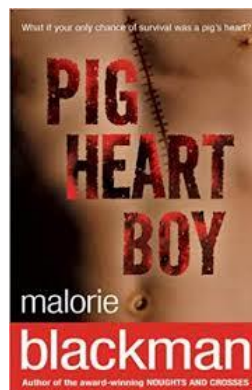
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Michael Morpurgo



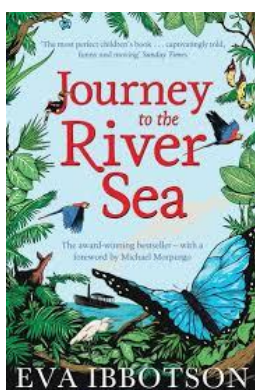
Boy in the Tower  
Polly Ho-Yen



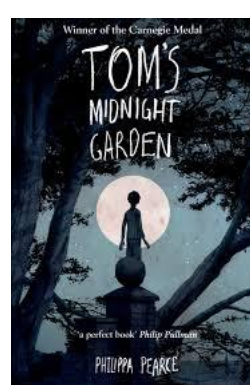
Pig Heart Boy  
Malorie Blackman



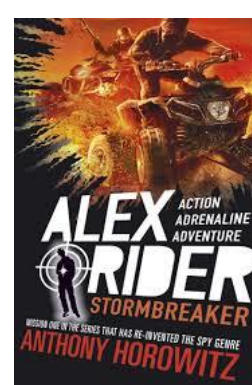
The girl who stole an elephant  
Nizrana Farook



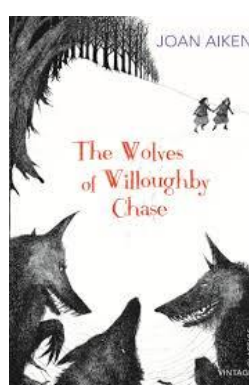
Journey to the River Sea  
By Eva Ibbotson



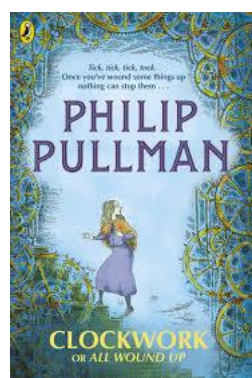
Tom's Midnight Garden  
By Philippa Pearce



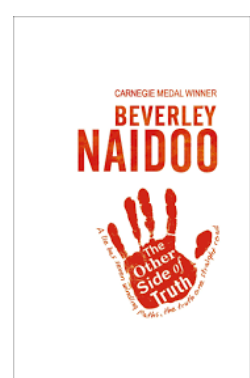
Stormbreaker  
By Anthony Horowitz



Wolves of Willoughby Chase  
By Joan Aiken



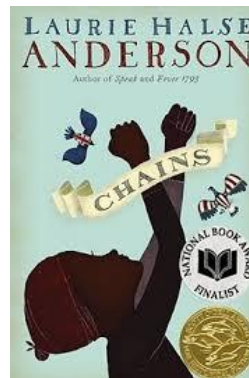
Clockwork  
By Philip Pullman



The Other Side of Truth  
By Beverley Naidoo



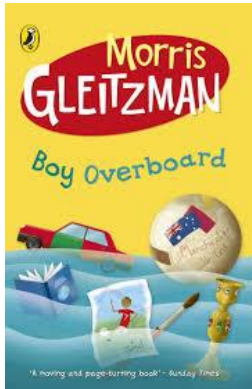
Boy in the girls' bathroom  
By Louis Sachar



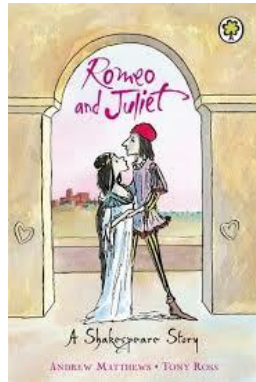
Chains  
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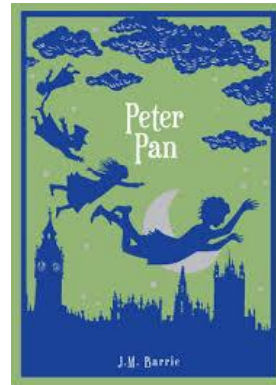
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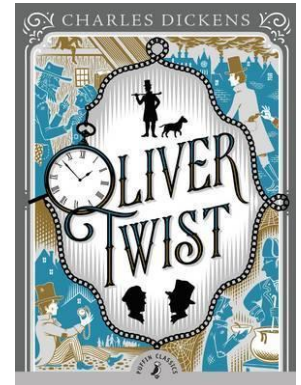
Boy Overboard  
By Morris Gleitzman



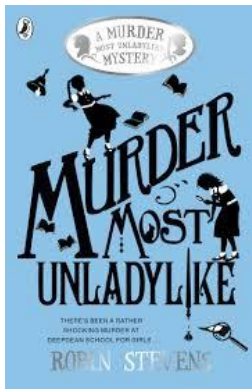
Romeo and Juliet  
(Shakespeare retold)  
By William Shakespeare



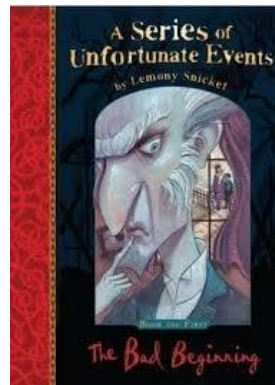
Peter Pan  
By J M Barrie



Oliver Twist  
By Charles Dickens



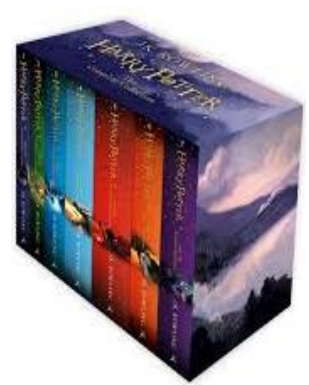
Murder Most Unladylike  
By Robin Stevens



A Series of Unfortunate  
Events  
By Lemony Snicket



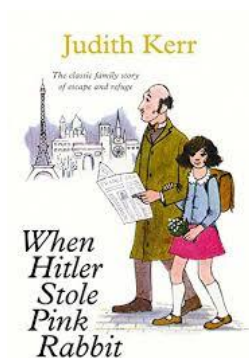
The Wizard of Once  
By Cressida Cowell



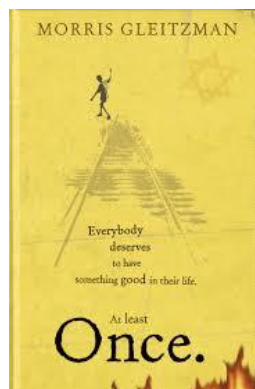
Harry Potter Series  
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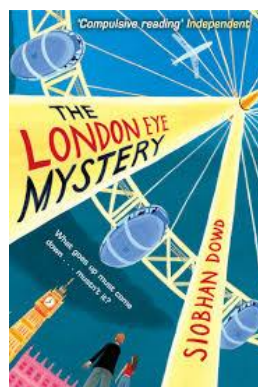
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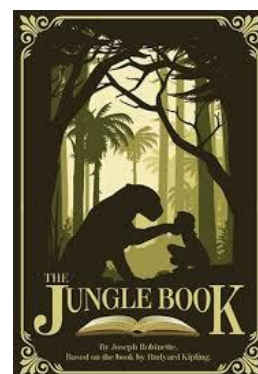
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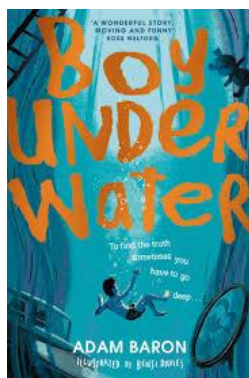
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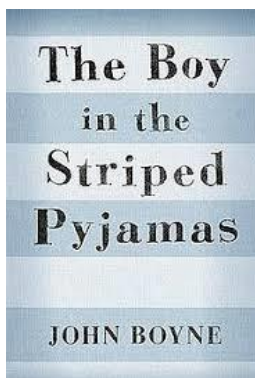
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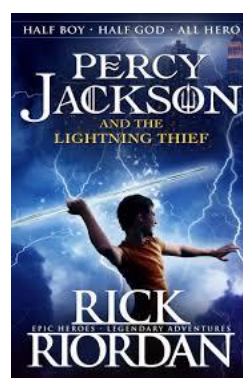
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By Rudyard Kipling



Boy Underwater  
By Adam Baron



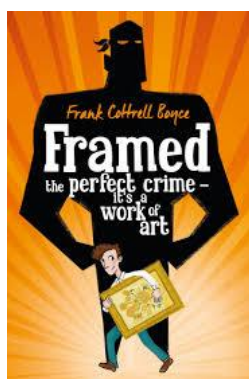
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By John Boyne



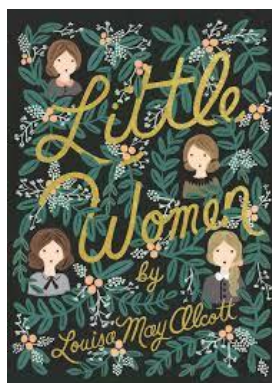
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief  
By Rick Riordan



Goodnight Mr Tom  
By Michelle Magorian



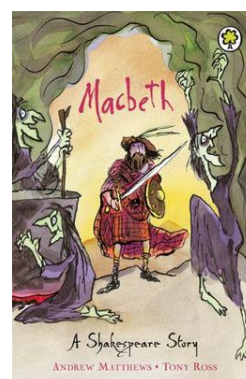
Framed  
By Frank Cottrell Boyce



Little Women  
By Louisa May Alcott

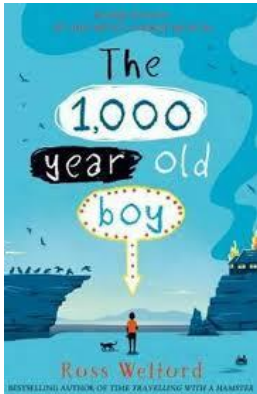


Carrie's War  
By Nina Bawden



Macbeth  
(Shakespeare retold)  
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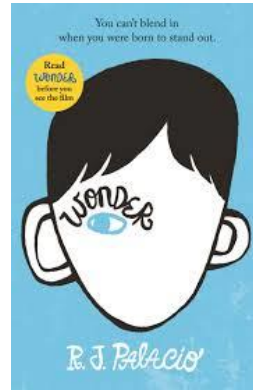
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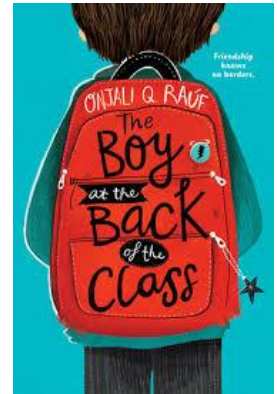
The 1,000 year old Boy  
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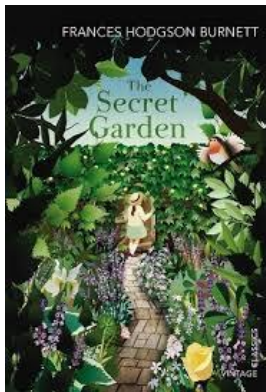
The Boy who Swam with  
Piranhas  
By David Almond



Wonder  
By R J Palacio



The Boy at the Back of  
the Class  
By Onjali Rauf



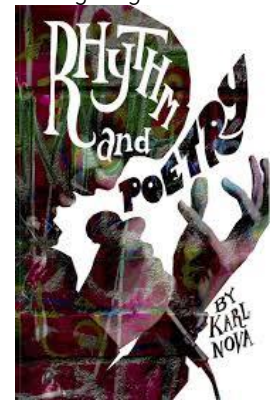
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Hound of the Baskerville  
By Sir Arthur Conan  
Doyle



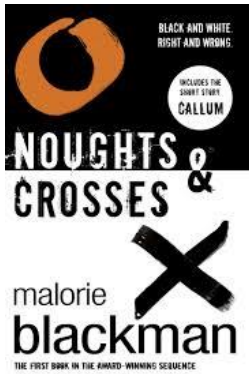
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Hargrave



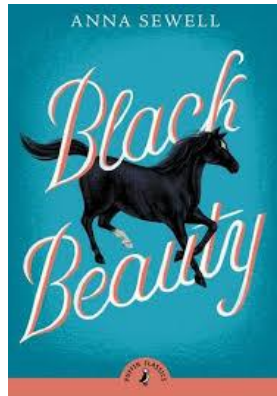
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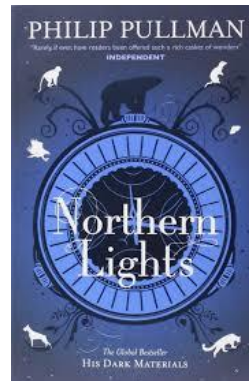
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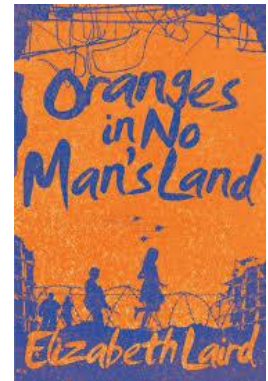
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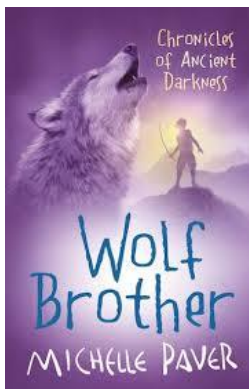
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By Anna Sewell



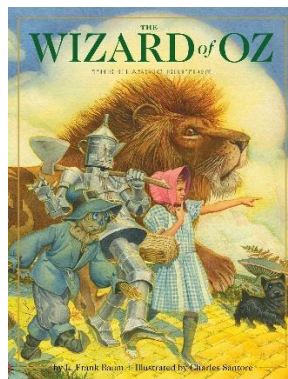
Northern Lights  
By Phillip Pullman



Oranges in No Man's  
Land  
By Elizabeth Laird



Wolf Brother  
By Michelle Paver



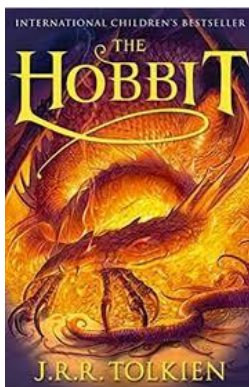
Wizard of Oz  
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The Wind in the Willows  
By Kenneth Grahame



Heroes of Olympus: The  
Lost Hero  
By Rick Riordan



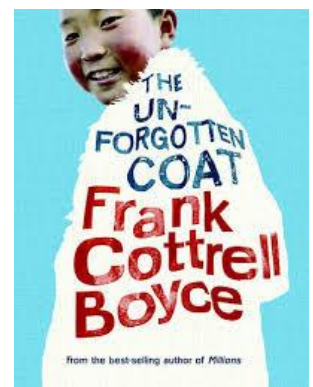
The Hobbit  
By J M Barrie



Frankenstein  
By Mary Shelley



The Goldfish Boy  
By Lisa Thompson

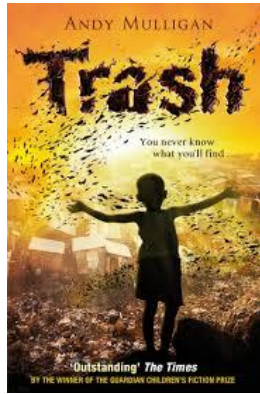


The Unforgotten Coat  
By Frank Cottrell-Boyce

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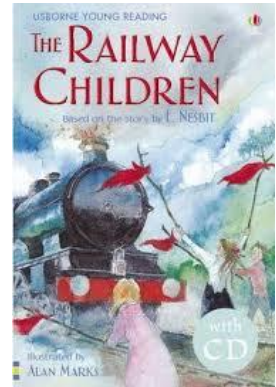
Does my head look big in this? By Randa Abdel-Fattah



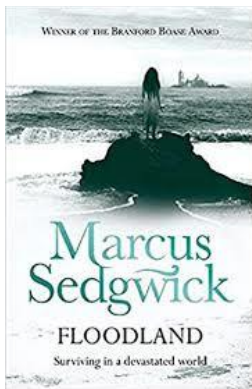
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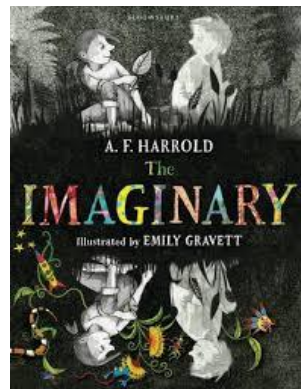
Treasure Island  
By Robert Louis Stevenson



The Railway Children  
By Edith Nesbit



Floodland  
By Marcus Sedgwick



The Imaginary  
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Coraline  
By Neil Gaiman



The Last Chance Hotel  
By Nicki Thornton