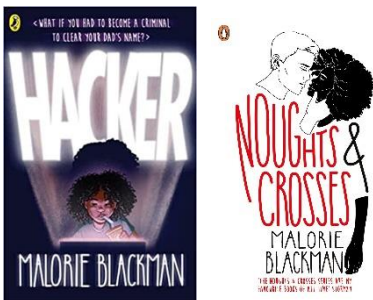

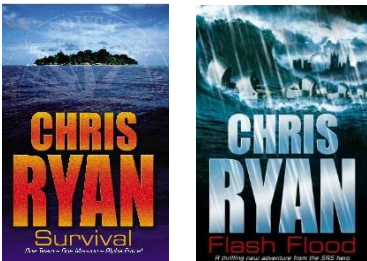
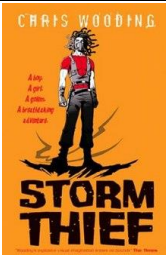
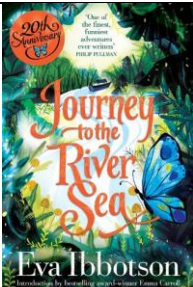
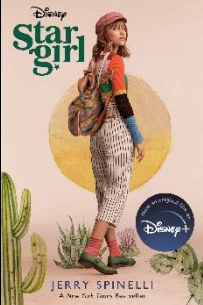



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Action and Adventure		
Hacker	Malorie Blackman	One of Blackman's most popular books. Two computer whizz kid try to prove their father is innocent of bank theft. A gripping read.
Noughts and Crosses		In an alternative world the issues of racism are tackled in a society which has only two types of people: "noughts" and "crosses". This novel is about friendship that goes beyond these barriers. The sequel set a generation later is also an absolute knock out.
Basilisk	NMBrowne	A wonderful blend of myths, history and archaeology in this great novel set in the caves of a dark world.
Innocent	Anne Cassidy	Great junior novel from Cassidy, as Charlie tries to prove the innocence of her older brother Brad.
Silverfin	Charlie Higson	 The first in a popular new series about James (Young Bond Series) Bond when he was still at school.
Outsiders	SEHinton	Stunning study of hate, violence, loyalty and friendship set in the violent gang-lands of New York. One of the very best teenage novels ever written.
Wind on Fire Trilogy	William Nicholson	Breath-taking trilogy about a society governed by exams. But what happens when you rebel? Read to find out. A truly excellent trilogy.
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	Thrilling adventure about the survival of a 12 year old boy after a plane crash.
Survival	Chris Ryan	The ultra tough and realistic novels of Chris Ryan are a must for youngsters seeking excitement and thrills. This "Alpha Force" novel is the start of a gripping new series.
Flash Flood		London is in chaos and anarchy after the collapse of the Thames Barrier! A great page turner.
Holes	Louis Sachar	Very popular novel about a miscarriage of justice that sends Stanley into a juvenile prison and an assignment to dig "holes". Compulsive reading.
Botleg	Alex Shearer	Great novel about chocolate being made illegal and the underground resistance movement that forms. Highly original.
The Crush		An obsession with a Boy Band drives Ally to

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		do almost anything to meet the love of her life.
Storm Thief	Chris Wooding 	Fast paced, exciting and in a fantasy world so well-crafted this has to be the first book in a fabulous series!
Relationships and Conflicts		
Mates, Dates	Cathy Hopkins (series)	Long running series of Lucy and her friends and their funny experiences of growing up. These are very popular books.
Carwash	Lesley Howarth	Enjoyable story, set in Cornwall, told over a long, hot and sticky teenage summer.
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson 	An orphaned school girl's journey to South America with her tough-as-old-boots nanny. Already very popular and destined to become a modern classic.
Howl Live Now	Meg Rosoff	Odd and dreamy novel set in the backdrop of a undisclosed war with an American teenage girl getting to know her family in England. Now regarded as a modern classic.
Star Girl	 Jerry Spinelli	Brilliant and brave novel about a teenager daring to be different in an American high school. Highly recommended.
Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson	Twin girls have trouble with their new stepmum. Another great book by Jacqueline Wilson.
Face	Benjamin Zephaniah 	Realistic story of how a boy is disfigured in a car accident and has to start living a new life with his disfigurement.
Classics		
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	Classic autobiography of a young black girl struggling against the brutal American race discrimination in the 1930s

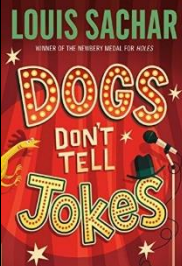
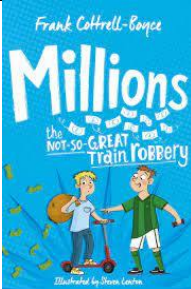
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Johnathan Livingstone Seagull		Richard Bach	Uplifting story of a young seagull's bid to live its life as free as possible. A beautifully crafted short read.
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Conan Doyle		This is a great introduction to detective stories. Many of the best Holmes stories are in this collection
Charlotte Sometimes	Penelope Farmer		Dream-like novel where Charlotte, whilst sleeping, somehow slips back in time to 1919 and becomes Clare.
King Solomon's Mines	H Rider Haggard		An exciting yarn about an explorer who was the inspiration for the Indiana Jones films
Animal Farm	George Orwell		Stunning political parody, set in a farm yard with the animals playing the parts of people
I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith		Great novel of first love, with an eccentric family of sisters living in a dilapidated castle
Treasure Island		RL Stevenson	Sea adventure and the search for lost treasure. The wonderful characters make this yarn as fun as ever.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer/Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain		Adventure, freedom and excitement are in abundance in these two novels set in the American deep south during the great depression. Highly recommended
Walkabout	J. Vance Marshall		In the Australian desert, two children, survivors of an air crash, make their journey across the harsh landscape, aided by an Aboriginal boy on "walkabout"
The Time Machine	HG Wells		A novel about time travel and the possible consequences
War of the Worlds			The Martians invade Earth. A ground-breaking science fiction novel.
Fantasy			
Looking Glass Wars	Frank Beddor		Challenging novel which develops the characters from "Alice in Wonderland" creating a whole new fantasy adventure.

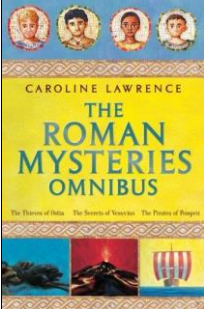

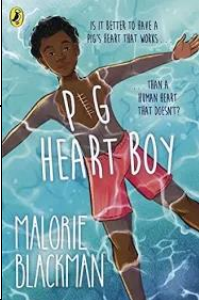
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The Wish List	Eoin Colfer		Funny novel in which Lowrie has to complete 4 idiotic tasks to get into heaven. By the writer of the Artemis Fowl series
Sea of Trolls	Nancy Farmer		Asweeping Viking novel with 2 young children being held captive by the evil half-troll king Ivar the Boneless.
Narnia (series)	CS Lewis		Perhaps the ultimate battle between Good and Evil? Classic tale of children trying to awaken an animal world from eternal winter. 7 books in series.
Shadow of the Minoaur	Alan Gibbons		Computer game virtual reality becomes reality in this compulsive read. Highly recommended
Eragon & Eldest	Chris Paolini		Wonderful quest first-novel by a 16 year old author whose main character begins his destiny is to be a Dragon Rider
His Dark Materials	 Philip Pullman	Philip Pullman	One of the most brilliant children's trilogies of the last 20 years. Has more surprises, scares and twists that you can cope with!
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeves		Superb fantasy novel where moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester are thrown from their beloved "London" and try to get back on board. A highly original read
Amulet of Samarkand	Johnathan Stroud		An unforgettable mix of history, fantasy and intrigue in one, the shortest 480 pages you'll ever read. Start of a new trilogy.
Humour			
The Bish Bash Bosh	ME Allen		A group of teenage boys discover a lotion which makes them irresistible to girls. Hilarious chaos follows!
Bindi Babes Bollywood Babes	Narinder Dhani		Hilarious novel about 3 Anglo-Asian sisters who have great fun bossing their dad around until their tough, traditional aunty from India comes to stay. Great sequel also out now
Dad A Ghost	Eva Ibbotson		Funny story of hiring ghosts to scare people you don't like!
Johnny Maxwell	Terry Pratchett		(Trilogy): A brilliant trilogy. Johnny has special powers which help him see the world in a slightly different way from other


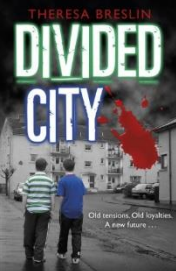

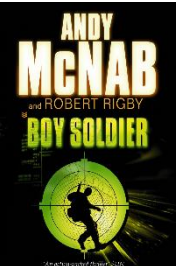
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		boys
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar	Another highly entertaining (and funny) tale from the writer of Holes. Has much to identify with
The Magic of Pants	K Paskitt	Offbeat and quirky light read about the colourful history of underwear
When Mum Threw Out the Telly!	E F Smith	Telly-addict Jeff's life is turned upside down when his mum throws out the TV. But his new life is only just beginning
Georgina Parks	Louise Rennison	(series): The teenage Bridget Jones! Often hilarious diaries of a confused teenager. This popular series is now into its 5th book.
Tin Grin	Catherine Robinson	Mattie's mum remarries and she has to deal with the nightmare of getting along with her new, computer geek and step-brother.
Dogs don't tell Jokes	 Louis Sachar	Funny novel about a boy who thinks he will be more popular if he enters the school talent show.
Secret Diary of Adrian Mole	Sue Townsend	Classic series of diaries featuring 13 year old Adrian and his obsession with the lovely Pandora.
Mystery and Thrillers		
Dream Travellers	Sherry Ashworth	Children are stalked in their dreams by a mysterious stranger who arrives in their sleepy town.
Angel Factory	Terrance Blacker	Dark and delicious tale of what happens when a curious boy hacks into his father's computer. A really powerful read
Half Moon Investigations	Eoin Colfer	After completing a dodgy online course 10 year old Fletch reckons he's a fully-fledged detective! Chaos follows in this great thriller
Millions	F. Cottrell-Boyce 	Imagine the scenario: Britain is about to join the Euro, you find 250K and have 10 days to spend it before it becomes obsolete
Hbrace	Chris D Lacey	Funny thriller in which a teenage finds a valuable teddy-bear in a skip. Suddenly, when rich, life becomes much more complicated
Dark Henge	Catherine Fisher	Mystery. Myth and Magic! This intriguing novel combines sibling rivalry and Celtic mythology. Highly entertaining

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Roman Mysteries		Caroline Lawrence	Multi book series about four amateur child detectives in Ancient Rome. Engaging and historically accurate
Girl in the Attic	Valerie Mendes		Accessible, spine-chilling ghost/mystery novel set in Cornwall after a family move from the big city.
Flesh Market	Nicola Morgan		Startling thriller set in the dark streets of 19th Century Edinburgh where the body snatchers Burke and Hare stalk the homeless street urchin
Butterfly Tattoo	Phillip Pullman		The agony of first love inspires this book, but tragedy and violence are soon to follow. For the mature reader
Ruby in the Smoke			Exceptional mystery yarn, about a girl trying to find out why her father was murdered. Has two sequels with the same characters, which are also excellent
The Stolen	Alex Shearer		Anail-biting and supernatural tale of old people taking over the bodies of young people. A gripping mystery
The Lost			Tremendous thriller about the search for a boy who disappeared 2 years previously whilst cycling. As the book develops great clues are thrown in. But beware the many red-herrings!
Tersias	GPTaylor		Bewitching and exciting yarn of the hunt for a boy who has the power to see into the future in 19th Century England.
Science Fiction/Unexplained			
Pig Heart Boy		Malorie Blackman	Your heart transplant is with a pig! Find out what difference it makes in this gripping read.
Dangerous Dare			Yet another stunning novel from Blackman. Suspense, thrills and scares abound in this entertaining read.
Tripods	John Christopher		(series): Classic series in which giant robots takeover the Earth.
Hex Trilogy	Rhiannon Lassiter		Totally believable SF set in the far future about mutant genes that can be passed through computers into people.
The Aldous Lexicon	Michael Lawrence		Imaginative SF yarn with complex alternative realities which cross over into our own world.

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Sleepwalking	Nicola Morgan		Hypnotic and challenging novel about a people dominated by a huge psychic presence which controls their minds
Floodland	Marcus Sedgewick		Gripping story of global warming and the pockets of survivors who live in the "High Lands" near Norwich.
Time Snatch	Robert Swindells		Superb time travel novel by Swindells. Very exciting.
Sport			
Playing on the Edge	Neil Arksey		Great futuristic thriller where football has achieved global domination. A wonderful idea!
MacB			The captain of the football team has an accident. Or is it? Entertainingly dark sporting mystery with a hint of Macbeth!
Scullcrack	Ben Bo		High energy novel about skateboarding
Divided City	Theresa Breslin		Tough Scottish novel which tackles the religious divide in Glasgow through a look at football.
And Smith Must Score!	Peter Hayden		A humorous tale of football obsession, dating dilemmas, family separation and petty crime.
Shooting Star	Martin Waddell		Interesting novel written by the man who talent spotted a future soccer star.
War			
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne		One of the saddest books you'll ever read. Set around the time of the Holocaust. Saying anything else will give it away. Read it!
The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank		Stunning story of bravery during the Second World War. Essential reading.
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo		Thought provoking novel of the life of a horse and his thoughts during his numerous battles under different masters
Boy Soldier	Andy McNab		McNab draws on his own vast SAS experience to write this exciting, part-biographical, account of his younger days in the SAS.



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Tamar	Matt Peet	Winner of the 2006 Carnegie Medal. Complex mix of timetravel, World War 2 and love across time
Against the Day, Through the Night	Michael Cronin	Uncannily believable accounts of what might have happened if Germany had successfully invaded the UK during World War 2. Highly recommended.