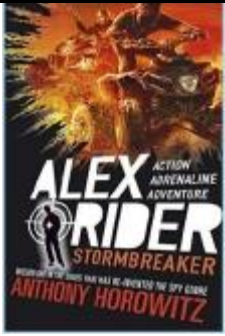


## Year 5 Book List

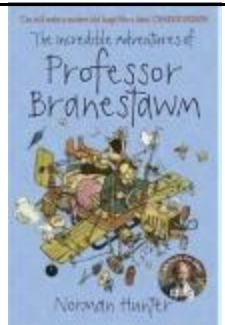
 <p>The cover of 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty features a young boy in a dark jacket and cap, looking over his shoulder. The title 'STREET CHILD' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, the author's name 'BERLIE DOHERTY' is printed. At the bottom, there is a quote: "A brilliant, gripping book" - John Grisham.</p>	<p>Street Child Berlie Doherty</p> <p>Read the story of Jim Jarvis, the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes. Now published into the Essential Modern Classics list. When his mother dies Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse, but quickly escapes choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe. Will Jim ever manage to be free?</p>
 <p>The cover of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce has a dark blue background with a full moon. A small figure of a boy is visible in the lower part of the cover. The title 'Tom's Midnight Garden' is written in white, and the author's name 'Philippa Pearce' is at the bottom.</p>	<p>Tom's Midnight Garden Philippa Pearce</p> <p>When Tom is sent to his aunt's house for the summer he resigns himself to weeks of boredom. Lying awake one night he listens to the grandfather clock in the hall strike every hour. Eleven . . . Twelve . . . Thirteen. Thirteen! Tom rushes down the stairs and opens the back door. There, awaiting him, is a beautiful garden. A garden that shouldn't exist. And there are children in the garden too - are they ghosts? Or is it Tom who is really the ghost . . .</p>
 <p>The cover of 'Robot Girl' by Malorie Blackman features a close-up of a girl's face with a green, metallic-looking texture. The title 'ROBOT GIRL' is written in large, green, block letters. Below the title, the author's name 'Malorie BLACKMAN' is printed. At the bottom, there is a quote: "UK Children's Laureate 2011-12".</p>	<p>Robot Girl Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Claire is keen to find out what her dad has been working on in his lab. He's been really excited about it and Claire knows it must be something that will make him even more famous. But the big reveal isn't at all what she expected and now Claire has a dilemma on her hands - what do you do when your dad has created a monster...?</p>

	<p>The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World          Eoin Colfer</p> <p>Will is desperate to win the Giant Jelly Baby competition and be named 'the best boy in the world'. But his big brother Marty always beats him to it. Then one day Will's wish comes true; he's the best boy in the world at last! Marty is not happy, and decides that something must be done.</p>
	<p>The War of Jenkin's Ear          Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>Toby Jenkins, a quiet, homesick boy, always hates going back to his boarding school at the start of term. This term he forms a friendship with a new boy, Simon Christopher, who confides a great secret in him.</p>
	<p>The Indian in the Cupboard          Lynne Reid Banks</p> <p>For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into the old cupboard comes to life. Little Bull is everything an Indian brave should be -- proud, fearless and defiant. But being in charge of a real, live, human being is a heavy responsibility, as Omri soon discovers.</p>
	<p>The Falcon's Malteser          Anthony Horowitz</p> <p>When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private dick, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?</p>
	<p>A complete anniversary collection of the bestselling Alex Rider series by award-winning author Anthony Horowitz. Meet Alex Rider: fourteen-year-old star athlete and top spy for MI6, bringing evil villains to justice all over the world. Whether he's snowboarding down a mountain on an ironing board or walking a tightrope between two high-rises, there's never a dull moment in the life of this talented teen! Includes: Stormbreaker, Point Blanc, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snakehead, Crocodile Tears, Russian Roulette and Scorpia Rising. With tons of suspense, action and adventure to keep you interested, this collection is perfect for children over the age of 9 years.</p>



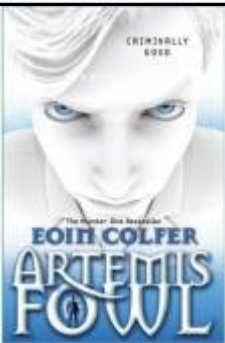
Alex Rider Stormbreaker Anthony Horowitz

When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his world turned upside down. Forcibly recruited into MI6, Alex has to take part in gruelling SAS training exercises. Then, armed with his own special set of secret gadgets, he's off on his first mission to Cornwall, where Middle-Eastern multi-billionaire Herod Sayle is producing his state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers. Sayle has offered to give one free to every school in the country - but there's more to the gift than meets the eye.



The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm Norman Hunter

The wonderfully nutty, fabulously entertaining mishaps of Professor Branestawm. He's madly sane and cleverly dotty. Professor Branestawm is the most absent-minded inventor you'll ever meet and no matter how hard he tries his brilliant ideas never seem to keep him out of crazy scrapes.



Artemis Fowl Eoin Colfer

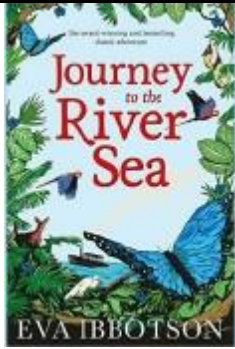
Twelve-year-old villain, Artemis Fowl, is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom. But he's taking on more than he bargained for when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance Unit).



The Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate Events) Lemony Snicket

There is nothing to be found in the pages of these books but misery and despair. You still have time to choose something else to read. But if you must know what unpleasantries befall the charming and clever Baudelaire children read on...The three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast. Then again, why trouble yourself with the unfortunate resolutions?

	<p>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase                      Joan Aiken</p> <p>It's 19th-century England during the reign of King James II, but it's not the England we know from the history books. This country is overrun with wolves that roam the forests, providing the perfect setting for a witty and dramatic story spanning the whole country, from the frozen North to the city of London, and peopled with all manner of evil governesses and ancient aunts.</p>
	<p>A dream combination. No one writes stories like Dickens. No one illustrates them like Marcia Williams. Great classics made easy and funny enough for primary readers to enjoy. Dickens's original novels may be tough to tackle, but these comic-strip versions are ideal even for reluctant readers. Now characters like Oliver Twist can speak directly to kids in language they understand. Children will delight in Marcia's lively style, which weaves great pictures and jokes into highly simplified stories. They'll meet Pip, Scrooge, Fagin and other beloved characters in these traditional stories: perfect for the new KS2 requirements. This pack contains 4 paperbacks: A Christmas Carol; David Copperfield; Great Expectations; Oliver Twist.</p>
	<p>The Silver Sword                      Ian Serraillier</p> <p>The night the Nazis come to take their mother away, three children escape in a terrifying scramble across the rooftops. Alone in the chaos of Warsaw, they have to learn to survive on their own</p>
	<p>The Saga of Erik the Viking                      Terry Jones</p> <p>This is the tale of a Viking warrior by the name of Erik. But Erik is no ordinary Viking. With his trusty band of men he sets sail in search of the land where the sun goes at night &amp; dash; but he finds much more! The Sea Dragon, Dogfighters and giants combine to make his voyage a great saga of thrilling adventures.</p>



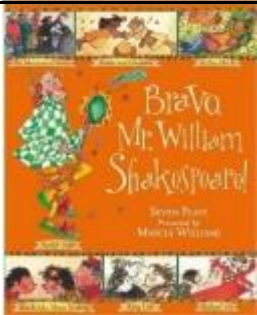
Journey to the River Sea                      Eva Ibbotson

Maia, accompanied by the straight-backed Miss Minton, leaves the familiar comforts of her boarding school to start a new life with distant relatives who live 1000 miles from the mouth of the Amazon. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences beyond their imagination.

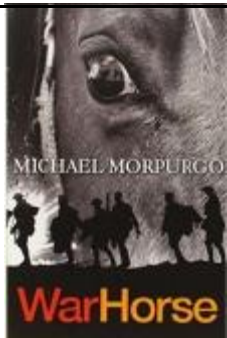


Unbelievable Short Stories                      Paul Jennings

Believe it or not: a kid can grow younger; birds can bury you; ghosts have exams; there are eyes in the milk. A collection of funny and unbelievable short stories.



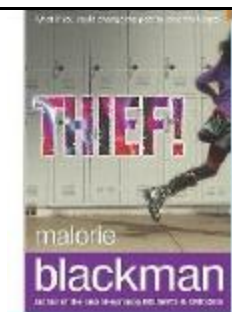
The Globe Theatre is delighted to announce a new season of Mr. William Shakespeare's plays! Prithee take your place once more for a performance of seven of the Bard's finest tales. See As You Like It, Antony and Cleopatra, Richard III, Twelfth Night, King Lear, The Merchant of Venice and Much Ado About Nothing – each brilliantly presented in dramatic comic-strip form, including Mr Shakespeare's own dialogue and the riotous remarks of the audience. Bravo!



War Horse                      Michael Morpurgo

Joey, a young farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges towards the enemy, witnessing the horror of the frontline. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him.

	<p>The Time and Space of Uncle Albert Russell Stannard</p> <p>Book One in the bestselling 'Uncle Albert' science/adventure series. Famous scientist Uncle Albert and his niece Gedanken enter the dangerous and unknown world of a thought bubble. Their mission: to unlock the deep mysteries of Time and Space . . .</p>
	<p>Minnow on the Say                      Philippa Pearce</p> <p>It's a great discovery. Right there, at the bottom of the garden, bobbing on the river, is a canoe. The Minnow. David can't help wishing he could keep her . . . The Minnow leads him to Adam, and an extraordinary summer begins. Armed with a mysterious, ancient clue, the two boys set out along the river by boat. They're determined to find the legendary lost treasure but they are not the only people looking for it...</p>
	<p>The Phantom Tollbooth                      Norton Juster</p> <p>When Milo finds an enormous package in his bedroom, he's delighted to have something to relieve his boredom with school. And when he opens it to find -- as the label states -- One Genuine Turnpike Tollbooth, he gets right into his pedal car and sets off through the Tollbooth and away on a magical journey!</p>
	<p>The Box of Delights                      John Masefield</p> <p>A magical old man has asked Kay to protect the Box of Delights, a Box with which he can travel through time. But Kay is in danger: Abner Brown will stop at nothing to get his hands on it. The police don't believe Kay, so when his family and the Bishop are scrobbled up just before Christmas, he knows he must act alone...</p>



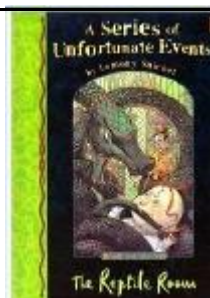
### Thief Malorie Blackman

You're the new girl in school. You're just trying to fit in - and it's not working. Then someone accuses you of theft, and you think things can't get any worse. Until you get caught in a freak storm . . .

The next thing you know, you're in the future. Being shot at for being out after curfew. You don't even recognise your hometown.

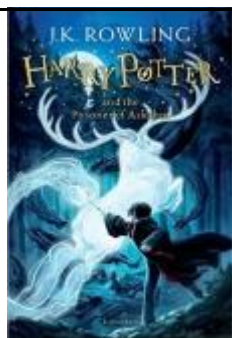
And you're heading for a confrontation from your worst nightmare.

What if you could change the past to save the future?



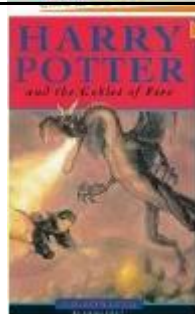
### The Reptile Room (A Series of Unfortunate Events No. 2) Lemony Snicket

The Baudelaire siblings suffer all sorts of misfortunes in this, the second book of their adventures.



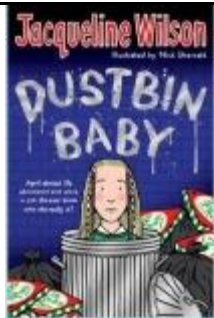
### Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban JK Rowling

When Harry and his best friends go back for their third year at Hogwarts, the atmosphere is tense. There's an escaped mass-murderer on the loose and the sinister prison guards of Azkaban have been called in to guard the school. Lessons, however, must go on and there are lots of new subjects in third year - Care of Magical Creatures and Divination among others - to take Harry's mind off things.



### Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire JK Rowling

The summer holidays are dragging on and Harry Potter can't wait for the start of the school year. It is his fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and there are spells to be learnt and (unluckily) Potions and Divination lessons to be attended. But Harry can't know that the atmosphere is darkening around him, and his worst enemy is preparing a fate that it seems will be inescapable ...



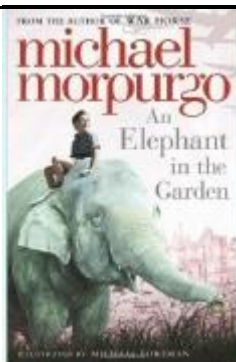
### Dustbin Baby Jacqueline Wilson

April knows she was abandoned in a rubbish bin as a newborn baby, fourteen years ago. Now she's happily settled with her foster mother, Marion - but there's a part of April that's desperate to know where she really came from, and who she really is. If only she could remember her real mother - or even find her ...An engrossing, engaging and highly moving novel from the acclaimed bestseller Jacqueline Wilson.



### The Time Travelling Cat and the Tudor Treasure Julia Jarman

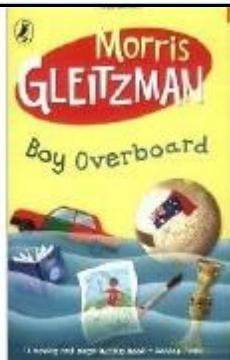
Ka, the time-travelling cat, has disappeared, leaving just one clue - a word on Topher's computer screen: R\*iche mou\*nt. When Topher discovers that 'Richemount' meant 'Richmond' in Tudor times, he fears that Ka is in terrible danger. Cats were tortured in Tudor England, so Topher must try to find her before it is too late. In doing so, he meets Queen Elizabeth and Doctor Dee, the court magician and astronomer, who thinks Ka can help him find the elusive philosopher's stone.



### An Elephant in the Garden Michael Morpurgo

Dresden, 1945. Elizabeth and Karli's mother works at the zoo, where her favourite animal is a young elephant named Marlene. Then the zoo director tells her that the dangerous animals - including the elephants - must be shot before the town is bombed. Unable to give Marlene up, their mother moves her into the back garden to save her... and then the bombs start to fall.

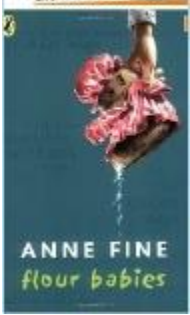
Their home destroyed, the whole family must flee the bombed-out city and through the perilous, snow-covered landscape, all the while avoiding the Russian troops who are drawing ever closer. It would be hard enough to do, without an elephant in tow...



### Boy Overboard Morris Gleitzman

Jamal loves playing football, which isn't easy if your goalie only has one leg and you keep having to dodge landmines to get your ball back. Jamal's stubborn little sister Bibi is even better at football than Jamal. But girls playing football is against the law in Afghanistan. When it is discovered that Jamal's mother has been secretly running a school, the family must leave their home immediately and begin a long and dangerous journey to Australia. The children survive separation from their parents, hunger, and violent smugglers only to find that Australia isn't as welcoming as they had thought but, even though they face an uncertain future, Jamal, Bibi and their parents know that as long as they are together, that is all that matters.





Flour Babies Anne Fine

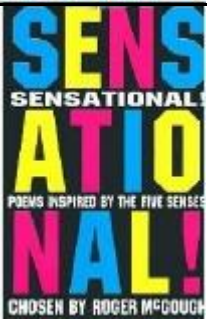
*Let it be flour babies. Let chaos reign.*

When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get to work on the Soap Factory, the Maggot Farm or the Exploding Custard Tins. To their intense disgust they get the Flour Babies - sweet little six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times.



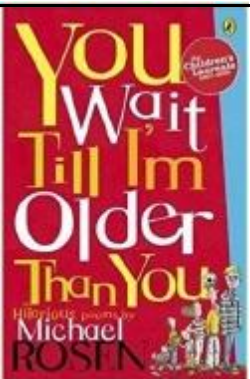
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom Louis Sachar

"Give me a dollar or I'll spit on you." That's Bradley Chalker for you. He is the oldest child in the class. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with girls, and the teachers say he has "serious behaviour problems." No one likes him - except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.



Sensational Roger McGough

The wonderful Roger McGough has drawn together a stunning collection of poems inspired by the five senses. Gems from the very best classic and contemporary poets such as Carol Ann Duffy, Ian McMillan, John Hegley, William Wordsworth, Vernon Scannell and Michael Rosen will captivate any reader. Prepare for a welcome assault on your senses!



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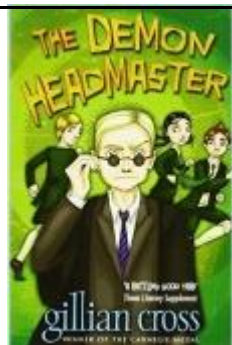
Well what would you say if your brother kept whacking you with a spoon, or the spider made it all the way up the toilet bowl or your mum made you wear that horrible shirt?

Find out in this fantastically funny collection of poems all about growing up from the brilliant Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate 2007 - 2009.



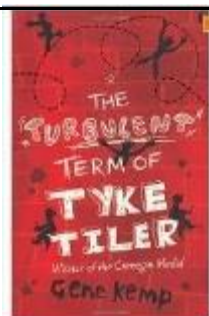
### The Midnight Fox Betsy Byars

Tom would do anything not to have to stay on Aunt Millie's farm while his parents are away - he likes the city and hates climbing trees. But once there, he discovers a rare black fox with green eyes, living with her cubs in the forest. Suddenly, the summer is full of excitement. That is, until Uncle Fred decides to go after the fox - will Tom save her and her family in time?



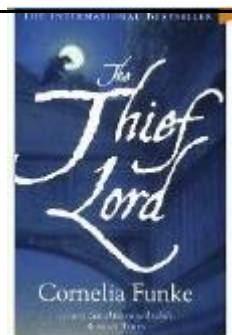
### The Demon Headmaster Gillian Cross

When Dinah is fostered by the Hunters she thinks her biggest problem will be fitting in with her foster-brothers, Lloyd and Harvey. However, once she starts at her new school it's clear that there's more to worry about. All the children, apart from a handful including Lloyd and Harvey, are too well-behaved-robotic almost-and oddly keen to please the creepy headmaster. The three children set out to discover the nature of his influence over everyone . . . but then Dinah finds herself saying and doing things she has no power over. Soon they uncover the headmaster's wicked plan. Controlling the school is just a practice run. He has set his sights on dominating the entire nation! The children must foil him before he succeeds . . . but with Dinah under his spell they've got a challenge on their hands.



### The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler Gene Kemp

Wherever best-friends Tyke Tiler and Danny Price are, there is usually trouble - stolen money, a sheep's skeleton, fights in class - and it's usually trouble that Tyke has to sort out. Their last term at Cricklepit Combined School is full of the usual fun and madness, but then Tyke learns that much more is at stake. Is it possible to keep hapless Danny out of trouble? And what final surprise does Tyke have in store?



### The Thief Lord Cornelia Funke

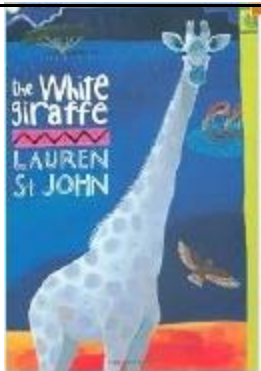
Winter has come early to Venice. Two orphaned children are on the run, hiding among the crumbling canals and misty alleyways of the city. Befriended by a gang of street children and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord, they shelter in an old, disused cinema. On their trail is a bungling detective, obsessed with disguises and the health of his pet tortoises. But a greater threat to the boys' new-found freedom is something from a forgotten past - a beautiful magical treasure with the power to spin time itself.

	<p>Hacker Malorie Blackman</p> <p><i>MESSAGE: This is the system operator. Who is using this account? Please identify yourself . . .</i></p> <p>When Vicky's father is arrested, accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works, she is determined to prove his innocence. But how? There's only one way - to attempt to break into the bank's computer files. Even if Vicky is the best hacker in the world, will she find the real thief before they find her?</p>
	<p>Stig of the Dump Clive King</p> <p>Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a sort of cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learning each others ways and embarking on a series of unforgettable adventures.</p>
	<p>Billionaire Boy David Walliams</p> <p>Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact. You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land. Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: a friend..</p>
	<p>Gangsta Granny David Walliams</p> <p>Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. She's the boringest grandma ever: all she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) She was once an international jewel thief.</li> <li>2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the crown jewels, and now she needs Ben's help..</li> </ol>



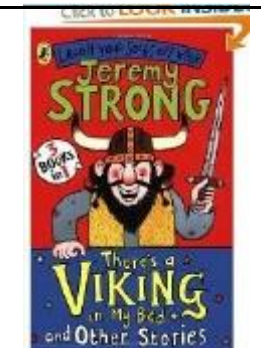
### You're a Bad Man Mr Gum Andy Stanton

Mr Gum is a truly nasty old man. He's absolutely grimsters. But this book is not just about him. There is also a little girl called Polly, an evil butcher, heroes and sweets and stuff, and Jake the dog, who must be saved from terrible, terrible evil.



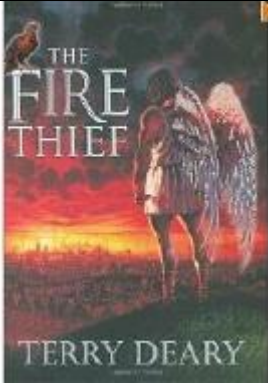
### The White Giraffe Lauren St John

When she is eleven years old, Martine is orphaned and sent to live with her grandmother on a game reserve in South Africa. Her grandmother seems strangely unwelcoming and Martine has a difficult time settling in at her new school, where she is conspicuously an outsider. One night Martine, lonely and feeling slightly rebellious, looks out of her window and see a young albino giraffe - silver, tinged with cinnamon in the moonlight. This is the beginning of her mysterious and magical adventures - her discovery of her gift of healing and a secret valley that she travels to with the giraffe, where she'll find clues about her past and future.



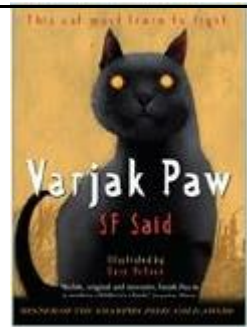
### There's a Viking in my Bed and other stories Jeremy Strong

After falling overboard from his longboat, Sigurd the Viking finds himself in modern-day Flotby - a small English seaside town. Finding refuge in the aptly named Viking Hotel, Siggy's attempts to embrace modern ways end in disaster. His attempt at romance is no better off as even the course of true love doesn't run smoothly when Siggy's involved!



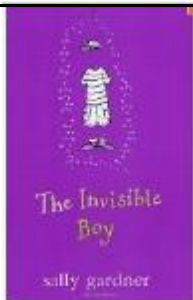
### The Fire Thief Terry Deary

The story of Prometheus the Titan is well known. He stole fire from Zeus and gave it to humans. Zeus and the gods then decided to punish Prometheus by chaining him to a rock and having an eagle tear out his liver every day. The gods made his liver grow back at night just so they can put him through endless torture. But nothing ever stays the same, even in the world of the gods! So after 8000 years of agony, Prometheus has finally broken free of his chains. His delight at his new freedom doesn't last long though, for the gods send the Eagle after him and hunt him down. Desperate to escape his vicious pursuer, Prometheus realises there is one great escape route - to travel through time. Prometheus travels to Eden City, falling in with a motley band of loveable rogues. His new friends get in trouble and he wants to use his titanic powers to help them, but here's the big catch - if he uses his powers the Eagle can sense his presence through time and track him down. Will Prometheus save his friends and risk his liver-loving enemy finding him...?



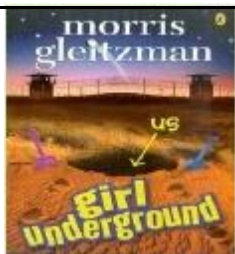
### Varjak Paw SF Said

Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.



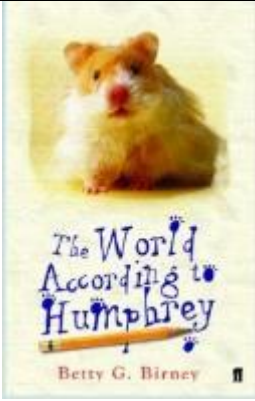
### The Invisible Boy Sally Gardner

When his parents are lost in space, Sam is left, heartbroken, in the care of the horrible Hilda Hardbottom. Then he finds a tiny spaceship in the cabbage patch and meets a little alien called Splodge. How Splodge makes him invisible, and how Sam uses his new talent in his darkest hour, makes a touching and extremely funny story with lovely memorable characters.



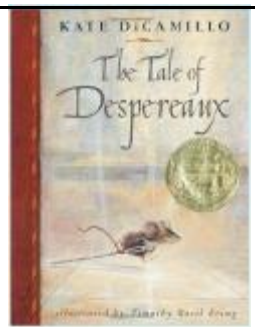
### Girl Underground Morris Gleitzman

Bridget wants a quiet life. Including, if possible, keeping her parents out of prison. Then a boy called Menzies makes her an offer she can't refuse, and they set off on a job of their own. It's a desperate, daring plan - to rescue two kids, Jamal and Bibi, from a desert detention centre. Can Bridget and Menzies pull off their very first jail break, or will they end up behind bars too? Sometimes, to help a friend, you have to dig deep.



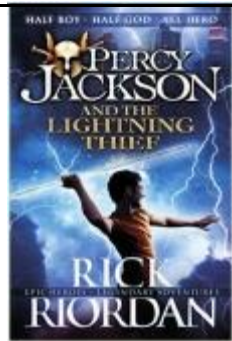
### The World According to Humphrey

*'The time had arrived to put my Plan into action. I was in grave danger and I had no choice. I only had one weapon: a rubber band. It had taken me a long time to get it hooked around the edge of my food dish. Now I carefully pulled it back as far as I could, aiming directly at those big doggy nostrils.'* You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was bought as a classroom pet for Room 26. And it's definitely true! In addition to his classroom escapades, each weekend he gets to sleep over with a different student like Stop-Giggling-Gail and Repeat-That-Please-Richie. Humphrey learns to read, write, shoot rubber bands and much more. With adventures galore, Humphrey's life would be perfect if only the teacher, Mrs Brisbane, wasn't out to get him . . .



### The Tale of Despereaux Katie DiCamillo

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. And what happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: "Reader, it is your destiny to find out."



### Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Half boy. Half God. All Hero. *Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God.*

I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a *very bad idea.*



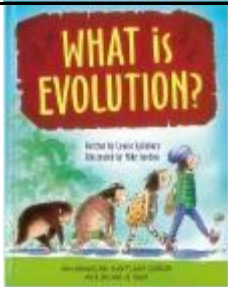
### The Dragonology Chronicles The Dragons Eye

Step into the world of the Secret and Ancient Society of Dragonologists in this series of fire-breathing adventures. In 'The Dragon's Eye' join 12 year-old Daniel Cook and his sister Beatrice as they begin their dragonological apprenticeship under the watchful eye of the eccentric Dr. Ernest Drake.



The Silver Sword Ian Serraillier

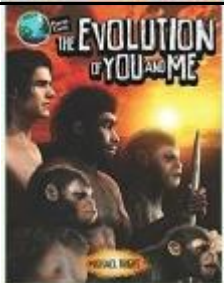
Alone and fending for themselves in a Poland devastated by World War Two, Jan and his three homeless friends cling to the silver sword as a symbol of hope. As they travel through Europe towards Switzerland, where they believe they will be reunited with their parents, they encounter many hardships and dangers. This extraordinarily moving account of an epic journey gives a remarkable insight into the reality of a Europe laid waste by war.



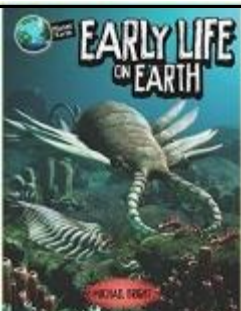
What is Evolution?

Looking at both the history of life on Earth and the scientific breakthroughs that led to our greater understanding of the living world, this book gives the definitive overview of the theory of evolution. It takes an in-depth look at the work of Charles Darwin, Thomas Huxley and Alfred Russel Wallace as well as topics such as genetic modification, artificial selection and bacterial resistance.

Starting with fossils and early life forms, the book investigates the development and diversification of life on Earth over billions of years. Topics such as adaptation and specification, as well as convergent evolution, symbiosis and genetics help illustrate how evolution affects all living beings and has led to the huge biodiversity we have on our planet today.



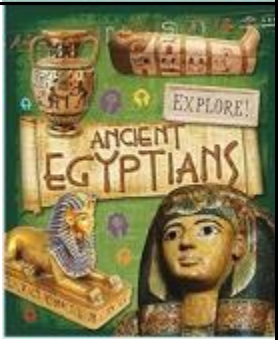
*Evolution of You and Me* tracks modern humans, from their origins to leaving Africa. Take a closer look at tree shrews, the first primates, how we came to stand on two legs, early tools and cooking, and the conflict with Neanderthals. Using stunning photographs and graphic 3-D images.



*Early Life on Earth* tracks the evolution of life on Earth, from its origins up to the imminent arrival of the dinosaurs. Take a closer look at the first multi-celled forms, the Cambrian explosion, the age of fish, giant insects and amphibians and the mass extinction that paved the way for dinosaurs.



Travel back to the time of the Anglo Saxons! Who was Alfred the Great? Where did the Anglo Saxons come from, and what traditions and beliefs did they bring with them? Explore this ancient civilisation to understand how prehistoric people have influenced the way we live today.



This photographic book gives you an overview of Ancient Egyptians. From the early kingdoms to the mighty pharaohs that led the Egyptian world. Learn about Egyptian religion and beliefs, life for ordinary people and the brilliant buildings. We also look at the food, medicine, science, music and art of the time. You can read about a day at temple school and learn to write in hieroglyphics.