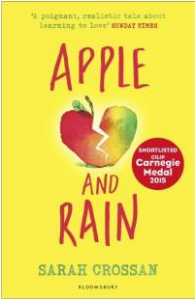
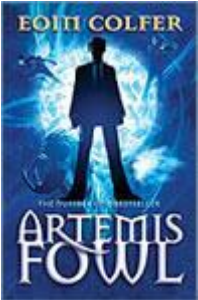

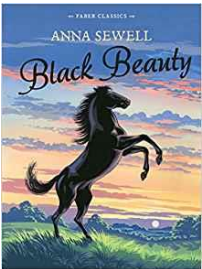
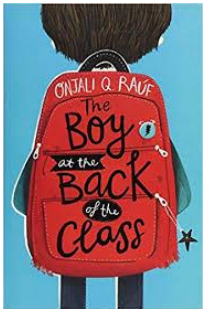
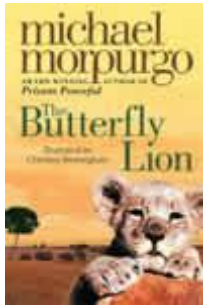

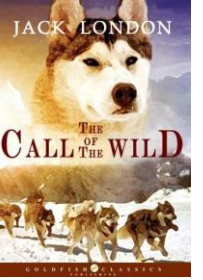



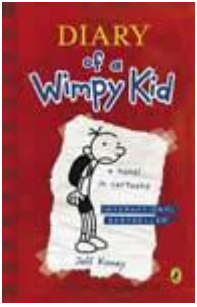
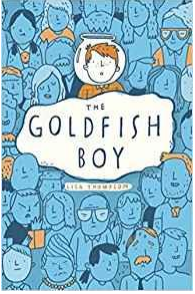

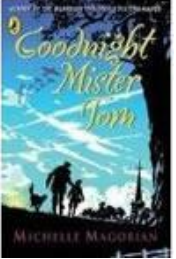
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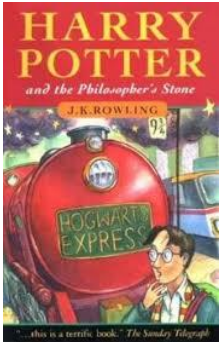




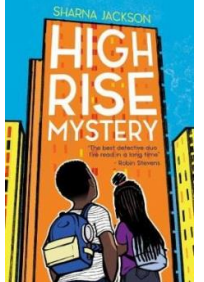
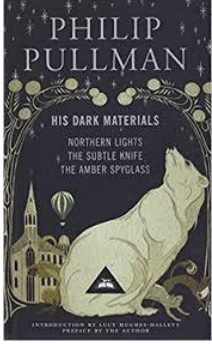
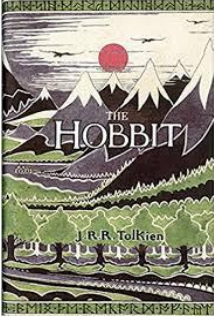
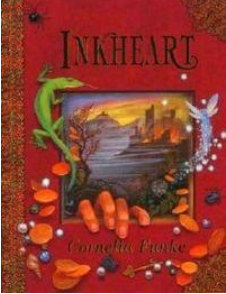
Recommended Reading for Year 7

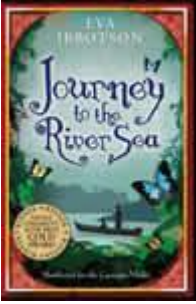
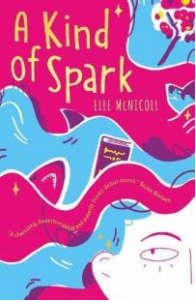
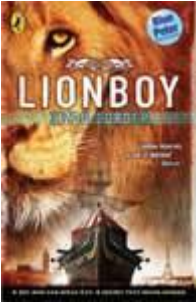


	<p>Apple and Rain</p> <p>When Apple’s mother returns after eleven years away, Apple feels whole again. But just like the stormy Christmas Eve when she left, her mother’s homecoming is bittersweet. It’s only when Apple meets someone more lost than she is that she begins to see things as they really are</p>	<p>Sarah Crossan</p>
	<p>Artemis Fowl</p> <p>In arch criminal Artemis Fowl's first encounter with the Fairy People, you'll learn how he hatched a plot to restore his family's fortune. You'll read how he discovered an underground world of armed and dangerous fairies, farting dwarves and mind-blowing technology. And you'll see how, by kidnapping Captain Holly Short of the Lower Elements Police, Artemis almost triggered a cross-species war.</p> <p>Yours in deep cover, Eoin Colfer</p>	<p>Eoin Colfer</p>
	<p>Ballet Shoes</p> <p>Pauline, Petrova and Posy are adopted and sent home by eccentric fossil collector and explorer Gum. In the care of his niece Sylvia and the family Nurse they choose the surname Fossil for themselves and vow to make the name famous. When Gum fails to return after five years, the money begins to run out and Sylvia decides that the girls should go to acting school in order to earn some money. Pauline loves the school and dreams of becoming an actress; Petrova hates it and only wants to learn engines and fly planes; Posy loves it too, as a gifted dancer, the school is the perfect place for her.</p>	<p>Noel Streatfeild</p>
	<p>Black Beauty</p> <p>Black Beauty begins life in a loving home. But his owners are forced to sell him, and Black Beauty's fortunes change. He is moved from place to place and job to job, often suffering cruel treatment and harsh conditions - until a chance encounter leads to a new turn of events.</p>	<p>Anna Sewell</p>


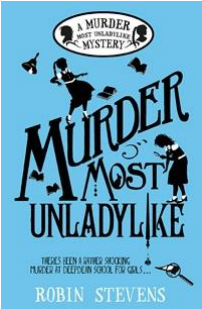

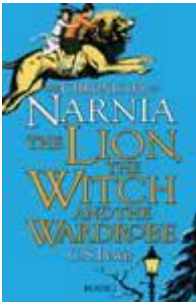
	<p>The Boy at the Back of the Class</p> <p>When a new boy is introduced at school, no one is exactly sure where he has come from; what is a "refugee kid", anyway, and how can Ahmet be helped to feel that he belongs? "This is a lovely, warm-hearted first novel, a celebration of courage and friendship leavened with mischief". (The Guardian)</p>	<p>Onjali Rauf</p>
	<p>The Butterfly Lion</p> <p>A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion. "All my life I'll think you you, I promise I will. I won't ever forget you." Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.</p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>
	<p>Carrie's War</p> <p>Set in WW2, Carrie and her little brother are evacuated to Wales and billeted at the home of the bullying Mr Evans and his timid sister Lou. Unhappy at home, they love visiting fellow evacuee, Albert, at the farm of Druid's Bottom. Here they meet Hepzibah Green, who knows magical stories, and Mister Johnny, who speaks a language all his own. But then things go wrong and Carrie takes things into her own hands - without guessing the awful consequences.</p>	<p>Nina Bawden</p>
	<p>The Call of the Wild</p> <p>The short novel is a classic and tells the story of Buck, a domesticated dog who is stolen from his home and is forced to work as a sled dog the the Yukon. A timeless book with universal appeal.</p>	<p>Jack London</p> <p>ADVANCED READERS</p>
	<p>Coraline</p> <p>When Coraline steps through a door to find another house strangely similar to her own (only better), things seem marvelous. But there's another mother there, and another father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl. They want to change her and never let her go.</p> <p>Coraline will have to fight with all her wit and courage if she is to save herself and return to her ordinary life.</p>	<p>Neil Gaiman</p>






	<p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</p> <p>Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley's friendship unfolds with hilarious results.</p>	<p>Jeff Kinney</p>
	<p>The Goldfish Boy</p> <p>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance</p>	<p>Lisa Thompson</p>
	<p>The Fire Within</p> <p>When David arrives at Wayward Crescent he has no idea what lurks inside the Pennykettle house. Only when he's given his own special dragon does he begin to unlock their mysterious secrets, and to discover the fire within...</p>	<p>Chris D'Lacey</p>
	<p>Goodnight Mr. Tom</p> <p>Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of World War 2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London...This title is winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award.</p>	<p>Michelle Magorian</p>

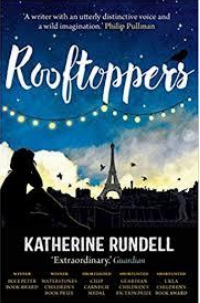
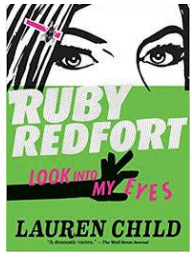

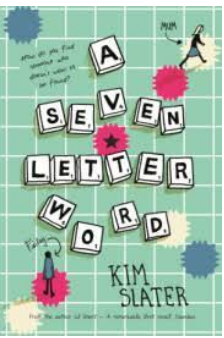

	<p>Groosham Grange</p> <p>Two ghoulish chillers from an award-winning author - in one fang-tastic volume! David quickly discovers that his new school, Groosham Grange, is a very weird place indeed. New pupils sign their names in blood; the French teacher disappears every full moon and the assistant headmaster keeps something very chilling in his room.. What's the meaning of the black rings everyone wears? Where do the other pupils vanish to at night? Most important of all, how on earth can David get away - alive?</p>	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>
	<p>Hacker</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>Malorie Blackman</p>
	<p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</p> <p>Harry Potter is an ordinary boy who lives in a cupboard under the stairs at his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon's house, which he thinks is normal for someone like him whose parents have been killed in a 'car crash'. He is bullied by them and his fat, spoilt cousin Dudley, and lives a very unremarkable life with only the odd hiccup (like his hair growing back overnight!) to cause him much to think about. That is until an owl turns up with a letter addressed to Harry and all hell breaks loose!</p>	<p>J.K. Rowling</p>
	<p>Heartbeat</p> <p>Twelve year old Annie loves running, and drawing. Annie's best friend Max thinks she is spoilt because she has two parents and a grandfather. Max is in a bad mood. Annie's mother is having another baby and Annie's grandfather is getting old and forgetting a lot. There is a lot going on in Annie's life...</p>	<p>Sharon Creech</p>





	<p>Heidi</p> <p>Little Heidi goes to live with her grandfather in his lonely hut high in the Alps and she quickly learns to love her new life. But her strict aunt decides to send her away again to live in the town. Heidi cannot bear being away from the mountains and is determined to return to the happiness of life with her grandfather.</p>	<p>J. Spyri</p>
	<p>High Rise Mystery</p> <p>The first whodunnit in a new mystery series, High Rise Mystery is set on a London estate and introduces us to would-be detectives Nik and Norva.</p> <p>“deft characterisation and evocation of place make for a funny, engaging modern mystery”. (The Guardian)</p>	<p>Shayna Jackson</p>
	<p>His Dark Materials Trilogy</p> <p>It begins with a girl and her daemon. the girl is Lyra Belacqua, an orphan who lives in a place like (and yet unlike) Oxford, in a parallel universe in which science, theology and magic are bound together in a sometimes dark union.</p> <p>In the opening volume, Northern Lights, Lyra finds herself bound up in a daring game of cat-and-mouse that will see her on the run from the highest authorities, hunting for the secret that lies behind the kidnapping of children.</p>	<p>Philip Pullman</p> <p>ADVANCED READERS</p>
	<p>The Hobbit</p> <p>The Hobbit is a tale of high adventure, undertaken by a company of dwarves in search of dragon-guarded gold. A reluctant partner in this perilous quest is Bilbo Baggins, a comfort-loving unambitious hobbit. The companions encounters trolls, goblins, dwarves, elves and giant spiders along the way</p>	<p>J.R.R.Tolkien</p> <p>ADVANCED READERS</p>
	<p>Inkheart</p> <p>Meggie loves books. So does her father, Mo, a bookbinder, although he has never read aloud to her since her mother mysteriously disappeared. They live quietly until the night a stranger knocks at their door. He has come with a warning that forces Mo to reveal an extraordinary secret - a storytelling secret that will change their lives forever.</p>	<p>Cornelia Funke</p>


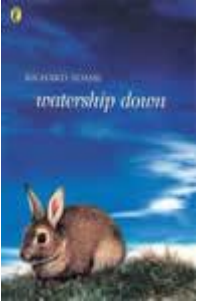
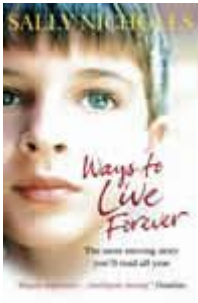
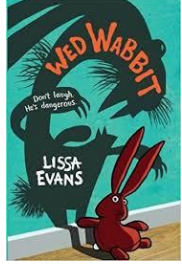
	<p>Journey to the River Sea</p> <p>It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at 13, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in this highly colourful, joyous and award-winning adventure.</p>	<p>Eva Ibbotson</p>
	<p>A Kind of Spark</p> <p>A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?</p>	<p>Elle McNicoll</p>
	<p>Lionboy</p> <p>Charlie Ashanti can speak Cat. He takes it for granted - but when his mum and dad go missing, the cats are the only friends he can turn to. Setting out to find his parents, Charlie stows away on an incredible circus ship bound for Paris. On board he meets six proud, beautiful lions who need his help.</p> <p>Together they embark on the adventure of a lifetime.</p>	<p>Zizou Corder</p>
	<p>Little Women</p> <p>The story of four girls, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, as they grow up in 19th-century New England. They are faced with the prospect of a dreary Christmas the year their father is away at war. Money is tight, and what they do have the family shares with their even poorer neighbours. But the girls are resourceful, and they can never be really poor when they have each other.</p>	<p>Louisa M. Alcott</p> <p>ADVANCED READERS</p>
	<p>Millions</p> <p>Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to join the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless. Torn between the vices of buying a million pizzas and the virtues of ending world poverty, the boys soon discover that being rich is a mug's game. For not only is the clock ticking the</p>	<p>Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>


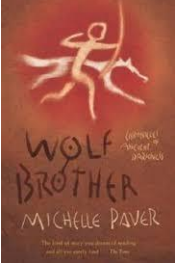

	<p>bungling bank robbers are closing in. Pizzas or World Peace, what would you choose?</p>	
	<p>Mortal Engines (1st in series)</p> <p>A brilliantly-imagined creation, the world of the Traction Era, where mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future. The first instalment introduces young apprentice Tom Natsworthy and the murderous Hester Shaw flung from the fast-moving city of London into heart-stopping adventures in the wastelands of the Great Hunting Ground.</p>	<p>Philip Reeve</p>
	<p>Murder Most Unladylike (Series)</p> <p>When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own deadly secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't, really.) Agatha Christie meets Malory Towers!</p>	<p>Robin Stevens</p>
	<p>My Family and Other Animals</p> <p>Soaked in the sunshine of Corfu where the author lived as a boy, we hear of the the family, with its many eccentric hangers-on, and the animals Gerry studies and brings home. The procession includes toads, and tortoises, bats and butterflies scorpions and geckos, ladybirds, glow-worms, octopuses and rose-beetles, Quasimodo the pigeon, the puppies Widdle and Puke, and of course the magpies.</p>	<p>Gerald Durrell</p> <p>ADVANCED READERS</p>
	<p>The Narnia Chronicles - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2nd in series)</p> <p>The most loved of all the Chronicles, this wonderful tale can be enjoyed again and again. Lucy steps into the Professor's wardrobe but steps out again into a snowy forest. She's stumbled upon the magical world of Narnia, land of unicorns, centaurs, fauns! and the wicked White Witch, who terrorises all. Lucy soon realises that Narnia, and in particular Aslan, the great Lion, needs her help if the country's creatures are ever going to be free again.</p>	<p>C. S. Lewis</p>

	<p>Once/Now/Then/After/Soon</p> <p>Once is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War. Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least once.</p>	<p>Morris Gleitzman</p>
	<p>Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief</p> <p>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. That's when things started really going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends 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...</p>	<p>Rick Riordan</p>
	<p>A Place Called Perfect</p> <p>Violet hates living in Perfect. Why does everyone have to wear special glasses to stop them going blind? What are the strange noises in the night and why is Mum acting so weird? Then Dad disappears and Violet is determined to uncover the truth with the help of the mysterious Boy.</p>	<p>Helena Duggan</p>
	<p>The Railway Children</p> <p>When Father goes away one evening, the lives of Roberta, Peter and Phyllis are shattered. They and their mother have to move from their comfortable London home to go and live in a simple country cottage, They soon come to love the railway near their cottage and all associated with it.</p>	<p>E. Nesbit</p>
	<p>Refugee Boy</p> <p>Alem is on holiday with his father for a few days in London. He has never been out of Ethiopia before and is very excited. They have a great few days together until one morning when Alem wakes up to find that his father has left him.</p> <p>Alem is now on his own, in the hands of the social services and the Refugee Council. This story charts Alem's fate as he is moved from children's home to foster family, and in and out of court hearings.</p>	<p>Benjamin Zephaniah</p>

	<p>Rooftoppers</p> <p>Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means it's still possible, and you should never ignore a possible....</p>	<p>Katherine Rundell</p>
	<p>Ruby Redfort (series)</p> <p>Ruby Redfort is a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a thirteen year old girl. She and her sidekick butler, Hitch, foil crimes and get into loads of scrapes with evil villains, but they're always ice cold in a crisis.</p>	<p>Lauren Child</p>
	<p>A Series of Unfortunate Events</p> <p>This book tells an unhappy tale about three very unlucky children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives filled with misery and woe. From the very first page of this book when the children are at the beach and receive terrible news, continuing on through the entire story, disaster lurks at their heels. One might say they are magnets for misfortune.</p>	<p>Lemony Snicket</p>
	<p>A Seven Letter Word</p> <p>Finlay's mother disappeared two years ago, and ever since then his stutter has become almost unbearable. Bullied at school and ignored by his father, the only way to get out the words which are bouncing around his head is by writing long letters to his ma which he knows she will never read, and by playing Scrabble online. But when Finlay is befriended by an online scrabble player called Alex, everything changes.</p>	<p>Kim Slater</p>
	<p>The Sheep Pig</p> <p>When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.</p>	<p>Dick King-Smith</p>

	<p>Skellig</p> <p>When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes forever ...</p>	<p>David Almond</p>
	<p>Skulduggery Pleasant</p> <p>Twelve year old Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source -- the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.</p>	<p>Derek Landy</p>
	<p>Stormbreaker</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>
	<p>The Secret Garden</p> <p>Mary Lennox was horrid, selfish and spoilt, and was sent to stay with her uncle in Yorkshire. She hated it. But when she finds the entrance to a secret garden a change overcomes her. With a local boy and her cousin the three children work magic in themselves and those around them.</p>	<p>Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>

	<p>A Wrinkle in Time</p> <p>When Meg and Charles Wallace Murry go searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for their lost father, they find themselves on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'. How Charles, Meg and friend Calvin find and free their father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which.</p>	<p>Madeleine L'Engle</p>
	<p>Watership Down</p> <p>Fiver could sense danger. Something terrible was going to happen to the warren - he felt sure of it. So did his brother Hazel, for Fiver's sixth sense was never wrong. They had to leave immediately, and they had to persuade the other rabbits to join them. And so begins a long and perilous journey of a small band of rabbits in search of a safe home.</p>	<p>Richard Adams</p> <p>ADVANCED READERS</p>
	<p>Ways to Live Forever</p> <p>Sam loves facts. He wants to know about UFOs and horror movies and airships and ghosts and scientists, and how it feels to kiss a girl. And because he has leukemia he wants to know the facts about dying. Sam needs answers to the questions nobody will answer. "Ways to Live Forever" is the award-winning novel from an extraordinarily talented young writer. Funny and honest, it is one of the most powerful and uplifting books you will ever read .</p>	<p>Sally Nicholls</p>
	<p>Wed Wabbit</p> <p>Fidge is a clever, slightly cynical 11 year old who is flung into the world of her little sister Minnie's favourite story - the world of the Wimbley Woos, creatures of many different hues who only speak in rhyme. Fidge must solve a multitude of ludicrous puzzles to escape with only her awful cousin Graham and various toys have come alive to help her.</p>	<p>Lissa Evans</p>

	<p>When the Sky Falls</p> <p>1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis.</p>	<p>Phil Earle</p>
	<p>Wolf Brother</p> <p>Six thousand years ago. Evil stalks the land. Only twelve-year-old Torak and his wolf-cub companion can defeat it. Their journey together takes them through deep forests, across giant glaciers, and into dangers they never imagined.</p>	<p>Michelle Paver</p>
	<p>Wonder</p> <p>August Pullman wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things. He eats ice cream. He plays on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside.</p> <p>But Auggie is far from ordinary. Born with a facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>	<p>R.J. Palacio</p>