



READING FOR PLEASURE READING LISTS



FRANCIS HOLLAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A Note from the Head Librarian

At Francis Holland Preparatory School, pupils have access to a team of dedicated librarians who derive great satisfaction from helping children to find books that will enthrall, amuse, inspire and move them. We delight in conversations about what captures their imaginations and stirs their curiosity, and so the reading lists we compile are designed to appeal to the interests of each individual.

We organise reading lists thematically rather than by year group because research shows that year-group reading lists are at best ineffectual, and at worst counterproductive. It can be immensely demoralising for a child who is not a confident reader to find that the book they are enjoying was put on the reading list for a year group below theirs. Meanwhile, confident readers do well when they are allowed to read to their interests as this promotes volitional reading. Our approach aims to empower pupils irrespective of where they are in their reading journeys. Even at a very young age, tastes can differ hugely and personal choice is key - it can be *the* key, in fact, to unlocking a lifelong love of books!

The reading lists we devise are intended as a launch pad and can also be viewed as a sample of what our wonderful school library has to offer. Not only do we have a diverse catalogue to choose from, we have three librarians on staff who see your children on a regular basis. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a librarian so that you and your burgeoning reader can discuss what they might like to read next, this can be arranged by emailing

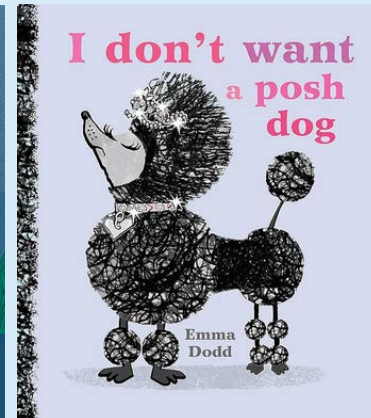
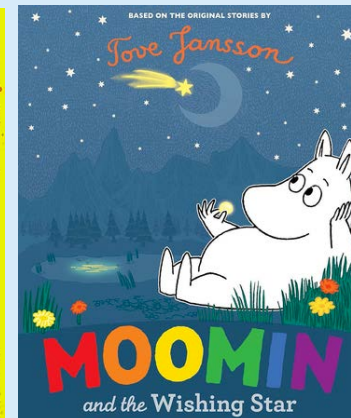
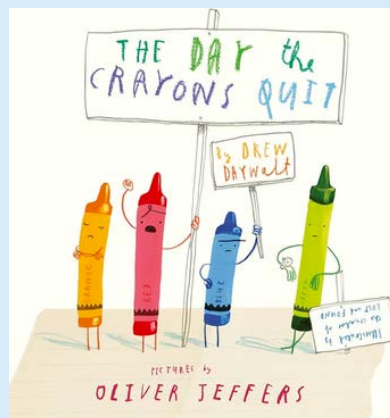
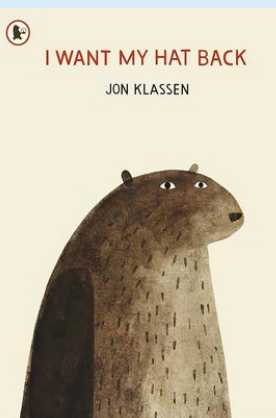
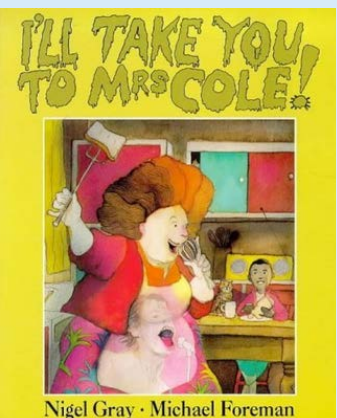
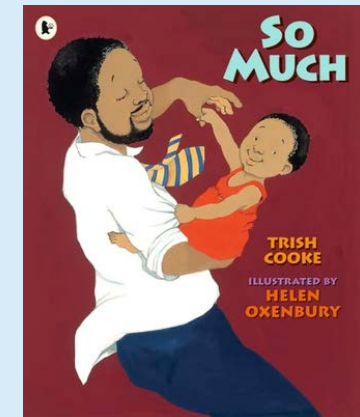
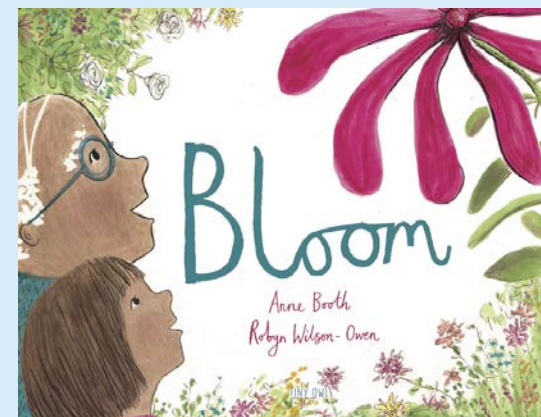
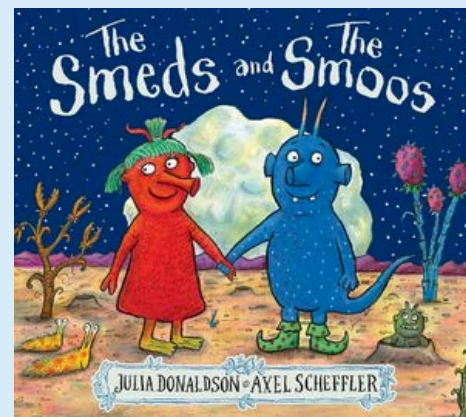
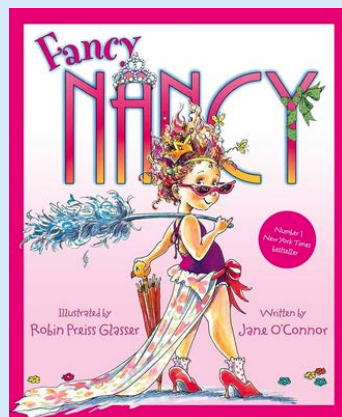
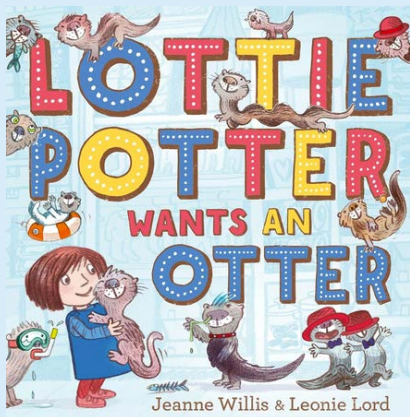
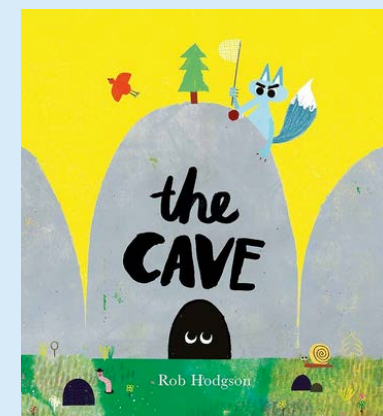
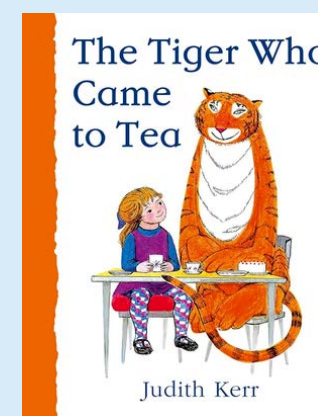
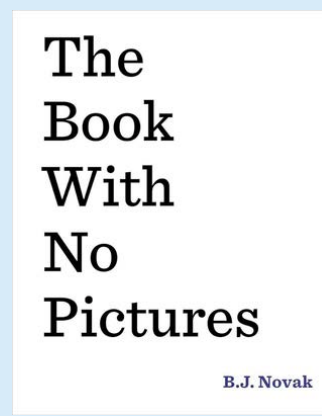
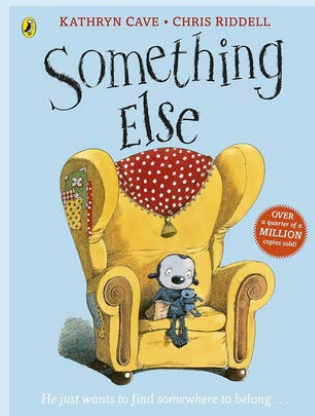
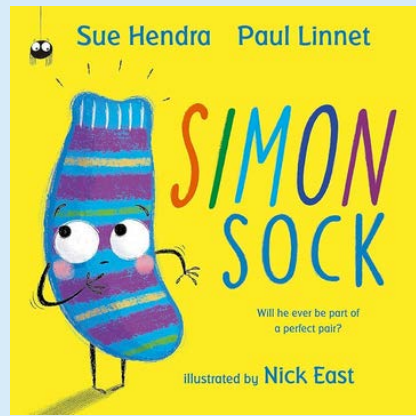
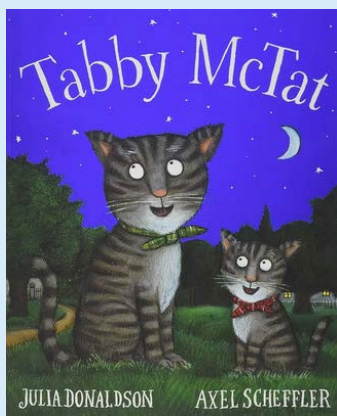
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THEMATIC READING LISTS

- What follows is a selection of titles grouped by format or genre. Many of these books are already popular with our pupils thanks to peer-to-peer recommendations!
- While we do not organise reading lists by year group, we do recognise that children in Key Stage 1 may not be drawn to (or should not, depending on content) read books written with older readers in mind. To that end, please note that our lists of recommendations for fans of history books/ mysteries/ fantasy novels/ adventure stories and realistic fiction are generally geared towards Key-Stage-2 pupils, although some of our picks are also suitable for younger children e.g. *Pippi Longstocking*.

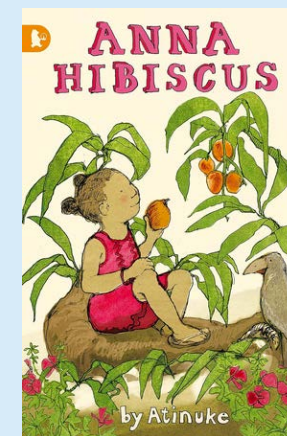
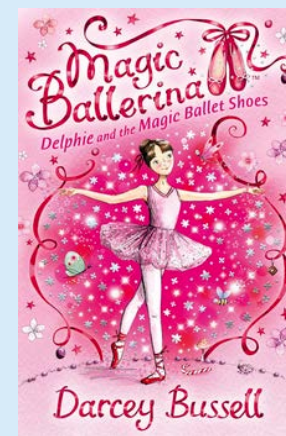
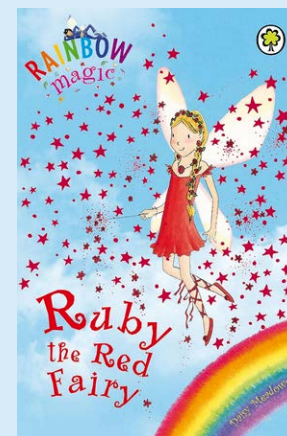
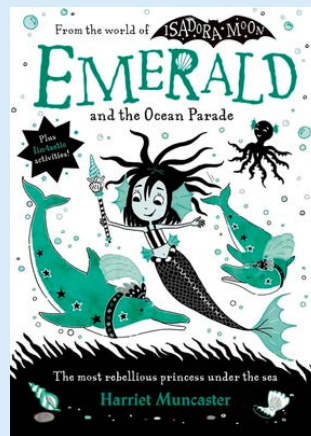
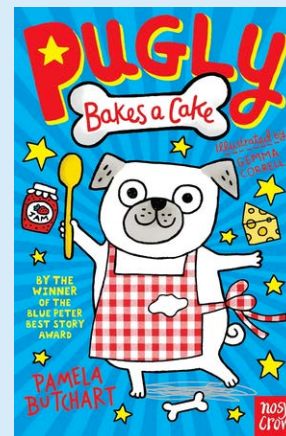
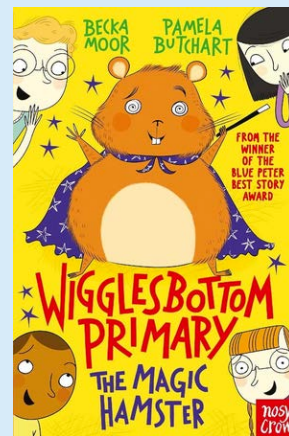
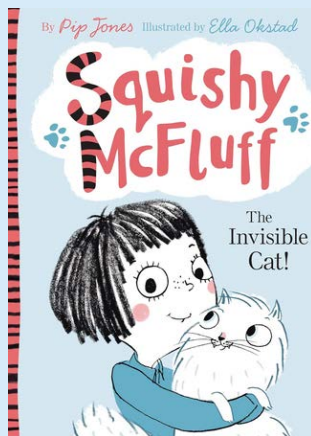
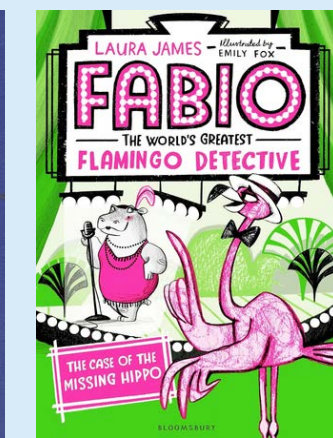
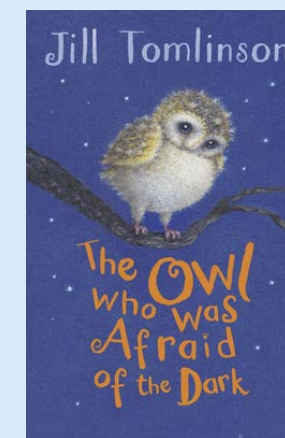
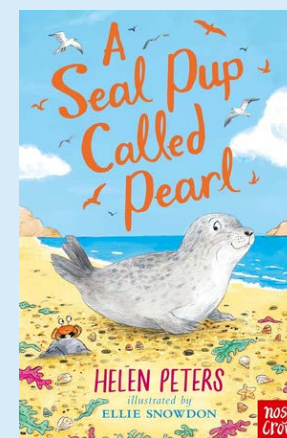
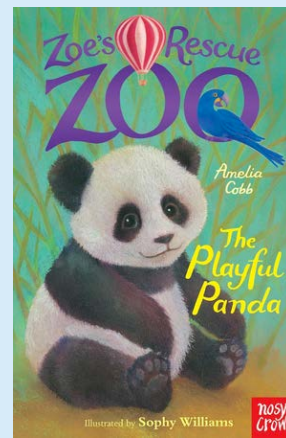
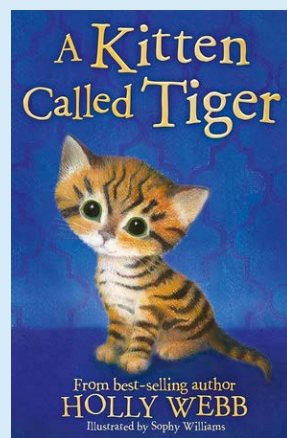
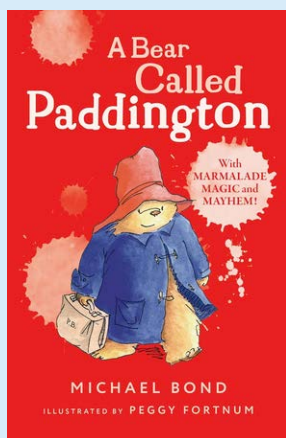
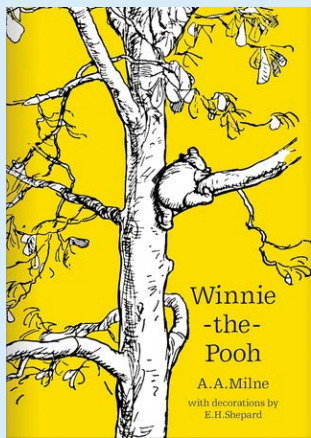
A Note on Picture Books

- One is never too old to enjoy a picture book! The best way to choose a picture book for at-home reading is to visit a book shop or library and browse with your daughter so that you can see what sparks her interest. Helping your daughter to find a book will show her that reading is an enjoyable pursuit and a vital part of her home life as well as her school life.
- Reading aloud to pupils is one of the most joyous aspects of working in a school library and we have extensive experience of which books are fun to read and talk about during Story Time. For a (not at all exhaustive) list of some of our favourite crowd-pleasing reads, see the next page.



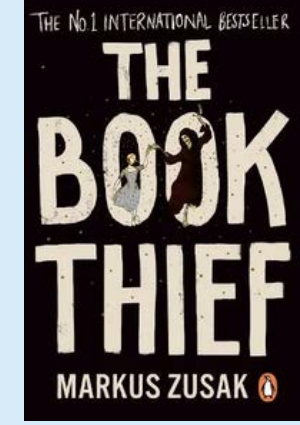
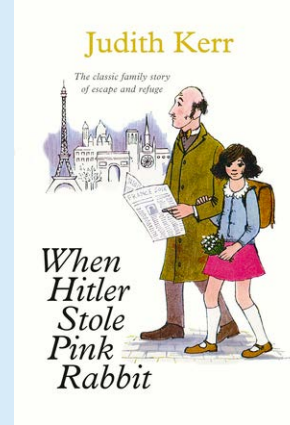
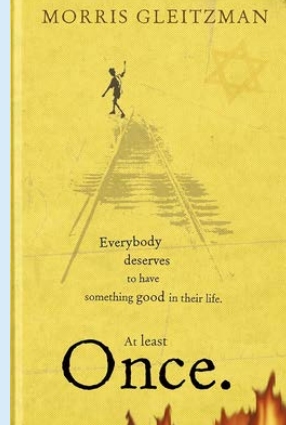
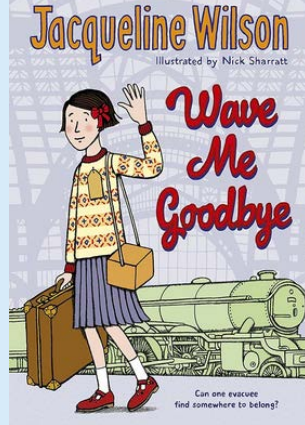
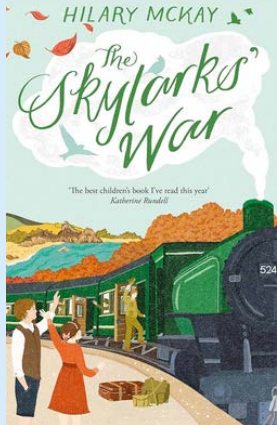
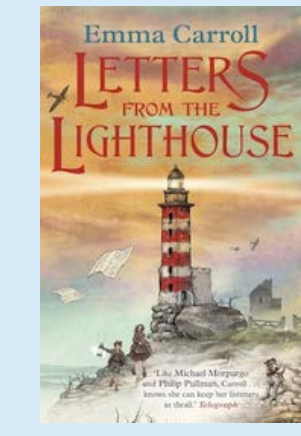
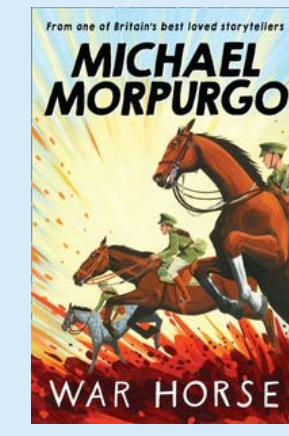
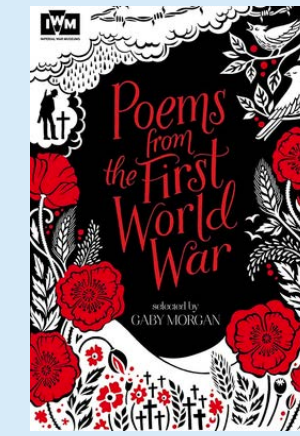
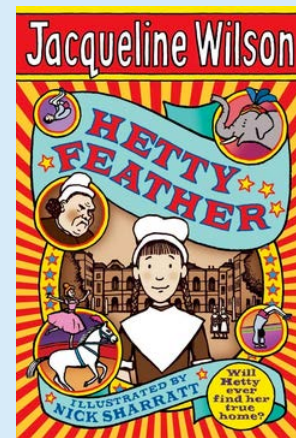
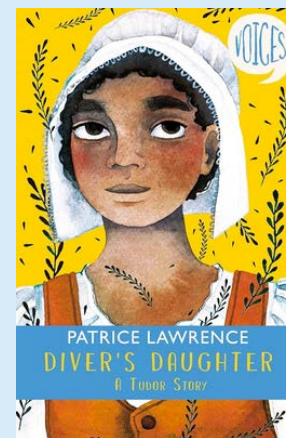
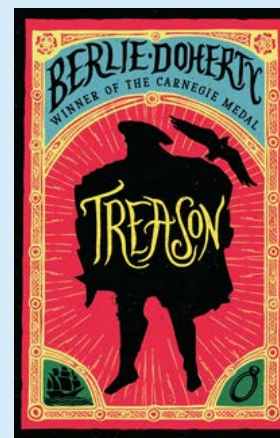
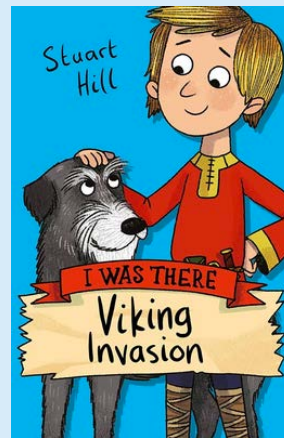
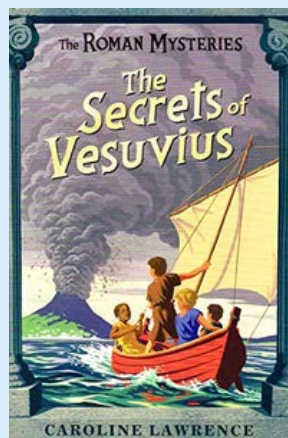
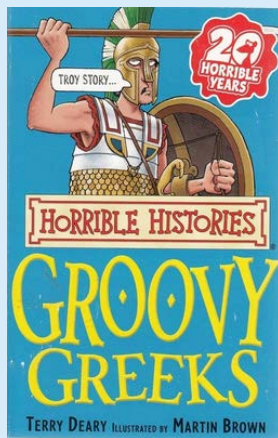
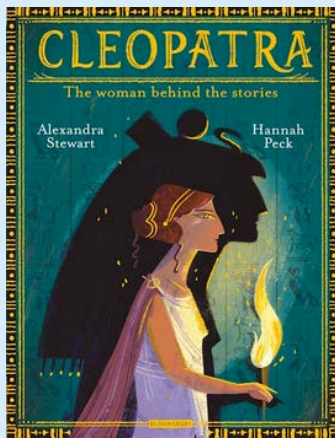
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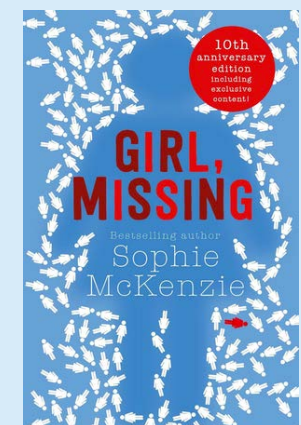
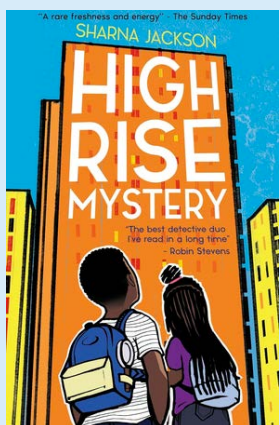
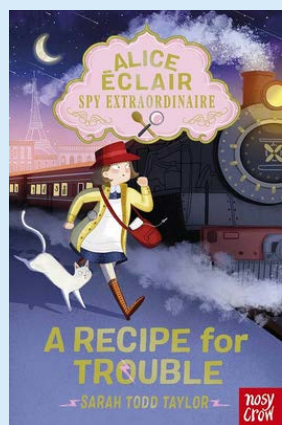
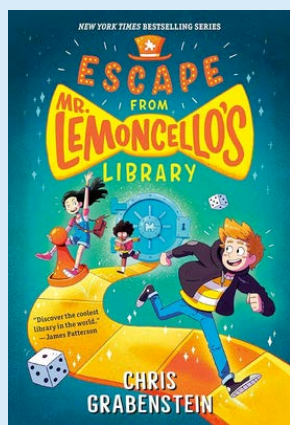
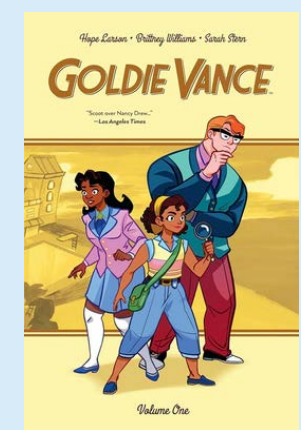
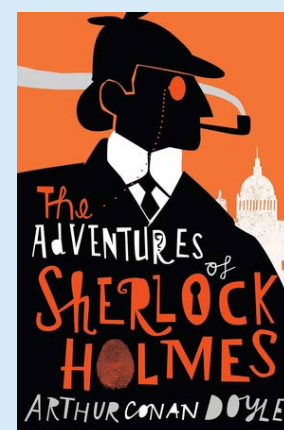
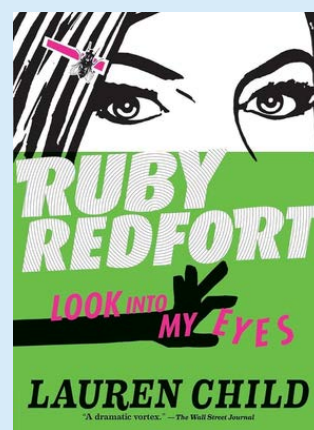
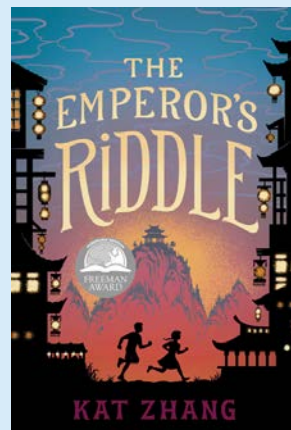
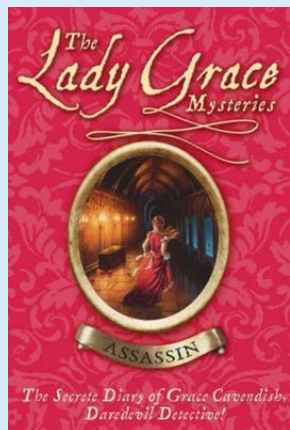
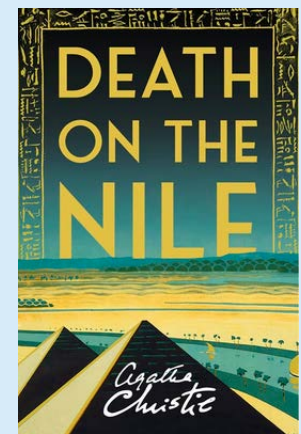
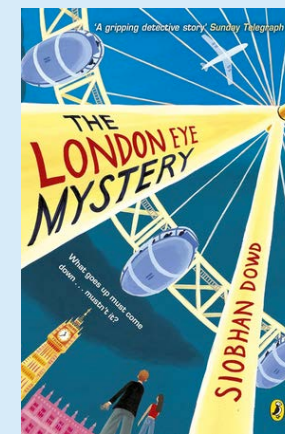
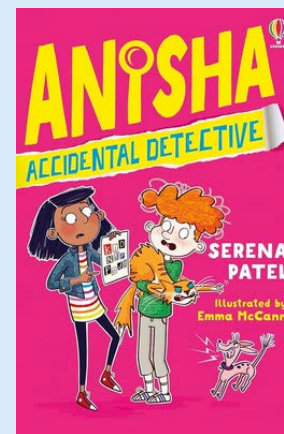
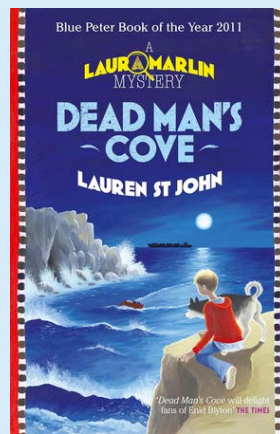
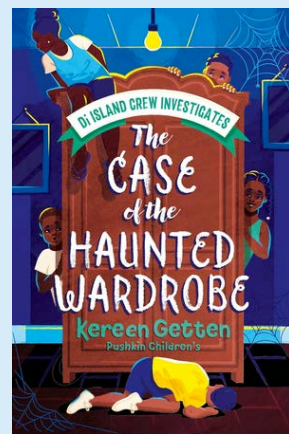
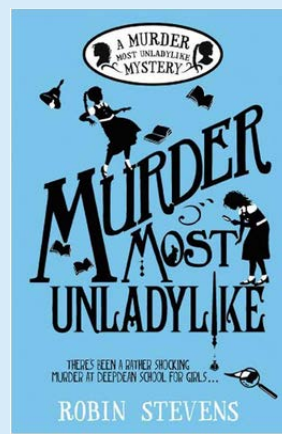
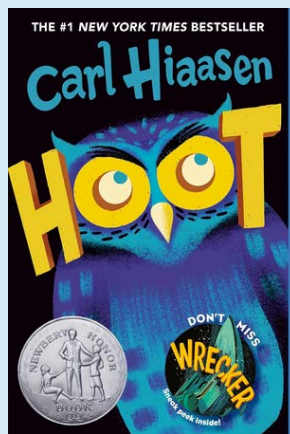
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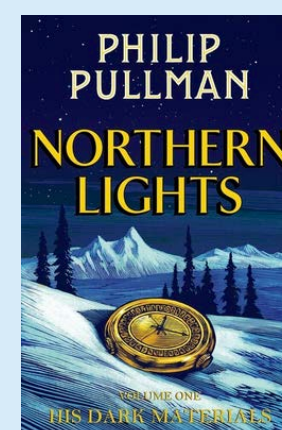
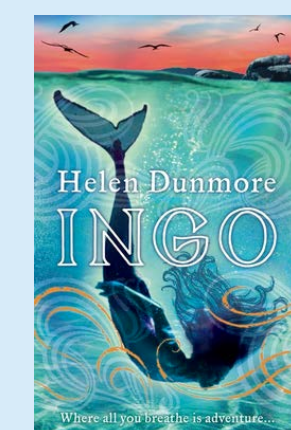
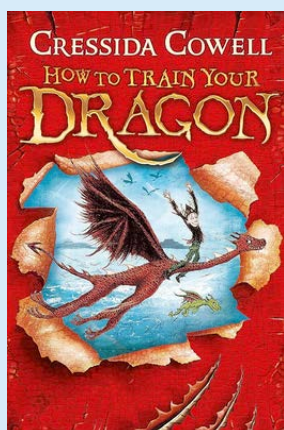
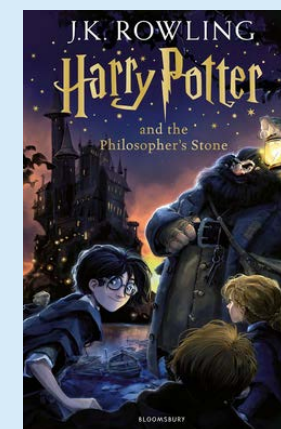
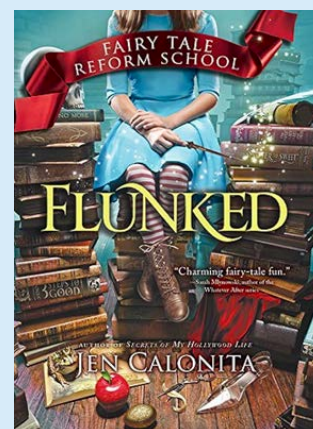
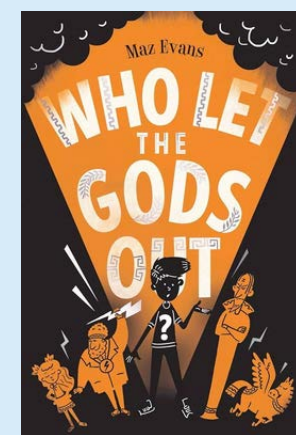
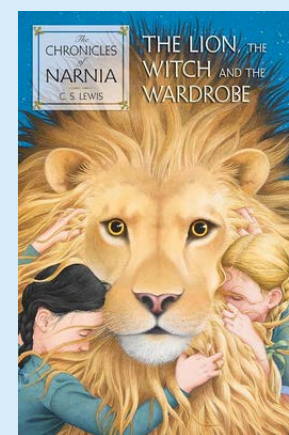
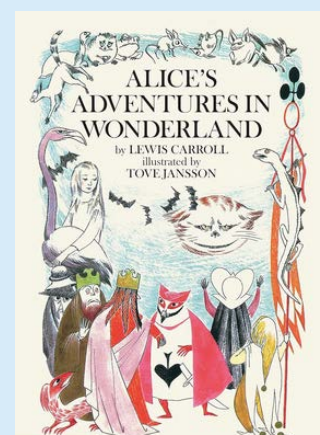
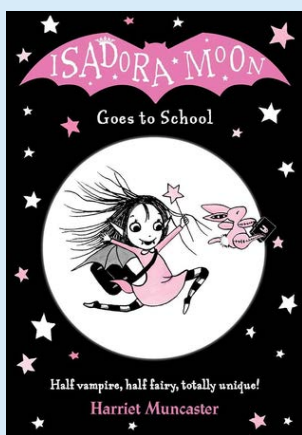
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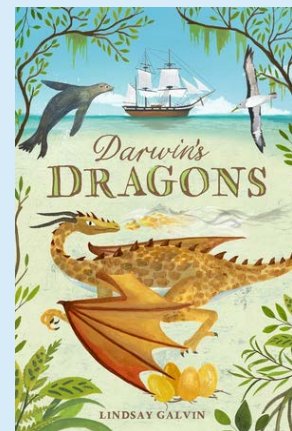
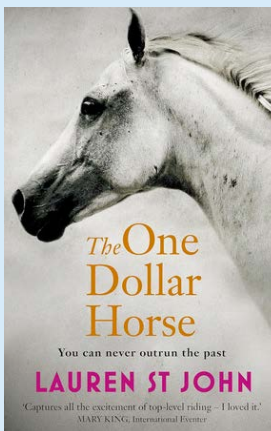
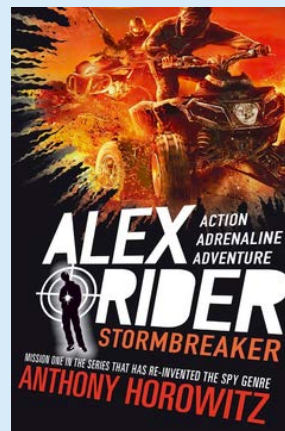
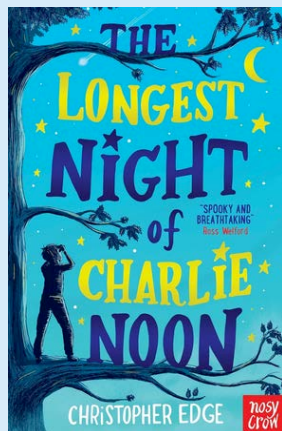
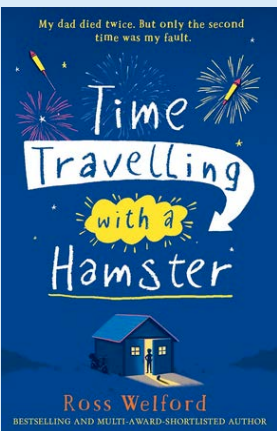
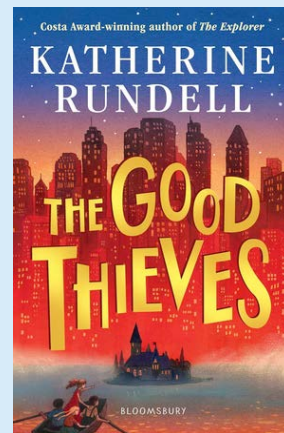
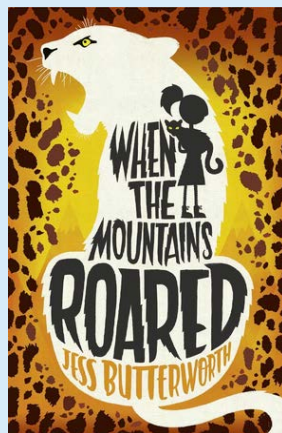
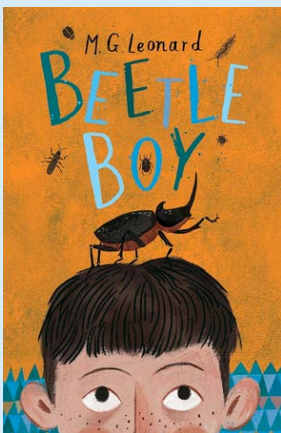
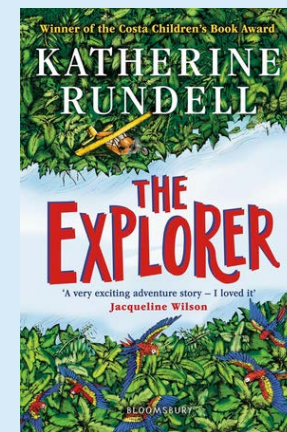
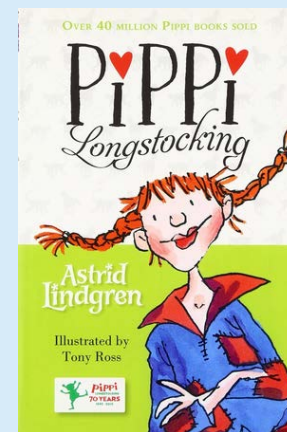
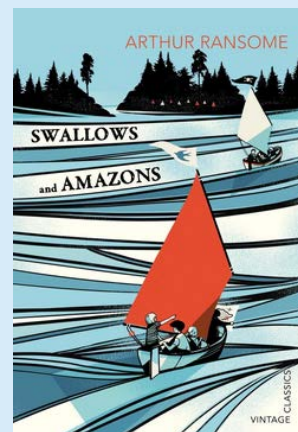
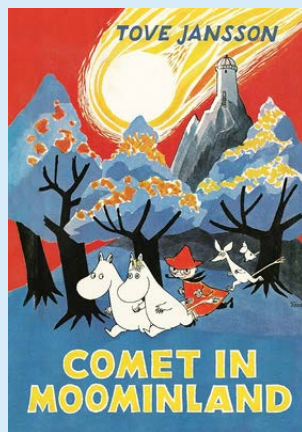
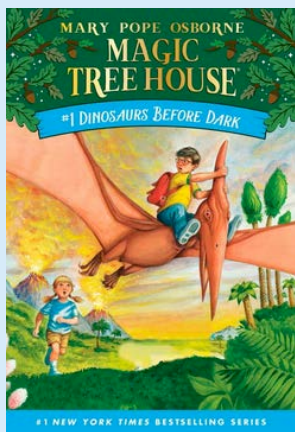
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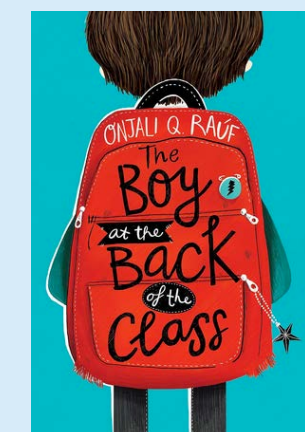
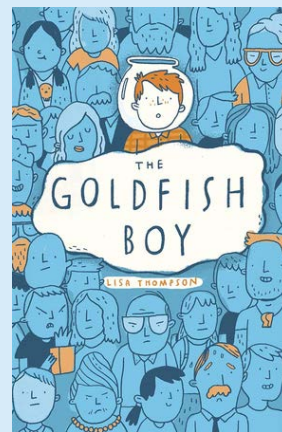
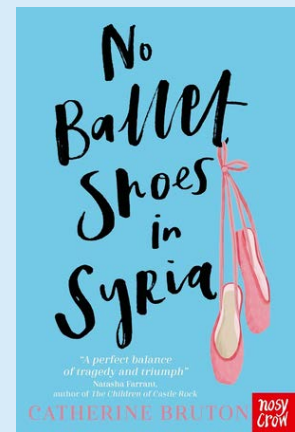
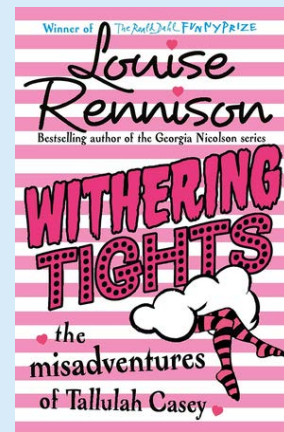
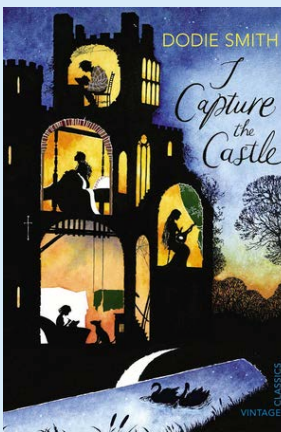
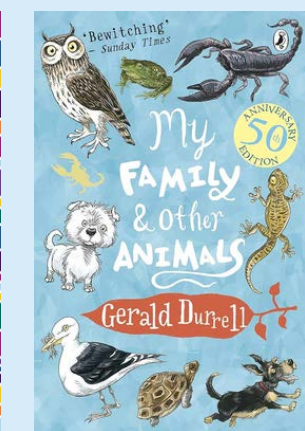
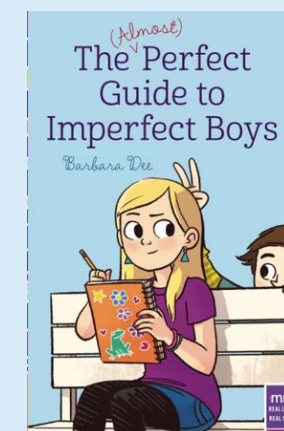
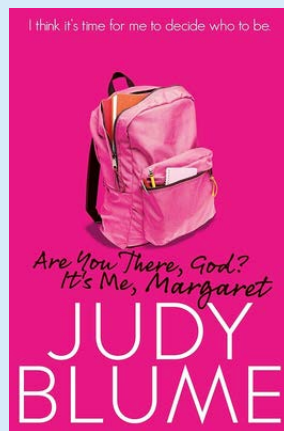
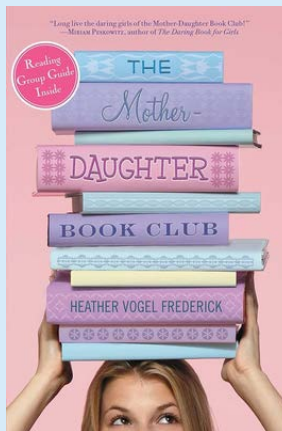
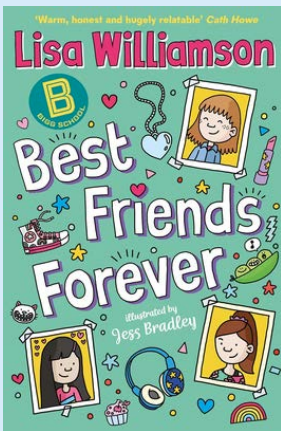
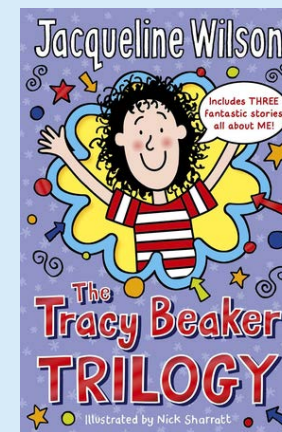
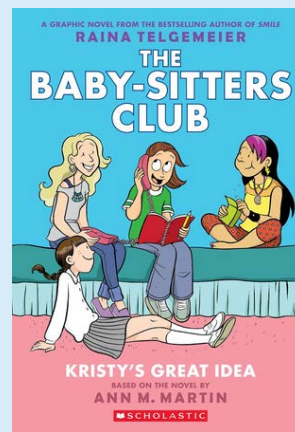
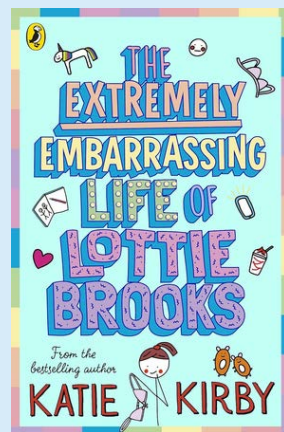
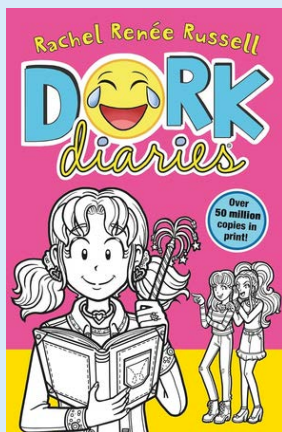
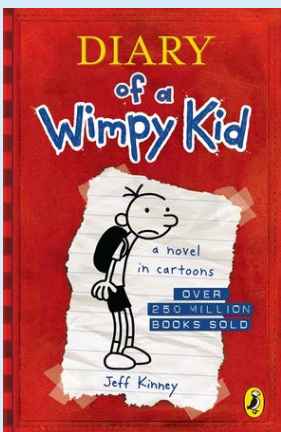
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True Stories from WWI, Peter Hepplewhite

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Letters to the Lighthouse, Emma Carroll

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Ruby Redfort series, Lauren Child

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes,
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Goldie Vance series, Hope Larson

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library,
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Girl Missing series, Sophie McKenzie



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The Land of Stories series, Chris Colfer

Wings series, Aprilynne Pike

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Fairy Tale Reform School series, Jen Calonita

School for Good and Evil series, Soman Chainani

Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling

The Wizards of Once series, Cressida Cowell

How to Train Your Dragon series,

Cressida Cowell

Wings of Fire series, Tui T. Sutherland

A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle

Ingo series, Helen Dunmore

His Dark Materials series, Philip Pullman

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Magic Treehouse series, Mary Pope Osborne
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The Famous Five series, Enid Blyton
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The Explorer, Katherine Rundell

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When the Mountains Roared, Jess Butterworth

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, Nizrana Farook

The Good Thieves, Katherine Rundell

A Series of Unfortunate Events series,
Lemony Snicket

The Midnight Hour series, Benjamin Read &
Laura Trinder

Around the World Eighty Days, Jules Verne
Time Travelling with a Hamster, Ross Welford

Once series, Morris Gleitzman

The Longest Night of Charlie Noon,
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Dara Palmer's Major Drama, Emma Shevah

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The Mother-Daughter Book Club series, Heather

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The Corfu Trilogy, Gerald Durrell

I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith

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The Misadventures of Tallulah Casey series,

Louise Rennison

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The Goldfish Boy, Lisa Thompson

Track series, Jason Reynolds

The Boy at the Back of the Class,

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