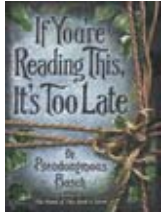




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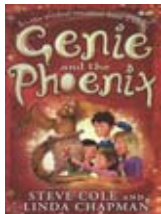
Recommended Primary Fiction Autumn Term 2009



Bosch, Pseudonymous **If you're reading this, it's too late**

Usborne	Pbk	£5.99	9780746097403
Interest age:	10+		Reading age: 11+

Sequel to "The name of this book is secret", with further exciting and dangerous adventures of Cass and Max-Ernest. For those who have not read the first book there is a little background information at the back, but it is best really to read in order.



Cole, Steve **Genie and the phoenix**

Red Fox	Pbk	£5.99	9781862303843
Interest age:	9+		Reading age: 10+

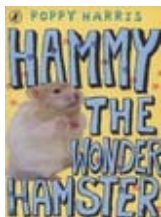
Michael, Jess, Jason and Milly are once again drawn into a magical adventure. They have to find four objects from another time to help their friend Fenella, the phoenix. Second in series, but not necessary to have read the first.



D'Lacey, Chris **Gruffen**

Orchard	Hbk	£8.99	9781408302323	Dragons of Wayward Crescent
Interest age:	7+		Reading age: 8+	

The first in a new series about the pottery dragons which Elizabeth Pennykettle makes. They are aimed at younger readers and happen before "The fire within." An easy to read magical story for young readers.



Harris, Poppy **Hammy the wonder hamster**

Puffin	Pbk	£4.99	9780141324852
Interest age:	7+		Reading age: 8+

Hamilton the hamster is cleverer than other hamsters as he has swallowed a microchip by mistake. Bethan, his owner, and Hamilton have several adventures and can communicate with each other by means of Bethany's mobile phone.



Hawking, Stephen & Lucy **George's cosmic treasure hunt**

Doubleday	Hbk	£12.99	9780385611909
Interest age:	8+		Reading age: 10+

Another space adventure for George and Annie, again interspersed with facts, contributions from scientists, illustrations and colour photos of space objects. A book for those who like facts in with their fiction.



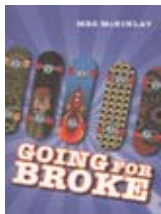
Lawrence, Patrick

Granny Ting Ting

A & C Black Pbk £4.99 9781408111567 White Wolves

Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

Michael goes from London to Trinidad to visit his grandma. He plays with his cousin Shayla, but to Michael everything is bigger and better in London, which starts to upset Shayla. Until she finds she is better at something. A story which gives a flavour of life in the Caribbean today for young readers.



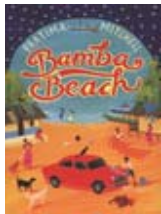
McKinlay, Meg

Going for broke

Walker Pbk £4.99 9781406322149 Lightning strikes

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8+

Nathan wants to get an award. He tries unsuccessfully to break one world record after another, with no preparation or planning. Just as he's about to give up in despair, he finds that he has the record for greatest number of world record attempts in 48 hours. A light easy read for reluctant readers - has some boy appeal.



Mitchell, Pratima

Bamba Beach

A & C Black Pbk £4.99 9781408108956
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

A contemporary Indian story set in Goa. Hari's family are fisher folk, but times are hard as there are no fish left in their bay. Hari manages to rise above his humble origins, striving to help his family and show everyone that family feuds and village superstitions are better off forgotten.



Nicholl, Sally

Season of secrets

Marion Lloyd Pbk £6.99 9781407105130
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Molly and her sister are living with their grandparents following the death of their mother. Their father is depressed and unable to cope. Hannah finds an outlet for her grief through smashing crockery, and Molly finds some solace in age old myths. The juxtaposition of the modern world with legend is mostly successful.



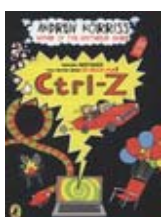
Nix, Garth

Aenir

HarperCollins Pbk £5.99 9780007261215 Seventh Tower

Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Tal and Milla travel to the dream world where the Codex is hidden. As they go from one danger to another, they start to understand each other a little better. Returning to the Tower, they are in more danger than ever. 3rd in series, best read in order.

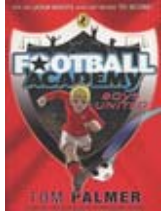


Norris, Andrew

Ctrl-z

Puffin Pbk £4.99 9780141324296
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Alex is given a laptop with a Ctrl-Z function that can turn back time for that day. He uses Ctrl-Z to prevent his accident-prone friend having so many accidents. Fun story, written with a light touch and a clear message.



Palmer, Tom

Boys United

Puffin	Pbk	£4.99	9780141324678	Football Academy
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	8+

Jake, who is starting secondary school, tries out for the under twelves team. The characters are a bit predictable but the style is engaging and will be enjoyed by football fans.

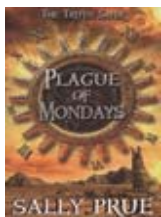


Phinn, Gervase

A Bit of a hero

Andersen	Pbk	£4.99	9781842709092	
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	9+

Tom's Dad died trying to rescue a child in his job as a fireman. Tom finds the courage to face up to the school bully through friendship with an American soldier. A down to earth story covering a variety of issues which is sensitively and warmly written.



Prue, Sally

Plague of Mondays

OUP	Pbk	£5.99	9780192755377	Truth Sayer
Interest age:	9+		Reading age:	10+

A clever science fiction story, the third about Nian, the Truth Sayer. Time is being interfered with, and the book starts with Monday repeating itself over and over. As with the other two books there is food for thought for the more discerning reader though it can be read simply for the very exciting story.



Robson, Mark

Longfang

Simon & Schuster	Pbk	£6.99	9781847380708	Dragon Orb
Interest age:	9+		Reading age:	9+

Third in the "Dragon orb" quartet.

Kira and her dragon Longfang have to find the third orb, but are still being pursued by the night riders, and dragon hunters. It is not essential to have read the others in the series, but some of the people introduced in the other books feature in this one, without a proper explanation of who they are. However most readers should be able to work it out.

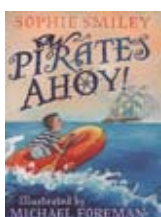


Sedgwick, Marcus

Flood and fang

Orion	Pbk	£7.99	9781842556924	Raven mysteries
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	9+

Edgar the crow is alarmed when a nasty looking black tail slinks under the rhubarb plants, kitchen maids go missing and the castle begins to flood. As the waters rise, the occupants move higher and higher up the building and eventually come face to face with a monster in a bloody and disgusting climax. The fun use of language and the dark gothic element make it good for reading aloud.

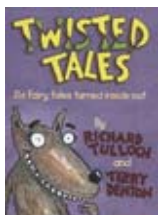


Smiley, Sophie

Pirates ahoy

Andersen	Pbk	£4.99	9781842708828	
Interest age:	7+		Reading age:	8+

Charlie's family are on holiday. Bobby wants a pirate adventure and is no longer interested in football. He and Charlie help save a little girl from drowning and so he gets his adventure after all. Another title in the series about Bobby, who has Downs Syndrome.



Tulloch, Richard

Twisted tales

Random Pbk

£5.99

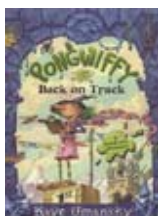
9781741662740

House

Interest age: 7+

Reading age: 8+

A collection of six alternative versions of fairy tales. Good for dipping into or would read aloud well. Light and lively style. Sometimes there is a page about what happened after the story.



Umansky, Kaye

Pongwiffy back on track

Bloomsbury Pbk

£5.99

9780747596943

Interest age: 8+

Reading age: 9+

All the witches have been eating too many sweets from the new sweet shop. Pongwiffy decides that in order to get fit they will have an O'Lumpick Games. Everyone eagerly gets into training, much to the disgust of the Yetis who have to close their sweet shop down. Another amusing Pongwiffy story.



Ure, Jean

Fortune Cookie

HarperCollins Pbk

£5.99

9780007224623

Interest age: 9+

Reading age: 9+

When Lisa's younger brother, who has muscular dystrophy, wants a dog, his sister and her friend are determined to get it at any cost. A light, easy to read story that should appeal to Jacqueline Wilson fans.

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