

Boys into Books

Youngest (3 to 5)

Picture Books

- **When a Monster is Born** by Sean Taylor and Nick Sharratt
- **J is for Jamaica** by Benjamin Zephaniah and Prodeepta Das
- **Silly Billy** by Anthony Browne
- **Edwardo, the Horriblest Boy in the Whole Wide World** by John Burningham
- **But Martin!** by June Counsel and Neal Layton
- **While You Are Sleeping** by Alexis Deacon
- **Three Little Ghosties** by Pippa Goodhart and Annalaura Cantone
- **The Incredible Book Eating Boy** by Oliver Jeffers
- **Fig's Giant** by Geraldine McCaughrean and Jago
- **We're Off to Look for Aliens** by Colin McNaughton

Animals or Creatures

- **Small Knight and George** by Ronda Armitage and Arthur Robins
- **Fox Fables** by Dawn Casey and Jago
- **Amazing Mr Zooty!** by Emma Chichester Clark
- **Dad's Bug Bear** by Peter Dixon and Natalie Chivers
- **Goodnight, Baby Bat** by Debi Gliori
- **The Trouble with Dogs!** By Bob Graham
- **The Three Billy Goats' Stuff** by Bob Hartman and Jaqueline East
- **One Man Went to Mow** by Rose Impey and Chris Mould
- **The Robot and the Bluebird** by David Lucas
- **Marvin's Funny Dance** by Sarah McConnell
- **The Scallywags** by David Melling

- **Soggy the Bear** by Philip Moran and Michael Foreman
- **Robot Dog** by Mark Oliver

- **Ooo Ooo Ooo Gorilla!** by Lydia Monks
- **The Lamb Who Came for Dinner** by Steve Smallman and Joelle Dreidemy
- **Who's in the Loo?** By Jeanne Willis and Adrian Reynolds
- **Grill Pan Eddy** by Jean Willis and Tony Ross

Dinosaurs Galore

- **Dinosaur Chase!** By Benedict Blathwayt
- **Tyrannosaurus Drip** by Julia Donaldson and David Roberts
- **A Dinosaur Called Tiny** by Alan Durant and Jo Simpson
- **Trouble at the Dinosaur Cafe** by Brian Moses and Garry Parsons
- **How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?** Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

The Middle Years

(6 to 9 –plus)

Shorter Books

- **The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World** by Eoin Colfer
- **Ivan the Terrible** by Anne Fine
- **Brilliant Billy's Big Book of Dinosaurs** by Simon Hutton
- **The Twin Giants** by Dick King-Smith
- **Charlie – and the Cat Flap** by Hilary McKay
- **King John and the Abbot** by Jan Mark
- **Damian Drooth Supersleuth: Spycatcher** by Barbara Mitchell Hill
- **Don't Be Horrid, Henry!** by Francesca Simon
- **A Head Full of Stories** by Su Swallow
- **Vanishing Village** by Hazel Townson
- **Li Fu's Great Aim** by Karen Wallace
- **A Nod from Nelson** by Simon Weston

Aliens, Ghosts and Monsters

- **The Ghost School** by Louise Arnold
- **Tommy Niner – and the Moon of Doom** by Tony Badman
- **Jack Slater Monster Investigator** by John Dougherty
- **Ghost Hunters and the Mud Dripping Monster!** By Cornelia Funke
- **Alien Teeth** by Ian Macdonald
- **One Beastly Beast, Two Aliens, Three Inventors, Four Fantastic Tales** by Garth Nix
- **Measle and the Doompit** by Ian Ogilvy
- **James and the Alien Experiment** by Sally Prue
- **The Little Vampire Moves In** by Angela Somner – Bodenburg

Football and Feelings

- **Justin and the Demon Drop-Kick** by Bernard Ashley

- **Wasim the Wanderer** by Chris Ashley
- **Keeper's Ball** by Rob Childs
- **Say Hello** by Jack Foreman
- **The Boy with the Lightning Feet** by Sally Gardner
- **Cracking Up** by Sandra Glover
- **Whistle! – Volume 18: Change Over** by Daisuke Higuchi
- **The Cube** by Paul Manship
- **Team Trouble** by Sophie Smiley

Funnies

- **Billy Bonkers** by Giles Andreae
- **Stinky Finger's Peace and Love Thing** by Jon Blake
- **Snakes Legs and Cows Eggs (Seriously Silly Stories)** by Adam Bushnell
- **Stunt Monkeys: Four Boys Go Ape!** By Martin Chatterton
- **Astrosaur: The Sun-Snatchers** by Steve Cole

- **Cows in Action: The Moo-my's Curse** by Steve Cole
- **Sensible Hare and the Case of Carrots** by Darren King
- **Stone Goblins** by David Melling
- **Hairy Mole's Adventures on the High Seas** by Chris Owen
- **Grizzle Tales: Nasty Little Beasts** by Jamie Rix
- **Mr Gum and the Power Crystals** by Andy Stanton
- **Asterix and the Vikings: The Book of the Film** by Albert Uderzo

Picture Books for Older Readers

- **Space Pirates and the Monster of Malswomp** by Scoular Anderson
- **The Adventure of the Dish and the Spoon** by Mini Grey
- **Fly, Pigeon, Fly** by John Henderson, Julia Donaldson and Thomas Docherty
- **Whale** by David Lucas
- **Wendel's Workshop** by Chris Riddell
- **Probuditi!** By Chris Van Allsburg

Longer Books

- **Doctor Who: You Decide Your Destiny No. 3: The Time Crocodile** by Colin Brake
- **Last of the Leatherbacks** by D.J. Brazier
- **Saxby Smart, Private Detective: The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files** by Simon Cheshire
- **Spy Dog: Unleashed** by Andrew Cope
- **Grk and the Hot Dog Trail** by Joshua Doder
- **The Humming Machine** by Berlie Doherty
- **Raven Boy** by Pippa Goodhart
- **George's Secret to the Universe** by Lucy and Stephen Hawking
- **Mammoth Academy in Trouble** by Neal Layton
- **The Wickit Chronicles: Fen Gold** Joan Lennon

- **Troll Trouble: Goat Pie** by Alan Macdonald
- **Thomas Trew and the Flying Huntsman** by Sophie Masson
- **Something Wickedly Weird: The Icy Hand** by Chris Mould
- **F.E.A.R. Adventures: The Crime Lord** by Jak Shadow
- **Hugo Pepper (The Third Far-Flung Adventure)** by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
- **Lost! The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog** Jeremy Strong
- **The Perfume Pirates of Perfidy (The Amazing Adventures of Charlie Small)** by Charlie Small (aka Nick Ward)
- **Who's Toby Tucker? : Keeping Sneaky Secrets** by Val Wilding
- **Max Flash Mission 1: Game On** by Jonny Zucker

Folk Tales, Myths and Legends

- **Mad Myths: A Touch Of Wind** by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore
- **Thor and the Master of Magic** by Kevin Crossley – Holland
- **Brima and the Water of Life** by Franzeska G. Ewart
- **Jack and the Dragon’s Tooth** by Lily Hyde
- **The Goblin of Tara** by Olsin McGann
- **Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War** by Kathy Henderson
- **Stories From Ancient Civilisations: The Vikings** by Shahrukh Husain
- **The Secret World of Magic** Rosalind Kervan
- **Jason: Quest for the Golden Fleece: A Greek Myth** by Jeff Limke
- **A Dictionary of Monsters and Mysterious Beasts** by Carey Miller
- **Dark Tales From the Woods** by Daniel Morden
- **Indian Tales** by Shenaaz Nanji
- **Ghaddar the Ghoul and Other Palestinian Stories** by Sonia Nimr

General Information Books

- **The Boyhood of Burglar Bill** by Allan Ahlberg
- **Parallel Worlds** by Herbie Brennan
- **The Picture History of Great Buildings** by Gillian Clements
- **What’s Eating You? : Parasites, the Inside Story** by Nicola Davies
- **Ape** by Martin Jenkins and Vicky White
- **Hocus Pocus: A Tale of Magnificent Magicians and Their Amazing Feats** by Paul Kieve
- **All Pigs Are Beautiful** by Dick King-Smith
- **Stone Age Boy** by Satoshi Kitamura
- **Little Genius: Bones** by Kate Lennard
- **It’s True! You Eat Poison Every Day** by Peter Macinnis
- **Dino-Dinners** by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
- **My Body Book** by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
- **The Museum Book** by Jan Mark

- **Who Was...Isambard Kingdom Brunel?: The Iron Man** by Amanda Mitchison
- **Mighty Motorbike** Chris Oxlade
- **Egyptian Diary: The Journal of Nakht** by Richard Platt

Poetry

- **The Hat** by Carol Ann Duffy
- **The Universal Vacuum Cleaner and Other Riddle Poems** by John Foster
- **Puzzling Poems to Drive You Crazy and Revolting Poems to Make You Squirm** By Susie Gibbs
- **I Don’t Want an Avocado for an Uncle** by Chrissie Gittins
- **My Hat and All That** by Tony Mitton
- **There’s a Hamster in the Fast Lane** by Brian Moses
- **Mustard, Custard, Grumble Belly and Gravy** by Michael Rosen

Older and More Confident Readers

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Times Past

- **Battle Fleet Trafalgar 1805** by Paul Dowswell
- **Croydon and the Siege of Troy** by Tobias Druitt
- **The Red Necklace** by Sally Gardner
- **Once** by Morris Gleitzman
- **Jack Bolt and the Highwaymen's Hideout** by Richard Hamilton
- **Tamburlaine's Elephants** by Geraldine McCaughrean
- **Outcast (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness)** by Michelle Paver
- **Sherlock Holme's Baker Street Boys: The Case of the Limehouse Laundry** by Anthony Read
- **The Death Collector** by Justin Richards
- **Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse** by Rick Riordan

- **Montmorency's Revenge** by Eleanor Updale

Here and Now

- **Hox** by Annemarie Allan
- **The Wright Three** by Blue Balliett
- **The London Eye Mystery** by Sibhan Dowd
- **Toonhead** by Fiona Dunbar
- **The Geek, The Greek and the Pimpernel** by Will Gatti
- **Relax Max** by Sally Grindley(writing as D.J. Lucas)
- **The Great Escape** by Natalie Haynes
- **The Bad Spy's Guide** by Pete Johnson
- **Born to Run: The Many Lives of One Incredible Dog** by Michael Morpurgo
- **Catcall** by Linda Newbery
- **Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick
- **Shipleigh Manor** by Tim Walker

Life is Rough and Tough

- **Broken Glass** by Sally Grindley
- **The Garbage King** by Elizabeth Laird
- **Dogodogo: Tanzanian Street Children Tell Their Stories** by Kasia Parham

Boy Heroes

- **Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel** by Eoin Colfer
- **Jimmy Coates: Sabotage** by Joe Craig
- **Young Bond: Hurricane Gold** by Charlie Higson
- **Point Blanc: The Graphic Novel** by Anthony Horowitz and Anthony Johnston

Fantasy

- **The Palace of Laughter** by Jon Berkeley
- **Arthur and the Forbidden City** by Luc Besson
- **Sebastian Darke: Prince of Fools** by Philip Caveney
- **Lee Raven: Boy Thief** by Zizou Corder

- **The Ship Between the Worlds** by Julia Golding
- **Shadow Forest** by Matt Haig
- **The Black Book of Secrets** by F.E.Higgins
- **Warrior Cats: A Dangerous Path** by Erin Hunter
- **Troll Blood** by Katherine Langrish
- **The Iron, the Switch and the Broom Cupboard** by Michael Lawrence
- **Doctor Who: Sick Building** by Paul Magars
- **Kai-Ro** by Graham Marks
- **Operation Typhoon Shore** by Joshua Mowll
- **Charlie Bone and the Wilderness Wolf (Children of the Red King)** by Jenny Nimmo
- **Urgum and the Seat of Flames** by Kjartan Poskitt
- **A Darkling Plain** by Philip Reeve
- **Starcross** by Philip Reeve
- **The Outlaw Varjak Paw** by S.F. Said

- **Vampirates: Blood Captain** by Justin Somper
- **The Shapeshifter: Stirring the Storm** by Ali Sparkes
- **The Storm Maker** by Alex Williams

Chills and Thrills

- **The Spook's Battle (The Wardstone Chronicles)** by Joseph Delaney
- **Uncle Montague's Tale of Terror** by Chris Priestley
- **The Invisible Man's Socks** by Alex Shearer
- **Barnaby Grimes: Curse of the Night Wolf** by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

Websites for Children (and adults too!)

- **Betty Bookmark**
www.bettybookmark.co.uk
- **Bookbox**
www.channel4.com/bookbox
- **Bookheads**
www.bookheads.org.uk

- **Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards**
www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk
- **Children's Authors TV**
www.childrensauthors.tv
- **Children's Book Sequels**
www.childrensbooksequels.co.uk
- **Children's Poetry Bookshelf**
www.childrenspoetrybookshelf.co.uk
- **Comic Book Resources**
www.comicbookresources.com
- **Cool Reads** www.cool-reads.co.uk
- **Encompass Culture (British Council)**
www.encompassculture.com
- **Great Books to Read Aloud**
www.greatbookstoreadaloud.co.uk
- **International Children's Digital Library** www.icdlbooks.org
- **Just for Kids Who Love Books**
www.alanbrown.com
- **Kids' Review**
www.kidsreview.org.uk
- **Love Reading 4 Kids**
www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk