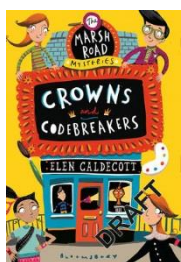




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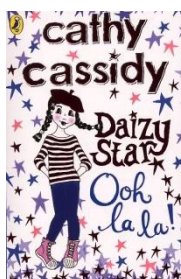
CF = Children's Fiction



Caldecott, Elen

“My favourite kinds of stories are ones where very ordinary people do very extraordinary things. So, these are the kind of stories I set out to write: real life, but with the promise of adventure.” Strong characterisation, gentle humour and realistic settings pervade all her titles and should have universal appeal.

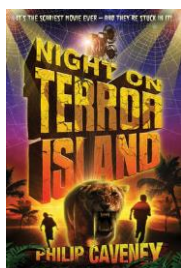
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Cassidy, Cathy - Daizy series

Daizy is on a school trip to Paris, cheerfully evading her father's latest embarrassing job. This series follows the engaging preoccupations of a Year 6 girl, whose friends are changing. The stories are humorous, credible and fun with well realised characters.

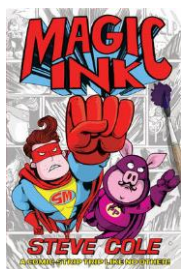
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Caveney, Philip - Sebastian Darke series / Night on Terror Island / Spy Another Day / Space Blasters

Terror Island and Spy Another Day are a must for any film buffs. These are fast paced, action packed and full of humour & bad puns. The Sebastian Darke series is a well structured fantasy series with a strong cast of characters and lashings of humour for upper KS2.

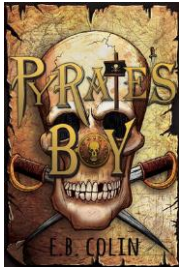
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Cole, Steve - Magic Ink

A new title and series with superhero appeal and comic book, slapstick humour and characters. It may appeal to reluctant readers and some of the story is developed in a comic strip schematic.

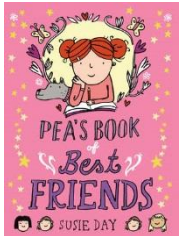
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Colin, E B - Pirates Boy

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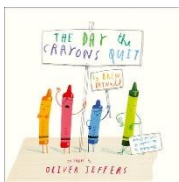
A swashbuckling yarn that takes its readers from Glasgow to Jamaica and back via East coast America. A good adventure story within a historical tradition, drawing much of its inspiration from Treasure Island with well drawn heroes and dastardly villains.



Day, Susie - Pea's Book of Best Friends (Life of Pea series)

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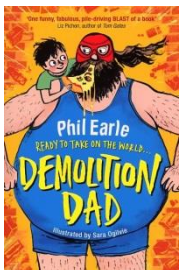
Pea's mum has hit fame and the whole family are moving to London. There are lots of great things about the move but Pea is finding it hard to make friends in Year 6 at her new school. What should she do?



Daywalt, Drew - The Day the Crayons Quit

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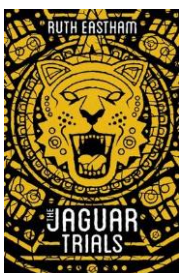
This is persuasive writing at its funniest with each crayon assuming the character of a lobbyist, trying to persuade Duncan to use them more (pink) or less (blue). Shortlisted for a number of awards.



Earle, Phil - Demolition Dad

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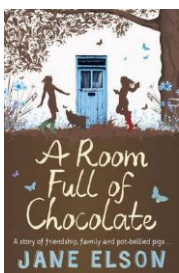
A warm funny story about Jake and his Dad, Beefeater George who demolishes buildings by day and is Jake's wrestling superstar at the weekends. Jake has big plans for Dad but is he quite ready to take on the world?



Eastham, Ruth - Jaguar Trials

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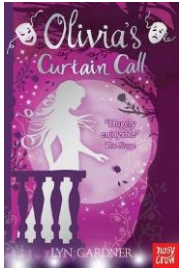
Set in the jungle fringing the Amazon river, this story is a terrific page turner. Join Ben and his two friends as they search for El Dorado following the clues that will help Ben rescue his missing Dad. Full of suspense and tension, this will have you on the edge of your seats.



Elson, Jane - A Room Full of Chocolate

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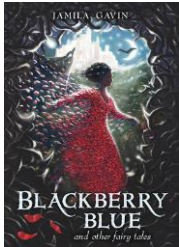
This award winning story has plenty of action and a madcap adventure involving two friends and a pig. Grace's Mum is ill in hospital so Grace is sent to live with Grandad in Yorkshire. With the help of her friend Megan, they defeat the school bullies, run away to London and discover the importance of family and friendship.



Gardner, Lyn - Olivia series

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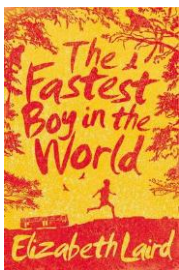
These books are set in a stage school and follow Olivia as she stars in a variety of plays and productions. From Edinburgh to the West End the productions are fraught with familiar school problems: friendships, enemies and trust.



Gavin, Jamila - Blackberry Blue and other fairy tales

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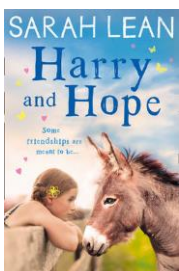
Six magical tales. Full of intrigue and charm these tales transport you to different lands and although you might recognise part of the tale other aspects are brand new.



Laird, Elizabeth - The Fastest Boy in the World

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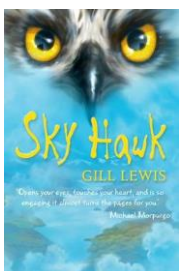
Solomon dreams of joining Ethiopia's national athletics team. He loves to run and this helps him run 20 miles to get help for his dying Granddad from his village. A beautifully written, exciting story about a boy who is full of hope and dreams but puts his family first.



Lean, Sarah - Harry and Hope

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A gentle evocation of Hope's need to come to terms with the departure of her Mum's boyfriend. Frank left Hope in charge of Harry, but it is through her growing understanding and empathy with a difficult donkey that Hope learns about herself and her mother.



Lewis, Gill - Sky Hawk

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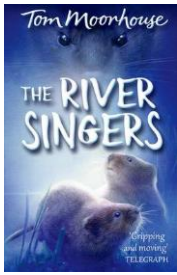
Set in Scotland this is for all animal lovers. Callum and Iona form an unlikely friendship united in their discovery of the Osprey's nest. This story is told partly as letters and emails as the Osprey goes on its long journey to Africa.



Mitchelhill, Barbara - Any title

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Enjoy different historical periods with this author as she writes about life on stage with Shakespeare, the struggle to survive in Victorian London and the horror of the Blitz.



Moorhouse, Tom - The River Singers

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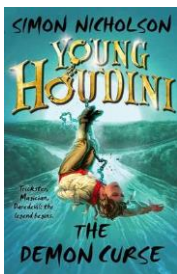
Imagine life on the river bank when you are as small as a Water Vole. Follow this family as they desperately try to stay together while around them animals are disappearing as a predator is on the loose.



Mould, Chris - Pirates 'n' Pistols

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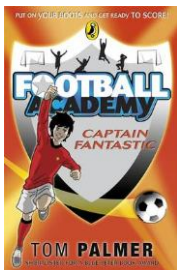
Short stories all with a pirate theme. Some are original and others are extracts from longer novels. All have a dark sinister edge to them and are accompanied by scary illustrations.



Nicholson, Simon - Young Houdini series

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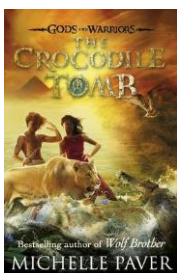
A historical series set in 1880s America, Harry and his two friends face a number of mysteries and some fearsome villains. They have a strong sense of place and the friendship between the three characters will appeal to boys and girls alike if looking for an action packed story.



Palmer, Tom - Football Academy series

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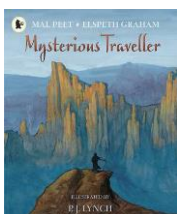
Love football stories? Then try this series from sports mad Tom Palmer. This follows the players for United's U12 team.



Paver, Michelle - Gods and Warriors series

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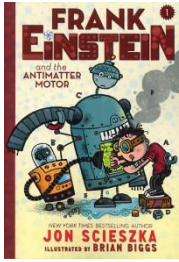
Another quality read from this award winning writer. This series is set in Bronze age Greece and the two main characters Hylas and Pirra begin a quest together although they are not keen on each other to begin with. The harshness of the terrain and the relentless pursuit of the Black Warriors make cooperation necessary.



Peet, Mal - Mysterious Traveller

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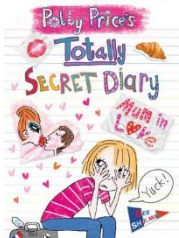
Discover the harsh landscape of the desert in this lovely picture book. Issa is a guide who knows the safe pathways through this harsh landscape but he is not prepared for the precious cargo he discovers.



Scieszka, Jon - Frank Einstein series

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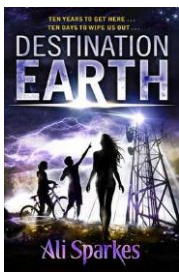
Wonderfully funny series which combines science, invention and humour with Frank trying to outwit his competitor T. Edison. Frank has the help of two robo lab assistants who are given life when a lightning flash strikes.



Shulman, Dee - Polly Price's Totally Secret Diary and other Polly titles

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Great fun and filled with doodles and embarrassing entries.



Sparkes, Ali - Destination Earth

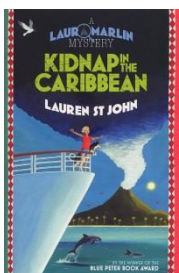
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This is a terrific page turner, full of suspense and action. The story is set on the Isle of Wight and is a sci-fi thriller with Lucy the alien arriving and trying to blend in with teenagers of her age. Unknown to her the parasitic alien that killed her people has hitchhiked to Earth. Lucy and her new friends must find a way of stopping the invasion.



Staake, Bob - Bluebird

A lonely boy befriends a bluebird in this wordless picture book. Here the reader is the narrator, supported by the storyboard illustrations. Good for thinking about loneliness, bullying and death.



St John, Lauren - Laura Marlin Mysteries / Last Leopard

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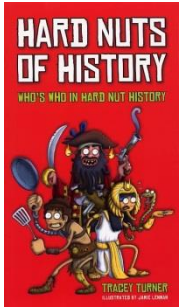
For animal and detective fans alike. A chance to travel and explore other countries with these wonderful stories. Laura is adopted by an unknown Uncle and so starts a series of adventures. The animal series looks at conservation themes.



Thomson, Jamie - The Wrong Side of the Galaxy

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If you are looking for a funny science fiction title, this may well appeal. Jamie wakes up on his birthday and is kidnapped by aliens in his worst birthday ever. On the plus side he does become captain of the spaceship and if he can just get the better of the ship's computer he may find his way back to earth.



Turner, Tracey - Hard Nuts of History: who's who in hard nut history

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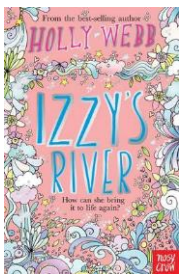
If you like Horrible Histories you will like this series. Full of ruthless and courageous men and women.



Umansky, Kaye - The Queen's Tale and other titles

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Humour and magic are the ingredients for these great stories. Witches, dragons and other fairy tale characters all come to life when Kaye Umansky starts writing.



Webb, Holly - Izzy's River

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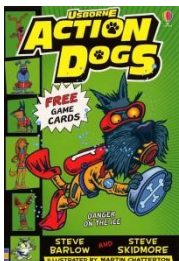
Second in series about a group of 4 friends. In this story, Izzy and Billy (dog) are out for a walk when Billy jumps into the local river and needs rescuing. The polluted, littered river gives Izzy an idea for a project to clean up the river. This brings a whole community together.

Pacy Reads



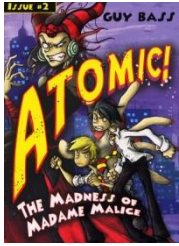
Barlow, Steve - I Hero series

The 2 Steve's exciting 'Decide your own Destiny' series where the reader directs the plot. These are quick pacy reads with enough menace and excitement to grip the reader.



Barlow, Steve - Action Dogs series

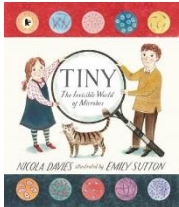
A team of dog heroes, struggle to combat evil forces from a gang called Katmanchew threatening the earth. Enjoyable characters and some terrific illustrations make the series a winner.



Bass, Guy - Atomic! Series

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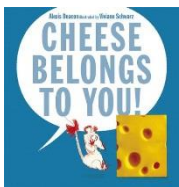
If you like comics and cartoons, try this series where the story is told in writing and comic strip. The series features the sons of that all American hero Captain Atomic as his sons rise to the challenge of saving the world.



Davies, Nicola - Tiny: the Invisible World of Microbes

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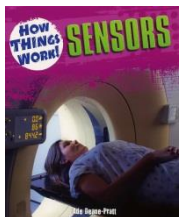
An introduction to micro-organisms, their size, variety and interactions with our human world. There are beautiful illustrations and some amazing quotable facts in this information book.



Deacon, Alexis - Cheese Belongs to You!

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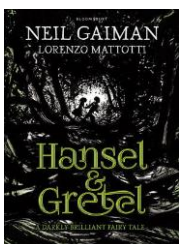
Wonderful picture book examining rules (rat law) and manners with a deft use of tension and suspense. Just who will get to eat cheese? Ideal for reading aloud and sharing.



Deane-Pratt, Ade - Sensors

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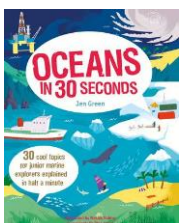
An excellent series introducing gadgets, instruments, and machines that we use in daily life. The series has clear explanations about how things work, suggested experiments demonstrating the science and instructions at the back of the books providing the opportunity to make various sensors for example.



Gaiman, Neil - Hansel & Gretel

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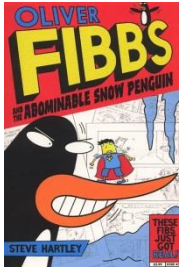
A dark retelling of this traditional tale with a good evocation of a gothic atmosphere and a menacing, sinister tone to writing and illustrations. The background to the original story at the back is fascinating and puts the tone of the story into context.



Green, Jen - Oceans in 30 Seconds

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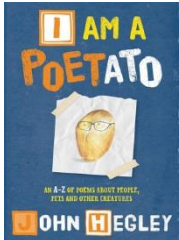
An interesting idea, this series explores 30 key topics on the subject, has a 3 minute mini mission or experiment on each double page spread and a diagram illustrating the key facts for each topic. It is an interesting way of introducing scientific facts.



Hartley, Steve - Oliver Fibb's and the Abominable Snow Penguin

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Oliver's super talent is telling stories (or fibs) - you choose. He is fuelled by pizza and comic reading, but are his stories as good as yours? Try the first in this funny new series.



Hegley, John - I am a Poetato: an A-Z of poems about people, pets and other creatures

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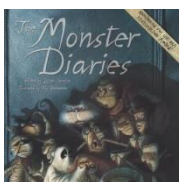
Funny poems organised alphabetically by name and presented in the poet's scrapbook. They are short and funny, and Warning: these poems may contain animals.



Ladd, Jim - Stranded! (Space pirates series)

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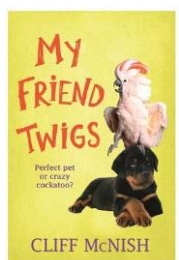
There's only one thing better than pirates and that is pirates in space especially if your parents are missing. These are fast paced, short and set in an amazing universe.



Luciano, Sarancino - The Monster Diaries

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What a lot of fun diaries can be. The illustrations in this book are really funny with the poor monsters left doing some very boring (but familiar) jobs. Does your day look like theirs?



McNish, Cliff - My Friend Twigs

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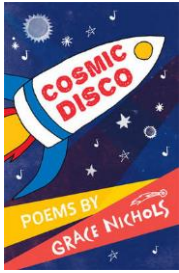
Jess inherits her Granny's cockatoo in this warm family story about friendship, animals and noisy birds. Starting at a new school, Jess needs friends but Dad is being driven mad by Jess's noise and needs some respite. I wonder how the problem will be resolved?



Merville, David - Hello, Mr. Hulot

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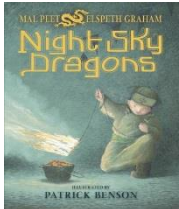
This character was one of the inspirations for Mr Bean. The author is French. Do the pictures look French to you?



Nichols, Grace - Cosmic Disco

Don't judge this book by its cover. Instead take a look inside at the huge range of topics covered by the poems. There is the awesome universe, seasons, nature, ideas, Dads, and school. Wonder at the enormity and the ordinariness of the subjects.

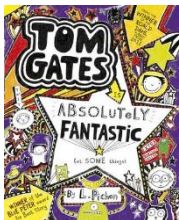
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Peet, Mal - Night Sky Dragons

A multicultural story in the tradition of folk tales, Yazul lives with his father in a trading post along the Silk Road in China. The writing captures the time and the culture, but Yazul's main preoccupation is winning his Dad's approval.

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Pichon, Liz - Tom Gates series

Award winning series (Roald Dahl Funny prize). Popular because of well drawn characters, strong plots, familiar settings and very, very funny. They strike a chord with readers and the doodles are good too.

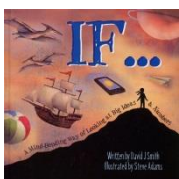
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Rayner, Shoo - Olympia series

This Olympia series features short chapter books set in ancient Greece. The stories give a flavour of some of the traditional Olympic sports skills. Olly may live in ancient Greece, but he still struggles with bullies.

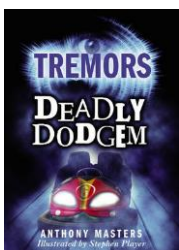
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Smith, David J - If: a mind-bending way of looking at big ideas and numbers

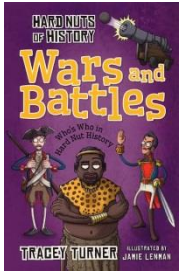
Really interesting way of considering ideas and placing the statistics in context. Do the comparisons work in helping to understand objects and events?

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Tremors series

The series are written by a number of popular authors and will appeal to anyone who likes a spooky story. They are genuinely scary fast paced page turners. Read them if you dare.



Turner, Tracey - Wars and Battles

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A swift read through some biographies of major personalities of history, their influence over wars and battles whether brave and dashing or ruthless and dastardly. Read the one page profile for yourself and decide whether they are a hardnut to be celebrated or vilified.

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