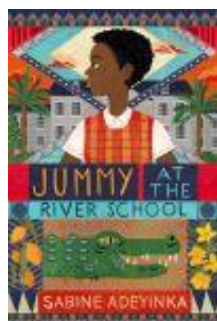


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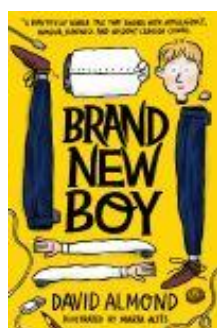


Adeyinka, Sabine

Jummy at the River School

Jummy is excited to have won a place at the River School, Nigeria's top boarding school, until her best friend Caro arrives there also but to work not learn! The injustice burns in Jummy's heart and she sets out to fix things. A great read that looks at inequality, friendship and standing true to your values.

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Almond, David

Brand New Boy

When George arrives at school the teachers are buzzing with excitement and the children believe he is strange but likeable all at the same time. Dan and Maxie soon realise that there is more to George than they imagined! A thought provoking read at KS2.

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Biddulph, Rob

Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City

Peanut Jones is an enthusiastic art fanatic who gets caught up in an exciting adventure when her dad goes missing. Illustrations complement the text throughout, making this a very accessible read.

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Bunzl, Peter

Magicborn

Bound by a deadly curse, Tempest and Thomas begin to feel their dormant magic flickering back into life. Can it be true that they are the lost Princess and Prince of Fairyland? A fantasy fairy tale set back in time.

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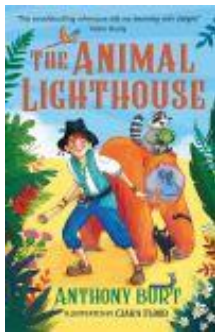
**Burnell,
Cerrie**

Wilder than Midnight

Three girls from different backgrounds join forces to save their magical kingdom of Silverthorne.

With links to fairy tales as well as some sinister goings on, this is a cracking adventure story which links family, friendship, courage and diversity.

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**Burt,
Anthony**

The Animal Lighthouse

Jim lives in a Caribbean lighthouse with animals for company. They discover that the lighthouse filament, which shrouds their island in secrecy, has gone missing. Can they race to protect their magical hideaway in time? A fun, swashbuckling story with more than a splash of adventure, pirates and talking toads!

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**Clements,
Ellie**

The Wondrous Prune

On moving house, Prune is finding it all a bit overwhelming and is a victim of bullying. But then she discovers a magical power - her drawings come to life in a stunning burst of colours. A delightful story about self-discovery and overcoming life-changing events.

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**Edge,
Christopher**

Escape Room

A thrilling adventure story about a group of children who must solve various puzzles to escape the rooms. However, things take a sinister turn and the challenges become increasingly more difficult as time runs out. Can Ami and her friends find the Answer before it's too late? Gripping and enthralling, with a surprise ending.

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**Farook,
Nizrana**

**The Girl Who
Lost a
Leopard**

Selvi has always felt different from her classmates. Perhaps it is because her closest companion, Lokka, is a wild leopard with whom she roams the jungle. When dangerous men threaten the life of the unique leopard, she begins to open herself up to making new friends and soon discovers that together they can save Lokka and unravel an underground poaching ring in the process.

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**Gold,
Hannah**

The Last Bear

An amazing first novel. April and her father go to live and work on the uninhabited Bear Island in the Arctic. Both are grieving the loss of April's mother. Left to explore the island, April discovers the last polar bear, and a magical bond develops between them. Can this bear save both April and her father? A captivating read of loss, courage, and hope.

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**Howe,
Cath**

The Insiders

Ted has always been close to Callie, Zara and Nico but since 'The Incident' he has gone super quiet, and no one knows why! Meanwhile, Billy the class clown is acting weirdly, and Callie decides to investigate. This is a tale of friendship and families where nothing is as it seems.

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**Howell,
A M**

**The Secret of
the Treasure
Keepers**

Set in the aftermath of WWII, Ruth is adjusting to her parent's divorce and all the change it brings. Part of this is her mother's new job at the British Museum and the discovery of buried treasure on a farm. Ruth is quick to spy that something is not right and sets out to unravel the mystery.

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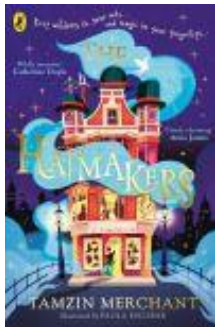


Longmuir, Fiona

Looking for Emily

A mystery story about Lily who moves to a seaside town and discovers a hidden museum dedicated to a girl called Emily. Who was Emily and why does she have a museum? Lily decides to find out more. A quirky and original read.

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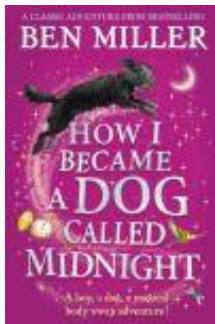


Merchant, Tamzin

The Hatmakers

A magical, slightly old-fashioned story but one that is full of fantastical escapism. An ancient feud between England and France threatens to cause upset in an alternative world history. Full of spunky heroines, proper baddies and some magic, this is an adventure like no other.

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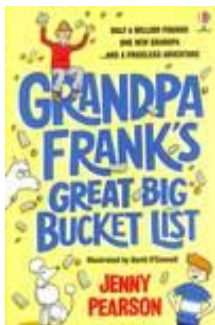


Miller, Ben

How I Became a Dog Called Midnight

George is convinced that Clive, Lady Jane's new husband, is up to something fishy! How can he prove it and will Midnight, Clive's loyal pooch, be the key to solving this madcap mystery? A definite laugh out loud read that will have you grinning from start to finish!

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Pearson, Jenny

Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List

Frank has inherited almost a quarter of a million pounds from a step-Grandma he didn't know he had. However, the money comes with the promise to look after his 'new' grumpy Grandpa. Frank makes an epic bucket list of things to do together - and things get very weird! An hilarious story about families, adventure, and finding out who you really are.

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Rivers, Holly

The Boy in the Post

Three children think that they are facing a boring summer until they see an advert for an animal postal service. When a pelican goes missing on a journey to the USA, an adventurous postal journey of their own follows in this exciting read.

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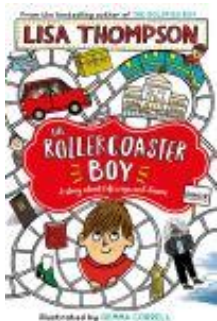


**Shah,
Varsha**

**Ajay and the
Mumbai Sun**

Finding an abandoned printing press, Ajay and his friends create their very own newspaper with stories that uncover secrets steeped in corruption and injustice! Can the young journalists save their slum from demolition? A gripping adventure that helps readers see the importance of standing up for the truth.

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**Thompson,
Lisa**

**The
Rollercoaster
Boy**

Todd is worried - his dad is acting strangely again, taking them on a fun family holiday to the Paradise Hotel in the middle of the night! The hotel seems boring until Todd meets Scout and together they secretly super sleuth their way around the hotel. This is a funny read that gently touches on the effects of having a bi-polar parent.

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**Williams,
Eloise**

**The Tide
Singer**

Morwenna knows her town is wrong about the Tide Singers being evil, but can she convince the town gossip to return her new friend to the sea and stop spreading dangerous rumours? A dark but delightfully gripping read from Barrington Stoke.

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