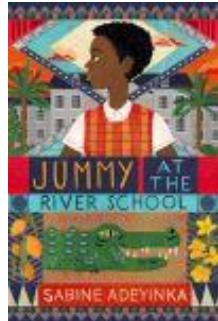


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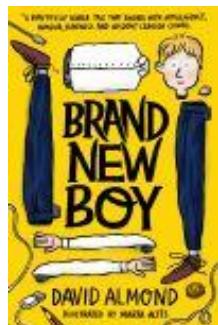


**Adeyinka,  
Sabine**

**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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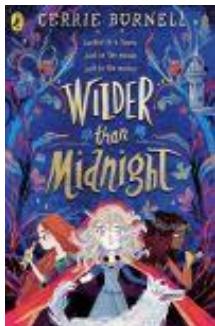
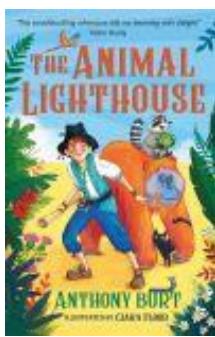
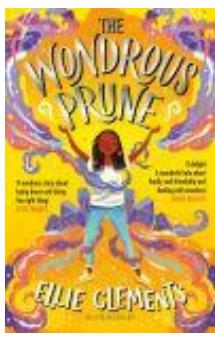
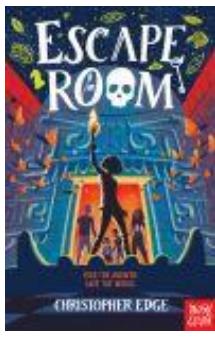
**Bunzl,  
Peter**

**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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	<p><b>Burnell, Cerrie</b></p>	<p><b>Wilder than Midnight</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>CF</b>  </p>
	<p><b>Burt, Anthony</b></p>	<p><b>The Animal Lighthouse</b></p>	<p>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!</p>	<p><b>CF</b>  </p>
	<p><b>Clements, Ellie</b></p>	<p><b>The Wondrous Prune</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>CF</b>  </p>
	<p><b>Edge, Christopher</b></p>	<p><b>Escape Room</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>CF</b>  </p>

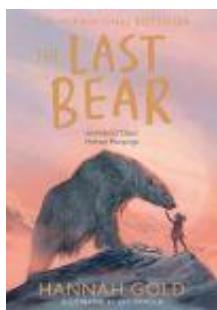


**Farook,  
Nizrana**

**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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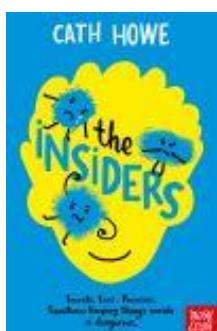


**Gold,  
Hannah**

**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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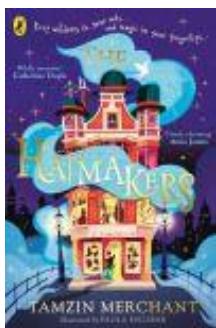


Longmuir,  
Fiona

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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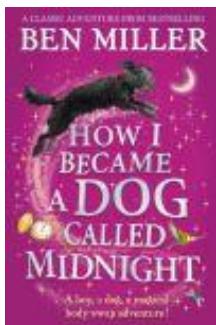


Merchant,  
Tamzin

The  
Hutmachers

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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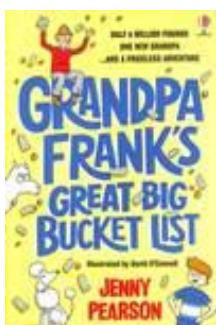


Miller,  
Ben

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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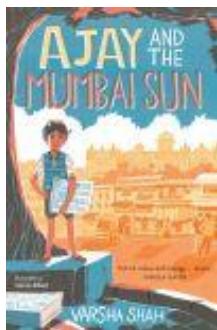


Rivers,  
Holly

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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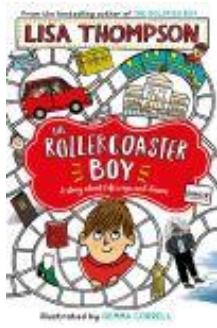


Shah,  
Varsha

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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