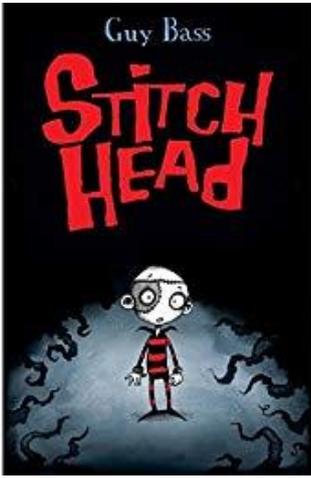
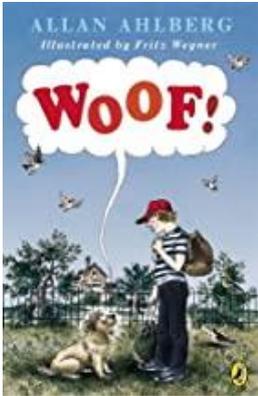
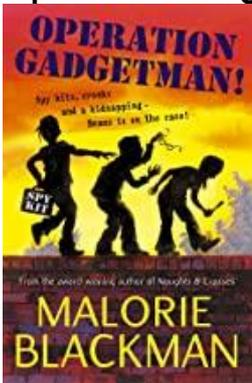
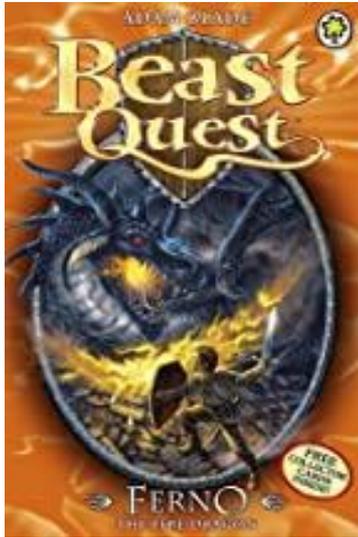
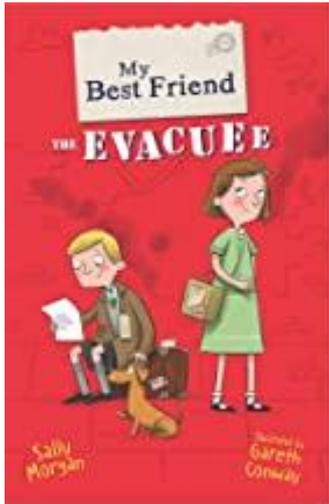
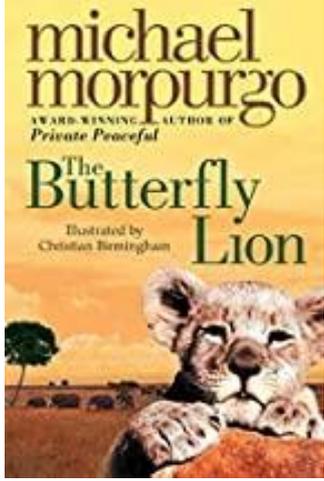
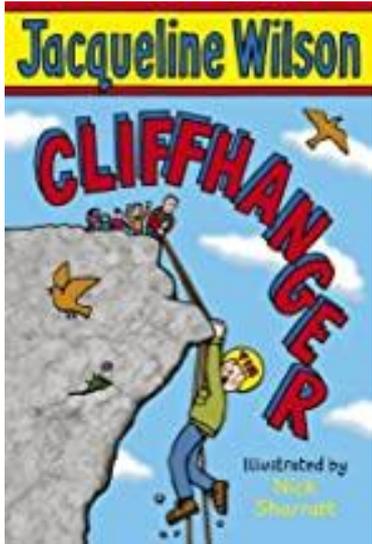


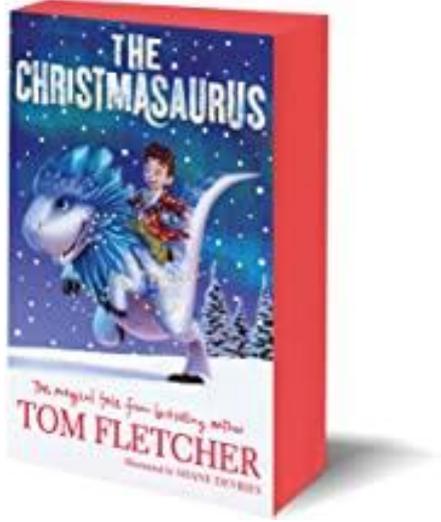
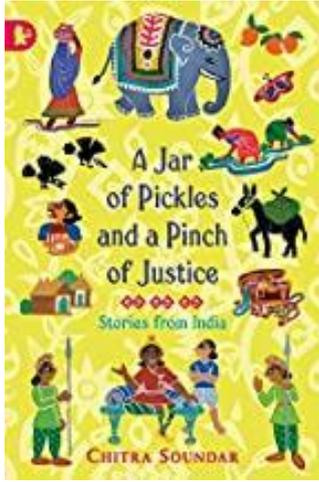
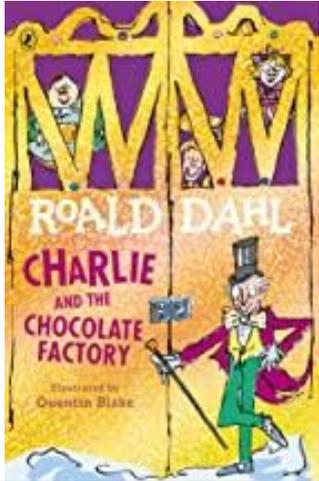


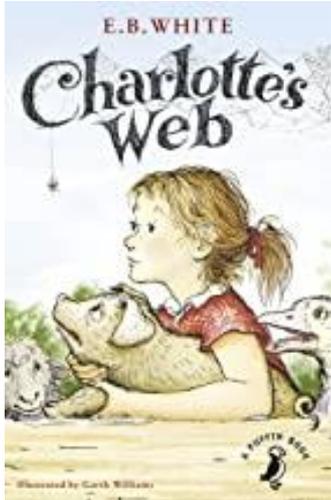
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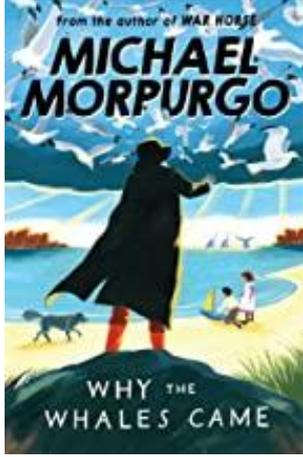
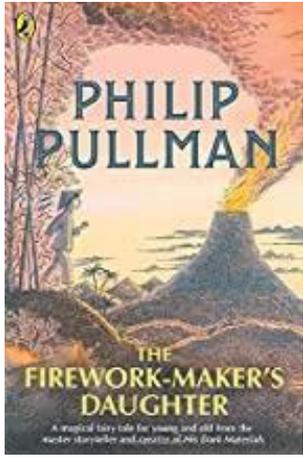
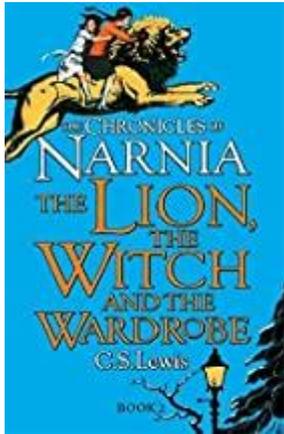
Author	Book	Brief description
Guy Bass	Stich Head 	Deep in the maze-like dungeons of Castle Grotteskew, insane Professor Erasmus created Stich Head, a small, almost-human creature. His experiments continued, filling the castle with creations so fabulously monstrous that Stich Head was long forgotten. Until a travelling circus ringmaster knocks at the castle door, promising to make Stich Head a star. Is this Stich Head's chance to venture beyond the castle walls? Or could he be making a terrible mistake...?
Allan Ahlberg	Woof 	Eric is a perfectly ordinary boy. Perfectly ordinary that is, until the night when, in fifteen seconds flat, he turns into a dog! Eric and his best friend are determined to sniff out the truth - what makes an ordinary boy go 'woof'?
Malorie Blackman	Operation Gadgetman 	Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the

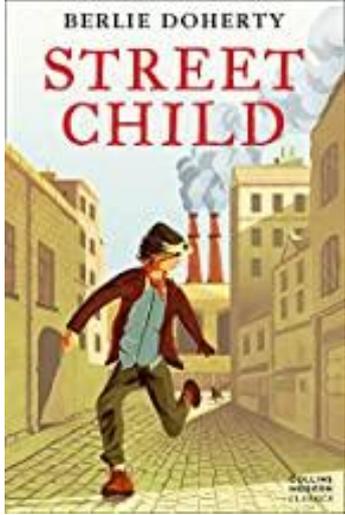
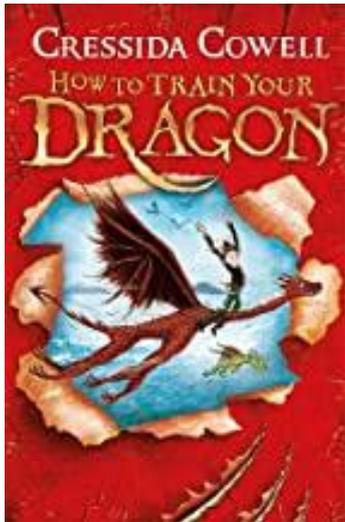
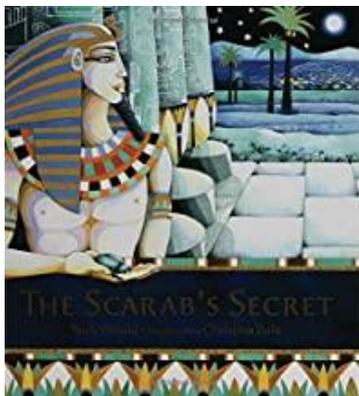
		kidnappers and rescue her dad.
Anthony Brown	Beast Quest 	<p>An evil wizard has enchanted the magical Beasts of Avantia - only a true hero can free the Beasts and stop them from destroying the land. Is Tom the hero Avantia has been waiting for? Join Tom as he braves Ferno the Fire Dragon in the first of this series ...</p>
Sally Morgan	My Best Friend the Evacuee 	<p>Teddy and Harriet have been joined at the hip for as long as they can remember - but then the WAR started. Teddy is EVACUATED all the way across the ocean to the United States and Harriet is left in London to face the BLITZ! The pair promise to write to each other as often as they can, but soon Teddy is swept up in his new life, while Harriet feels lonely and frightened whenever the sirens begin to howl...</p>
Michael Morpurgo	The Butterfly Lion	<p>Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.</p>

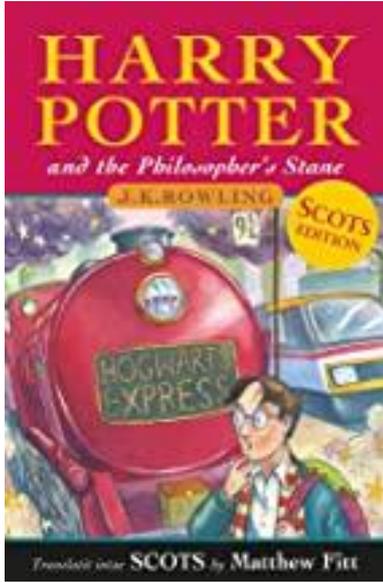
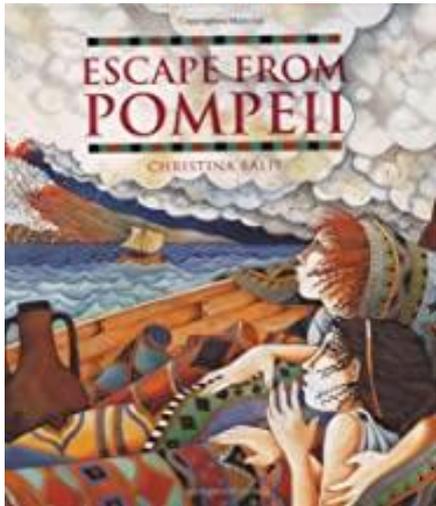
		
<p>Astrid Lindgren</p>	<p>Pippi Longstocking</p> 	<p>Pippi is nine years old, lives alone with a horse and a money, and does exactly as she pleases. She has no mother and her father is king of a cannibal island, so she has learnt to look after herself. She gets up when she likes, never goes to school, talks a great deal, keeps a chest of gold coins under the bed, and is unexpectedly strong. The book is full of her marvellous escapades.</p>
<p>Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>Cliffhanger</p> 	<p>From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a Crazy Bucket Race, Tim's adventure holiday promises to be full of action. There's just one problem: he is hopeless at sports of any kind.</p> <p>Can Tim survive the horrors of a week absolutely packed with activity? Can his team - the Tigers - be the overall champions? There are some surprises in store for everyone!</p>
<p>Tom Fletcher</p>	<p>The Christmasaurus</p>	<p>This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and</p>

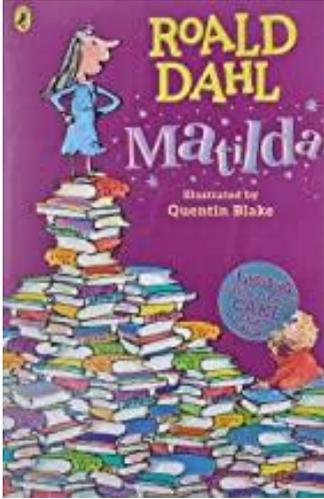
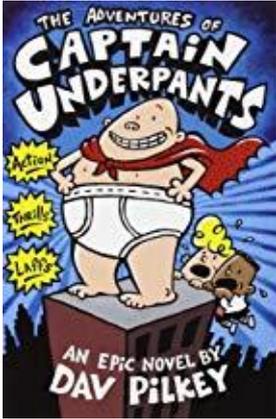
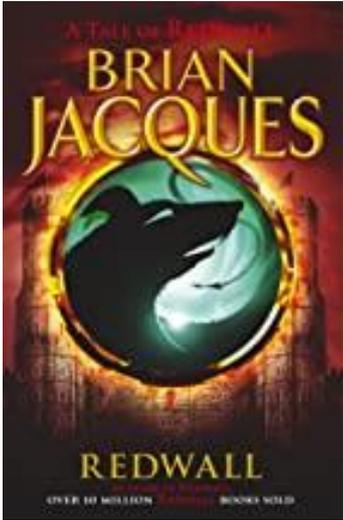
		<p>a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus.</p> <p>It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer.</p> <p>It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible . .</p>
<p>Chitra Soundar</p>	<p>A Jar of Pickles and a Pinch of Justice</p> 	<p>Prince Veera and his best friend, Suku, are left in charge of King Beema's court when the king goes away. Each day the king's subjects come before the boys with their problems. Can Veera and Suku settle the dispute between the man who sells a well - but not the water in it - to his neighbour? Or solve the mystery of the jewels that have turned into pickles? And what about the old washerwoman who is set the task of washing the king's elephants until they turn white?</p>
<p>Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</p> 	<p>Willy Wonka is the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world and he's given five children golden tickets to visit his famous chocolate factory.</p> <p>Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompooop. Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat. Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer. Mike Teavee - a TV addict. Charlie Bucket - the hero of the story!</p>

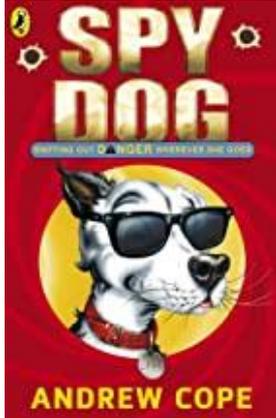
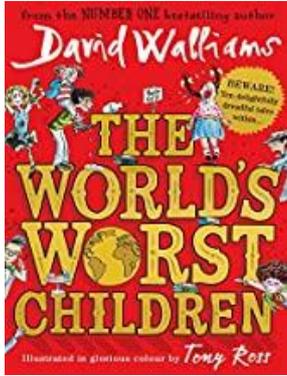
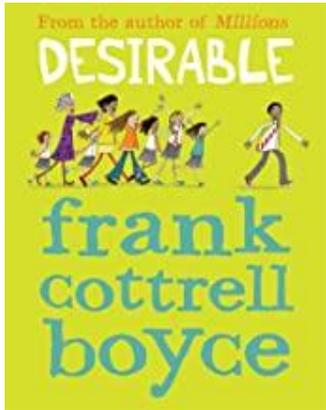
		But what mysterious secrets will they discover inside?
E.B. White	Charlotte's Webb 	<p>Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle he realises his life is in even more danger.</p> <p>Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that.</p>
Betsy Byars	The 18th Emergency 	<p>Mouse has a plan for every emergency. He knows how to survive a fall from a plane, what to do in quicksand, and how to bewilder a charging bull. But nohing - nobody - could be prepared for Marv Hammerman. Marv Hammerman, Neanderthal man, is twice as big as anyone else in the class, and when he is out to get someone, he usually succeeds.</p>
Michael Morpurgo	Why the Whales Came	<p>Gracie and her friend Daniel have always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But then they find a message in the sand and discover the Birdman is not who they thought. They build up a lovely friendship with him, but when the children get stranded on Samson Island they don t know whether to believe the</p>

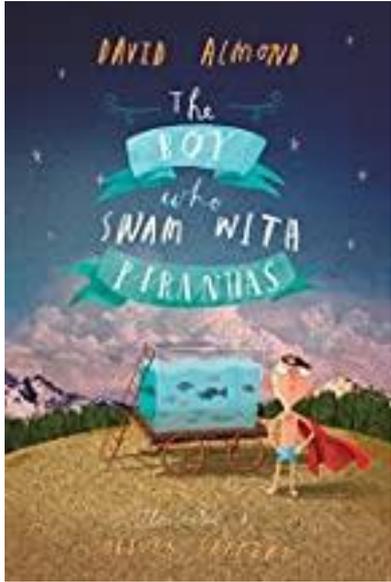
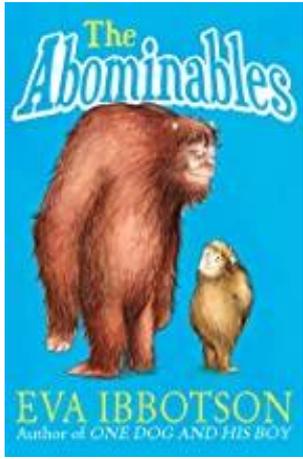
		<p>birdman s story that the island is cursed.</p>
<p>Philip Pullman</p>	<p>The Firework –Maker's Daughter</p> 	<p>Lila doesn't just want to be a Firework-Maker's daughter, she wants to be a Firework Maker herself. But although she's learned a lot she still must get through the most difficult and dangerous part of her apprenticeship - and her father won't tell her what it is. In search of this final Firework-Making secret, Lila heads off alone on a journey. It is a journey filled with dangers beyond anything she could have imagined, a journey on which she will learn so much more than the one secret she set out to find . . .</p>
<p>C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</p> 	<p>Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie— step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.</p>

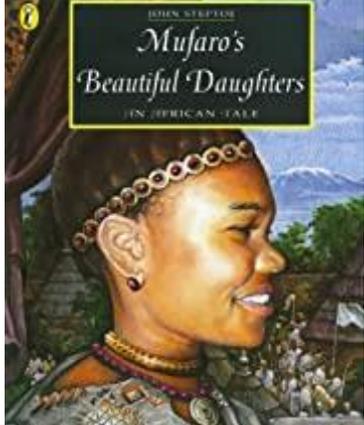
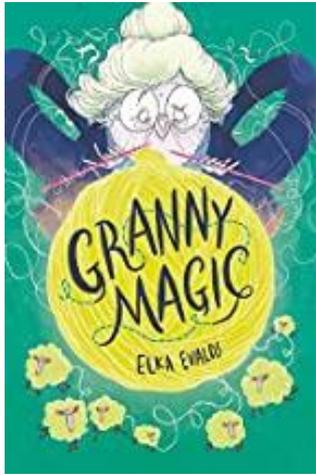
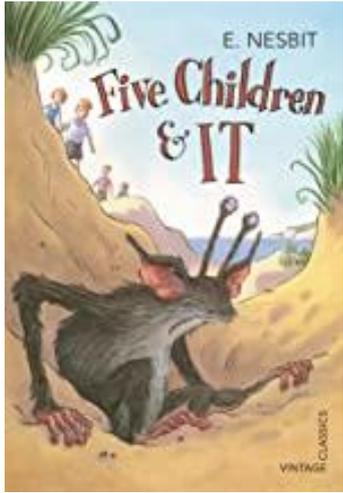
<p>Berlie Doherty</p>	<p>Street Child</p> 	<p>When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets.</p> <p>Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe. Will Jim ever manage to be free?</p>
<p>Cressida Cowell</p>	<p>How to Train Your Dragon</p> 	<p><i>Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero.</i></p>
<p>Nick Would</p>	<p>The Scarab's Secret</p> 	<p>Learning of a dangerous plot against the kind Pharaoh, a small scarab beetle, Khepri, does his best to put a stop to the murderous plan and save ancient Egypt's most powerful leader from a horrific fate.</p>

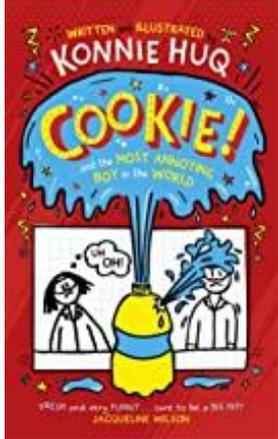
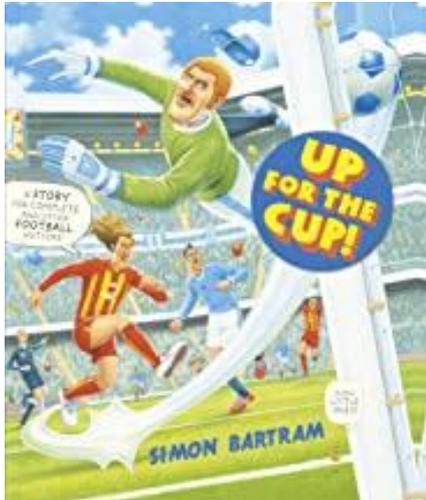
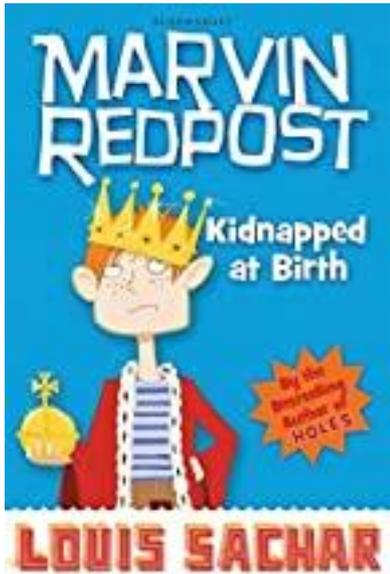
<p>J.K. Rowling</p>	<p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</p> 	<p>Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!</p>
<p>Christina Balit</p>	<p>Escape from Pompeii</p> 	<p>Drawn from historical events and the latest research, an exciting picture book follows Tranio, a Roman boy, and his friend Livia as they seek shelter on a boat during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii.</p>

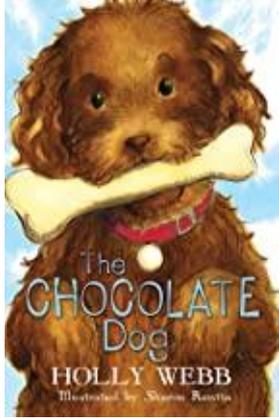
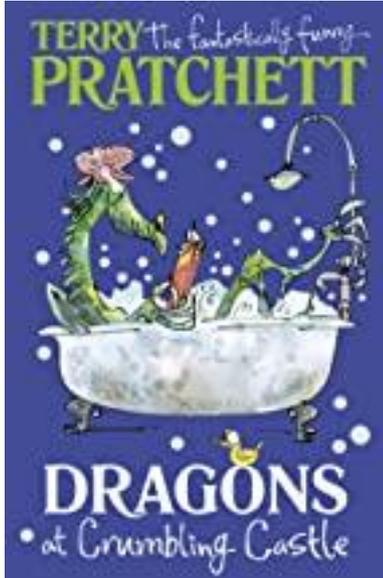
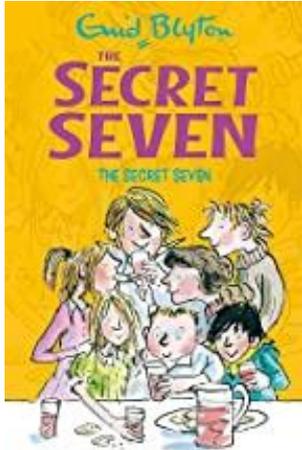
<p>Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Matilda</p> 	<p>Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents. Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst bully of all.</p> <p>Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is an extraordinary girl with a magical mind. And she's had enough...</p>
<p>Dav Pilkey</p>	<p>The Adventures of Captain Underpants</p> 	<p>When naughty George and Harold hypnotise their headteacher, they accidentally create the greatest superhero in the history of their school -- Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret that even HE doesn't know who he is... but he's fighting for truth, justice, and all things pre-shrunk and cottony!!</p>
<p>Judy Blume</p>	<p>Redwall</p> 	<p>Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge - the evil-one-eyed rat warlord - and his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the Redwall mice and their loyal woodland friends.</p>

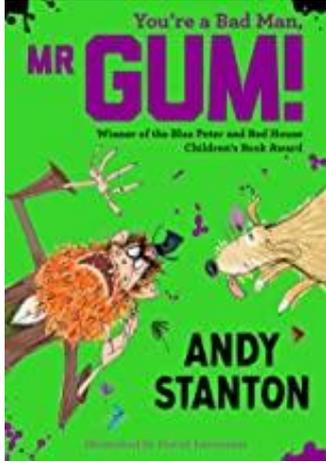
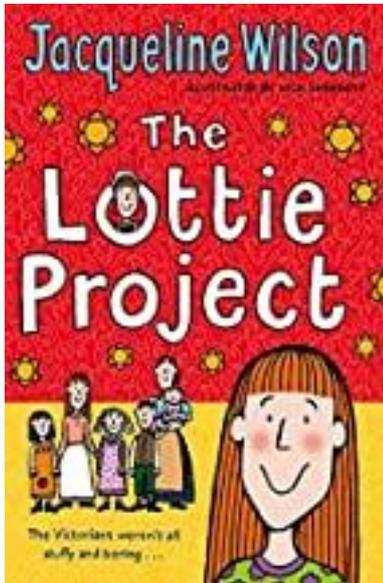
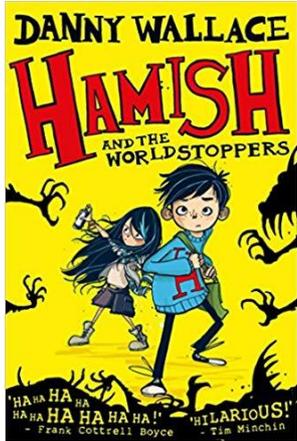
<p>Andrew Cope</p>	<p>Spy Dog</p> 	<p>Lara is a highly trained special agent, bred by the British Secret Service for use on dangerous missions around the world. But her last mission went wrong and now she is being hunted down by an evil drugs baron, Mr Big. Lara must go undercover as a normal dog, 'choose' a family to look after her and await her retrieval by the Secret Service. But can she keep her true identity a secret?</p>
<p>David Walliams</p>	<p>The World's Worst Children</p> 	<p>Are you ready to meet the World's Worst Children? Five beastly boys and five gruesome girls!</p> <p>Like Sofia Sofa – a TV super-fan so stuck to the sofa that she's turning into one! Or Dribbling Drew – a boy whose drool gets him into trouble on a school trip! And not forgetting Blubbering Bertha – a girl who bawls and tells terrible tales!</p> <p>Also featuring a special appearance from fan-favourite Raj!</p>
<p>Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>	<p>Desirable</p> 	<p>A hilarious comedy from award-winning Frank Cottrell Boyce. George is so unpopular that even his own grandad won't come to his birthday party. Instead, his grandad sends him a bottle of aftershave that expired years ago. But the aftershave seems to have developed extra properties since its sell-by date...Now George is irresistible to all the girls in school - and even the teachers can't get enough of him!</p>

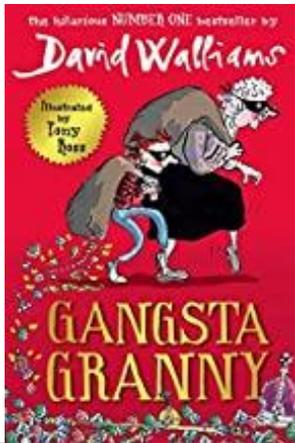
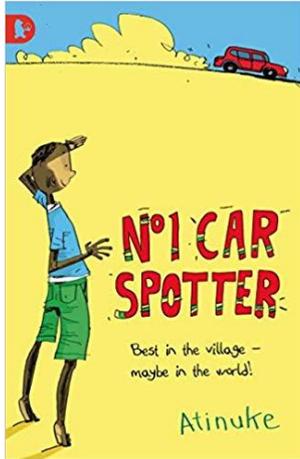
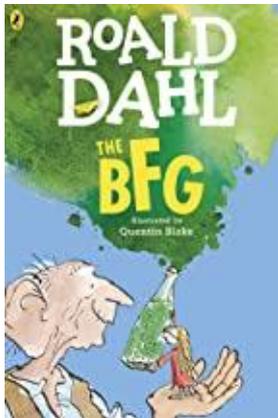
<p>David Almond</p>	<p>The Boy who Swam with Piranhas</p> 	<p>Stanley Potts is just an ordinary boy, but when all the jobs in Fish Quay disappear his Uncle Ernie develops an extraordinary fascination with canning fish. Suddenly their home is filled with the sound of clanging machinery and the stench of mackerel, and Uncle Ernie's obsession reaches such heights that he would even can Stan's beloved goldfish! Stan, however, has his own destiny, which leads him – via a hook-a-duck stall – to Pancho Pirelli, the blue-caped madman who swims with piranhas. And as Stan delves into the waters, he finally discovers who he really can be.</p>
<p>Eva Ibbotson</p>	<p>The Abominables</p> 	<p>A hundred years ago, in the Himalayan peaks of Nanvi Dar, the daughter of an English earl is kidnapped by a huge hairy monster. In a secret valley Agatha Farley is introduced to a family of motherless yetis and devotes her life to their upbringing. But as the decades pass, tourists come to the mountains, a hotel is built and yeti-hunters arrive. Agatha knows that there is one place in the world where they would be protected...</p>
<p>John Steptoe</p>	<p>King Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</p>	<p>The tale of Mufaro's two daughters, two beautiful girls who react in different ways to the king's search for a wife - one is aggressive and selfish, the other kind and dignified. The king takes on disguises to learn the true nature of both girls and of course chooses Nyasha, the kind and generous daughter, to be his queen.</p>

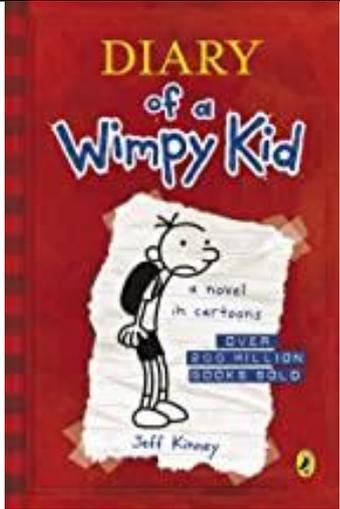
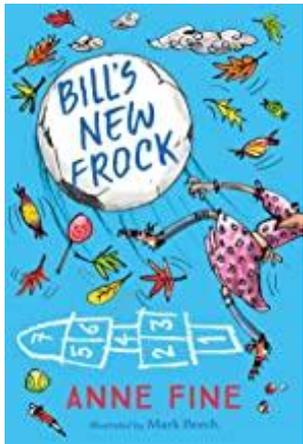
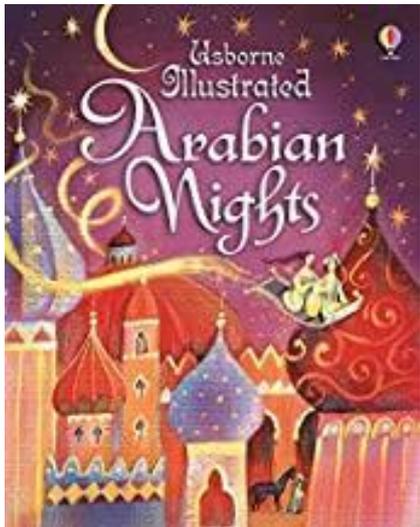
		
Elka Evalds	<p>Granny Magic</p> 	<p>Will's beloved granny made cakes and knitted itchy jumpers - that's what he thought. But when she passes away and dodgy Jasper Fitchet moves in to their village, dark magic begins to unravel in Knittington. Can Will and his gran's old craft group tie Fitchet in knots? With the help of her old motorbike and a flock of magical sheep, they might just do it ... so long as they don't drop a stitch.</p>
E Nesbit	<p>5 Children and It</p> 	<p>The five children - Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother - had often talked about what they would do if they were granted 3 wishes, but when they are faced with the grumpy sand-fairy they find it difficult to make up their minds. And that is just the beginning of their dilemmas. As they discover, there is nothing quite like a wish for getting you into terrible trouble.</p>
Konnie Hoq	<p>Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World</p>	<p>Cookie's best friend in the whole world is moving away. Cookie begs her parents for a pet to fill the void but they</p>

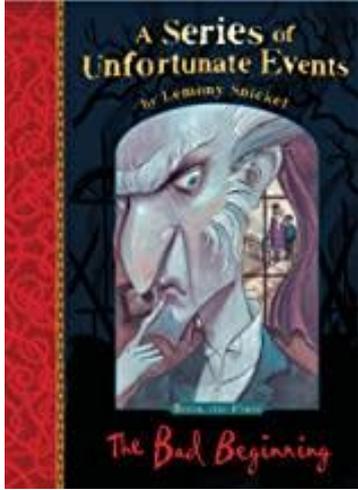
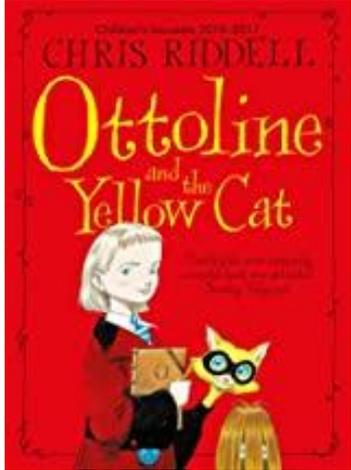
		<p>have given her an absolute NO. But Cookie visits the pet shop anyway and sets her heart on the sweetest cutest kitteniest kitten ever: Bluey. But then the most ANNOYING boy she's ever met in her entire nine years goes into the pet shop, buys Bluey and renames her Nigel! And then he joins her year at school! And if that wasn't bad enough, he moves in next door to her.</p>
<p>Simon Bartam</p>	<p>Up for the Cup</p> 	<p>Charlie and his dad are utter football nutters, and they are especially nutty about their team Seaburn City. So when their star player has his pre-match good luck ritual (featuring alphabet spaghetti) sabotaged just before the cup final, they re-determined to put things right. Luckily, a vintage tin of alphabet spaghetti and quick thinking on the part of Charlie save the day.</p>
<p>Louis Sachar</p>	<p>Martin Redpost, Kidnapped at Birth</p> 	<p>Marvin lives in a grey house with a white fence - a white fence but for one red post. He has red hair and blue eyes. He is also left-handed. 'We're lucky to be left-handed', said Mrs North. 'It means we have royal blood'. One day, at school, while writing a report, Marvin realises that nothing adds up. His parents have brown hair and they have brown eyes. Can he really be Marvin Redpost? Or is he, in fact, the lost son of the King of Shampoo - Prince Robert?</p>

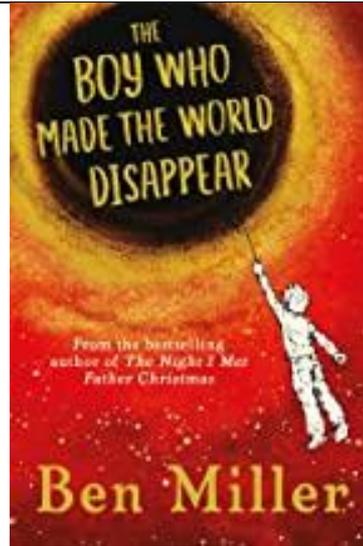
<p>Holly Webb</p>	<p>The Chocolate Dog</p> 	<p>Amy and Laura aren't looking forward to the arrival of their new brother or sister. There doesn't seem to be any room for them any more. But at least they still have their gorgeous dog Choc - who always knows how to make them feel better.</p>
<p>Terry Pratchett</p>	<p>Dragons at Crumbling Castle</p> 	<p>Dragons have invaded Crumbling Castle, and all of King Arthur's knights are either on holiday or visiting their grannies. It's a disaster!</p> <p>Luckily, there's a spare suit of armour and a very small boy called Ralph who's willing to fill it. Together with Fortnight the Friday knight and Fossfiddle the wizard, Ralph sets out to defeat the fearsome fire-breathers.</p> <p>But there's a teeny weeny surprise in store . . .</p>
<p>Enid Blyton</p>	<p>The Secret Seven</p> 	<p>It's their first adventure and the Secret Seven super-sleuths are already on the trail of a mystery! The gang are dressed in disguise, following a lead to a spooky old house in the snow...</p>

<p>Andy Stanton</p>	<p>You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum</p> 	<p>Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.</p>
<p>Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>The Lottie Project</p> 	<p>Hi! I'm Charlie (DON'T call me Charlotte - ever!). History is boring, right? Wrong! The Victorians weren't all deadly dull and drippy. Lottie certainly isn't. She's eleven - like me - but she's left school and has a job as a nursery maid. Her life is really hard, just work work work, but I bet she'd know what to do about my mum's awful boyfriend and his wimpy little son. I bet she wouldn't mess it all up like I do . . .</p>
<p>Danny Wallace</p>	<p>Hamish and the Worldstoppers</p> 	<p>What would YOU do... if the whole world just stopped? Yes the WHOLE WORLD. Birds in the air. Planes in the sky. And every single person on the planet - except you! Because that's what keeps happening to ten-year-old Hamish Ellerby. And it's being caused by TheWorldStoppers and their terrifying friends TheTerribles! They have a PLAN! They want to take our world for their own.</p>

		Can Hamish save us from the WorldStoppers? Only time will tell!
David Walliams	<p>Gangsta Granny</p> 	Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. She's the boringest grandma ever: all she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma. 1) She was once an international jewel thief. 2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the Crown Jewels, and now she needs Ben's help
Atinuke	<p>No1 Car Spotter</p> 	No. 1's hobby is car spotting but he is good at solving all sorts of problems for his village. When the family's cart breaks down and there's no way of bringing goods to market, it's No. 1 who devises the Toyota Cow-rola and saves the day. He runs errands for his family and helps Mama Coca-Cola feed the busloads of people who stop for her delicious fried akara. No. 1 even helps Grandmother get to the medical centre when she can't afford treatment.
Roald Dahl	<p>The BFG</p> 	On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant. Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who <i>only</i> eats snozzcumpers and glugs frobscottle. But there are other giants in Giant Country. Fifty foot brutes who gallop far and wide every night to find human beans to eat. Can Sophie and her friend the BFG stop them?
Andy Shepherd	<p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</p>	Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a

		<p>new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage....</p>
<p>Anne Fine</p>	<p>Bill's New Frock</p> 	<p>Bill Simpson wakes up to find he's a girl, and worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly pink dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls . . .</p>
<p>Anna Milbourne</p>	<p>Arabian Nights</p> 	<p>This collection of tales from the "Arabian Nights" is retold for younger readers. It includes "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves", "Aladdin and the Magic Lamp", and the "Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor", as well as a short history about the origins of the "Arabian Nights".</p>

<p>Lemony Snicket</p>	<p>A Series of Unfortunate Events</p> 	<p>Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent children. They are charming, and resourceful, and have pleasant facial features. Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky.</p> <p>In <i>The Bad Beginning</i>, the siblings encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast.</p>
<p>Chris Riddell</p>	<p>Ottoline and the Yellow Cat</p> 	<p>Ottoline lives in a stylish apartment in Big City with a small hairy creature called Mr. Munroe. Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work. So they are the first to the scene of the crime when a string of high-society dog-nappings and jewel thefts hits Big City. Ottoline (who luckily has a diploma from the Who-R-U Academy of Disguise) and Mr. Munroe go undercover - and expose an ingenious scam masterminded by furry feline crook, the Yellow Cat.</p>
<p>Ben Miller</p>	<p>The Boy who made the World Disappear</p>	<p>Harrison tries his best to be good. He doesn't steal, he always shares with his sister and he never cheats at board games, but Harrison also has a BIG flaw ... He can't control his temper!</p> <p>So when he's given a black hole instead of a balloon at a party, Harrison jumps at the chance to get rid of <i>everything</i> that makes him cross. But when it's not just things he hates that are disappearing into the black</p>



hole but things he loves, too, Harrison starts to realise that sometimes you should be careful what you wish for...