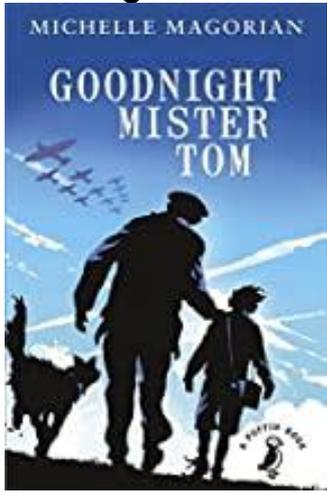
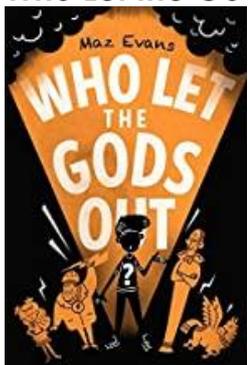
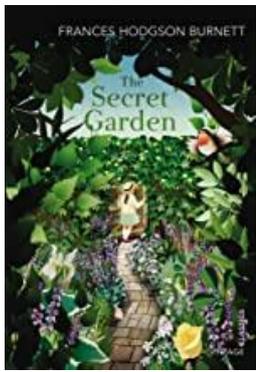
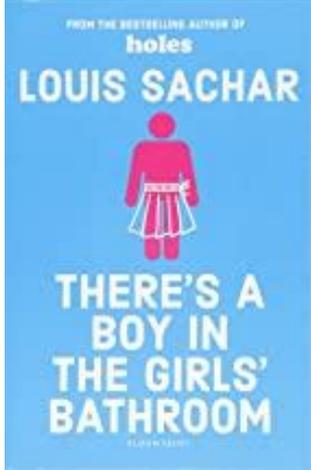
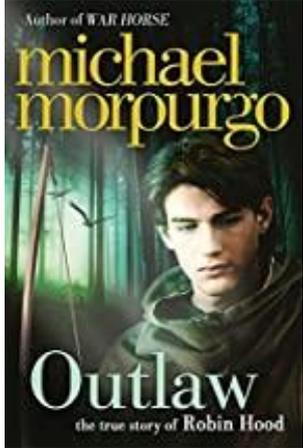
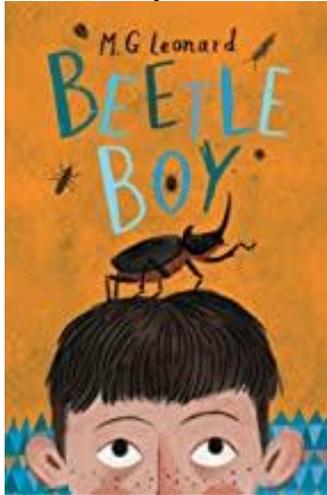
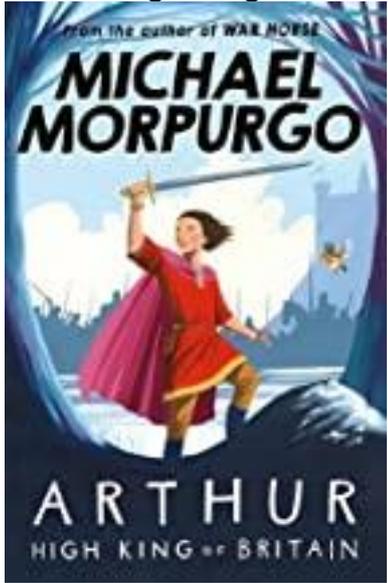
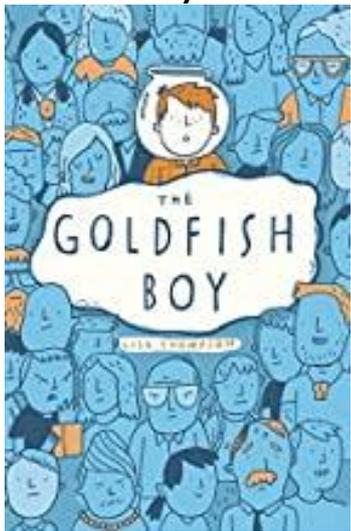
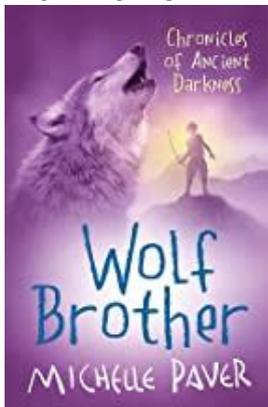


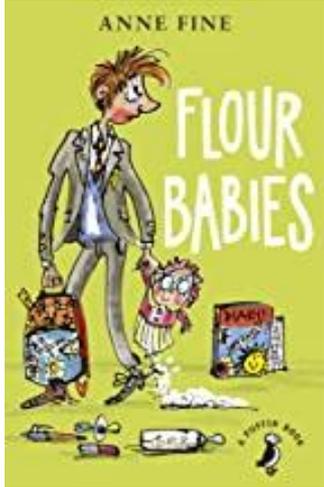
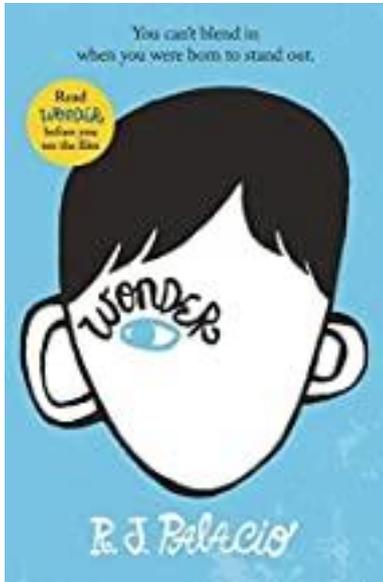
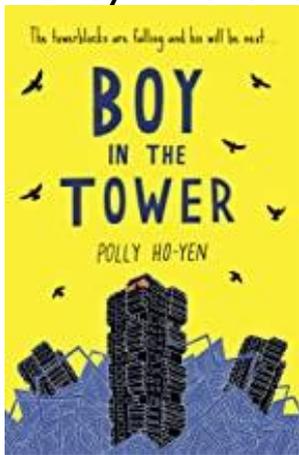


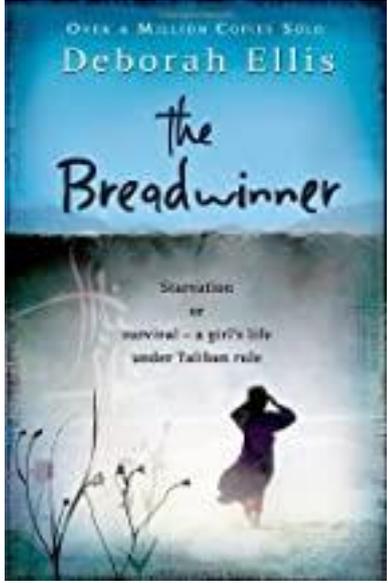
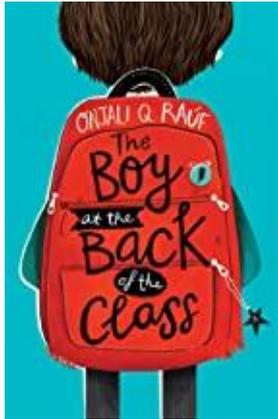
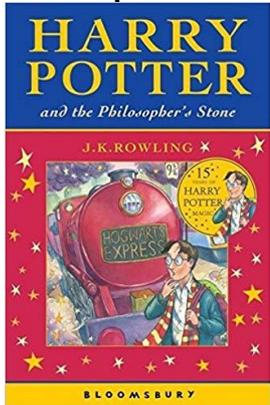
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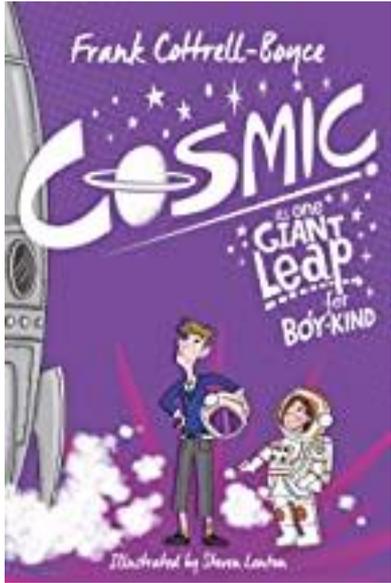
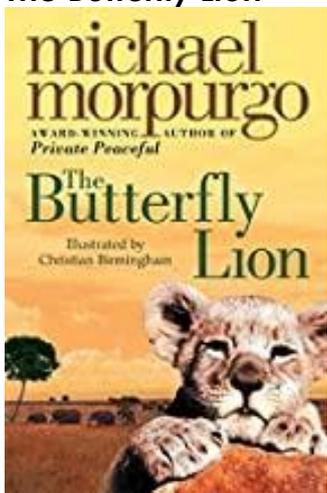
Author	Book	Brief description
Michelle Magorian	Goodnight Mr Tom 	Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London. As time goes by Tom begins to worry when Willie doesn't answer his letters, so he goes to London to find him, and there makes a terrible discovery.
Maz Evans	Who Let the Gods Out? 	Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden 	When Mary Lennox is sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle, everybody says she is the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It is true, too. Mary is pale, spoilt and quite contrary. But she is also horribly lonely. Then one day she hears about a garden in the grounds of the Manor that has been kept locked and hidden for years. And when a friendly robin helps Mary find the key, she discovers the most magical place anyone could imagine...

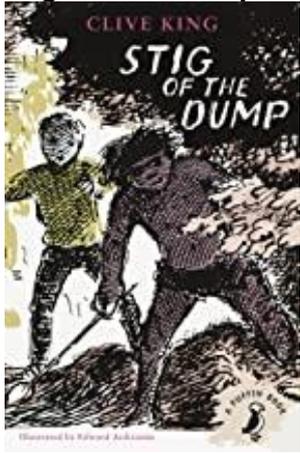
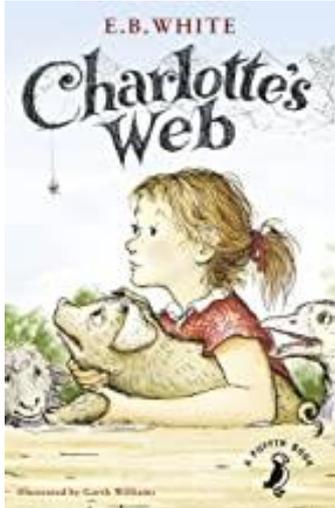
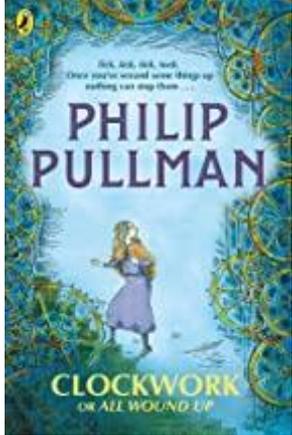
<p>Louis Sachar</p>	<p>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</p> 	<p>Bradley Chalkers is the oldest child in the class. He tells ENORMOUS lies. He picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has 'serious behaviour problems'. And no one likes him ... Except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.</p>
<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Outlaw</p> 	<p>Homeless and lost in a dark, strange forest, young Robin is rescued by a motley crew of misfits. He yearns to avenge his father and seek justice against cruel oppressors, to finally defeat the Sheriff of Nottingham, once and for all.</p> <p>And through his friends, Robin Hood finds the courage to become a legendary hero.</p>
<p>M.G. Leonard</p>	<p>Beetle Boy</p> 	<p>Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?</p>

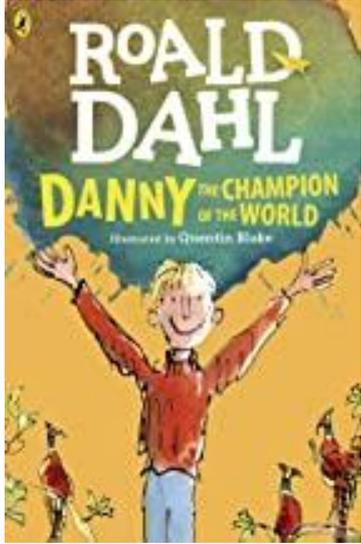
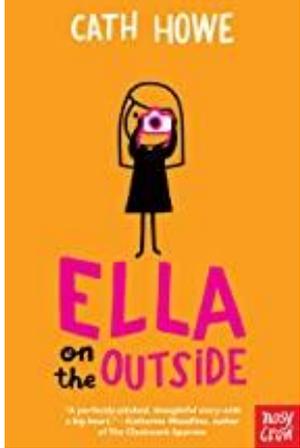
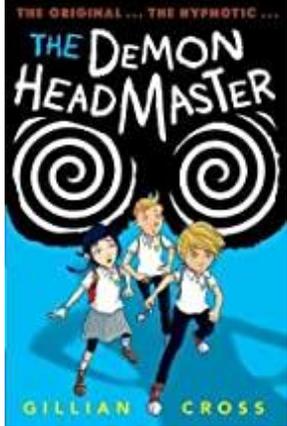
<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Arthur, High King of Britain</p> 	<p>Marooned on a sandbank, a boy faces certain death. With the sea closing in and the current about to drag him to a watery grave, his final wish is to see heaven. Waking in a strange bed, the boy meets an old man sitting by the fire with his dog. It is Arthur, the great warrior king of legend, and from his lips the boy hears of Camelot, chivalry, magic, evil and betrayal.</p>
<p>Lisa Thompson</p>	<p>Goldfish Boy</p> 	<p>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters.</p>
<p>Michelle Paver</p>	<p>Wolf Brother</p> 	<p>Thousands of years ago, the land is one dark forest. Its people are hunter-gatherers who know how to survive in a time of enchantment and powerful magic. Until a demon enters their lives, determined to destroy the world.</p> <p>Only one boy can stop it - 12-year-old Torak, whose father told him with his dying breath the key to saving his people...</p>

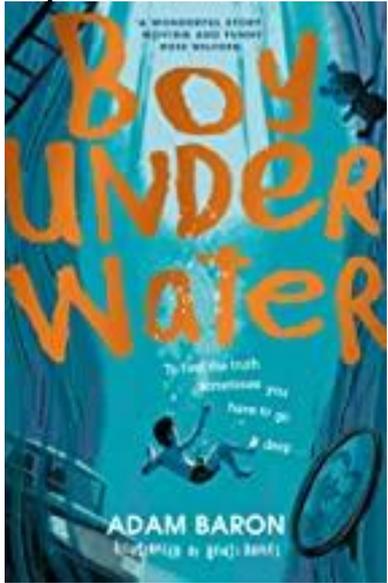
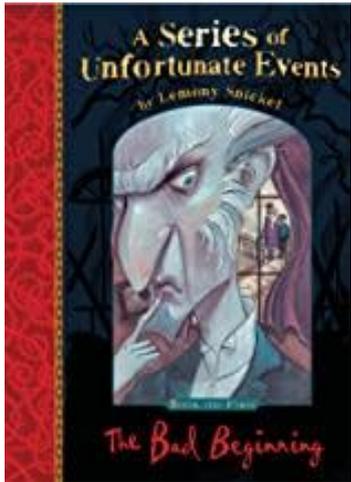
<p>Anne Fine</p>	<p>Flour Babies</p> 	<p>When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get to work on the Soap Factory, the Maggot Farm or the Exploding Custard Tins. To their intense disgust they get the Flour Babies - sweet little six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times.</p>
<p>R.J. Palacio</p>	<p>Wonder</p> 	<p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He <i>feels</i> ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it...</p>
<p>Polly Ho-Yen</p>	<p>The Boy in the Tower</p> 	<p>Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .</p>

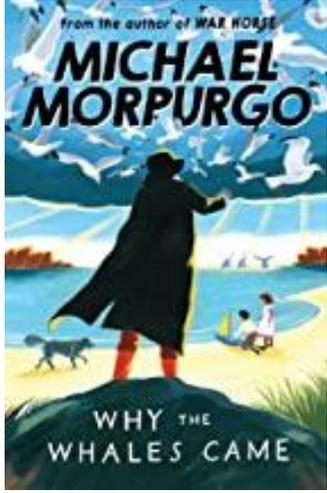
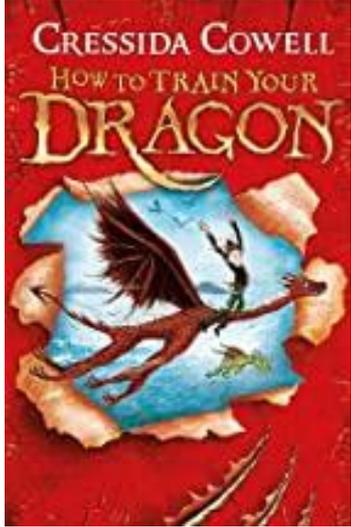
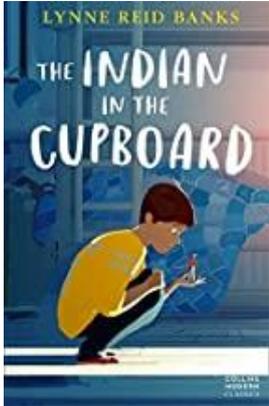
<p>Deborah Ellis</p>	<p>The Breadwinner</p> 	<p>Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own.</p> <p>Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation.</p> <p>So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. It is a dangerous plan, but their only chance.</p>
<p>Onjali Rauf</p>	<p>The Boy at the Back of the Class</p> 	<p>There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets. But then the children learn the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people.</p>
<p>J.K. Rowling</p>	<p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</p> 	<p>Harry Potter has never heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat in 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>

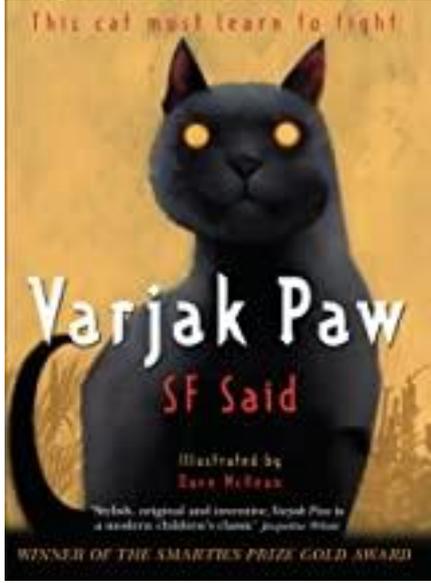
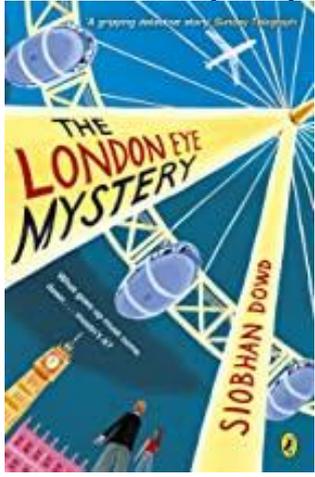
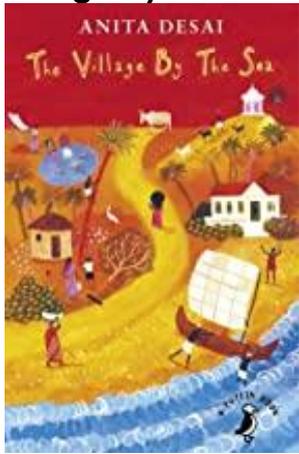
<p>Frank Cottrell-Boyce</p>	<p>Cosmic</p> 	<p>Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster – or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.</p>
<p>Malorie Blackman</p>	<p>Pigheart Boy</p> 	<p>Cameron is thirteen and in need of a heart transplant when a pioneering doctor approaches his family with a startling proposal. He can give Cameron a new heart - but from a pig. Cameron is fed up with just sitting on the side of life, always watching and never doing. He has to try - to become the world's first pig-heart boy.</p>
<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>The Butterfly Lion</p> 	<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>

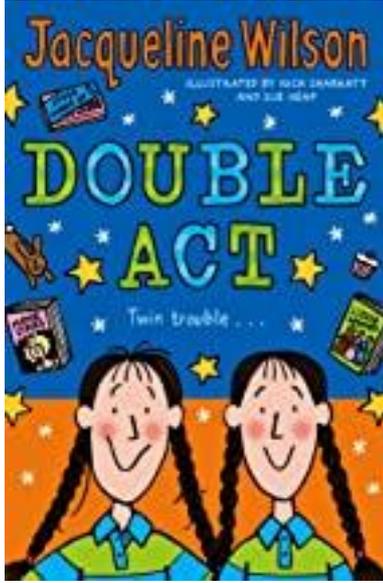
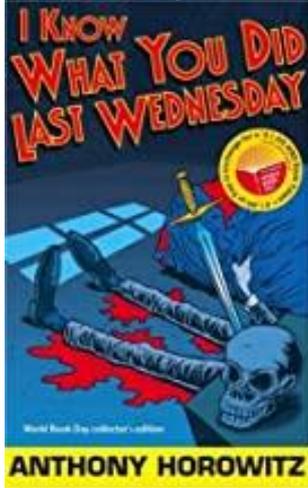
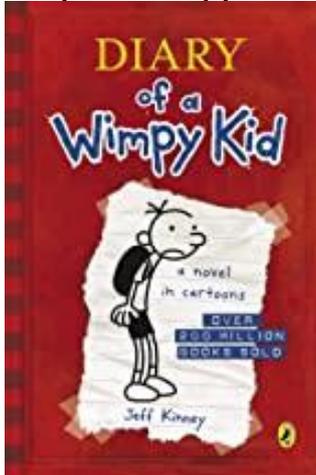
<p>Clive King</p>	<p>Stig of the Dump</p> 	<p>Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a sort of cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real...</p>
<p>E.B. White</p>	<p>Charlotte's Web</p> 	<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>
<p>Phillip Pullman</p>	<p>Clockwork</p> 	<p>It is a cold winter's night when Karl enters the White Horse Tavern looking like he's swallowed a thundercloud. His final task as a clockmaker apprentice is to make a new figure for the great clock of Glockenheim. He has not made the figure - or got any idea of what it could be, and the unveiling is tomorrow.</p>

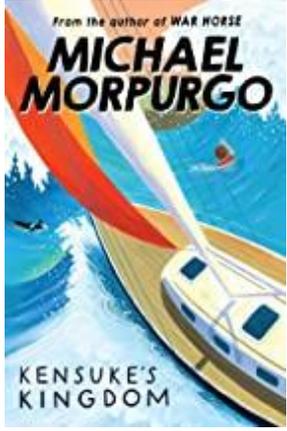
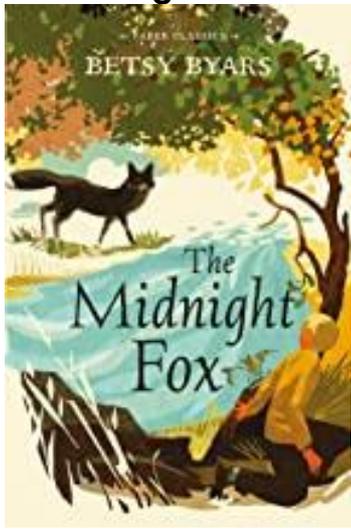
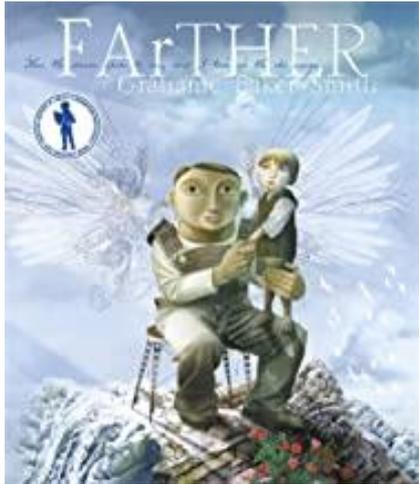
<p>Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Danny the Champion of the World</p> 	<p>Danny lives in a gipsy caravan with his father, the most marvellous and exciting father any boy ever had. All the land around them belongs to Mr Victor Hazell, a rich snob with a great glistening beery face and tiny piggy eyes. Nobody likes him, not one-little bit. So one day, Danny and his father concoct a daring plot that will give the old blue-faced baboon Victor Hazell the greatest shock of his life - so long as they don't get caught ...</p>
<p>Cath Howe</p>	<p>Ella on the Outside</p> 	<p>Ella is the new girl at school. She doesn't know anyone and she doesn't have any friends. And she has a terrible secret.</p> <p>Ella can't believe her luck when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, decides to be her new best friend - but what does Lydia really want? And what does it all have to do with Molly, the quiet, shy girl who won't talk to anyone?</p>
<p>Gillian Cross</p>	<p>The Demon Headmaster</p> 	<p>When Dinah is fostered by the Hunters she thinks her biggest problem will be fitting in with her foster-brothers, Lloyd and Harvey. However, once she starts at her new school it's clear that there's more to worry about. All the children, apart from a handful including Lloyd and Harvey, are too well-behaved - robotic almost - and oddly keen to please the creepy headmaster.</p>

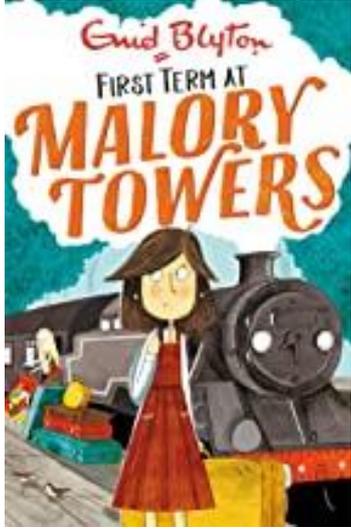
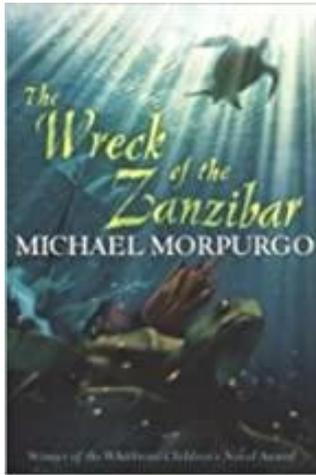
<p>Adam Baron</p>	<p>Boy Under Water</p> 	<p>Cymbeline Igloo has NEVER been swimming But how hard can it be? He's Googled front crawl and he's found his dad's old pair of trunks. He's totally ready.</p> <p>What he's not ready for is the accident at the pool – or how it leads his mum to a sudden breakdown.</p> <p>Now, with the help of friends old and new, Cymbeline must solve the mystery of why his mum never took him near water – and it will turn his whole life upside down.</p>
<p>Lemony Snicket</p>	<p>The Bad Beginning – 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 The Bad Beginning, 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>Polly Ho-Yen</p>	<p>Fly Me Home</p> 	<p>Feeling lost and alone in a strange new city, Leelu wishes she could fly away back home – her real home where her dad is, thousands of miles away. London is cold and grey and the neighbours are noisy and there's concrete everywhere.</p> <p>But Leelu is not alone; someone is leaving her gifts outside her house – wonders which give her curious magical powers...</p>

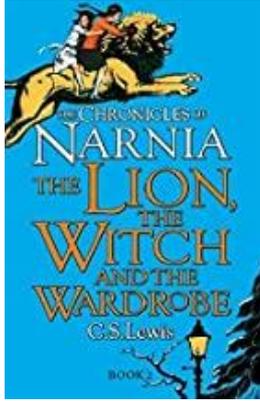
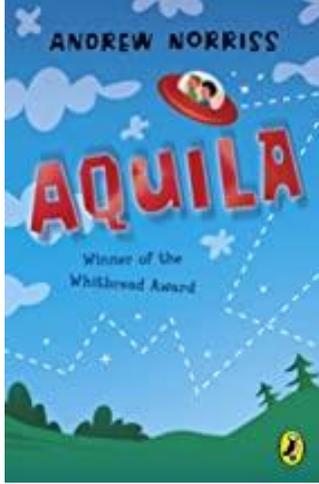
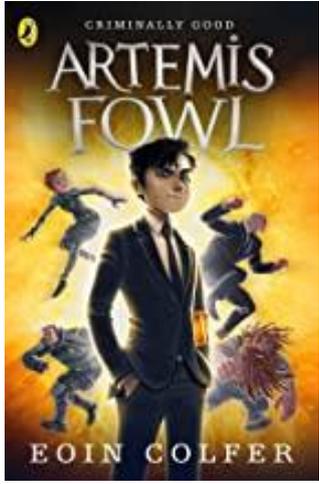
<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Why the Whales Came</p> 	<p>Gracie and her friend Daniel have always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But then they find a message in the sand and discover the Birdman is not who they thought. They build up a lovely friendship with him, but when the children get stranded on Samson Island they don't know whether to believe the birdman's story that the island is cursed.</p>
<p>Cressida Cowell</p>	<p>How to Train your Dragon</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER!</p>
<p>Lynne Reid Banks</p>	<p>The Indian in the Cupboard</p> 	<p>For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into the old cupboard comes to life. Little Bull is everything an Indian brave should be – proud, fearless and defiant. But being in charge of a real, live, human being is a heavy responsibility, as Omri soon discovers. And when his best friend, Patrick, is let in on the secret, he soon realises that life-changing decisions lie ahead.</p>

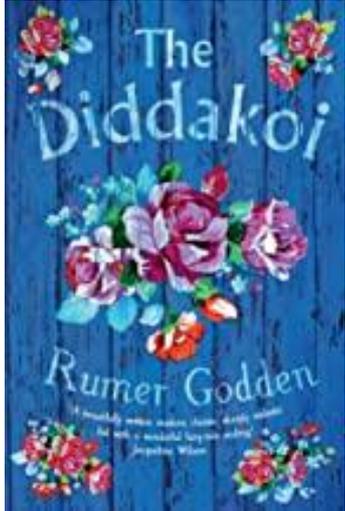
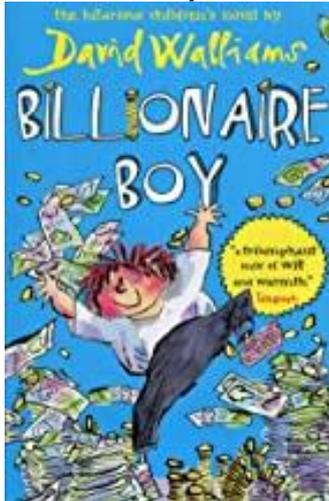
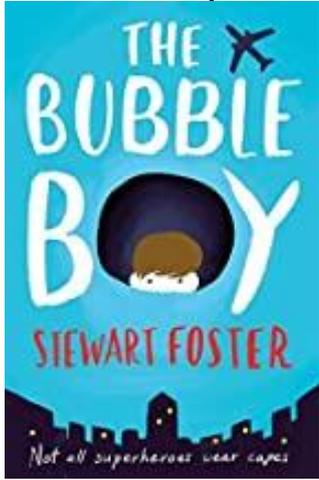
<p>S.F. Said</p>	<p>Varjak Paw</p> 	<p>Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.</p> <p>Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings</p>
<p>Siobhan Dowd</p>	<p>The London Eye Mystery</p> 	<p>When Salim mysteriously disappears from a sealed pod on the London Eye, everyone is frantic. Even the police are baffled. Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, and his sister, Kat, overcome their prickly relationship to become sleuthing partners. They follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin, while time ticks dangerously by.</p>
<p>Anita Desai</p>	<p>Village by the Sea</p> 	<p>Set in a small fishing villlage near Bombay, Lila and Hari, aged 13 and 12, struggle to keep the family going when their mother is ill and their father usually the worse for drink. When Hari goes to Bombay to find work, Lila seems to be responsible for everything. Although the book paints a picture of extreme poverty, it demonstrates the strength of the family even in the most extreme circumstances and offers a powerful picture of another culture.</p>

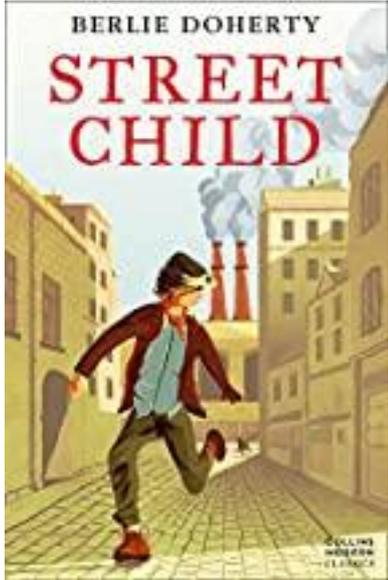
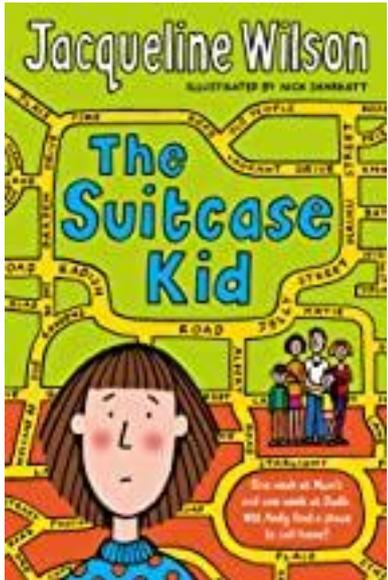
<p>Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>Double Act</p> 	<p>Ruby and Garnet are ten-year-old twins. They're identical, and they do EVERYTHING together, especially since their mother died three years earlier - but they couldn't be more different. Bossy, bouncy, funny Ruby loves to take charge, and is desperate to be a famous actress, while quiet, sensitive, academic Garnet loves nothing more than to curl up with one of her favourite books. And when everything around the twins is changing so much, can being a double act work for ever?</p>
<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>	<p>I Know What You Did Last Wednesday</p> 	<p>It's dangerous being the younger brother of the world's worst private detective, but Nick Diamond's survived...so far. When the pair receive an invitation to a school reunion on a remote Scottish island, things seem to be looking up. But Nick's got a bad feeling, and it's not indigestion. And when he meets their fellow guests, the feeling only gets worse - especially when they start dying in ever more bizarre ways!</p>
<p>Jeff Kinney</p>	<p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</p> 	<p>Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a 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>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Kensuke's Kingdom</p> 	<p>When Michael is washed up on an island in the Pacific after falling from his parent's yacht, the <i>Peggy Sue</i>, he struggles to survive on his own. But he soon realises there is someone close by, someone who is watching over him and helping him to stay alive.</p>
<p>Betsy Byars</p>	<p>The Midnight Fox</p> 	<p>Tom, a town boy, is horrified when his parents tell him he has to stay on Aunt Millie's farm while they are away. He finds country life every bit as strange and uncomfortable as he feared. But soon, he discovers a rare black fox with green eyes, living with her cubs in the forest. Suddenly, the summer is full of excitement. That is, until Uncle Fred decides to go after the fox - will Tom save her and her family in time?</p>
<p>Graham Baker-Smith</p>	<p>Farther</p> 	<p>A young boy, bewitched by his father's unrelenting passion to fly; a desperate craving that absorbs his every waking minute, finds himself entranced by the dream. When his father goes to war and does not return it seems the spell is broken.</p> <p>Much later, the boy, now a young man finds himself drawn once more to his father's drawings and failed experiments. Finally able to make his father's dream a reality, he flies. Will his own son be visited by this unrelenting passion?</p>

<p>Enid Blyton</p>	<p>First Term at Malory Towers</p> 	<p>In book 1 of Enid Blyton's boarding school series, Darrell Rivers is thrilled to start her first term at boarding school. She soon makes friends - and mischief! Another new girl, Gwendoline, is beginning to get on everyone's nerves. Will Darrell be able to keep her fiery temper under control?</p>
<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>The Wreck of the Zanzibar</p> 	<p>Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak and full of hardship. Laura's twin brother, Billy, disappears, and then a storm devastates everything. It seems there's little hope. But then the Zanzibar is wrecked on the island's rocks, and everything changes . . .</p>
<p>Philippa Pearce</p>	<p>Tom's Midnight Garden</p> 	<p>When Tom is sent to stay at his uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he hears the clock downstairs strike . . . eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . . Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and, into a garden everyone told him wasn't there. In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive - but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets are real or ghosts...</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>Andrew Norriss</p>	<p>Aquila</p> 	<p><i>It's a spaceship from the past - can it change the future?</i></p> <p>Aquila has been found by boys bunking off a geography field trip. They have no idea where it came from or what it does. But Geoff's discovered that when you sit in it these little coloured lights come on, and if you push one of the big blue ones . . . WHOOSH!</p>
<p>Eoin Colfer</p>	<p>Artemis Fowl</p> 	<p>At just 12 years old, Artemis Fowl is a criminal genius. No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf.</p>

<p>Rumer Godden</p>	<p>The Diddakoi</p> 	<p>Everyone in Kizzy's town hates her because she's half-gypsy – a diddakoi. But Kizzy doesn't care. All she needs is Gran and her horse, Joe. But when Gran dies and their wagon burns down, Kizzy is all alone. No one wants to look after her and her beloved Joe might get sent to the knacker's yard. Can Kizzy survive in a hostile world – and save Joe?</p>
<p>David Walliams</p>	<p>Billionaire Boy</p> 	<p>Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact.</p> <p>You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land.</p> <p>Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: A friend.</p>
<p>Stewart Foster</p>	<p>The Bubble Boy</p> 	<p>Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.</p>

<p>Bertie 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 of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls.</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.</p> <p>Will Jim ever manage to be free?</p>
<p>Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>The Suitcase Kid</p> 	<p>When ten-year-old Andrea's parents divorce, the family counsellor asks her if she wants to live in House A with her mother or in House B with her father. Andy chooses House C, their old house, with both parents, but settles for shuttling back and forth. Things are hard and, to make matters worse, Andy must contend with two new stepparents and five brothers and sisters. Andy's only solace is Radish, a toy rabbit who lives in her pocket.</p>