

Recommended Reads by Book Band

At Hadley Wood Primary School, we aim to develop a love and appreciation of reading. We encourage pupils to read widely and often, for both pleasure and information.

The books that children may choose from are banded at different levels and the children will be regularly assessed by the teacher to ensure an appropriate text is chosen.

Here you will find a list of suggested reads to support with selecting appropriate books for independent reading at home.

The dark blue, dark red and black book bands have a 'plus' section. These are texts that may contain some mature themes or complex/archaic language structures.

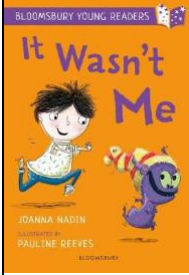
White: Fiction

	<p>Dragon Boy Grandad is different from other folk - he talks to the hills. One day, he tells his granddaughter, Lily, an old story about Dragon Boy - a human child who was raised by a dragon mother.</p>		<p>Tiger Troubles All Sloth Bear wants to do is play with Porcupine but it's nap time in the jungle and all the other animals are sleeping. She throws a guava at Porcupine's tree to wake him up and Tiger gets woken up too!</p>
	<p>Norman the Norman from Normandy Join Norman and his not-so-wild boar Truffle as they set off on a very grand adventure.</p>		<p>The Genius aged 8 1/4 A clever boy must solve problems for the teachers at school as well as his hopeless parents.</p>
	<p>Squishy McFluff: The Invisible Cat (series) When Ava discovers an imaginary cat in the cabbage patch, she knows she's found a new best friend. Together, Ava and Squishy McFluff get up to all kinds of mischief...</p>		<p>The Detective Club: Buried Treasure Leo, Fiz and Amir make up the Detective Club. They love solving mysteries and catching baddies. When an ancient chest is stolen, will they be able to follow the clues and catch the culprit?</p>
	<p>Mariella, Queen of the Skies Clever Mariella, a super-inventive nine-year-old scientist, is never short of ideas. But she is often short of time! How can she crack the problem of bedtime interrupting some of her very best inventions?</p>		<p>Nanny Ninja Ant is being looked after by Nanny but it's so boring! All Nanny ever does is sleep and the only good part is when he gets to hear about the Ninja on the news. Later, Ant hears noises and discovers his Nanny dressed all in black climbing out the window- she's the Ninja!</p>

White: Non-Fiction

	<p>Do You Love Bugs? Illustrated, light-hearted look at bugs from across the world. There are so many fun facts to uncover about our tiny furry and slimy friends.</p>		<p>Usborne lift-the-flap questions and answers about plastic An introduction to the environmental plastic problem in a question and answer format. Why is there so much plastic in the world? What's the problem and how can we solve it?</p>
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Lime: Fiction



It wasn't me

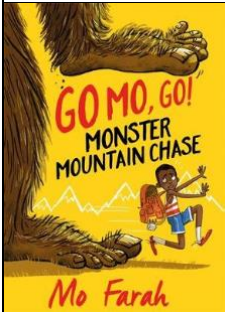
A boy finds his family don't believe him when a real gremlin appears to cause trouble. Whenever Alfie is in trouble, he blames Dave, the gremlin in his sock drawer. But when Dave actually appears one morning, the trouble has

just begun...



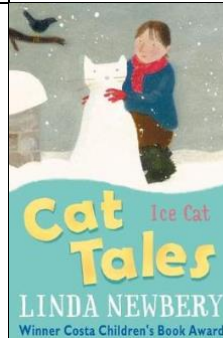
Back in the Game

A young boy plays his computer game for real when a power surge causes his game to come to life.



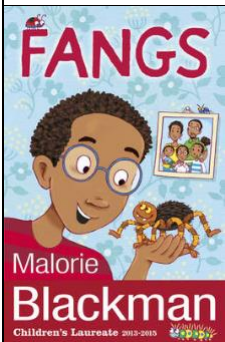
Go Mo Go: Monster Mountain Chase (series)

Young runner Mo and his friends encounter all kinds of dangerous wildlife including Big Foot while visiting the Rocky Mountains in America.



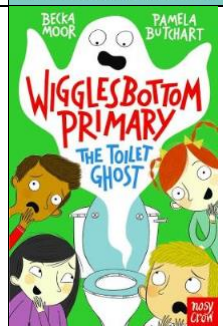
Cat Tales: Ice Cat

One day Tom builds a snowman. Then beneath his hands the snowman turns into a snow cat - a frightening animal with glittering eyes, cold and icy and ready to pounce...



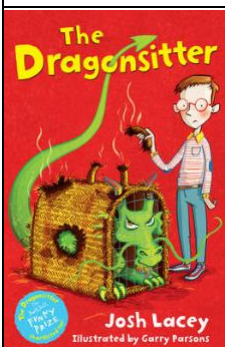
Fangs

Poor Fangs, the tarantula, is terribly lonely and bored with her life in the pet-shop. When Nathan takes her home, she's excited about her new life. But Nathan is going to need her help to convince his mum and sister that spiders aren't just creepy and crawly!



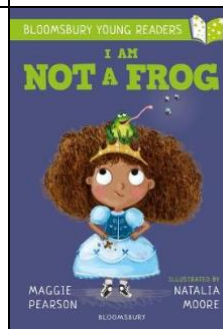
Wigglesbottom Primary: The Toilet Ghost (series)

Anything can happen at Wigglesbottom Primary and it always does. Are the boys' toilets haunted? YES! Can Miles McKay's stinky shoe tell the future? YES! Is the story-time carpet cursed? YES!



The Dragonsitter (series)

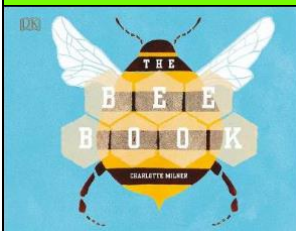
When Eddie's Uncle Morton goes off on an urgent mission, he leaves his dragon behind with Eddie. But a dragon is not easy to look after and with dragon poo on the carpet, burn holes through the fridge door and flames in the curtains, Mum is soon at the end of her tether.



I am not a Frog

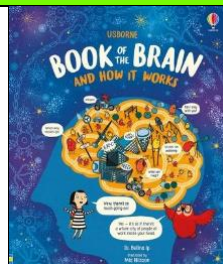
Princess Imelda has come up with a way to escape from the boring old palace and see the world. But while she's gone, the king and queen are convinced that she's been turned into a frog.

Lime: Non-Fiction



The Bee Book

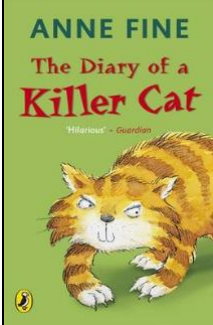
The Bee Book is perfect to teach children all about our fuzzy little friends, how much they matter, why they are declining, and what we can do to help.



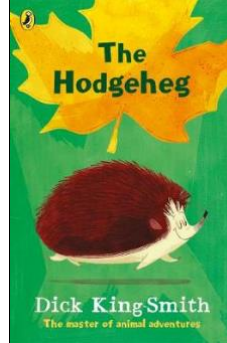
Usborne book of the brain and how it works.

This visually astonishing story takes children on a journey into and through the brain. Simple but beautifully illustrated metaphors explain the different jobs that our brains do, and how they use brain cells to accomplish them.

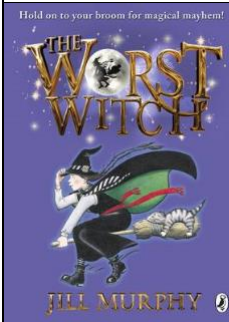
Brown: Fiction



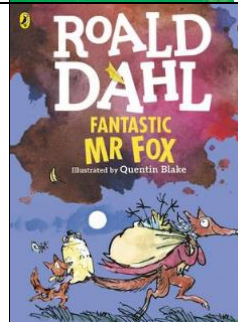
Diary of a Killer Cat (series)
Tuffy the cat is in big trouble. On Monday he left a dead bird on the carpet. On Wednesday he brought in a dead mouse but worse of all, on Thursday Ellie and her family discover Thumper, next door's rabbit. Dead.



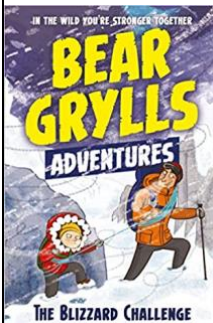
The Hodgeheg
The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodge-heg!



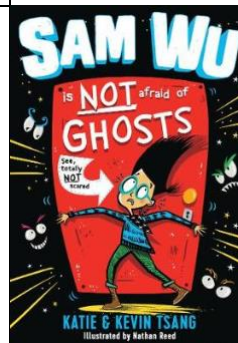
The Worst Witch (series)
Hold on to your broom for magical mayhem! Lovable but disaster-prone Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick.



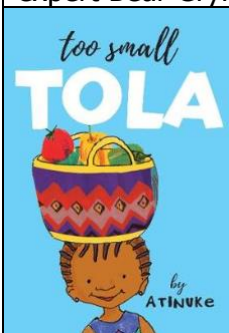
Fantastic Mr Fox
Boggis, Bunce and Bean are nasty, mean farmers who hate Mr Fox. They are determined to get him, so they lie in wait outside his hole, each one crouching behind a tree with a gun, determined to shoot, starve or dig him out. But clever, handsome Mr Fox has other plans!



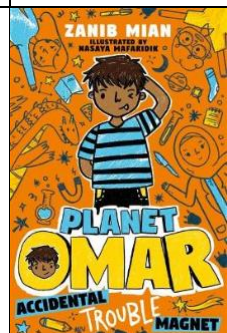
A Bear Grylls Adventure: The Blizzard Challenge (series)
Oly hates activity camp. Why should he bother building a stupid shelter or foraging for food? But then Oly gets given a compass with a mysterious fifth direction. When he follows it, he's magically transported to a high mountain range where he meets survival expert Bear Grylls.



Sam Wu is not Afraid of Ghosts (series)
A boy has to prove to his nemesis that he isn't afraid of ghosts after an unfortunate incident at the space museum leads to him wetting himself.

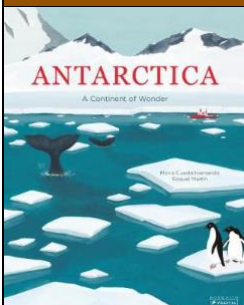


Too small Tola
Three stories about Tola, a young girl Nigerian who, though small, is very determined. She learns that she doesn't have to be big to make a difference.

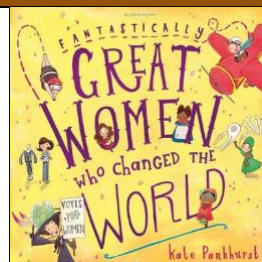


Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet (series)
Follows the daily tribulations of a young Muslim boy as he deals with his family, moving to a new house and starting a new school.

Brown: Non-Fiction



Antarctica: A Continent of Wonder
A look at Antarctica, its habitats, flora and fauna, weather and history, by following a group of researchers during a 6-month stay on the continent.



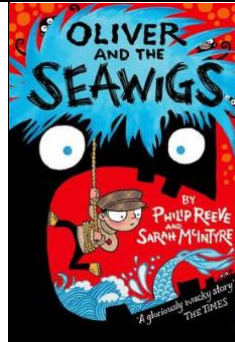
Fantastically great women who changed the world
Biographies of 13 women who had an impact on society throughout history. Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in.

Grey: Fiction



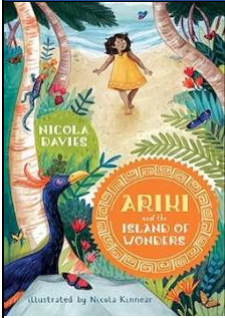
The Nothing to See Here Hotel (series)

Frankie and his parents who run a hotel for magical creatures have their work cut out at the arrival of a very demanding goblin prince. Especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret.



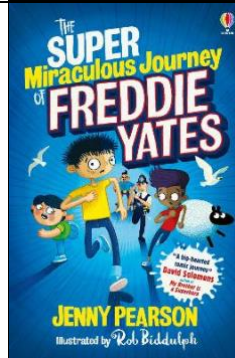
Oliver and the Seawigs

Oliver grew up in a family of explorers - but his biggest adventure is about to begin! Along with his new friends, a grumpy old albatross, a short-sighted mermaid and a friendly island called Cliff, Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents.



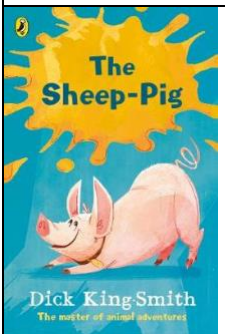
Ariki and the Island of Wonders

When Ariki sneaks out of her lesson for an adventure on the ocean, she is unaware of the storm she is sailing into. Swept away by the wild seas, she finds herself shipwrecked on an island that they have never been to before. The island is beautiful, but another island dweller reveals a darker and dangerous side to island life...



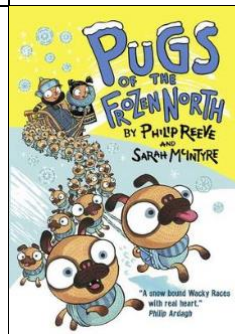
The Super-miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates

Freddie Yates loves facts. When he learns the surprising fact that his biological dad might be living in Wales, Freddy and his best friends sneak off to find him, causing a chain of events involving an onion-eating contest, superhero scarecrows and life-saving sheep



The Sheep-Pig

When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheepdog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheepdog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



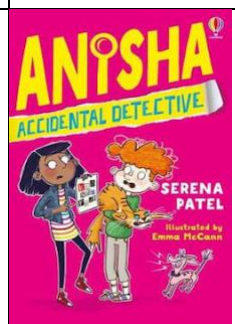
Pugs of the Frozen North

The Race to the Top of the World! It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire. Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis.



Boot: Small Robot, Big Adventure

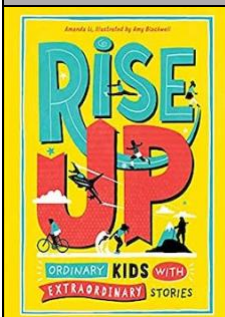
Join Boot on a dangerous adventure to find where home is, what friends look like, and why humans are so leaky and weird.



Anisha, Accidental Detective (series)

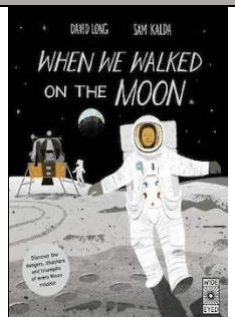
When Aunt Bindi's husband-to-be is kidnapped the day before the wedding, it's up to niece and bridesmaid Anisha to solve the mystery and save the day.

Grey: Non-Fiction



Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories

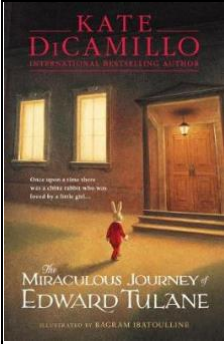
Every day around the world, children are overcoming adversity. From striking for climate change to surviving animal attacks. These twenty-nine stories about ordinary young people really are quite extraordinary....



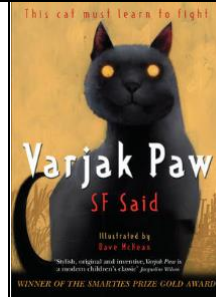
When We Walked on the Moon

Relive the seven different Apollo missions and learn about the astronauts, the risks, the rewards, the magical moments, what was discovered each time space and the Moon were explored, and what happened when things went wrong far from home...

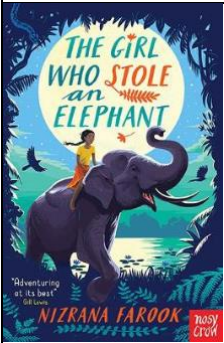
Dark Blue: Fiction



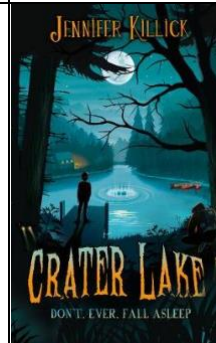
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey.



Varjak Paw
Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He's never left home, until his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now, Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and the strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.



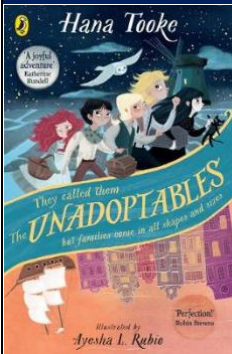
The Girl who Stole an Elephant
Chaya can talk her way out of anything - except stealing the Queen's jewels. She escapes on the back of a stolen elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk and revolution is stirring. And this gives Chaya an idea - maybe she can leave her village a thief but return



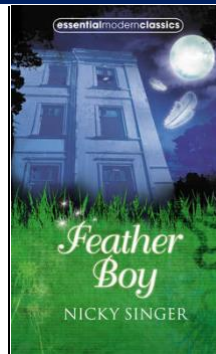
Crater Lake
Why is no one around when Year Six arrive at the Crater Lake activity centre? This is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!

a hero?

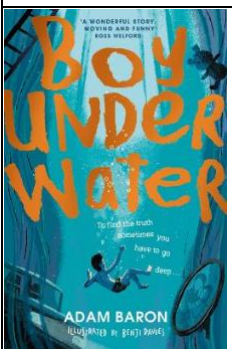
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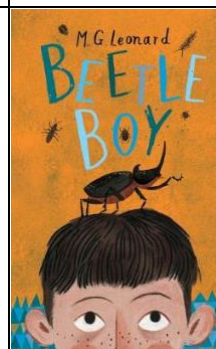
The Unadoptables
Five children deemed 'unadoptable' escape their cruel orphanage. They make a daring escape, fleeing the frozen canals of Amsterdam for an adventure packed with puppets and pirate ships, clock-makers and cruel villains.



Feather Boy
Robert is the class victim, the guy who's never picked for the team. No-one is more surprised than Robert when a strange old lady sends him on a quest to solve the mystery of derelict Chance House. Legend has it that a boy once fell to his death from an upper window.

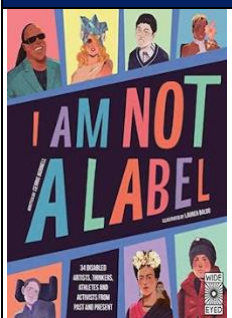


Boy underwater
Cymbeline Igloo has never been swimming so challenging the class bully to a race during their first school swimming lesson was never going to go down well. When Cymbeline nearly drowns, his mother has a nervous breakdown and ends up in hospital. Why?

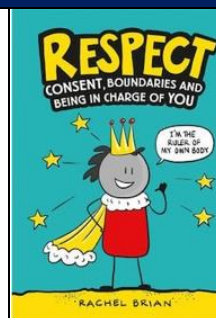


Beetle Boy
Darkus is miserable. His dad has disappeared, and now he is living next door to the most disgusting neighbours ever. A giant beetle called Baxter comes to his rescue. But can the two solve the mystery of his dad's disappearance?

Dark Blue: Non-Fiction



I Am Not A Label
Discover the true stories of thirty-four individuals who have overcome various obstacles and challenges in life to achieve personal goals and to be amongst the best in their chosen fields.



Respect: Consent, Boundaries and Being in Charge of YOU
Your body and personal space are yours alone and you are in control. It is time to learn how to set your rules, to take charge and to become a master of consent and boundaries.

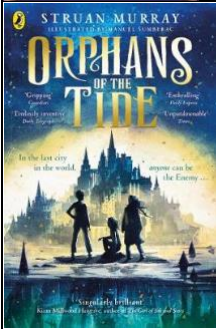
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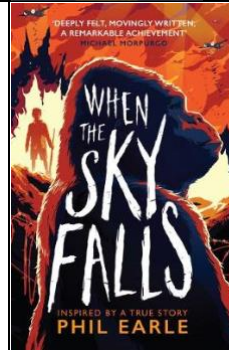
The House with Chicken Legs
The granddaughter of Baba Yaga yearns to change her destiny which ties her to her grandmother's enchanted house which moves from place to place at will.



The Night Bus Hero
A young lad determines to change his ways when the consequences of his bullying prank on a homeless man are laid bare.

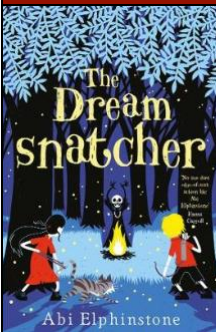


Orphans of the Tide
In a world destroyed by floods, a young inventor sets to prove the innocence of a mysterious boy washed up by the sea who citizens believe to be the embodiment of a destructive god.



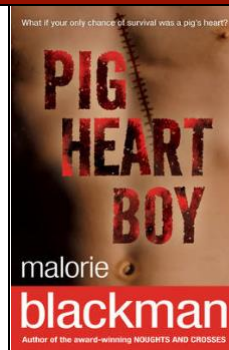
When the Sky Falls
In 1940, Joseph has been sent to stay with Mrs F, a woman with no fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. When the bombs begin to fall, Joseph must guard Adonis's cage if it is damaged. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?

Dark Red Fiction +

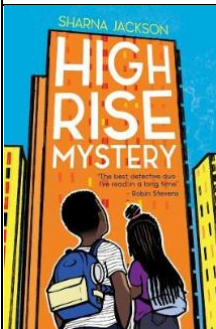


The Dreamsnatcher
Twelve-year-old Molly Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life. Because Moll is more important

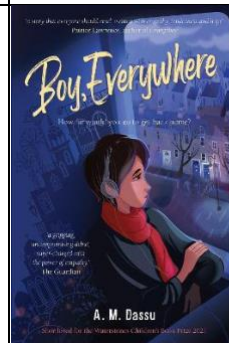
than she knows...



Pig-Heart Boy
Cameron is thirteen and desperately 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 not one from a human. From a pig.

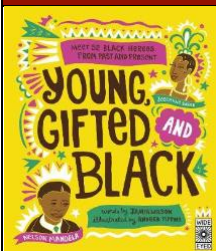


High-Rise Mystery
If you think finding a body is a fun adventure, you're 33% right. In the right place at the wrong time. There's been a murder in The Tri, and super-sleuths Nik and Norva are the detective duo the Block needs to solve it.

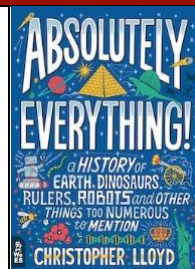


Boy, Everywhere
'Boy, Everywhere' chronicles the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family from privilege to poverty, across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester

Dark Red: Non-Fiction

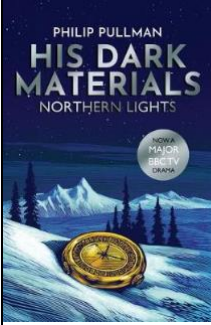


Young, Gifted and Black
Brings together 52 black icons from the past and present and celebrates their inspirational achievements.



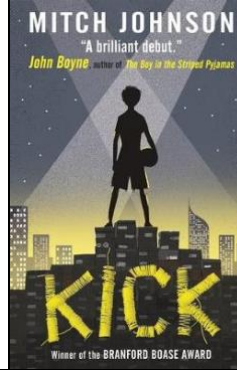
Absolutely Everything!
Take a journey from the beginning of time to the present day and uncover how changes in science, nature and history have shaped the modern world. From the Big Bang to the dinosaurs to early civilisations. Explore the rise and fall of empires to how wars and revolutions changed the world and what might come next.

Black: Fiction



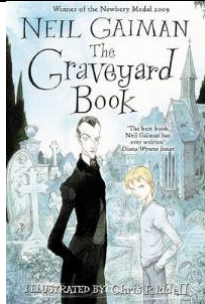
His Dark Materials: The Northern Lights

When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her daemon, Pantalaimon, set out to find him. Their quest is more dangerous than they imagined, but they will be helped by the mysterious device that Lyra carries - if she can learn its secrets.



Kick

Budi dreams big. He's going to be a star footballer playing for Real Madrid, instead of working in a sweatshop making the boots his idol wears. But one unlucky kick brings the real world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the deadliest gang lord in Jakarta.



The Graveyard Book

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as 'Bod', is a perfectly normal boy. Well, he would be perfectly normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the world

if the dead.

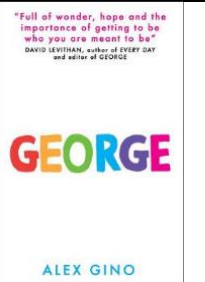
There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard...



The Jungle Book

The classic animal tale of a boy raised by animals set in India. When Father Wolf and Mother Wolf find a man-cub in the jungle, they anger the greedy tiger Shere Khan by refusing to surrender it to his jaws and rear the child as their own. But when little Mowgli grows up, the pack can no longer defend him.

Black Fiction +



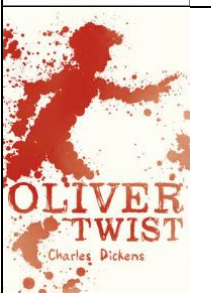
George

A 10-year-old transgender person struggles to come out to her family and people at school until her best friend has the idea of using the class play as a format for it



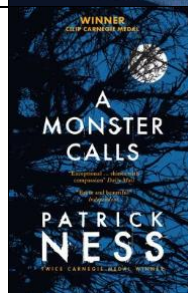
How High the Moon

An 11-year-old girl witnesses the racial tensions that lie beneath her segregated hometown when a 14-year-old black boy is accused of murdering two white girls.



Oliver Twist

The story of orphaned Oliver, who runs away from the workhouse only to be taken in by a den of thieves. Plunged into a dark criminal underworld of vivid characters - the arch-villain Fagin, the artful Dodger, the menacing Bill Sikes and kind-hearted Nancy - Oliver struggles to survive and find his real family.



A Monster Calls

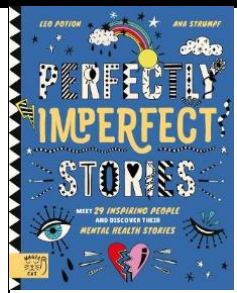
This is a moving novel about coming to terms with loss. The monster showed up just after midnight. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting. He's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the one he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments.

Black: Non-fiction



Usborne Politics for Beginners

An introduction to politics and political science for children. What is an election? Who gets to be Prime Minister or President? What does immigration mean? This essential introduction to politics for children answers all these questions and many more.



Perfectly Imperfect Stories

Meet 29 icons and discover how they overcame a range of mental health issues, from anorexia to depression, to live inspiring lives. At a time when kids' mental health is under more pressure than ever, this book celebrates the message that it's ok not to be ok.