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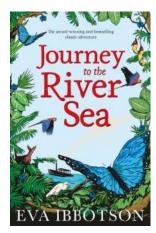
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RECOMMENDED READS for Year 7

Action and Adventure



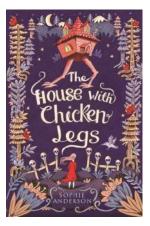
Fantastic magical adventure, set in 1910, in which tragically orphaned at the age of 13, Maia has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. How will she fare? Read and find out! Loved this? Try *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell





This pacy steampunk fantasy adventure takes you on a thrilling magical journey in an alternative Victorian England, one with clockwork servants, silver airships and mechanical animals, including the wonderful Malkin, a clockwork fox. 13 year-old Lily's inventor father has gone missing, presumed dead after an airship crash. Lily and Malkin find themselves being pursued at every turn.

Violet hates living in Perfect, a town where everyone has to wear special glasses to stop them going blind, and where her parents have started acting strangely. Can she and her friend, Boy, uncover the truth of the odd goings-on? A chilling, unusual adventure which will stay with you long after you've finished it.



An unusual adventure full of magic and traditional folktales by new author Sophie Anderson. You can't help being captivated by heroine, Marinka, who draws you into the story and into her magical world! A fresh new voice and well worth a read!

Laugh Out Loud

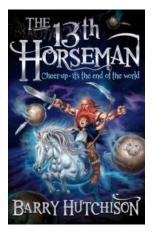




MARK LOWER

A hilarious, thoughtful romp, with wild, mischievous gods at large on earth! With his home under threat and his mum ill, life is not good for Eliot. Cue goddess Virgo crash landing in his cowshed and a series of madcap events, including unleashing evil god Thanatos. It's soon up to Eliot to save the world!

This hilarious story recounts the unfortunate life of Michael Swarbrick, who discovers that his parents are secret nudists and they are planning to go public! Follow Michael in his excruciatingly embarrassing situations, share his pain and enjoy this warm, funny story.

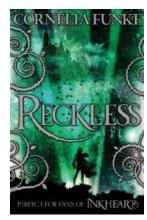




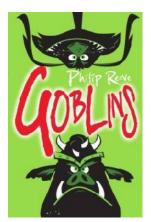
Drake has just met the Horsemen of the Apocalypse - but is this really the end of the world? What are they doing playing snakes and ladders in his garden shed? More importantly, why do they think he's the boy to join them as their missing Horseman? An irresistible blend of riotous comedy and rollicking action. Great fun! Like this? Try Terry Pratchett next.

A funny, clever, heartwarming adventure story. When Al (Albert ie Einstein) Chaudry discovers his physicist dad's time travel machine in the garage of his old house, and instructions for its use, the lure to use it (alongside him his pet hamster Alan Shearer) to try to prevent a go-karting accident in 1984 and his dad's death is too great.

Beyond this World



Gripping fantasy adventure, in which Jacob Reckless' visits to the parallel world he loves for its secrets, treasure and danger are in jeopardy. His younger brother, Will, has followed him with terrible consequences. Can Jacob spin a fairytale and save them?

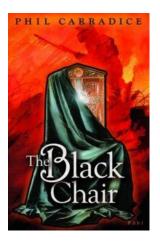


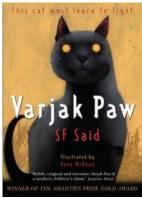
The first in a fun, light-hearted fantasy adventure series, packed with humour, set in the goblin world of Clovenstone Keep, packed full of smelly, squabbling, mostly stupid goblins. Skarper, a goblin with a brain and a thoughtful nature, teams up with polite human cheesewright Henwyn.



before the Armistice at 11am on 11 November 1918, the story follows Axel, a young German soldier; Eddie, an young American airman, and Will, a young British soldier. All three are likeable characters thrown together by war, trying to survive, as well as do the right thing. A thoughtprovoking, moving read.

Set during the final 24 hours





Written by local author, Phil Carradice, this is a moving story set during World War I, narrated by young keen soldier Danny, who, to honour his friend, Ellis Evans, (bardic name Hedd Wyn), an older reluctant soldier with a passion for writing poetry, tells of their close friendship amidst the horrors of the trenches.

Varjak Paw is one of a family of Mesopotamian cats living with the Contessa at the top of a hill. His grandfather tells him about the Way, a secret martial art for cats. He must use the Way to survive in the hostile outside world, full of danger and threat. Well-paced storytelling, moments of tension, detailed description and themes of friendship and loyalty make this a classy read.

A wonderful, at times funny, at times heartbreaking story about Dan Hope, a young boy whose head is full of things he'd like to come true – to be the first 11 yearold to land on the moon; to help Sherlock Holmes solve his trickiest mystery; to know that his dad loves him! The author has such a careful, sensitive touch and has created a witty, observant and spirited character in Dan.

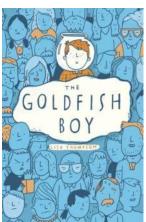
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Wild Thing

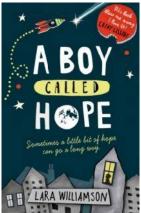
Darkus Cuttle's life is turned upside down by the disappearance of his father, so he decides to get to the bottom of the mystery himself. His aid comes in the unlikely form of giant beetle, Baxter. Add to the mix, creepy and cruel villainess Lucretia Cutter, and you've got a rollicking mystery adventure.



Life, Families and Friends



When toddler Teddy disappears mysteriously from his grandad's garden, 12 year-old Matthew is well-placed to help, his detective skills having been sharpened as he spends more and more time inside, blighted by his chronic OCD. As well as enjoying the mystery element, the book gives us a moving insight into OCD, and shows the power of hope and friendship. Fantastic writing!

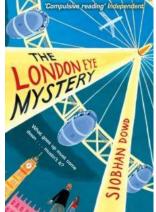


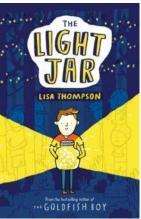
It's a mystery

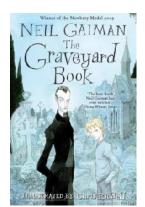


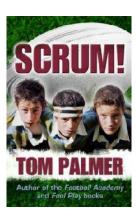
There's been a murder, but no one seems interested - even the police. Kieran Woods, however, has other ideas and decides to put his finely-tuned skills of observation and his artistic skills to good use to find out what really happened. A moving, emotional and sensitively handled read, with an engaging central character.

When the dead body of Science mistress, Miss Bell, disappears from the gym, Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells feel there is more to this than a terrible accident. Now not only do they have a murder mystery to solve, but they have to prove it happened in the first place. The first in this excellent series of carefully plotted mysteries.









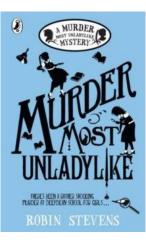
How could Salim have got onto the London Eye, yet not got off a half an hour later? Ted, with his different way of looking at the world, has his theory; Aunt Gloria has hers. Together with Kat. the three follow a trail of clues across London to try and solve the puzzle. Love this? Try The Guggenheim

Nate and his mother are running away, hiding in a

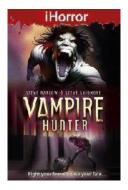
cottage in the forest. With his mum not back from a trip for supplies, Nate falls into despair, darkness and fear. A pageturning mystery from the writer of The Goldfish Boy told with sensitivity, and full of hope and warmth, despite the darker themes. Lisa Thompson is a cracking new writer.

Nobody, or Bod for short, is named and raised by the ghosts in the cemetery, after they chase away Jack, the murderer of Bod's family, and save Bod. There they can protect him from Jack: but outside in the world of the living, danger lurks at every turn. An excellent inventive, chilling novel.

Like his dad, Steven loves Rugby League, and is being eyed up by scouts looking for new talent. When he has to move down south to live with his mum and her new partner, however, he is faced with the prospect of adjusting to Rugby Union! How will he cope with the changes, divided loyalties and family problems. Another lively, accessible read from the fantastic Tom Palmer.



Scary stuff...



Interactive choose-your-own horror adventure from amazing duo, the 2 Steves, regular faces in Pembrokeshire. You are the mysterious Hunter, protecting the world from supernatural beings. Will you make the right choices?

and sporty stuff



Like many young people his age, Budi has dreams and hopes for the future. A football lover, he trains hard with his friends, pursuing his dream to be a top player, and to escape the Jakarta factory where he makes the very football boots worn by his heroes. This is a fast-paced, vividly written football story, handling some wider world, hard-hitting issues, with a lively appealing central character to keep us hooked.

Mystery by Robin Stevens.