

The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl – a lively, funny tale from one of the world’s best-loved children’s writers.

Percy Jackson (the Graphic Novels) by Rick Riordan - The adventures of this hero, who is half-God, half-boy are brought to life with comic-style illustrations by Attila Futaki.

Alex Rider (the Graphic Novels) by Anthony Horowitz - These colourful, comic-book style action books are packed with suspense, secrets and spies.

The Monstrous Child by Francesca Simon –This fantasy book from the author of the famous Horrid Henry series features a girl torn between two very different worlds.

Fortunately, The Milk by Neil Gaiman – Mum has gone away for the weekend, so Dad goes out to get milk and somehow ends up travelling in time.

Dockside (series) by John Townsend – These short, illustrated books about a group of teenagers at a youth club are full of humour and make great quick reads.

The Worry Website by Jacqueline Wilson – Everyone has problems sometimes, so what happens when you can share your worries anonymously and ask your friends for advice?

The Tom Gates books by Liz Pichon – With their lively illustrations and lots of comedy, these diary-style books about the everyday life of a hilarious boy are among the most popular children’s fiction in the UK.

Whizziwig by Malorie Blackman – An alien crash-lands on Earth and can only fix her spaceship by granting people accidental wishes.

Mind Writer by Steve Cole – A thriller about a boy who can read people’s minds.

Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli & Francesca Cavallo: Beautifully illustrated, this best-selling book tells the true stories of inspiring women and girls. There are 100 stories in the book, so it’s perfect for picking out one or two at a time for a quick read.

Pale by Chris Wooding – The Lazarus serum can bring you back from the dead – but nothing will ever be the same again. A creepy thriller for fans of spooky books!

Danger is Everywhere by David O'Doherty and Chris Judge – Packed with funny cartoons, this is a hilarious handbook about a character who sees danger in everything trying to stay safe

Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone – A magical adventure set in a snowy land, all about survival and belonging.

Moving by Helen Orme – A story about how a group of close friends feel when one of them finds out she might have to move schools. There are more books in this series (The Sisters) so you can follow the stories of the girls in the group.

Illegal by Eoin Colfer – A beautiful, powerful graphic novel about a boy's difficult journey from Africa to Europe.

Gloria's Voice by Audra Lewis – A stunning picture book that tells the story of inspiring journalist Gloria Steinem that shows us how everyone can make change in the world.

Jinx – the Wizard's Apprentice by Sage Blackwood – What happens when your evil stepdad abandons you in a forest and then you get rescued by a wizard?

Deadly Letter by Mary Hoffman – Prity has moved to London and it's very different to India, where she's from. A short story about moving, bullying and making friends.

Do Goalkeepers Wear Tiaras? Helena Pielichaty – Nothing makes the football coach notice Megan, not even wearing a tiara on the pitch. How else can she make him realise what a fantastic footballer she is?

The Dockside Series by John Townsend

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