Reading Age 8-11/KS2 SAT Reading score of 90-105





Boy Underwater by Adam Baron

Cymbeline Igloo (yes, really!) has NEVER been swimming. Not ever. Not once. 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. What he's not ready for is the accident at the pool — or how it leads his mum to a sudden breakdown. 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...

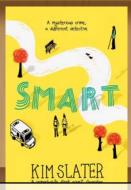
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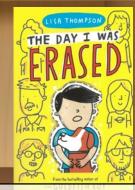
Jet Black Heart by Theresa Flavin



Murder in Midwinter by Fleur Hitchcock



Smart by Kim Slater



The Day I was Erased by Lisa Thompson

Violet hates living in Perfect. Why does everyone have to wear special glasses to stop them going blind? What are the strange noises in the night and why is Mum acting so weird? Then Dad disappears and Violet is determined to uncover the truth with the help of the mysterious Boy. But returning normality to Perfect is a battle they never imagined... First in a brilliant series.



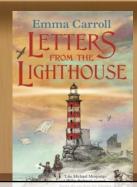
A Place Called Perfect by Helena Duggan



The House with One Hundred Clocks by AM Howell



The Bigwoof Conspiracy by Dashe Roberts



Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll



The Bone Sparrow by Zana Faillon

Beautiful, poignant, enlightening, heartbreaking, and hopeful. Subhi is a refugee. Born in an Australian permanent detention centre after his mother and sister fled the violence of a distant homeland, Subhi has only ever known life behind the fences. However, his world is far bigger than that—every night, the magical Night Sea from his mother's stories brings him gifts, the faraway whales sing to him, and the birds tell their stories. As he grows, his imagination threatens to burst beyond the limits of his containment. The most vivid story of all, however, is the one that arrives one night in the form of Jimmie—a scruffy, impatient girl who appears on the other side of the wire fence and brings with her a notebook written by the mother she lost. Unable to read it herself, she relies on Subhi to unravel her family's love songs and tragedies.

If this sounds good then you could also read...



A Good Day for Climbing Trees by Jaco Jacobs



Back to Blackbrick by Sarah Moore Fitzgerald



The Star Outside my Window by Onjali Q. Rauf



The Song From
Somewhere Else by
A.F. Harold



Running on the Roof of the World by Jess Butterworth

Born in a refugee camp, all Subhi knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high, the nice Jackets never stay long, and at night he dreams that the sea finds its way to his tent, bringing with it unusual treasures. And one day it brings him Jimmie. Carrying a notebook that she's unable to read and wearing a sparrow made out of bone around her neck - both talismans of her family's past and the mother she's lost - Jimmie strikes up an unlikely friendship with Subhi beyond the fence.



Check Mates by Stewart Foster

CATH HOWE

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Not My Fault by Cath Howe



Scavengers by Darren Simpson



Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson



A Pinch of Magic is a story of sisters, a curse and maybe a pinch of magic. The Widdershin sisters are the latest in a long line of women to be cursed to never leave their home island, or else they'll be dead by sundown. But Betty longs for adventure and a way to escape her boring life by breaking the curse.

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

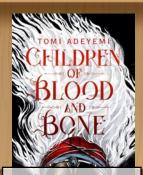
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Inkling by Kenneth Oppel



The Strangeworlds
Travel Agency by
L.D. Lapinski



Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi



Tilly and the Book
Wanderers by
Anna James

When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved – dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure – as well as things that scared them (including a very creepy scarecrow. . .) Now the twins are eleven, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar . . . real?



The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan



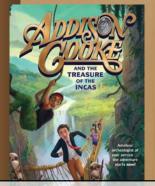
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood



The Midnight Hour by Benjamin Read and Lara Trinder



The Light Hunters by Dan Walker



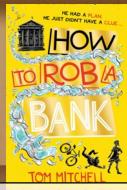
Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas by Jonathan Stokes

Twelve-year-old Addison Cooke just wishes something exciting would happen to him His aunt and uncle, both world-famous researchers, travel to the ends of the earth searching for hidden treasure, dodging dangerous robbers, while Addison is stuck in school. Luckily for Addison, adventure has a way of finding the Cookes. After his uncle unearths the first ancient Incan clue needed to find a vast trove of lost treasure, he is kidnapped by members of a shadowy organization intent on stealing the riches. Addison's uncle is the bandits' key to finding the treasure . . . unless Addison and his friends can outsmart the kidnappers and crack the code first. This is a story full of laugh-out-loud moments and nonstop action.

If this sounds good then you could also read...



Make Me Awesome by Ben Davis



How to Rob a Bank by Tom Mitchell



Knights and Bikes by Gabriella Kent



Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard

FloodWorld is a gripping, action-packed story. Kara and Joe spend their days navigating the perilous waterways of a sunken city, scratching out a living in the ruins. But when they come into possession of a mysterious map, they find themselves in a world of trouble. Suddenly everyone's after them; gangsters, cops and ruthless Mariner pirates in their hi-tech submarines. The two children must find a way to fight back before FloodWorld's walls come tumbling down...



FloodWorld by Tom Huddlestone



Orion Lost by Alastair Chisholm



Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick



Pale by Chris
Wooding



Monstrous Devices by Damien Love



The Girl Who Stole
An Elephant by
Nizrana Farook

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

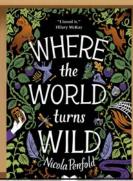
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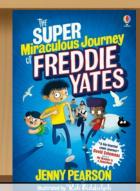
Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan



The Girl who
Speaks Bear by
Sophie Anderson



Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold



The Super Miraculous
Journey of Freddie Yates
by Jenny Pearson



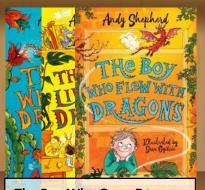
Ghost by Jason Reynolds Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons - until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?



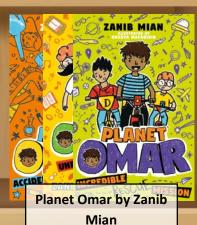
The Kick Off by Dan Freedman

Super Series





The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shephard



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Proud of Me by
Sarah Hagger-Holy

New for 2021



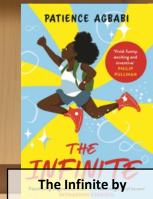
Becky and Josh are almost-twins, with two mums and the same anonymous donor dad. Josh can't wait until he's eighteen, the legal age when he can finally contact his donor, and he'll do anything to find out more - even if it involves lying. Becky can't stop thinking about her new friend, Carli. Could her feelings for Carli be a sign of something more? Becky and Josh both want their parents to be proud of them...but right now, they're struggling to even accept themselves.

LGBTQ+. Relationships. Friendship.

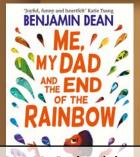
FIGHT CRIME, ACROSS TIME!

Leaplings, children born on the 29th of February, are very rare. Rarer still are Leaplings with The Gift – the ability to leap through time. Elle Bíbi-Imbelé Ifíè has The Gift, but she's never used it. Until now. On her twelfth birthday, Elle and her best friend Big Ben travel to the Time Squad Centre in 2048. Elle has received a mysterious warning from the future. Other Leaplings are disappearing in time – and not everyone at the centre can be trusted. Soon Elle's adventure becomes more than a race through time. It's a race against time. She must fight to save the world as she knows it – before it ceases to exist . . .

Adventure. Time Travel.



Patience Agbabi

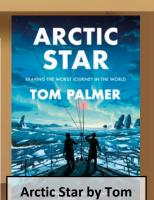


Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow by Benjamin Dean Things aren't going great for Archie Albright. His dad's acting weird, his mum too, and all he wants is for everything to go back to normal, to three months before when his parents were happy and still lived together. When Archie sees a colourful, crumpled flyer fall out of Dad's pocket, he thinks he may have found the answer. Only problem? The answer might just lie at the end of the rainbow, an adventure away. Together with his best friends, Bell and Seb, Archie sets off on a heart-warming and unforgettable journey to try and fix his family, even if he has to break a few rules to do it...

Family. Gender. Humour. LGBTQ+.

Winter 1943. Teenagers Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the Second World War. Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia to deliver supplies to the Soviets. The convoys have to navigate treacherous waters, sailing through a narrow channel between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life-threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?

World War Two. Naval Adventure.



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TRAIN TO IMPOSSIBLE PLACES

The Train to
Impossible Places by
PG Bell

New for 2021



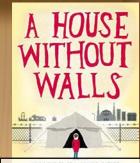
It's not every day that a magical train drives through your hallway but that's what happens to Suzy. She discovers it's the Impossible Postal Express, responsible for making deliveries throughout the Union of Impossible Places. Being something of a scientist, and deeply inquisitive, Suzy can't let this opportunity pass and climbs aboard. It's not long before she's been deputized as a Postal Operative (by the troll in charge), which in turn embroils her in an even bigger adventure, and one of those magical good versus evil power struggles that are central to all the best fantasy adventures.

Fantasy

Thirteen-year-old Safiya and her family have been driven out of Syria by civil war. Safiya knows how lucky she is – lucky not to be living in a refugee camp, lucky to be alive. But it's hard to feel grateful when she's forced to look after her father and brother rather than go back to school, and now that she's lost her home, she's lonelier than ever.

As they struggle to rebuild their lives, Safiya realizes that her family has always been incomplete and with her own future in the balance, it's time to uncover the secrets that war has kept buried.

Family



A House without
Walls by Elizabeth
Laird