

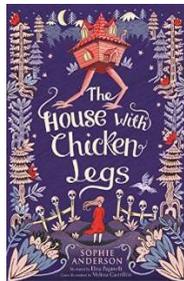
# Upper School – Unmissable Reads

Gold Star Read

To tempt you...

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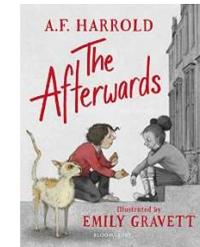


**The House with Chicken Legs**  
Sophie Anderson

*Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...*



**The Girl who Speaks Bear**



**The Afterwards**  
A. F. Harrold



**Malamander**  
Thomas Taylor

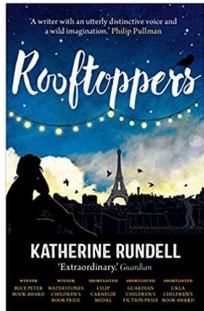
*Nobody visits Eerie-on-Sea in the winter. Especially not when darkness falls and the wind howls around Maw Rocks and the wreck of the battleship Leviathan, where even now some swear they have seen the unctuous Malamander creep...*



**Gargantis**

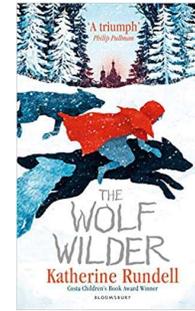


**Light Hunters**  
Dan Walker



**Rooftoppers**  
Katherine Rundell

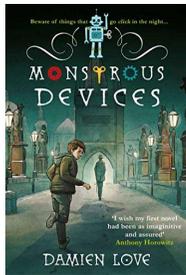
*Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. Found floating in a cello case and swaddled in a Beethoven score, she is the only recorded female survivor of a shipwreck on the English Channel. But Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help...*



**The Wolf Wilder**



**The Clockwork Crow**  
Catherine Fisher



**Monstrous Devices**  
Damien Love

*When twelve-year-old Alex receives an old tin robot in the post, the note from his grandfather simply reads: 'This one is special'. But as strange events start occurring around him, it doesn't take Alex long to suspect that the small toy is more than special; it might also be deadly.*



**The Shadow Arts**

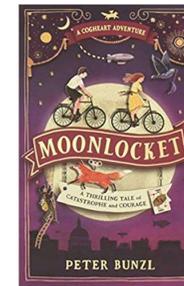


**Pax**  
Sara Pennypacker

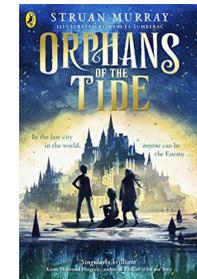


**Cogheart**  
Peter Bunzl

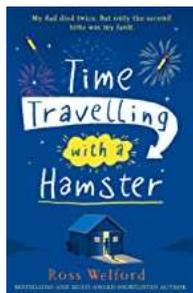
*Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends – Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox – Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realises that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart... Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.*



**Moonlocket**



**Orphans of the Tide**  
Struan Murray



**Time travelling with a hamster**  
Ros Welford

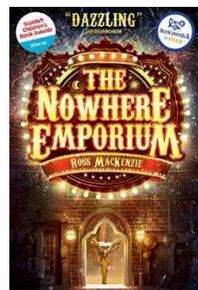
*“My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty-nine and again four years later when he was twelve.” On Al Chaudhury’s twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al’s late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father’s life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...*



**The 1000 Year Old Boy**



**Wink**  
Rob Harrell

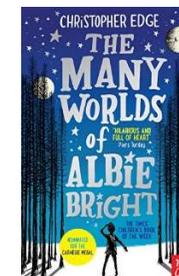


**The Nowhere Emporium**  
Ros MacKenzie

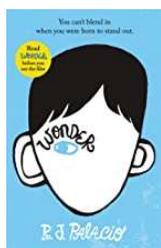
*When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' draws Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.*



**Evernight**

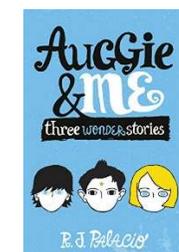


**The Many Worlds of Albie Bright**  
Christopher Edge

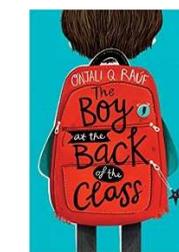


**Wonder**  
R. J. Palacio

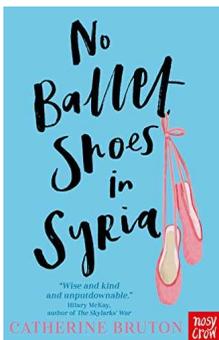
*Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, 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. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?*



**Auggie and Me**

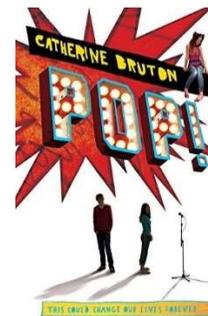


**Boy at the Back of the Class**  
Onjali Rauf



**No Ballet Shoes in Syria**  
Catherine Bruton

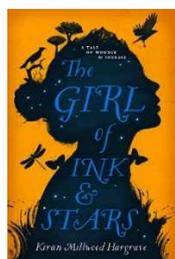
*Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves, and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria.*



**POP!**

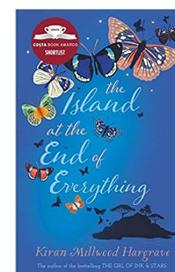


**Clean Getaway**  
Nic Stone

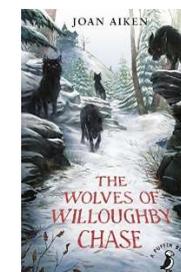


**The Girl of Ink and Stars**  
Kiran Millwood Hargrave

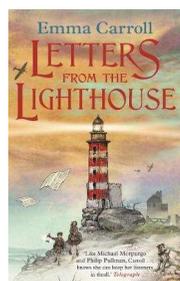
*When Isabella's friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search party. As a mapmaker's daughter, she's equipped with elaborate ink maps and knowledge of the stars, eager to navigate the island's forgotten heart. But beneath the mountains a legendary fire demon awakens, and her journey is fraught with danger ...*



**The Island at the End of Everything**



**The Wolves of Willoughby Chase**  
Joan Aiken

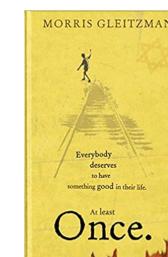


**Letters from the Lighthouse**  
Emma Carroll

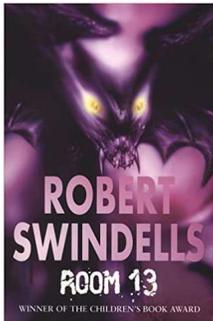
*We weren't supposed to be going to the pictures that night. We weren't even meant to be outside, not in a blackout, and definitely not when German bombs had been falling on London all month like pennies from a jar. February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.*



**When we were Warriors**



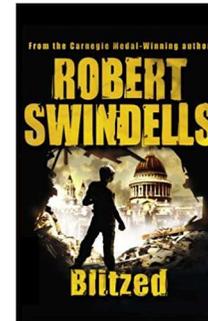
**Once**  
Morris Gleitzman



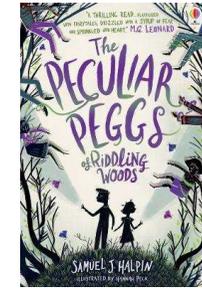
**Room 13**  
**Robert Swindells**

*Somebody was in there. Somebody - or some thing . . .*

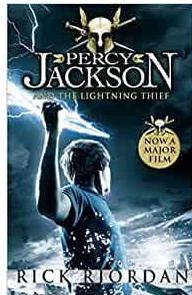
*There is no room thirteen in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to room 12. And something is happening to Ellie-May Sunderland, too - something very sinister . .*



**Blitzed**



**The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Woods**  
**Samuel J. Halpin**

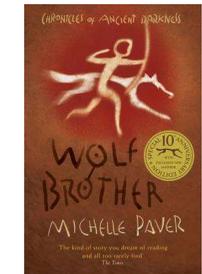


**Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**  
**Rick Riordan**

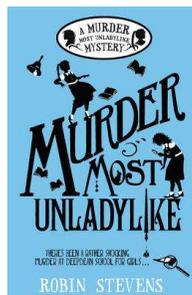
*Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek god. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. That's when things started really going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea . . .*



**The Trials of Apollo**

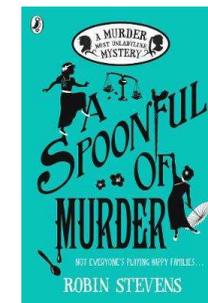


**Wolf Brother**  
**Michelle Paver**

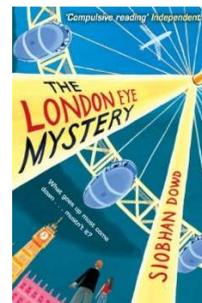


**Murder Most Unladylike**  
**Robin Stevens**

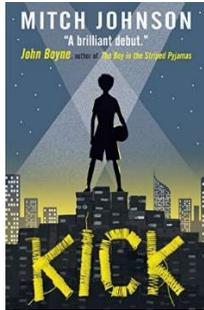
*The first in a fabulous and exciting new detective series set during the 1930's. Daisy Wells (not just a perfect English Miss) and Hazel Wong (astute and observant) have started a secret Detective Society at the Deepdene School for girls. The girls have a typical friendship, with some wonderful highs and sorrowful lows. After finding a dead body, which then disappears, the girls are racing to stay one step ahead and solve the clues.*



**A Spoonful of Murder**



**The London Eye Mystery**  
**Siobhan Dowd**



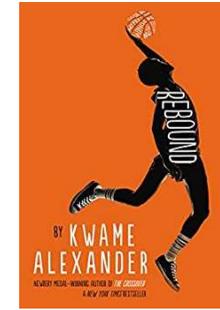
**Kick**  
**Mitch Johnson**

*Budi's plan is simple...*

*He's going to be a star, instead of sweating over each football boot he makes, each stitch he sews, each box he packages. He's going to play for the greatest team on earth, rather than in the square behind the factory where he works.*

*But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down, because now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in all Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.*

**Watch this space...  
More coming soon...**

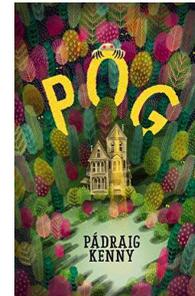


**Rebound**  
**Kwame Alexander**

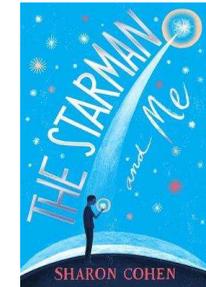


**Tin**  
**Padraig Kenny**

*Christopher is 'Proper': a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, loyal and totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed for ever ... What follows is a remarkable adventure, as Christopher discovers who he really is, and what it means to be human.*



**Pog**

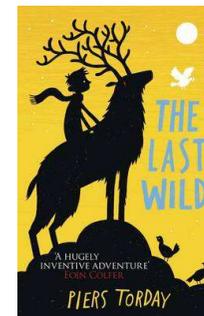


**The Starman and Me**  
**Sharon Cohen**



**The Lost Magician**  
**Piers Torday**

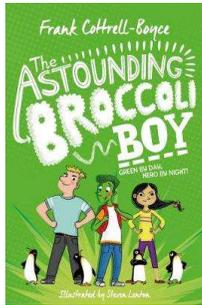
*1945. They have survived the Blitz, but when Simon, Patricia, Evelyn and Larry step through a mysterious library door, it is the beginning of their most dangerous adventure yet. They discover the magical world of Folio, where an enchanted kingdom of fairy knights, bears and tree gods is under threat from a sinister robot army. The many stories of the Library are locked in eternal war, and the children's only hope is to find their creator – a magician who has been lost for centuries. What they find will change not just their own lives, but the fate of the world, for ever ...*



**The Last Wild**

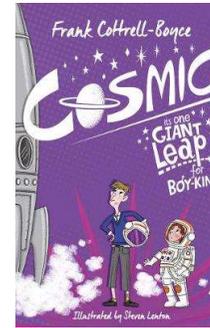


**The House with One Hundred Clocks**



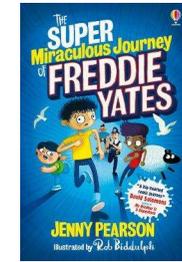
**The Astounding Broccoli Boy**  
Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is *Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared*, and he has memorized every page of it. He could even survive a hippo attack. He knows that just because something is unlikely doesn't mean it won't ever happen . . . But Rory isn't prepared when he suddenly and inexplicably turns green. Stuck in an isolation ward in a hospital far from home with two other remarkably green children, Rory's as confused by his new condition as the medics seem to be. What if turning green actually means you've turned into a superhero?.

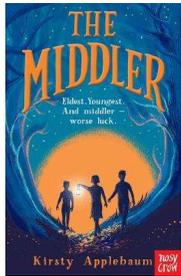


**Cosmic**

A.M.Howell

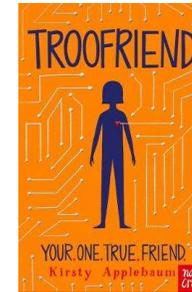


**The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates**  
Jenny Pearson



**The Middler**  
Kirsty Applebaum

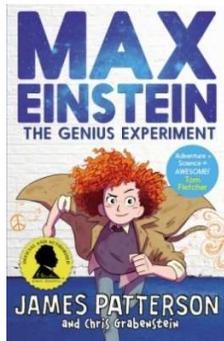
*I was special. I was a hero. I lost the best friend I ever had. Eleven-year-old Maggie lives in Fennis Wick, enclosed and protected from the outside world by a boundary, beyond which the Quiet War rages and the dirty, dangerous wanderers roam. Her brother Jed is an eldest, revered and special. A hero. Her younger brother is Trig - everyone loves Trig. But Maggie's just a middler; invisible and left behind. Then, one hot September day, she meets Una, a hungry wanderer girl in need of help, and everything Maggie has ever known gets turned on its head.*



**Troofriend**

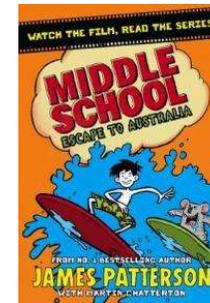


**The Storm Keeper's Island**  
Catherine Doyle

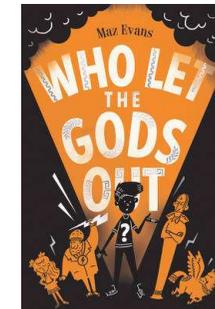


**Max Einstein - The Genius Experiment**  
James Patterson

James Patterson has teamed up with the world's most famous genius to entertain and inspire a generation of children - with the first and only children's adventure series officially approved by the Albert Einstein Archives. Max Einstein is a typical 12-year-old. She... Goes to college every day Plays speed chess in the park Builds inventions that help the homeless And talks to Albert Einstein All normal stuff, right? Until one day when Max is recruited by a mysterious organisation! Their mission: solve some of the world's toughest problems using science. She's helped by a diverse group of young geniuses from around the globe as they invent new ways to power the farthest reaches of the planet. But that's only if the sinister outfit known as The Corporation doesn't get to her first...



**Middle School: Escape to Australia**



**Who Let the Gods Out**  
Maz Evans

