

Recommended Reads Year 5 2018



Bell, Alex - Polar Bear Explorer's Club

Feisty orphan Stella Starflake Pearl and her unlikely crew embark on a spectacular adventure in a fantastical land of ice and snow, which leads Stella to make a startling discovery about her own identity.

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Butler, Steven - Nothing to See Here Hotel

A goblin prince arrives at the hotel that Frank and his parents run for magical creatures causing them all sorts of problems!

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Butterworth, Jess - When the Mountain Roared

Ruby moves from Australia to India and soon discovers she needs to conquer her fears if she is going to protect the local leopards.

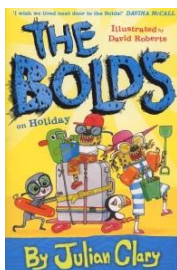
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Carroll, Emma - Sky Chasers

Magpie's life is changed forever when she sees a boy dangling from the sky. An historical adventure around the race to put a balloon in the sky.

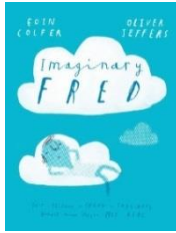
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Clary, Julian - Bolds on Holiday

The hyena family are off to Cornwall for a spot of camping. Plenty of terrible jokes as trouble awaits.

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Colfer, Eoin - Imaginary Fred

Have you ever thought about how hard it is to be an imaginary friend? What happens when your 'friend' finds a real pal of their own? Oliver Jeffers illustrations complement this thoughtful and amusing tale from a distinctively original perspective. Shortlisted for the SLS Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2017.

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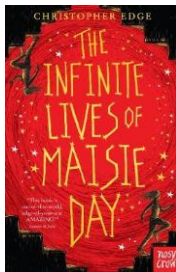


Colfer, Eoin - Mariella Queen of the Skies

Mariella is so keen to make and invent things that she sets out to trick time in order to get everything done. But what is the impact of all that lack of sleep?

A Little Gems, Hi-Lo read.

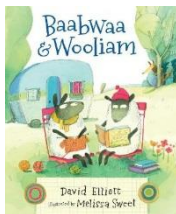
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Edge, Christopher - Infinite Lives of Maisie Day

Maisie is mad keen on science but her interest is put severely to the test when she wakes up on her 10th birthday in a parallel universe. Lots of science theories and facts in amongst her adventures.

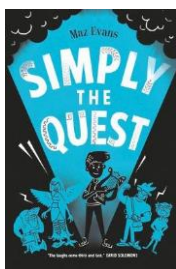
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Elliott, David - Baabwaa & Wooliam

Drily written and highly amusing KS2 Picture Book about two sheep, one of whom reads and the other who knits, and their literal and literary encounter with 'a wolf in sheep's clothing'!

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Evans, Maz - Simply the Quest

The adventure continues as the Greek immortals are still camped out at Elliot's home. A great series with plenty of humour and zany characters.

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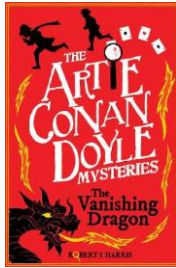


Green, Julia - To the Edge of the World

Mara doesn't want to go to school and sets out to sail away from her remote Scottish Island, taking Jamie with her. Along with her dog, they find themselves on a wild sea adventure.

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Harris, Robert J - Vanishing Dragon

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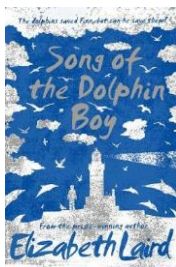
One day, young Artie Conan Doyle will create one of the greatest literary detective characters' of all time, but for now he's growing up in 19th Century Edinburgh solving mysteries and learning all sorts of useful tricks. Second in series.



Harrold, A F - Greta Zargo and the Death Robots from Outer Space

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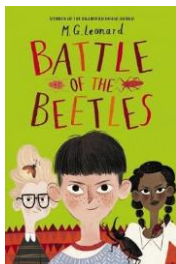
Fast paced and witty story about an intrepid, orphaned, junior reporter who also happens to save the world. First in series.



Laird, Elizabeth - Song of the Dolphin Boy

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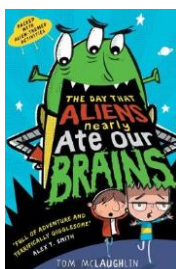
Finn finds that he bonds more with dolphins than he does with people, but how can he stop his new friends being hurt?



Leonard, M G - Battle of the Beetles

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Third and final instalment of a great adventure series. Three young friends battle to overcome the fearsome Lucretia Cutter in her attempt to rule the world. Series celebrates the extraordinary powers of the insect world.



McLaughlin, Tom - Day that Aliens nearly ate our Brains

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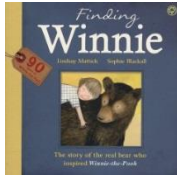
Freddy and Sal must stop a brain eating alien from invading earth in this wacky adventure.



Martin, Laura - Edge of Extinction

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In a world where dinosaurs roam and humans live underground, Sky decides she needs to go "up top" to find her father in this thrilling read.

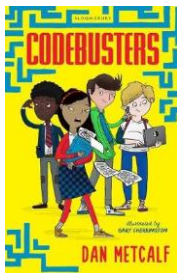


Mattick, Lindsay - Finding Winnie

At the outset of WWI, a Canadian vet rescues a bear cub and names her Winnie (short for Winnipeg). He gives the bear to London Zoo for safekeeping where she is visited by a little boy called Christopher Robin. The story is told by the great granddaughter of the vet, Captain Harry Colebourn, and Winnie is believed to be the inspiration for Winnie-the-Pooh. Shortlisted for SLS Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2017.

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Metcalf, Dan - Codebusters

Jax and his new friends are secret code breakers. When the Maths trophy goes missing the Codebreakers have a real mystery to solve.

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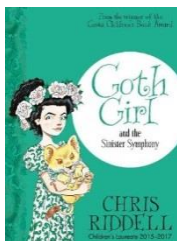
O'Neill, Richard - Ossiri and the Bala Mengro

This is an entrancing story blending elements of traditional storytelling and folklore together with a positive presentation of the lives and work of traveller communities. There is some 'Romani' language in the text and a small glossary. Beautiful folk art style illustrations too.

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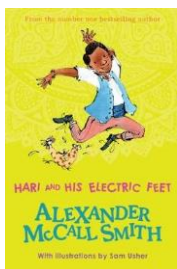
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Riddell, Chris - Goth Girl and the Sinister Symphony

4th in the series that still has lots to offer. Lord Goth and Ada are organising a music festival, 'Gothstock', to which the finest composers and musicians in the land are to be invited. An opportunity for mishap, mystery solving and adventure; told with wit, humour and amazing illustrations.

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Smith, Alexander McCall - Hari and his Electric Feet

Hari is an endearing young boy, who watches Bollywood films and begins to dance. The dancing is infectious and has quite an effect on the people and communities around him. The story has a fable like quality to it and is interlaced with detail about family life in India. Beautifully illustrated by Sam Usher.

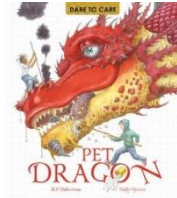
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Stower, Adam - King Coo

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While escaping from a bully at school, Ben accidentally falls down a hole and finds himself in a forest world ruled by the extraordinary King Coo, who is, amongst other things, a bearded girl. In the midst of adventures and mayhem, Ben learns some valuable life lessons.



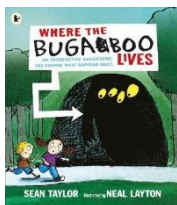
Symes, Sally - Pet Dragon

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Great spoof style pet owners manual. It has everything a dragon owner needs to know from choosing an egg to feeding, grooming and training a dragon. Lots of text boxes and broken up text.

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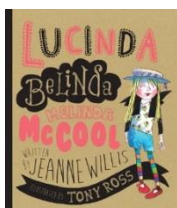
Taylor, Sean - Where the Bugaboo Lives

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A crazy, inventive and interactive text combines with exuberant illustrations as Ruby and Floyd set out in search of the Bugaboo. The reader gets to choose which way the story goes.

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Winner of the SLS Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2017.



Willis, Jeanne - Lucinda Belinda Melinda McCool

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A cautionary tale for the overly critical, told entirely in rhyme.

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CF = Children's Fiction



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