

Recommended Reads Year 6 2018



Barlow, Steve – Hercules

An interactive choose-your-own adventure in which the reader is Hercules. Ideal as a hi-lo title or for a quick read. Part of the I HERO Legends series.

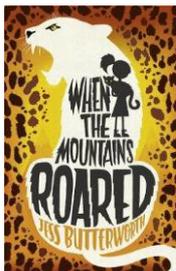
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Black, Holly and Clare, Cassandra- Silver Mask

In this spellbinding fourth book of Magisterium series, readers are taken beyond the realm of the living and into the dangers of the dead. Could be recommended to fans of Harry Potter.

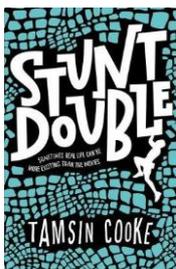
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Butterworth, Jess - When the Mountains Roared

Ruby is forced to leave Australia in order to set up a hotel in the Himalayas. She grows to love the area and fights to protect the local animals from poachers. The story has a great sense of place. It also covers such issues as dealing with death, overcoming fears as well as the conservation message. Would read well aloud as chapters are short and story is fast paced.

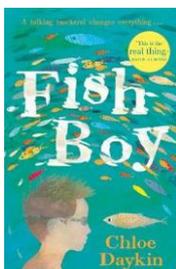
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Cooke, Tamsin - Stunt Double

Finn becomes a stunt double. However he finds his life is in danger when the stunts he is doing for a film become progressively more dangerous. A fun, fast paced adventure story with a likeable main character and subject matter that has great appeal.

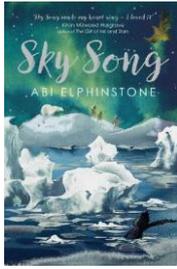
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Daykin, Chloe - Fish Boy

Billy has got a lot on his mind so he takes up wild swimming and manages to communicate with fish. Although this story deals with depression and sickness, it does so sensitively. The dreamlike quality of the writing might not appeal to everyone yet this is a memorable and thought provoking book.

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Elphinstone, Abi - Sky Song

This is a story about an eagle huntress, an inventor and an organ made of icicles. But it is also a story about belonging and the value of diversity. The plot itself is a standard quest story with plenty of obstacles to overcome and dangers to escape from. There's also a strong magical element and a well realised setting. Fantastic read.

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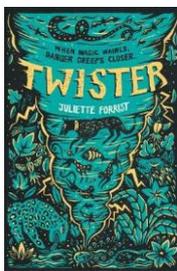
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Evans, Mark - Scarlet Hood

Scarlet is given a magical coat which allows her to travel back in time and gives her the strength to fight her fears. This is a heart-warming graphic novel told in striking pictures and simple language that is perfect for reluctant readers.

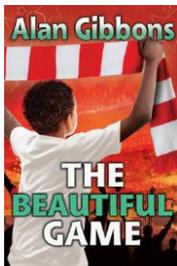
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Forrester, Juliette – Twister

Twister's search for her pa takes her into real danger: she encounters ghosts and the dead, harnesses black magic, while in the real world she becomes the target for a violent and damaged classmate. Set in a beautifully described world of mountains, forests and open meadows this is a powerful and absorbing story with memorable characters.

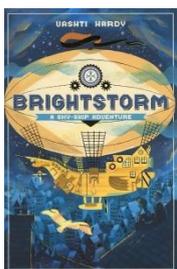
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Gibbons, Alan - Beautiful Game

Interwoven with lots of facts about the history of football, the great disasters of the twentieth century and the black footballers who blazed a trail in the UK, this book is ideal to engage reluctant reading football fans. Published by Barrington Stoke this is a short read.

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Hardy, Vashti - Brightstorm : a sky-ship adventure

Arthur and Maudie set off to find their explorer father who is reputed to have died trying to reach South Polaris. A thrilling, original adventure from a debut author. The main characters have all the attributes of a very memorable story - real courage, loyalty and resilience.

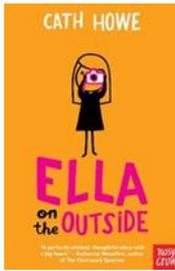
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Harrold, A F - The Song from Somewhere Else

Frank befriends the boy of an eccentric family and she learns about a secret in the cellar of their house. A poignant, darkly comic and deeply moving story about the power of the extraordinary, and finding friendship where you least expect it. The illustrations by award winning Levi Pinfold add to the atmosphere of the story.

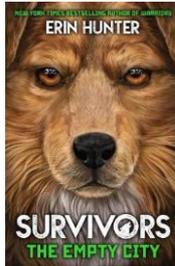
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Howe, Cath - Ella on the Outside

Ella has just started at a new school, However she has a secret. Her father is in prison for stealing money. This is a gripping story of lies, friendship, and blackmail.

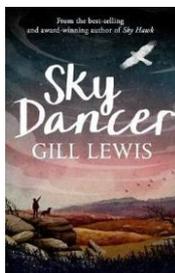
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Hunter, Erin - Survivors: The Empty City

A pack of pet dogs learn to survive in a dangerous new world without humans. This fantasy, adventure story is the start of a new series.

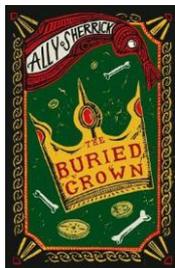
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Lewis, Gill - Sky Dancer

Joe, Ella and Minty come from three very different backgrounds but join forces to fight for what they believe in, even when it feels like a betrayal of the people they love. This is a beautiful tale set on the Yorkshire moors of loss, change and an important and thought-provoking environmental message.

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Sherrick, Ali - Buried Crown

George and Kitty protect an ancient Anglo-Saxon crown with magical powers from falling into the hands of Nazi invaders during World War II. This is a well researched historical novel with plenty of action and adventure which could be used to support the history curriculum.

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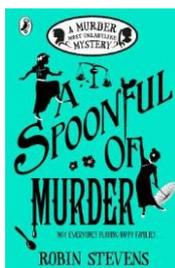
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Sparkes, Ali - Night Speakers

Three children from very different backgrounds find they can communicate with animals. This is a fast paced supernatural thriller. Great characterisation.

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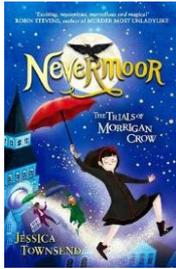


Stevens, Robin - Spoonful of Murder

An enjoyable murder mystery set in Hong Kong. This is part of a series of books which can be read independently. Great fun.

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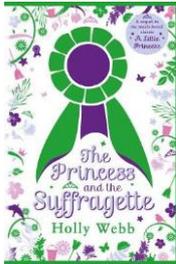




Townsend, Jessica - The trials of Morrigan Crow

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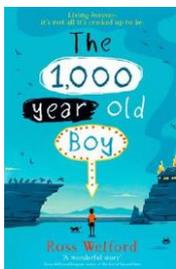
Morrigan is born under an unlucky sign and is destined to die on her 11th birthday. However she is given a chance to join a secret society which saves her from her fate. Story is full of wonderful characters and set in a world rich in magical detail. Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winner 2018.



Webb, Holly - Princess and the Suffragette

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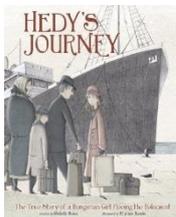
This is a sequel to much-loved classic "A Little Princess". Set in 1913 Lottie is swept up the Suffragette movement. Essentially this is a story about celebrating the joy of friendship and female empowerment by a very popular author.



Welford, Ross - 1000 Year Old Boy

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Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy - except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. An imaginative, thought provoking and humorous story told from two different perspectives.



Bisson, Michelle - Hedy's Journey

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This is the true story of a Hungarian Jew who flees the Holocaust and travels across Europe on her own. Hedy shows great courage and bravery in her journey to join her family. The story is told in a picture book format and could be used to support the history curriculum or comparisons with modern refugees for PSHE.

P = Picture Book for Older Readers

CF = Children's Fiction

T = Younger Teen Reads



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