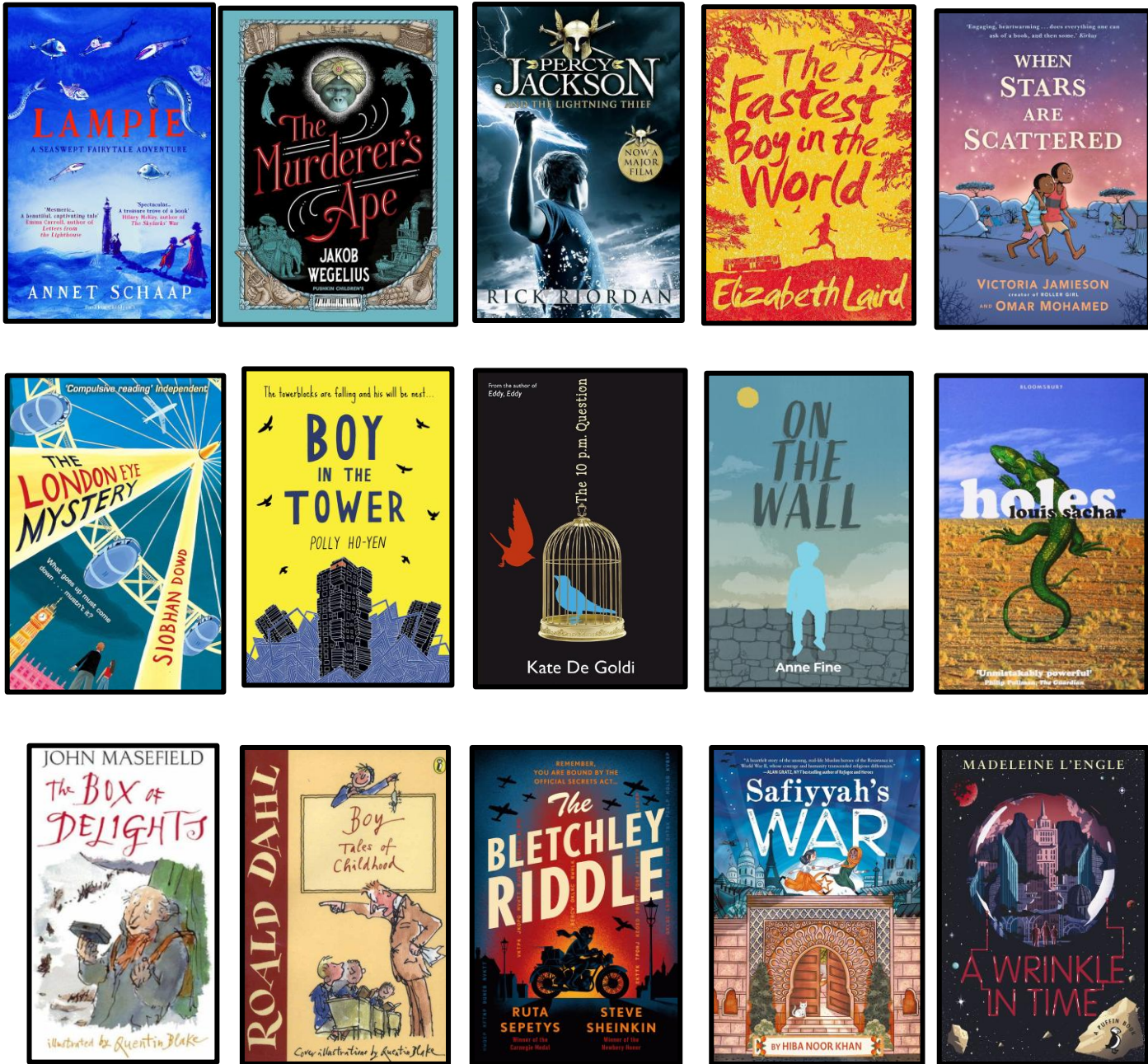


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Adventure / Journeys of Discovery

Tall Story - Candy Gourlay	UK & Philippines, funny, sports
The Call of the Wild - Jack London	Survival, animal perspective, gold rush
Lark - Anthony McGowan	DF - Carnegies, adolescence, family
Lampie - Annet Schapp	Friendship, differences, magical fantasy
Northern Lights - Philip Pullman	Series, fantasy, parallel universe
The Murder's Ape - Jacob Wegelius	Mystery, historical, friendship, intrigue
Rooftoppers - Katherine Rundell	Victorian era London & Paris
The Wolf Wilder - Katherine Rundell	Early 20 th Century Russia, fairy tale
Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan	Greek mythology, fantasy, series
The Way of the Dog - Zana Fraillon	Verse, friendship, loss, hope
The Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson	1910s Brazil, exploration, friendship
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver	Set 6,000 yrs ago, animals, survival
The Explorer - Katherine Rundell	Friendship, survival, Amazon
Asha and the Spirit Bird - Jasbinder Bilan	Family, friends, Himalaya's
The Island at the End of Everything - Kiran Milwood Hargrave	Philippine's 1900s, leprosy
The Terrible thing that happened to Barnaby Brocket	Witty, celebrates difference

Biography / Diary / Memoir

Boy - Roald Dahl
My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell
The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank

Classics /more challenging reads

The Hobbit - JR Tolkien	Epic fantasy, series
Watership Down - Richard Adams	Nature, talking animals, folklore
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken	Adventure, 1832 gothic thriller
The Dark is Rising - Susan Cooper	British myths, fantasy, Newbery Medal
The Box of Delights - John Masefield	1935, magical fantasy adventure
The Chronicles of Naria - CS Lewis	Series, fantasy adventure, siblings
Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson	Adventure, history, pirates
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - Mark Twain	American civil war, slavery, social commentary

Comedy/ Humour

The 10pm Question - Kate de Goldi	Growing up, family, anxiety, mental health
Cosmic - Frank Cottrell Boyce	Sci-fi adventure
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat - Dave Shellon	Exploration, philosophical, quirky
A Boy Called Hope - Lara Williamson	Family, loss, hope
The Summer we turned Green - William Sutcliffe	Environment, family
The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh - Helen Rutter	Bullying, school life, self-acceptance
My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell	Animals, semi-autobiographical, travel

Dystopia / Tech

Fake - Ele Fountain	Hacking, AI, adventure, friendship
The Song that Sings Us - Nicola Davies	Adventure, fantasy, thriller
The Enemy - Charlie Higson	Adventure, horror, thriller
The Dog Runner - Ben MacDibble	Adventure, sci-fi, Australia
The Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho Yen	Sci-fi, multicultural

Ghosts / Gothic / Horror

Cirque du Freak - Darren Shen	Friendship, supernatural, adventure
The Boy at the Window - Lucy Strange	DF - grief, loneliness, history
The Black Book of Secrets - FE Higgins	Trust, forgiveness, secrets
The Island of Whispers - Frances Hardinge	Adventure, dark fairy tale
Ghostlight - Kenneth Opel	Adventure, historical fantasy

Historical Fiction

Cue for Treason - Geoffrey Tease	Elizabethan England, adventure, thriller
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo	WW1, loyalty, friendship, survival
The Somerset Tsunami - Emma Carroll	1616, adventure, mystery
The Bletchley Riddle - Steven Sheinkin	WW2, spies, adventure
Letter to the King - Tonke Dragt	Fantasy, medieval quest, Dutch classic
The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier	Classic, survival, friendship, hope

Injustice

Freedom 1773 - Catherine Johnson	History, slavery, adventure
A House without Walls - Elizabeth Laird	Family, hope, survival, Syrian refugee
The Village by the Sea - Anita Desai	Growing up in poverty in Bombay
Becoming Muhammad Ali - James Patterson/Kwame Alexander	USA 1950s, boxing, verse

Inclusivity

Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow - Benjamin Dean	Acceptance, family, humour
Can You See Me - Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcot	Neurodiversity, empathy, school
Wonder - RJ Palacio	Bullying, friendship, school

When I See Blue - Lily Bailey	Anxiety, family, OCD
On the Wall - Anne Fine	Being content with yourself
The Boy at the back of the Class - Onjali Q Rauf	Bullying, discrimination, multicultural
Smart - Kim Slater	Mystery, learning difficulties, homelessness
Raz Beri - Matt Stephens	Cystic fibrosis, bullying, football, humour

Life / Growing Up/ Coming of Age

Look Both Ways - Jason Reynolds	Poetry, short stories
The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair	Family, loss, adventure
Tell Me No Lies - Malorie Blackman	Secrets, jealousy, friendship
Artichoke Hearts - Sita Brahmachari	Friendship, grief, cultural identity
See You in the Cosmos - Jack Cheng	Adventure, epistolary
Roller Girl - Victoria Jamieson	GN - growing up
October, October - Katya Balen	Carnegies, family, nature, differences
Skellig - David Almond	Family, friendship, magical realism
The Final Year / The First Year - Matt Goodyear	Verse, school, friendship, mental health
Holes - Louis Sachar	Adventure, humour, mystery, coming of age
I am Not a label - Cerrie Burnell	Biographies

Magic & Fantasy

The House with Chicken Legs - Sophie Anderson	Slavic fairy tale retelling, coming of age
The Nowhere Emporium - Ross MacKenzie	Imagination, time travel
Inkheart - Cornelia Funke	Fantasy, magical worlds series
A Wizard of Earth Sea - Ursula K Le Guin	Philosophical, coming of age, series
Orphans of the Tide - Struan Murray	Bravery, friendship, loss, survival
Eragon - Christopher Paolini	Adventure, dragons, epic quests, series
Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan	Greek Mythology, series
A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snickett	Quirky, series
Middle Earth - Chris Stewart and Paul Riddell	Adventure, humour
Wings of Fire - Tui T Sutherland	Adventure, destiny, dragons, series
Harry Potter - JK Rowling	Friendship, school, series
Kite Rider - Geraldine McCaughrean	C13th China, adventure, betrayal
Shadowmancer - GP Taylor	1700s, adventure

Mystery / Thriller / Crime

The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd	Crime caper, whodunit, neurodiversity
Feather Boy - Nicky Singer	Bullying, coming of age
Liar and Spy - Rebecca Stead	Friendship, bullying, honesty
The Goldfish Boy - Lisa Thompson	Friendship, self-discovery, OCD
Varjack Paw - SF Said	Sci-fi, adventure
Revolver - Marcus Sedgwick	Arctic, psychological drama, 1910s

Sci Fi

Troofriend - Kirsty Appelbaum
After - Pádraig Kenny
Itch - Simon Mayo
Finding the Fox - Ali Sparkes
A Wrinkle in Time - Madeline L'Engle
Phoenix - S F Said
Cherub series - Robert Muchamore
Defender of the Realm - Mark Huckerby

AI, human rights, friendship
Dystopia, AI
Action, adventure, mystery
Shapeshifters series - similar to X-Men
Newbery Medal, science fiction
Adventure, aliens (refugees), action
Adventure, thriller
Humour, fantasy, adventure

Spies / Secret Agents

Alex Rider - Anthony Horowitz
HIVE - Mark Walden
Young James Bond / Silver Fin - Charlie Higson

Adventure, thriller, series
Technology, comedy, series
1930s, mystery / adventure, thriller, series

Sports

The Fastest Boy in the World - Elizabeth Laird
Foul Play - Tom Palmer
Booked - Kwame Alexander

Athletics, Ethiopia
Football, crime, adventure
Family, soccer, family

War & Conflict

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
Once - Morris Gleitzman
Hitler's Canary - Sandi Toksvig
The Machine Gunner's - Robert Westall
When the Sky Falls - Phil Earle
Safiyah's War - Hiba Noor Khan

WW2, semi-autobiographical
WW1, animals, battles, courage, bravery
WW2, historical, series
Historical fiction, Danish resistance
WW2, Carnegie, historical fiction
WW2, adventure, coming of age
WW2, Grand Mosque of Paris helping
Jewish people, historical

DF - dyslexia friendly

GN - graphic novel

NF - non-fiction