

Young Readers Programme Recommended Booklist 2013-14

Recommended for ages 9 - 12

Cover	Synopsis	Details
	Slog reckons that the scruffy bloke sitting outside the pork shop is his dad, back to visit him for one last time. A moving story of love and loss told partly in a graphic novel style for ages 10+.	Slog's Dad D Almond ISBN: 9781406331394 £6.99
	Follow Olympic hero Chris Hoy from his early years to his breakthrough into the British track cycling team. Part of a series on athletes for older children with a reading age of 7-9 .	Chris Hoy R Apps ISBN: 9780749691967 £5.99
	It's a normal Friday evening for Elliot until the police knock on the door. Elliot can hardly believe it. His mum's a secretary, isn't she? Not a spy! Exciting fiction from a very popular author.	A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E M Blackman ISBN: 9780552551687 £5.99
	An unusual and thought-provoking book featuring deceptively simple text and design, this is recommended for all children and young people, but especially those going through times of change.	The World Belongs to You R Bozzi ISBN: 9781848774896 £6.99
	12-year-old Mira is dealing with her Nana's illness when she meets the mysterious Jide. An award-winning coming-of-age novel recommended for more confident readers aged 11+.	Artichoke Hearts S Brahmachari ISBN: 9780330517911 £5.99
	The second instalment of the <i>Chocolate Box Girls</i> series features Skye and her bid to step out of her twin sister's shadow. This book from "The Queen of Teen" is ideal for keen readers aged 11+ .	Marshmallow Skye C Cassidy ISBN: 9780141325248 £6.99
	Ruby Redfort: a genius code-cracker, daring detective, and gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a 13-year-old girl. First in a thrilling series by a best-selling author Lauren Child.	Look Into My Eyes L Child ISBN: 9780007334070 £6.99
	More grown-up adventure from the author of the popular <i>Astrosaur</i> s series, this has been described as "Alex Rider meets Jurassic Park". A good bridge between chapter books and young adult fiction .	Z. Rex S Cole ISBN: 9781862307773 £5.99
	The penultimate story in an award-winning six-book series featuring criminal mastermind and anti-hero <i>Artemis Fowl</i> . In this adventure, Artemis must protect humankind from being wiped from the planet by an evil race of fairies.	Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian E Colfer ISBN: 9780141339146 £6.99
	Sophie and her friends find themselves on the wrong train on a school trip to Russia. Rescued, they hear of a Princess's tragic past and Sophie uncovers some secrets about her own. For confident older readers.	Wolf Princess C Constable ISBN: 9781908435347 £6.99

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	This feel-good novel written in verse follows Annie, who loves running, her family and drawing, as she deals with changes in her life, from her best friend's moods to her mother's new baby.	Heartbeat S Creech ISBN: 9780747571476 £5.99
	Amir Khan recently won his first world title. This inspirational biography doesn't pull any punches, relating how hard work took him from a small gym in Bolton to being Britain's youngest boxing champ.	Amir Khan A Croft ISBN: 9781842997529 £5.99
	When the books in the Library of Doom take on a life of their own, only the Librarian can prevent a boy being attacked. Simple language makes this a good choice for less confident older readers.	Zombie in the Library M Dahl ISBN: 9781406225129 £4.99
	Nearly 11-year-old Darcy is a feisty, fun, strong female character. In this book, she introduces her family, friends, pet lamb and ambitions to be a writer – a fun, light-hearted read for cool “tweens”.	Darcy Burdock L Dockrill ISBN: 9780552566070 £5.99
	The final of the exciting horror series following the adventures of Luke Watson, a boy forced to move to Scream Street after he transforms into a werewolf, and his spooky new friends.	Flame of the Dragon T Donbavand ISBN: 9781406319194 £4.99
	A pocket-sized, colour-illustrated manual, this is a must for car fans and may also appeal to less keen readers . One of a new series that also includes dangerous animals and football stars.	World's Fastest Cars R Dredge ISBN: 9781844259656 £4.99
	Shortlisted for several awards, this book is a perfect blend of magic and comedy for ages 8 and over. Stuart's summer becomes a lot more exciting when he tries to track down his magician uncle's workshop.	Small Change for Stuart L Evans ISBN: 9780552561693 £5.99
	Fans of graphic novels and adventure stories will love this series which began as an online comic . A blend of story and artwork, in this first volume we meet hero Julius Chancer as he searches for a mythical flower.	Rainbow Orchid V1 G Ewing ISBN: 9781405248532 £6.99
	One of a series of popular comic-style editions featuring America's first family of fun. Fans of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie will enjoy following their hilarious adventures in this comic book .	Dollars to Donuts M Groening ISBN: 9781845767518 £8.99
	One of the famous and extremely popular Where's Wally? series , this recent addition challenges readers to find bobble-hatted Wally in the most interactive <i>Where's Wally?</i> title ever.	Incredible Paper Chase M Handford ISBN: 9781406323214 £6.99
	A graphic novel version of the bestselling stories of boy spy Alex Rider, forcibly recruited into MI6 following the death of his guardian. In this first in the series, he pits his wits against a sinister organisation.	Stormbreaker (Graphic) A Horowitz ISBN: 9781406340662 £6.99



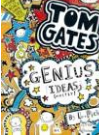

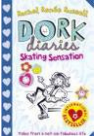
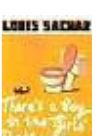
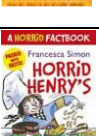


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	Kyle is a bit of a problem child. He won't do what his dad asks. But that's because his dad wants him to bring about the end of the world... The concluding part of the darkly funny <i>Invisible Friends</i> horror series.	The Darkest Corners B Hutchison ISBN: 9780007315208 £5.99
	Hand-picked from hundreds of short stories written over the last 20 years, these spine-chilling stories with a twist are perfect for less confident readers and great for reading aloud at spooky sleepovers.	Spookiest Stories P Jennings ISBN: 9780670028917 £6.99
	A fantastic book for all space and science fans, this relates the history of mankind's fascination with the universe through a mixture of innovative comic-style illustrations and entertaining text.	History of Space S Kindberg ISBN: 9780747594321 £6.99
	The fifth book in the hilarious <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> series. Catch the hapless Greg as he navigates his way through family and school life with his best friend, Rowley, by his side.	The Ugly Truth J Kinney ISBN: 9780141340821 £6.99
	The latest in a series of word-of-mouth bestsellers featuring unusual (dead) detective Skulduggery and his feisty sidekick, Stephanie. Thrill-a-minute action makes this a top choice for keener readers.	Skulduggery Pleasant: Death Bringer D Landy ISBN: 9780007326037 £6.99
	A funny, touching book about a young girl's grief after her mother's death, and her encounters with a stray dog who seems to be following her. Simple language makes this a good choice for less confident readers.	A Dog Called Homeless S Lean ISBN: 9780007455034 £6.99
	Gripping and funny, this is a touching story about Martha, who is left to look after her dad and younger brother in the wake of her mother's death. Shortlisted for the Guardian's Children's Fiction Prize.	Moon Pie S Mason ISBN: 9781849920360 £5.99
	"Tween" fans of Cathy Cassidy and Cathy Hopkins will enjoy this gripping story of Jem, who is desperately trying to work out if her big sister Gracie's mysterious disappearance was her fault.	Six Words and a Wish K McCombie ISBN: 9781407107882 £6.99
	Prizewinning author Anthony McGowan has updated the popular Willard Price adventure novels for a new generation. There is something deadly in the Siberian jungle, but what is it?	The Leopard Adventure A McGowan ISBN: 9780141339450 £5.99
	Fans of Wimpy Kid might also enjoy the <i>World of Norm</i> series, which also manages to turn the trials of raging hormones and family woes into hilarious humour (written by a former stand-up comedian).	May Contain Nuts J Meres ISBN: 9781408313039 £5.99
	A colour-illustrated chapter book telling the tale of Kaspar, the Savoy Cat, and the only cat to survive the sinking of the Titanic. A good introduction to the novels of the former children's laureate.	Kaspar Prince of Cats M Morpurgo ISBN: 9780007267002 £5.99

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	A reassuring read for anxious children , this science-based book examines common fears (e.g. natural disasters, spiders, needles, ghosts and monsters) and the relatively low statistical probabilities of bad things happening.	Stuff That Scares Your Pants Off! G Murphy ISBN: 9780330477246 £4.99
	The Squad, teenage spies with the perfect cover, are part of an England youth football team. Combining espionage and sport , football fiction fans will love this exciting new series.	Black Ops T Palmer ISBN: 9780141337784 £5.99
	Latest in the Roald-Dahl-Funny-Prize-winning series and another great title for fans of the Wimpy Kid series. Read Tom Gates' exercise book, full of doodles, cartoons and his latest adventures.	Tom Gates: Genius Ideas L Pichon ISBN: 9781407134505 £6.99
	A gripping adventure story featuring refreshingly un-stereotypical lead characters Tom and Hester, as they struggle to survive in a dystopic future world in which cities prey on each other.	Mortal Engines P Reeve ISBN: 9780435130534 £7.99
	Dork Nikki Maxwell (a kind of female Wimpy Kid) is the opposite of popular – but can she win the skating competition to impress her crush Brandon? Follow the story through doodles and diary entries .	Skating Sensation R Russell ISBN: 9780857071194 £5.99
	Bradley is considered a trouble-maker by everyone except the new school counsellor. A funny and thought-provoking story using quirky characters and gentle humour to examine being different, by the author of popular book and film <i>Holes</i> .	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom L Sachar ISBN: 9780747589525 £5.99
	Packed with fun and freaky facts , this is the perfect guide to everything you ever wanted to know (and lots of things you might never have wanted to know) about food.	Horrid Henry's Food F Simon ISBN: 9781444006339 £4.99
	Learn how to draw fantasy art with ease with these high-interest books that take a step-by-step approach to skill development to create favourite fantasy heroes.	Drawing Beastly Beings S Sims ISBN: 9781445104454 £7.99
	Replay major battles in history and influence the outcome in this cross between a choose-your-own adventure and history book, described as " Horrible Histories meets Fighting Fantasy ".	Marathon (Battle Books) G Smailes ISBN: 9781445101149 £5.99
	Fans of <i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i> will be delighted with this "semi-autobiographical" story of young Mr Snicket's childhood, in a mysterious town full of mysterious characters. First of a four-part series that will have keener readers gripped.	Who Could That Be At this Hour? Lemony Snicket ISBN: 9781405256216 £8.99

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	Roald Dahl fans will love the wacky humour and hilarious adventures of a parade of grotesque characters in this popular series set in Lamonic Bibber. In this eighth book of the bestselling series, a curse seems to have fallen on the town.	Mr Gum and the Secret Hideout A Stanton ISBN: 9781405253277 £5.99
	Set in a hospital ward where 11-year-old Jack has ended up following a tomato-related accident, this funny story by a popular author for this age range is perfect for humour fans and less keen readers.	Beware! Killer Tomatoes J Strong ISBN: 9780141320588 £5.99
	Hundreds of horribly hilarious historical jokes in one laugh-out-loud book make this a must-have item for any <i>Horrible Histories</i> fan. Laugh your head off at this comical collection of nasty bits.	Horribly Hilarious Jokes D Taylor ISBN: 9781407108377 £4.99
	Written by England footballer Theo Walcott, this great story tells the tale of TJ, a new boy at Parkview School, and how the school begins to put together a brilliant football team.	T.J. and the Hat-trick T Walcott ISBN: 9780552562454 £4.99
	The incredibly popular first book from comedian David Walliams tells the story of Dennis, a boy who dares to be different. A funny and heart-warming read , and one adults may want to read first/as well.	The Boy in the Dress D Walliams ISBN: 9780007279043 £6.99
	This spiral-bound title includes arty ideas of things to draw and paint such as an inky beetles, wax resistant fish and landscape paintings. Sure to keep children (and adults) amused for hours.	50 Things to Draw F Watt ISBN: 9781409504955 £6.99
	One of a fabulous new series of "Mega Mash-up" books that combine popular children's interests in fun and interactive stories . Complete the illustrations on the page to try and foil the Pirates and Ancient Egyptians after a priceless treasure.	Pirates v Ancient Egyptians in a Museum T Wessen ISBN: 9780857630100 £5.99
	Step-by-step instructions, clear illustrations and cultural information for more than 40 simple and delicious recipes from around the world, from Thai chicken to New York cheesecake.	World Cookbook A Wilkes ISBN: 9781409508991 £6.99
	A retelling of the classic story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, illustrated in colour with strip-cartoons and speech bubbles to complement the clearly written text of the stories. A good choice for less keen readers.	King Arthur and Knights of the Round Table M Williams ISBN: 9781406318661 £6.99
	The latest paperback from top-seller Jacqueline Wilson , this is the story of chalk-and-cheese sisters Marty and Melissa, who hate sharing a room and have a lot of arguments, before an accident makes them realise the good things about sisters.	The Worst Thing About My Sister J Wilson ISBN: 9780440869283 £6.99