

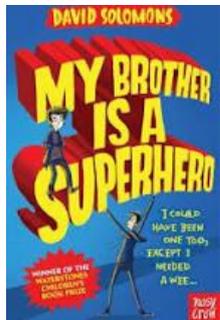
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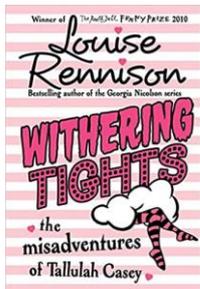
(All books, apart from those highlighted, are stocked in the school library for you to borrow.)



My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons.

Luke is a comic-mad eleven-year old who shares a treehouse with his geeky older brother, Zack. Luke's only mistake is to go for a wee right at the wrong time. While he's gone, an alien gives his undeserving, never-read-a-comic-in-his-life brother superpowers and then tells him to save the universe. Luke is massively annoyed about this, but when Zack is kidnapped by his arch-nemesis, Luke and his friends have only five days to find him and save the world...

1st in the 5 book My brother is a Superhero series.



Withering Tights by Louise Rennison 12+

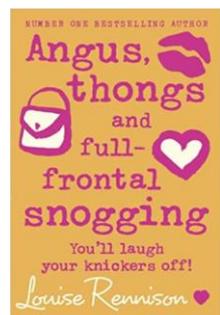
Picture the scene: Dother Hall Performing Arts College, somewhere Up North, surrounded by rolling dales, bearded cheesemaking villagers (*male and female*) and wildlife of the squirrely-type. On the whole, it's not quite the showbiz experience Tallulah was expecting... but once her mates turn -p and they start their '*FAME! I'm gonna liiiive foreeeeeeever, I'm gonna fill my tiiiiights*' summer course things are bound to perk up. Especially when the boys arrive. (*When DO the boys arrive?*) Six weeks of parent-free freedom. BOY freedom. Freedom of expression... cos it's the THEATRE dahling, theatre!

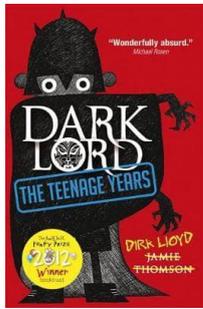
1st in the Tallulah Casey trilogy.

Angus, Thongs and full frontal snogging by Louise Rennison 12+

Follow Georgia's hilarious antics as she tries to overcome the dilemma's that are weighing up against her, and muddle her way through teenage life and all that it entails: how to replace accidentally shaved-off eyebrows; how to cope with Angus, her small labrador-sized Scottish wildcat; her first kiss with Peter – afterwards known as Whelk Boy; annoying teachers; unsympathetic friends and family, and how to entice Robbie the Sex God! Phew – she's really got her work cut out!

1st in 10 book the Confessions of Georgia Nicolson series.

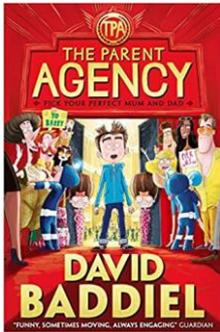




Darklord: The teenage years by Jamie Thompson.

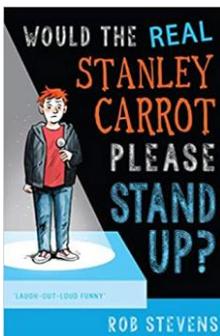
How, you might ask, is it possible that I, the Dark Lord, the Master of the Legions of Dread and Sorcerer Supreme, could be reduced to human form? And how is it possible that the Lord of darkness could be forced to attend school and befriend such pitiful life forms? Only by reading my tale will you learn the truth behind the cataclysmic defeat that left me stranded on this accursed planet, Earth. But make no mistake, revenge *will* be mine... as soon as I finish my homework. *Mwah, hah, ha!*

1st in the Dark Lord 4 book series.



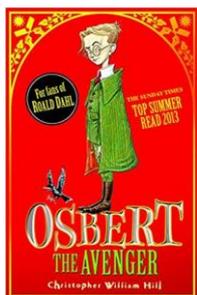
The Parent Agency by David Baddiel

"I wish I had better parents!" Barry said, a third time. And then suddenly the entire room started to shake... Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it's number 2 on the list of things he blames his parents for, along with 1) 'being boring' and 3) 'always being tired'. But there is a world, not far from this one, where parents don't have children. That's far too random for something so big and important. In this world, children are allowed to choose their parents. For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple.



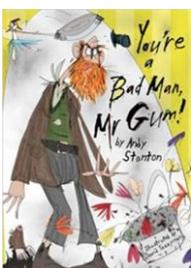
Would the real Stanley Carrot please stand up, by Rob Stevens.

Stanley 'Carrot' Harris is ginger, tubby and definitely not cool. And he has a secret: he's adopted, and this makes him feel like he's never quite fitted in. On his thirteenth birthday, he receives the one thing he's been waiting his whole life for: a card from his long-lost birth mother, asking to meet up. But Stanley isn't sure: what if he's a big disappointment to her? So he hatches a plan – and he's going to need a stand-in Stanley, someone who is handsome, sporty and God's Gift to Mothers. What Stanley doesn't realise is he's about to have the most confusing time of his life . . . just who is the real Stanley Carrot?



Osbert the Avenger by Christopher William Hill. C

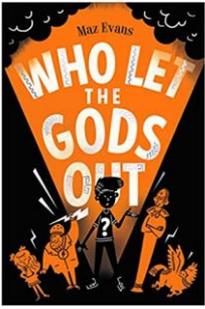
The first book in the gruesomely funny Tales from Schwartzgarten series. Meet Osbert Brinkhoff, the unlikeliest of avengers. His is a tale of dark delights and ghastly goings-on, of injustice and revenge. The villains are vicious. The settings are sinister. And good does NOT always prevail... If you prefer cleavers to kittens and fiends to fairies...then welcome to the GRUESOMELY FUNNY Tales from Schwartzgarten. Osbert the Avenger is the first in a thrilling series of four books, all set in the fictional city of Schwartzgarten.



You're a bad man Mr Gum by Andy Stanton.

'It's time for action,' said Mr Gum to nobody in particular. 'Nasty action.' Good evening. Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.

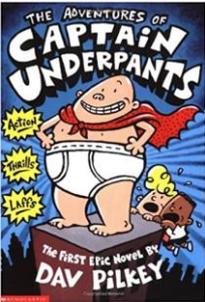
1st in the 8 book Mr Gum series.



Who let the Gods out by Maz Evans

Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?

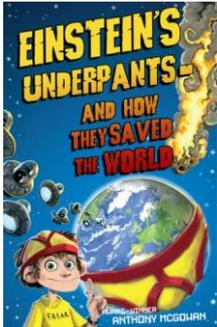
1st book in the Who let the Gods out trilogy.



The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey

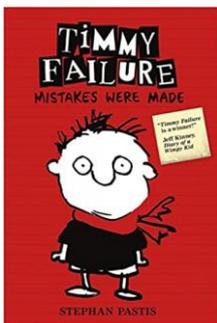
Fourth graders George Beard and Harold Hutchins are a couple of class clowns. The only thing they enjoy more than playing practical jokes is creating their own comic books. And together they've created the greatest superhero in the history of their elementary school: Captain Underpants! His true identity is SO secret, even HE doesn't know who he is!

1st in the 13 book Captain Underpants series.



Einstein's Underpants and how they saved the world by Anthony McGowan.

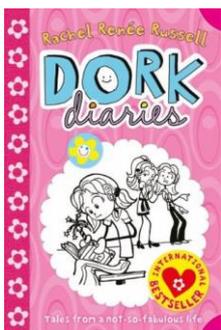
When crazy Uncle Otto warns of imminent invasion from outer space, his maths geek nephew Alexander takes on the task of saving the world. He recruits a ragged crew of school superheroes to help him, including Tortoise Boy, armed with Cedric the tortoise, the Human Hurricane, who possesses untold power in his bottom, and Really Annoying Girl. But with only a pack of cards, some toy ray-guns and a pair of old pants for help, can they do it?



Timmy Failure Mistakes were made by Steven Pastis.

Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the "best" detective agency in town – Total Failure, Inc. With the help of his polar bear, Total, the clueless, comically self-confident Timmy already has plans for world domination. Plans that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past. And plans that will defeat Corrina Corrina, "The One Whose Name Shall Not Be Uttered". But she's not going away. Riotously funny, Timmy Failure is sure to have readers in stitches.

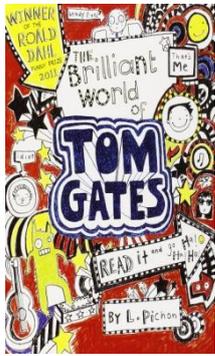
1st in the 11 book Timmy Failure series.



Dork Diaries: Tales from a not so fabulous life by Rachel Renee Russell.

Dork Diaries follows eighth grader Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles through text and sketches her move to a snooty new school; her epic battle with her mom for an iPhone; her enthusiasm for drawing and art; and a love/hate fascination with the new school's queen bee, a girl named Mackenzie, who becomes Nikki's rival in a schoolwide art competition. Nikki writes about friendships, crushes, popularity, and family with a unique and fresh voice that still conveys a universal authenticity. Nikki's sketches throughout her diary add humor to the book, a surefire hit with readers.

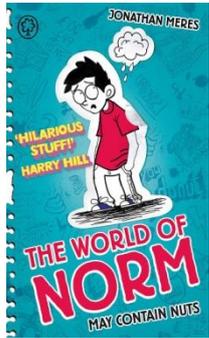
1st in the 24 book Dork Diaries series.



The brilliant world of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon.

The first title in the bestselling series from the brilliantly talented Liz Pichon. Tom Gates is the master of excuses for late homework: dog attacks & spilt water & lightning... Tom's exercise book is full of his doodles, cartoons and thoughts, as well as comments from his long-suffering teacher, Mr Fullerton. After gaining five merits for his CAMPING SUCKS holiday story, Tom's work starts to go downhill - which is a pity, as he's desperate to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him...

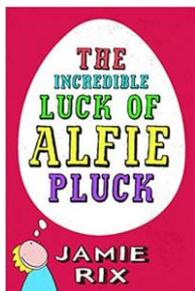
First in a 15 book series.



The world of Norm: May contain nuts by Jonathan Meres.

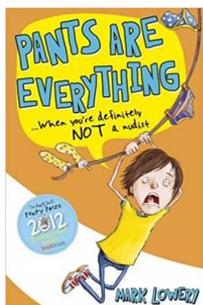
Norm and his family have to move to a smaller house, which really upsets Norm. At least he can still go cycling with his best friend, Mikey, even though the two boys are now living further away from each other. One afternoon, the boys are riding their bikes outside Norm's house. By accident, Mikey crashes into Norm's garage and smashes a valuable china tea set. Unfortunately, Norm's teenage neighbour, Chelsea, films the whole thing and posts the video on YouTube! This means war and Norm's determined to get his revenge...

1st in the 13 book World of Norm series.



The incredible luck of Alfie Pluck by Jamie Rix

Alfie Pluck is the unluckiest boy alive - until he unwittingly eats the chicken which contains the highly-sought-after luck gene. Once his secret is exposed people want the gene for their own devious deeds. But there's more than one kind of luck, and Alfie's escape from his pursuers is a roller coaster of good fortune and bad.



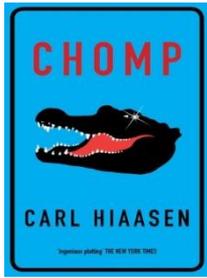
Pants are everything by Mark Lowery.

Michael Swarbrick's pathetic existence had just got better. He was on a date with the girl of his dreams - a romantic donkey ride on the beach, followed by some daring skinny dipping in the sea. Delightful! Only... things never really get better for Michael, and one small moment of bliss ends with him a) getting arrested, b) becoming a local celebrity and c) becoming an internet sensation BECAUSE THEY THINK HE'S A NUDIST. (He isn't.) Michael is swept up in a sequence of uncontrollable events that will RUIN HIS LIFE.



Flush by Carl Hiaasen.

Noah's dad, Paine, is a kind but slightly irresponsible fisherman who is passionate about saving the local Florida aquatic life. When Paine discovers that a local businessman is running a scam from his casino boat, he takes the law into his own hands, sinks the boat and ends up in jail. This scam involves releasing the effluent from the boat's toilets directly into the water, to avoid the cost of disposing of it safely. Noah and his sister Abbey, take up the fight for justice on their Dad's behalf and enlist the help of Shelly, who knows that her former boyfriend is up to no good and comes up with a plan to prove it. She gets a job as a barmaid back on the casino boat and plans to sneak a huge load of coloured dye into the toilets. A fantastically funny thriller.



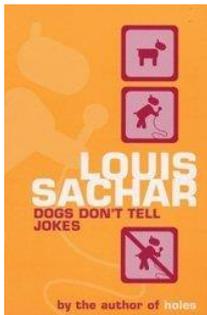
Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

Wahoo Cray has grown up with a zoo in his backyard - alligators, snakes, rats, monkeys, parrots, but it's his dad who's the unpredictable critter. When his dad takes a job with a reality TV show called 'Expedition Survival', Wahoo figures he'll have to do a bit of wrangling himself to keep his dad from killing the show's inept star Derek Badger, who insists on using real wild animals for his stunts. And Wahoo's acquired a shadow named Tuna, a girl who's sporting a shiner courtesy of her old man and needs a place to hide out. They've only been on location in the Everglades for a day before Derek gets bitten by a bat and goes missing in a storm. Search parties promptly get lost themselves. And Tuna's dad shows up with a gun... It's anyone's guess who will actually survive 'Expedition Survival'!



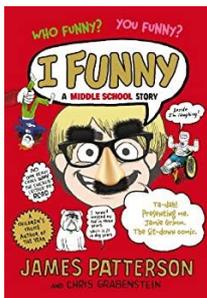
Danger is everywhere. A handbook for avoiding Danger by Brian Fenton.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Dangerous Book for Boys, DANGER IS EVERYWHERE is a brilliantly funny handbook for avoiding danger of all kinds that will have everyone laughing out loud from start to finish. DOES IT WARN YOU ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF A SHARK COMES UP OUT OF THE LOO WHILE YOU ARE SITTING ON IT? Yes it does. AND HOW TO FIND OUT IF YOUR GRANNY IS A ROBOT? That too. AND WHAT TO DO IF A VOLCANO ERUPTS UNDERNEATH YOUR HOUSE? After you've made sure it's not a neighbour's barbecue, this book will let you know exactly how to deal with it.



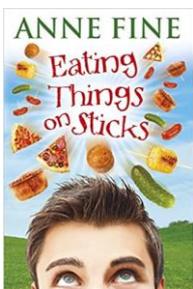
Dogs don't tell jokes by Lois Sachar

'Why did the guy eat two dead skunks for breakfast?' 'Because dead ones squeal when you stick the fork in.' Gary W. Boone knows he was born to be a stand-up comedian. It is the rest of the kids in the class who think he is a fool. Then the Floyd Hicks Junior High School Talent Show is announced, and he starts practising his routine non-stop to get it just right. Gary's sure that this will be his big break - he'll make everyone laugh and will win the \$100 prize money. But when an outrageous surprise threatens to turn his debut into a disaster, it looks as if the biggest joke of all may be on Gary himself.



I, Funny by James Patterson.

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian - even if he always seems to 'choke' in the spotlight. When Jamie finds out about a contest called the Funniest Kid on the Planet, he knows it's time to face his fears and enter. But are the judges rewarding him out of pity because he happens to be in a wheelchair, like his bullying cousin Stevie suggests? And will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past - and reason for his disability - instead of hiding behind his comedy act?



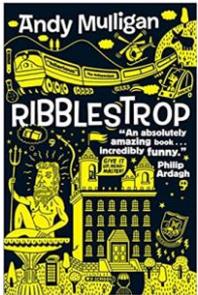
Eating things on sticks by Anne Fine

Harry is in trouble. He's burned down the family kitchen so now has to spend a week of his summer hols with his uncle Tristram - who's heading off to stay with a new girlfriend - Morning Glory - on a tiny British island. Harry doesn't expect it to be a lot of fun - with just a wacky competition at the end of the week to look forward to. He certainly didn't expect to discover all the beards. Or the angel on the mountain. Or the helicopters circling overhead all week. And he *definitely* didn't think it would be so *wet* . . .



Memoirs of a Neurotic Zombie by Jeff Norton

'My name is Adam Meltzer and the last thing I remember was being stung by a bee while swinging at a robot-shaped piñata on my twelfth birthday. I was dead before the candy hit the ground.' *Memoirs of a Neurotic Zombie* is narrated by the hilarious Adam Meltzer - pre-teen, worrywart, and now zombie. Adam's family gets the fright of their lives when he turns up at their door . . . three months after his funeral. Soon Adam's back at school trying to fit in and not draw extra attention to himself, but when he sees his neighbour Ernesto transform into a chupacabra, and the beautiful Corina (Adam's number one mega-crush) turns out to be a (vegan) vampire, undead life is never going to be the same again.



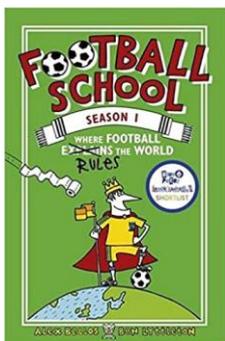
Ribblestrop by Andy Mulligan

There's no school that's quite like Ribblestrop, complete with roofless dormitories, distracted teachers, and a perilous underground labyrinth. And then there are the students! You'll meet Sanchez, a Colombian gangster's son hiding from kidnappers; Millie, an excluded arsonist and self-confessed wild child; Caspar, the landlady's spoiled grandson; the helpful but hapless Sam and his best friend Ruskin, plus a handful of orphans from overseas who are just happy to have beds – even if they are located in a roofless part of the building...



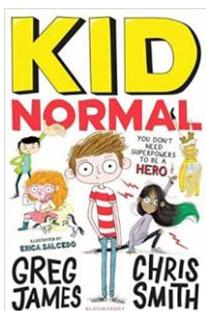
Girl out of water by Nat Luurtsema 12+

Lou Brown's life is going down the pan. Best friend Hannah sailed through the Olympic time trials and is off to her fancy-pants new swim training school, while Lou's own failure to qualify leaves her without a hobby - or a friend. As Lou tries to navigate her post-swim world, a chance encounter with three boys with stars in their eyes takes her life in a surprising new direction. One that leads to a crazy world of underwater somersaults, talent show auditions, bitchy girls and one great big load of awkward boy chat.



Football school by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton

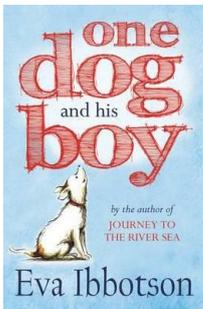
The first book is packed with awesome true stories, real science and fascinating facts and will make you laugh loads. When do footballers poo? Can you play football on Mars? What is a magic sponge? You will find the answers to these questions and more in chapters on subjects such as history, geography, biology and maths. Illustrated throughout with hilarious cartoons and filled with laugh-out-loud gags this is the perfect book for any boy or girl who loves football.



Kid Normal by James Greg and Chris Smith.

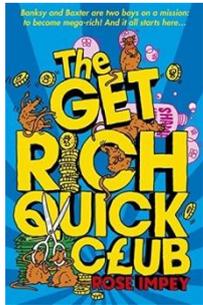
Murph Cooper has a problem. His new school is top secret, and super weird. His classmates can all fly or control the weather or conjure tiny horses from thin air. And what's Murph's extraordinary skill? Um, oh yeah - he hasn't got one. Just as well there are no revolting supervillains lurking nearby, their minds abuzz with evil plans. There are!/? Right. Ok, then... It's time for Kid Normal to become a hero!

1st in the 4 book Kid Normal Series.



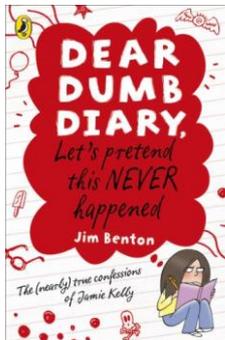
One Dog and his boy by Eva Ibbotson.

Hal is a quiet, lonely boy, all he wants for his birthday is a dog and when to his amazement he is given one he is overjoyed. Fleck offers the unrequited love, affection and loyalty that Hal craves. This doesn't last long when he realises he has been tricked by his parents who have only hired the dog for the weekend. Hal is distraught and with the prospect of being sent away to boarding school decides to runaway from home, rescues Fleck and sets off on an adventure..



Get rich quick club by Rose Impey

Banksy and his friends are determined to get rich—and will stop at nothing with their wacky ideas to succeed! Banksy is dedicated to his ambition to become mega-rich through his various money-making schemes. His business partners—and next-door neighbors—are the Baxter Brothers. Billy has boundless confidence and enthusiasm, and Sam is six going on 60. And then there's Dingdong, their cousin, who is reluctantly allowed to join in, especially if she can help them out of a tight fix.



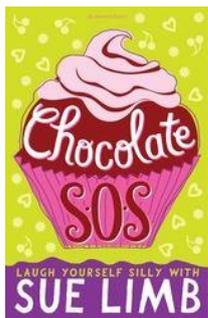
Dear Dumb Diary let's pretend this never happened by Jim Benton. C

The (nearly) true confessions of Jamie Kelly. *Dear whoever is Reading My Dumb Diary Are you sure you're supposed to be reading someone else's diary? Maybe I told you that you could, so that's OK. But if you are Angeline, I did NOT give you permission, so stop it.*

Dear Dumb Diary,

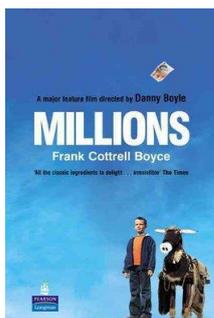
School was OK today. Angeline got her hair tangled up in one of the jillion things she has dangling from her backpack, and the school nurse - who is now one of my main heroes - snipped half a metre of silky blonde hair from the left side of her head, so now Angeline only looks like The Prettiest Girl in the World if you're standing on her right.

1st in the Dear Dumb diary 20 book series.



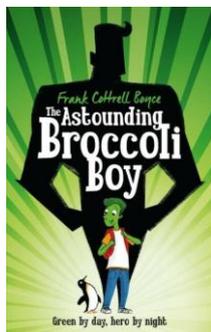
Chocolate SOS by Sue Limb

Jess has broken up with Fred, though really she is waiting for him to come to her door and beg to get back together again. But is that the sort of thing Fred would do? He has said himself that he has no backbone . . . Meanwhile, a gorgeous boy has moved in next door and, to Jess's mingled horror and delight, is making it very, very obvious that he would like to be a lot closer than next door . . . Surely, now, Fred will be driven, in a fit of jealousy, to sweep Jess back off her feet? Won't he?



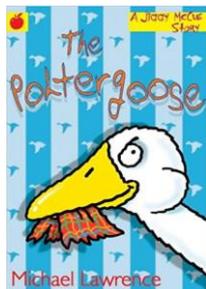
Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

It was a one-in-a-million chance. A bag crammed with cash comes tumbling out of the air and lands right at Damian's feet. Suddenly the Cunningham brothers are rich. Very rich. They can buy anything they want. There's just one problem -- they have only seventeen days to spend all the money before it becomes worthless. And the crooks who stole the cash in the first place are closing in -- fast. A funny, brilliantly clever and utterly thrilling debut novel that is, quite simply, unforgettable.



The Outstanding Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

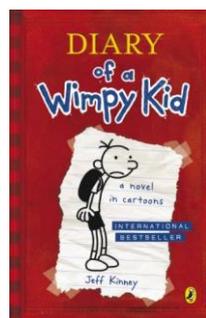
Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is *Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared*, and he has memorized every page of it. He could even survive a hippo attack. He knows that just because something is unlikely doesn't mean it won't ever happen . . . But Rory *isn't* prepared 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? Rory can't wait to make it past hospital security and discover exactly what his superpower might be . . . *The Astounding Broccoli Boy* is the hilarious tale of an unlikely (and very green) hero believing in himself and finding adventure.



The Poltergoose. A Jiggy McCue story by Michael Lawrence.

Something's after Jiggy McCue! Something big and angry and invisible. Something which hisses and flaps and stabs his bum and generally makes his life a misery. Where did it come from? Jiggy calls in his best pals, Pete and Angie, and together the Three Musketeers - one for all and all for lunch! - set out to send the poltergoose back where it belongs.

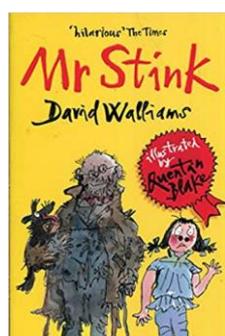
1st book in the 9 book Jiggy McCue book series



The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

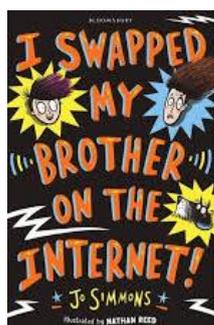
Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley's friendship unfolds with hilarious results.

1st in the 17 book Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.



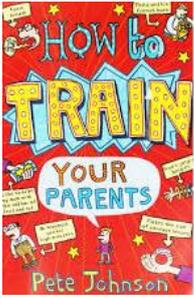
Mr Stink by David Walliams

The second original, touching, twisted, and most of all hilarious novel for children from David Walliams and beautifully illustrated by Quentin Blake. "Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well..." It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye... or the nose.



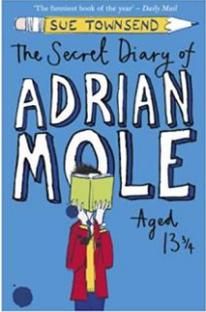
I swapped my brother on the internet by Jo Simmons

'I can get a new brother? On the internet?' Jonny muttered. 'Oh sweet mangoes of heaven!' Everyone has dreamed of being able to get rid of their brother or sister at one time or another - but for Jonny, the dream is about to become a reality with SiblingSwap.com! What could be better than someone awesome to replace Ted, Jonny's obnoxious older brother. But finding the perfect brother isn't easy, as Jonny discovers when Sibling Swap sends him a line of increasingly bizarre replacements: first a merboy, then a brother raised by meerkats, and then the ghost of Henry the Eighth! What's coming next?! Suddenly old Ted isn't looking so bad. But can Jonny ever get him back?



How to train your parents by Pete Johnson

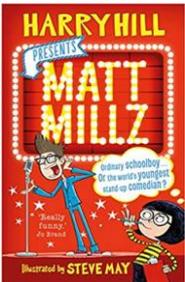
Moving to a new area and a new school, Louis is horrified to discover his parents changing into ultra-competitive parents, wanting him and his younger brother to get straight As at school and join all sorts of after-school clubs and activities like the other kids in the area. Suddenly Louis's life is no longer his own - until he meets Maddy, who claims to have trained her parents to ignore her- But does Louis really want to be ignored?



The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole age 13 & 3/4 by Sue Townsend. 12+

Friday January 2nd

"I felt rotten today. It's my mother's fault for singing 'My Way' at two o'clock in the morning at the top of the stairs. Just my luck to have a mother like her. There is a chance my parents could be alcoholics. Next year I could be in a children's home". Meet Adrian Mole, a hapless teenager providing an unabashed, pimples-and-all glimpse into adolescent life. Writing candidly about his parents' marital troubles, the dog, his life as a tortured poet and 'misunderstood intellectual', Adrian's painfully honest diary is still hilarious and compelling reading thirty years after it first appeared.



Matt Millz by Harry Hill

Matt Millz LOVES stand up comedy. He's studied the best. He's memorized all the advice. He spends hours writing new gags and thinking up crazy sketches . . . So when the school run a talent contest, *of course* he's going to enter. What he doesn't count on is: Last minute total meltdown. His best mate pulling out zero seconds before going on. Teeny tiny Kitty Hope and her own bonkers ambitions. His stepdad's own 'funny' ideas. And headmaster, Meredith Pavey, who very definitely has it in for him.

1st book in the Matt Millz trilogy.