

LOUTH LIBRARY SERVICE

# SCHOOL CLASS SETS



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# OVERVIEW



# ABOUT US



## Louth Library Service Schools Service

The Schools Service aims to provide a full Library Service to Primary Schools and Educational facilities around the County. As well as Class Sets, the service includes:

- Mobile library visits to schools to allow students and teachers to borrow books for their classrooms
- Extended loan rules for teachers
- C-Pen Readers available for short-term loan

## Borrowing a Class Set



**Class Sets are issued for a one-term or 12-week period, whichever is the longest.**



**Only one Class Set can be issued to a teacher at any one time.**



**Class Sets must be picked up and returned at your closest Louth Library.**



**Please refrain from writing in or using stickers on books.**



**The number of copies of each set varies and Class Sets are subject to availability. We will try our best to fulfil your requests, but if we can't, we'll do our best to help you choose an alternative title.**



**If you would like to extend your loan, or another teacher would like to borrow the Class Set, please email [libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie](mailto:libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie).**



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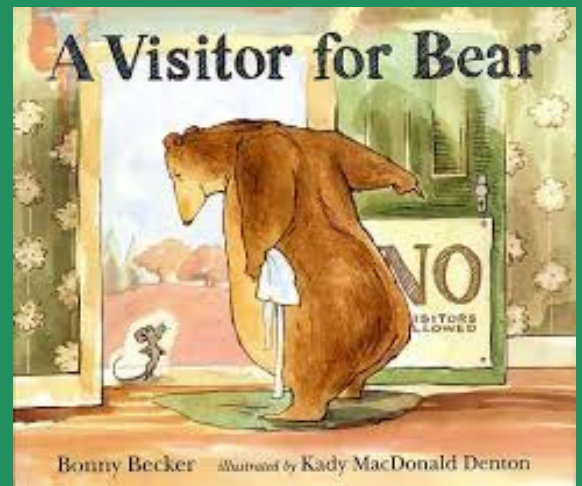
# JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS



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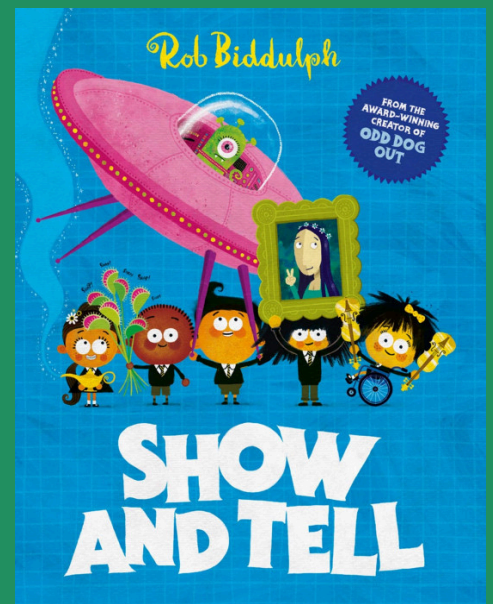
## A Visitor for Bear *by Bonny Becker*

Bear is quite sure he doesn't like visitors. He even has a sign. So when a mouse taps on his door one day, Bear tells him to leave. But the mouse — who keeps popping up in the most unexpected places — just won't go away! Cheery persistence wears down the curmudgeonly Bear in a wry comedy of manners that ends in a most unlikely friendship.



## Show and Tell *by Rob Biddulph*

All children know that Show and Tell day is the best, and every member of Class 2L is sure they'll BE the best...But who, and what, will really impress the teacher and win the prize? From aliens and parrots to robots and carrots, there's an impressive collection on show. But can this small class learn a big lesson in what really matters?



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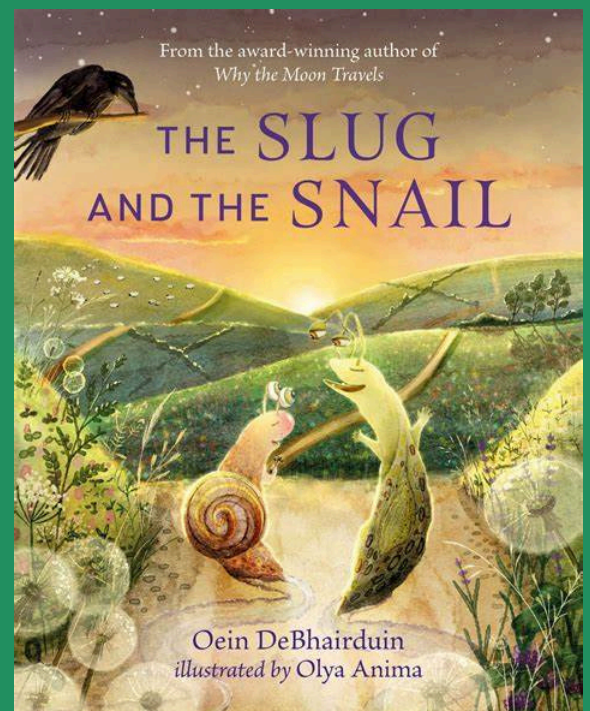
## One Snowy Night *by Nick Butterworth*

One cold winter's night Percy discovers that his little friends need more than food, and he must think of a way to help them find a warm place to sleep for the night. Percy's hut is nice and warm, but he discovers that if you invite one animal in you'll have to invite them all in. With Percy's small hut—they are certainly going to be squashed!



## The Slug and the Snail *by Oein DeBhairduin*

Oein DeBhairduin's tale rooted in the oral tradition of the Irish Traveller community is about identity and different ways of seeing the world. Two slugs travel happily together until they meet a crow who asks them where their home is. The younger brother, embarrassed, makes himself a shell, and calls himself snail. The older brother carries on as he is. At first, the brothers grow apart. But in time, they learn to respect each other's way of life.

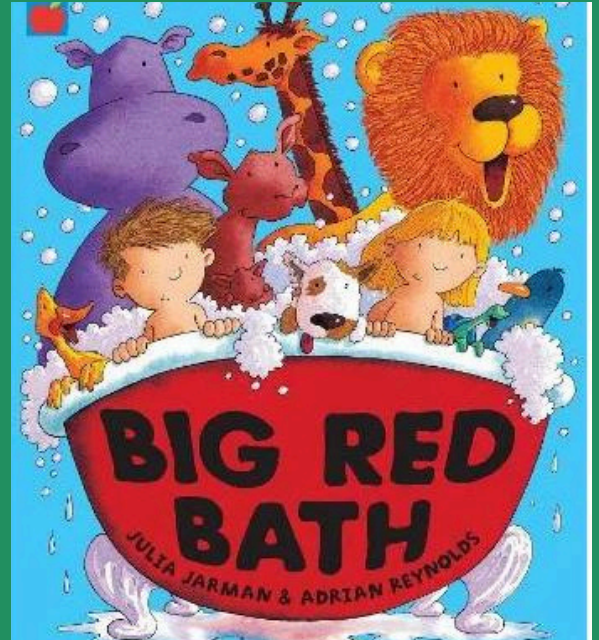


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## Big Red Bath

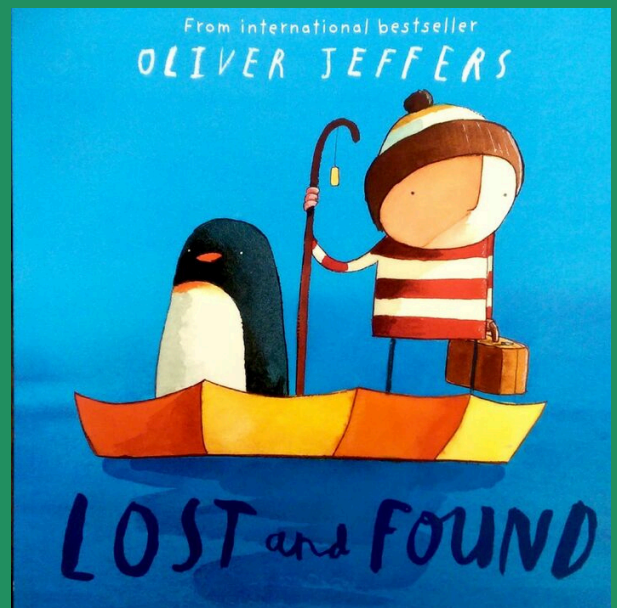
*by Julia Jarman & Adrian Reynolds*

Ben and Bella are having such a lovely, splashy time in the big red bath that soon everyone wants to join in the fun! But will there be room for all the animals . . . even Hippopotamus? A riotous story - brought to life by young, bright, friendly illustrations from a bestselling, award-winning artist.



## Lost and Found *by Oliver Jeffers*

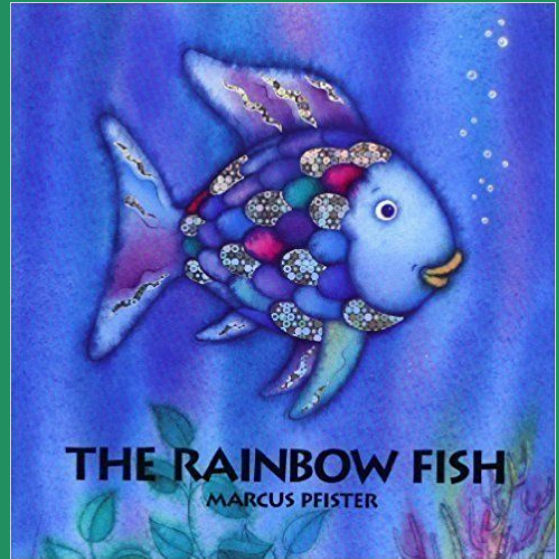
What is a boy to do when a lost penguin shows up at his door? Find out where it came from, of course, and return it. But the journey to the South Pole is long and difficult in the boy's rowboat. The boy realizes what he has really left behind.



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## **The Rainbow Fish** *by Marcus Pfister*

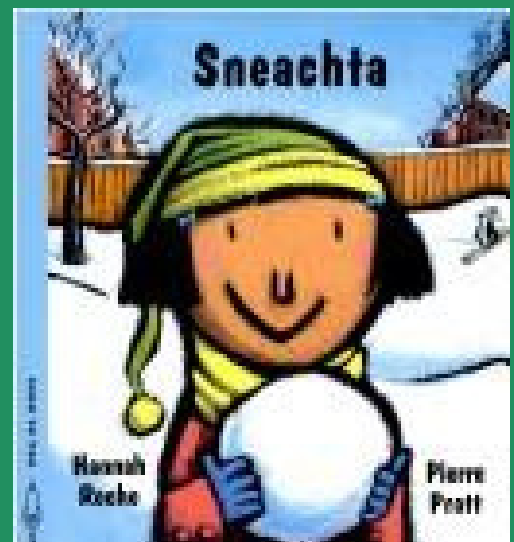
✨ The rainbow fish with its iridescent scales is the most beautiful fish in the whole ocean. But since he is also vain and proud, he becomes more and more lonely over time. Then he realizes that you can't win friends through beauty. He overcomes his pride and begins to distribute his glitter scales to the other fish.



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## ✨ **Sneachta** *by Hannah Roche* ✨

Nuair a bhíonn sneachta ann caitheann Su éadaí clúthar teolaí chun dul amach ag súgradh. Nuair a bhíonn a cailín sneachta mór déanta aici sa ghardín, ólann sí babhla breá te anraith.



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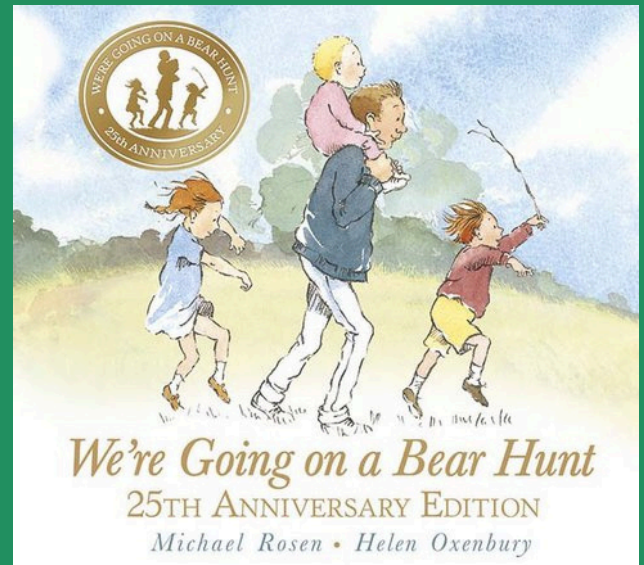


## **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** *by Michael Rosen*

Why go on a walk, when you can go on a bear hunt?

For brave hunters and bear-lovers, the classic chant-aloud story now in a large board book edition – for when you're hunting for an extra-large bear, of course!

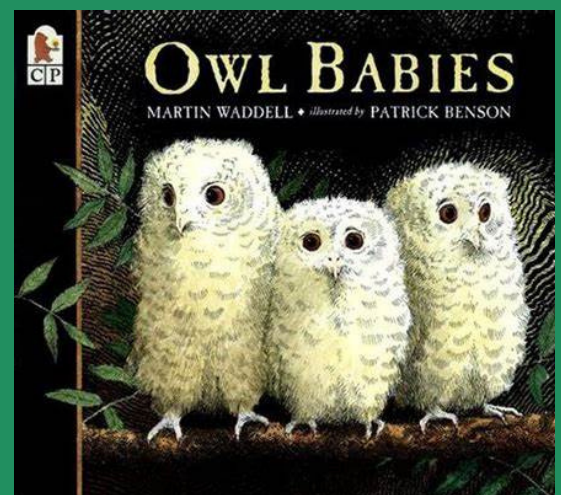
We're going on a bear hunt.  
We're going to catch a big one.  
Will you come too?



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## **Owl Babies** *by Martin Waddell*

Three baby owls awake one night to find their mother gone, and they can't help but wonder where she is. What is she doing? When will she be back? What scary things move all around them? Stunning illustrations from striking perspectives capture the anxious little owls as they worry. Not surprisingly, joyous flapping and dancing and bouncing greet the mother's return, lending a celebratory tone to the ending of this comforting tale.



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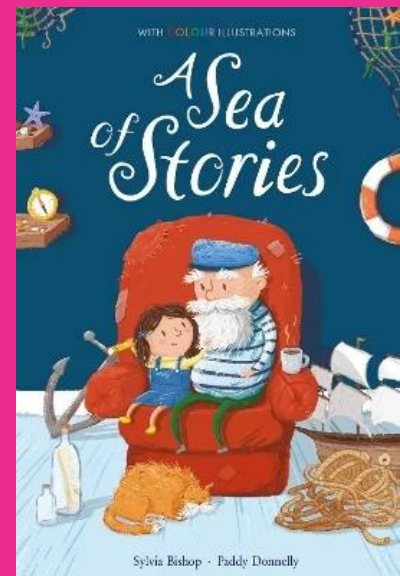
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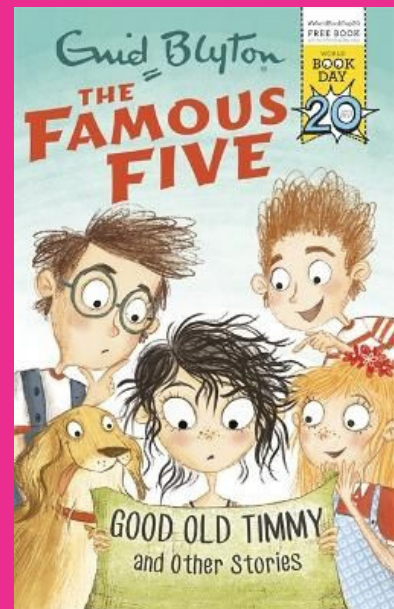
## **A Sea of Stories** *by Sylvia Bishop*

Whenever Roo visits Grandpa, she loves exploring the seaside cove near his cottage. But on her latest stay, Grandpa explains that he can't go down there any more - the path is too steep and overgrown for him to manage. Instead Grandpa tells Roo the stories behind the many objects that fill his house. All of Grandpa's stories feature the cove and Roo realizes that now, even though they're so close to the sea, Grandpa is cut off from it. Is there anything she can do to bring Grandpa to the place he loves the most?



## **The Famous Five: Good Old Timmy and Other Stories** *by Enid Blyton*

This special World Book Day book contains three of Enid Blyton's page-turning short stories about the Famous Five, with fantastic new illustrations by Laura Ellen Anderson (illustrator of Witch Wars). In Good Old Timmy, the five see a boy being kidnapped at the beach and set out to rescue him. But where have the kidnapers hidden the boy? Could Timmy lead them to the answer?



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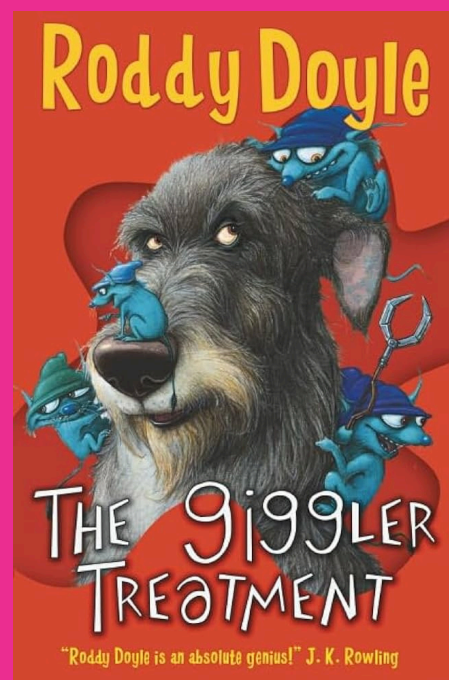
## **Mariella Queen of the Skies** *by Eoin Colfer*

Super-smart Mariella loves nothing more than inventing, but bedtime keeps getting in the way of all her brilliant ideas. There's only one thing for it – Mariella has to build a rocket-powered flying suit to zap her round the world faster than the setting sun! If anyone can invent such a thing, it's Mariella.



## **The Giggler Treatment** *by Roddy Doyle*

Mr Mack's dog Rover sells his own poo to the gigglers - small creatures who take revenge on any adult who treats children unfairly by making the unsuspecting adults step in poo.



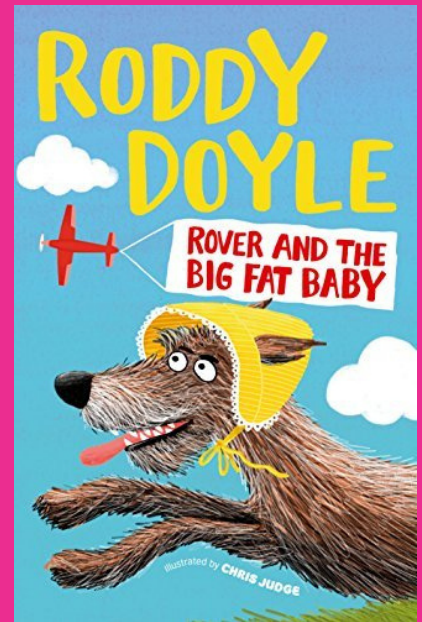
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## Rover and the Big Fat Baby (Giggler 4)

*by Roddy Doyle*

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The Big Fat Baby has gone missing, so Rover and his sidekick Messi, have to find her. In the meantime, Rover's business, providing the Gigglers with poo, has a big order on and that has to be dealt with too.



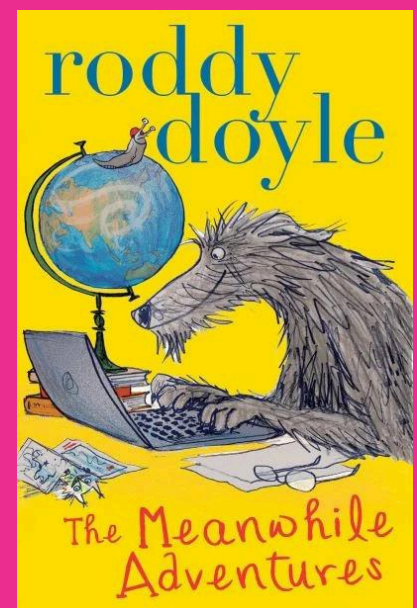
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## The Meanwhile Adventures *by Roddy Doyle*

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Unfortunately Mr Mack's inventions get him into trouble when he's arrested for inadvertently holding up a bank, so it's up to his children and their amazing dog, Rover, to track down Mrs Mack and save the day.

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## The Adventures of Alfie Onion *by Vivian French*

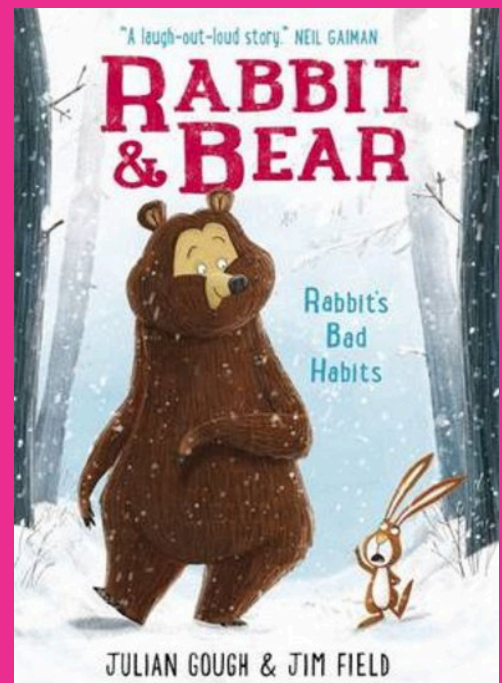
An inviting story about the most important “7th son of the 7th son”, Magnifico, who goes on an adventure with his irritating brother Alfie Onion, who together with their animal friends strive to find the princess who is in need of help.



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## Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits *by Julian Gough*

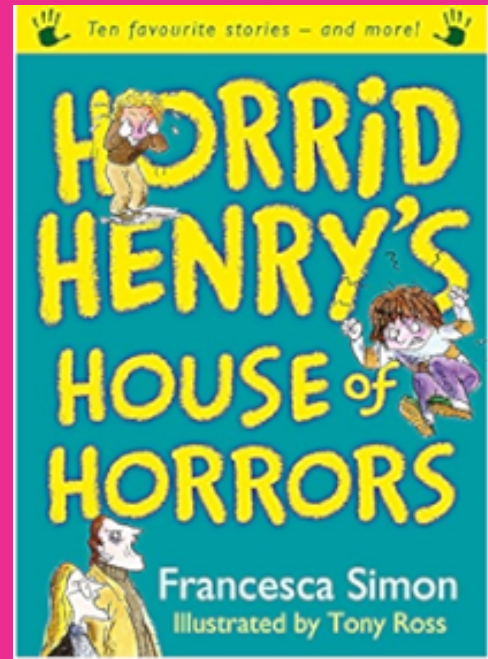
Gorgeously illustrated and with a classic feel, this is a brilliantly funny story of a rabbit and a bear who discover that things are always better when they're shared with a friend. Ideal for readers moving on from picture books.



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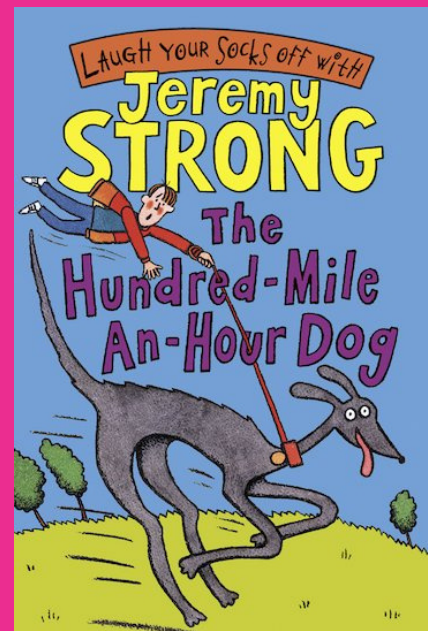
## Horrid Henry: House of Horrors *by Francesca Simon*

Stories comprise: Horrid Henry's Christmas Presents, Horrid Henry's Car Journey, Perfect Peter's Horrid Day, Horrid Henry Runs Away, Horrid Henry Eats a Vegetable, Horrid Henry Goes Shopping, Horrid Henry's Hobby, Horrid Henry's Bathtime, Horrid Henry's Perfect Day, Horrid Henry and the Mega-Mean Time Machine.



## The Hundred Mile An Hour Dog - Master of Disguise *by Jeremy Strong*

With mysterious pet-kidnappings going on all around and Dad threatening to send Streaker to behaviour boot camp, Trevor needs to come up with a way to keep Streaker safe. Enter best friend Tina and her mum's hair extensions and dye.



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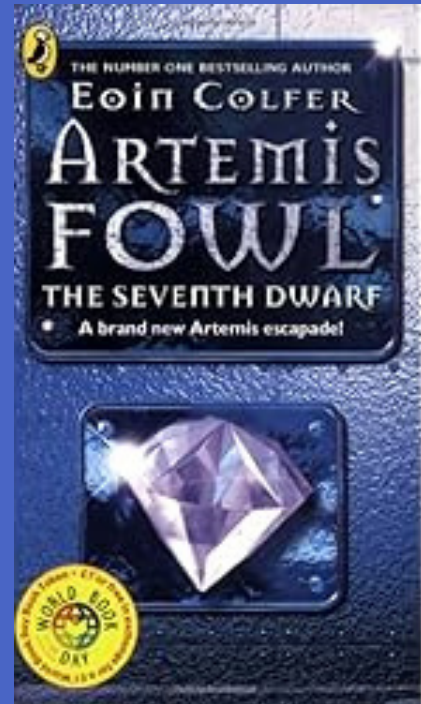
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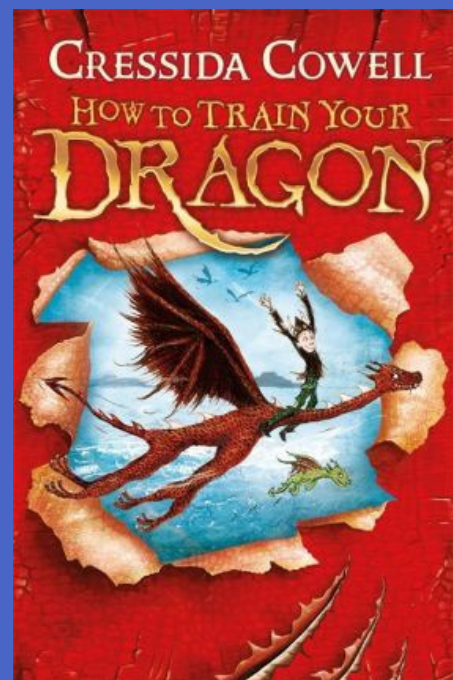
## Artemis Fowl: The Seventh Dwarf *by Eoin Colfer*

Mulch Diggums, a dwarf on the run from the Lower Elements Police, is trying to get his hands on the priceless Fei Fei tiara. But stealing it seems too easy. That's because it is too easy. Artemis Fowl, the legendary twelve-year-old criminal mastermind, has set him up.



## How to Train your Dragon *by Cressida Cowell*

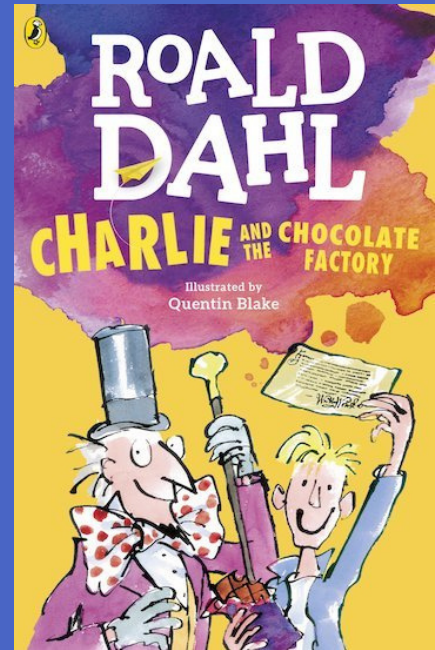
Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be banished from the tribe forever! But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has no teeth?



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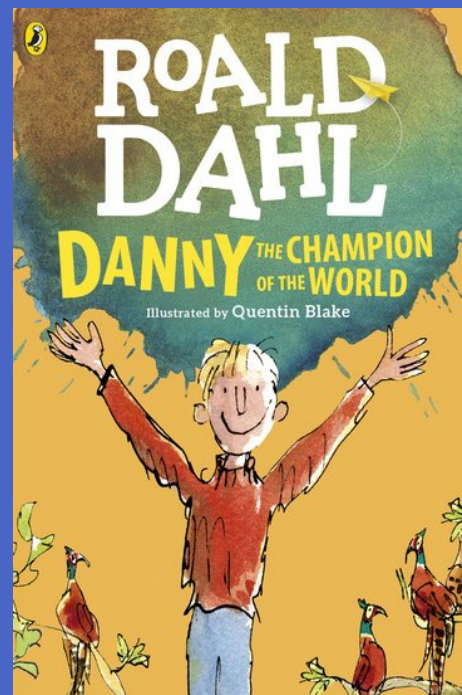
## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory *by Roald Dahl*

Charlie Bucket's life is about to change forever, thanks to one miraculous moment! Willy Wonka, chocolate maker extraordinaire, has hidden five golden tickets in five ordinary bars of chocolate, and any child who finds one will get the chance to visit his incredible factory.



## Danny the Champion of the World *by Roald Dahl*

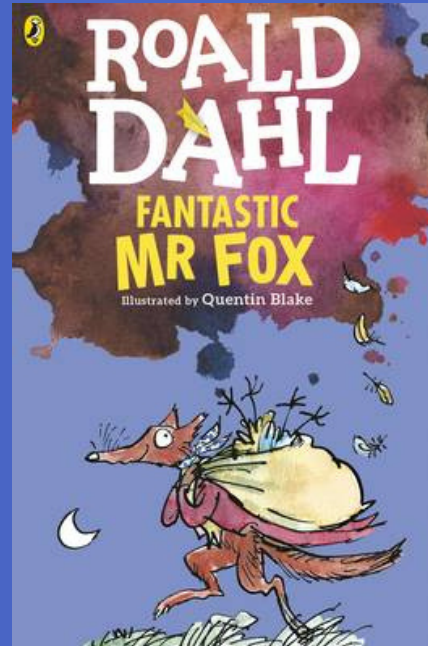
Danny has the most marvellous and exciting father anyone ever had. He can repair any car or machine that people bring to him, loves going on adventures with Danny and tells him incredible stories around the stove in the cozy caravan they call home.



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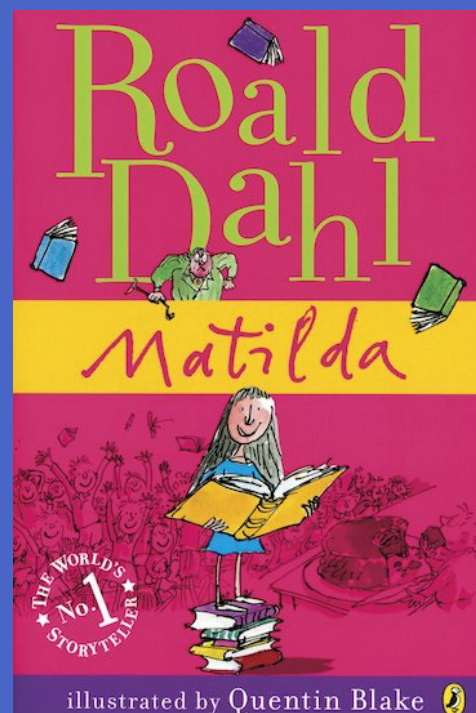
## **Fantastic Mr Fox** *by Roald Dahl*

Mr Fox is a very clever fox - every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from the nearby farms. Chickens from Farmer Boggis, ducks and geese from Farmer Bunce, and turkeys from Farmer Bean. But now the farmers have had enough, and together they hatch a plan to get rid of Mr Fox for good!



## **Matilda** *by Roald Dahl*

Matilda's parents have called her some terrible things, but the truth is she's a genius and they're the stupid ones. Underestimating Matilda proves to be a big mistake as they, along with her spiteful headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, soon find out when Matilda discovers she has a very special power.

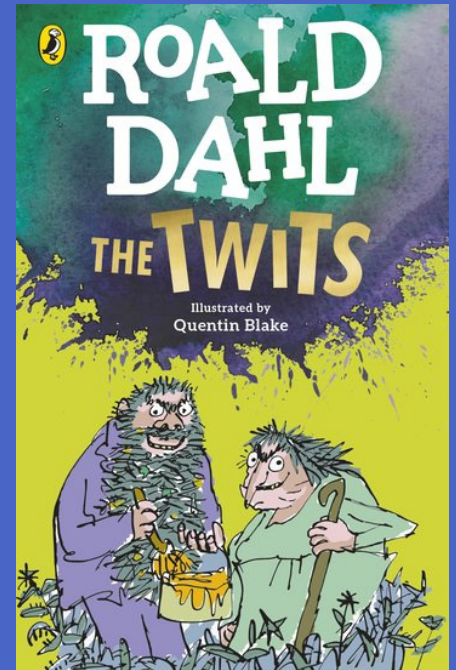


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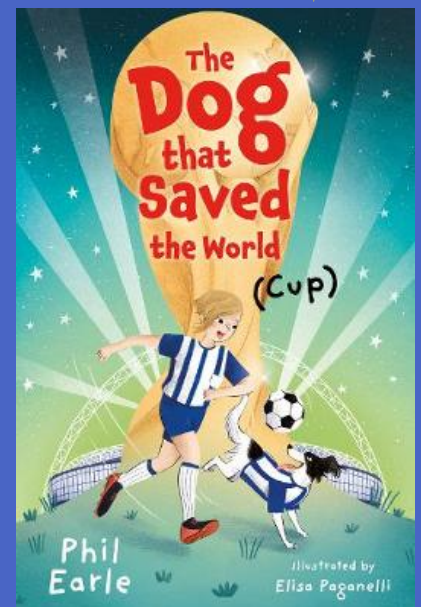
## **The Twits** *by Roald Dahl*

Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard. Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet. Down in their garden, the ghastly, evil Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage.



## **The Dog that Saved the World (Cup)** *by Phil Earle*

Pickles the dog and his owner Elsie love football more than anything. So they can hardly believe it when Elsie's team get the chance to play in a half-time match at the World Cup final in Wembley! But life off the pitch is tough, especially when Elsie's dad loses his job and they have to move. So when disaster strikes and Elsie's dreams of playing at Wembley are shattered, Pickles decided that it's up to him to save the world (cup). Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 8+

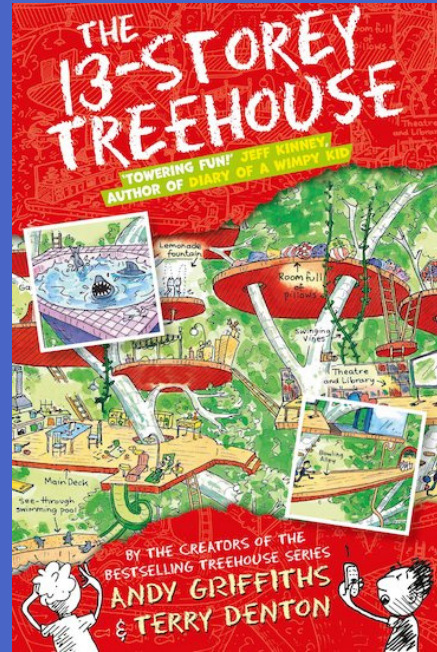


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## The 13-Storey Treehouse

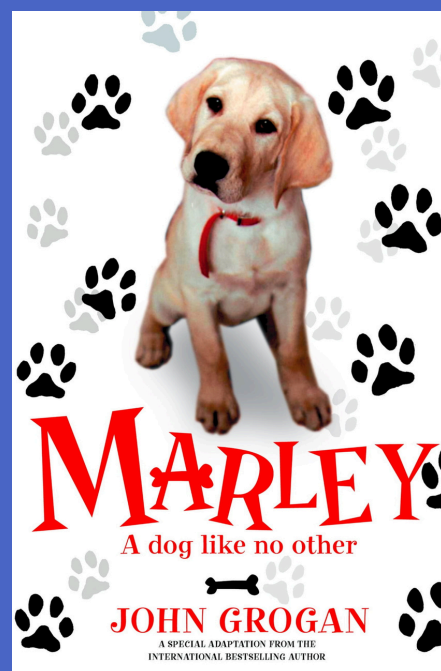
*by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton*

Andy and Terry live in the **WORLD'S BEST** treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry!



## Marley: A Dog Like No Other *by John Grogan*

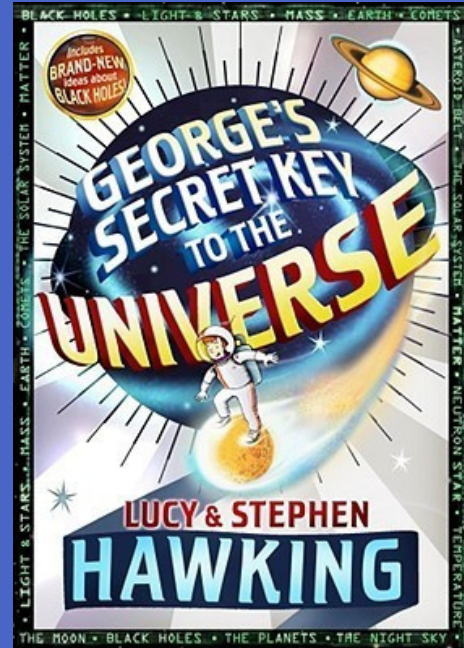
Marley has a zest for life, and as he grows, so does his enthusiasm. He has an appetite for whatever he can get his paws on—from fine jewellery to underwear—and the one thing he always finds is trouble. Marley even gets kicked out of obedience school! Can this rambunctious pup ever learn how to be a good boy?



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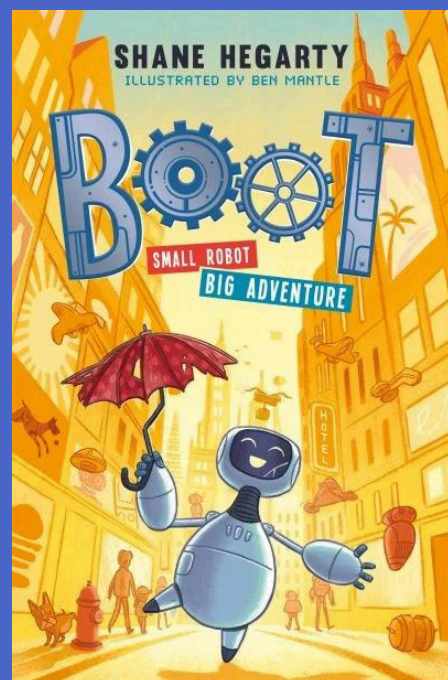
## **George's Secret Key to the Universe** *by Lucy & Stephen Hawking*

Welcome, said Cosmos, to the Universe! When George's pet pig breaks through the fence into the garden next door, George meets his new neighbours- Annie and her scientist father, Eric- and discovers a secret key that will take him on a rollercoaster ride into outer space!



## **Boot** *by Shane Hegarty*

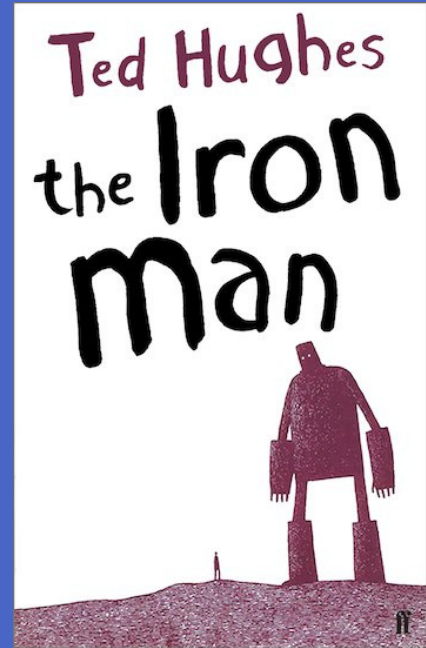
When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyard, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans.



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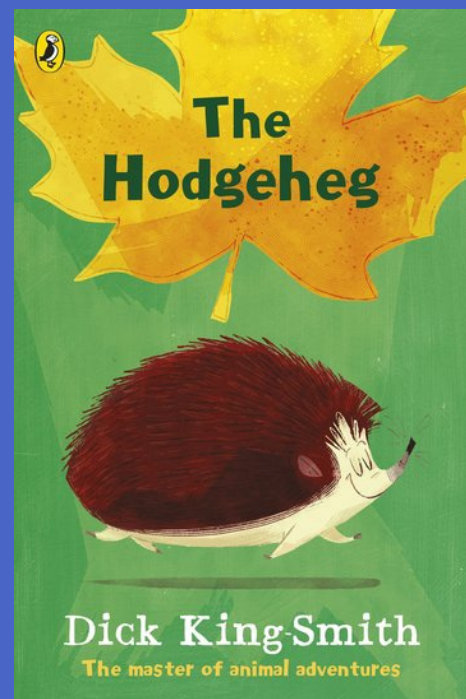
## The Iron Man *by Ted Hughes*

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction caused by the Iron Man. A trap is set for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.



## The Hodgeheg *by Dick King-Smith*

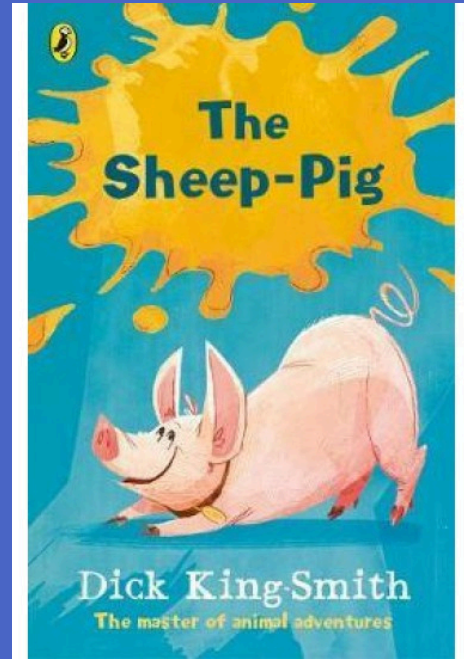
Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?



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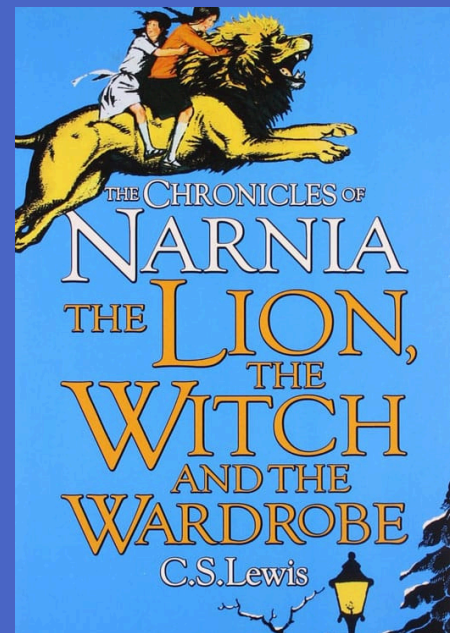
## **The Sheep-Pig** *by Dick King-Smith*

When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



## **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** *by C.S. Lewis*

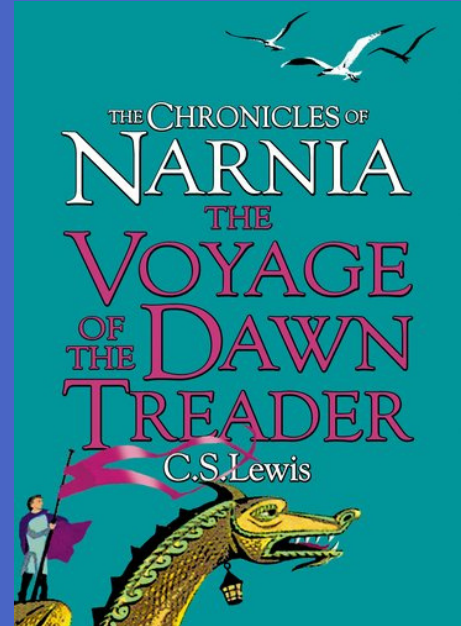
When the Pevensie children - Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia. Frozen in eternal winter, Narnia is a land of snow and pine forests, and its creatures are enslaved by the terrible White Witch.



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## **The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** *by C.S. Lewis*

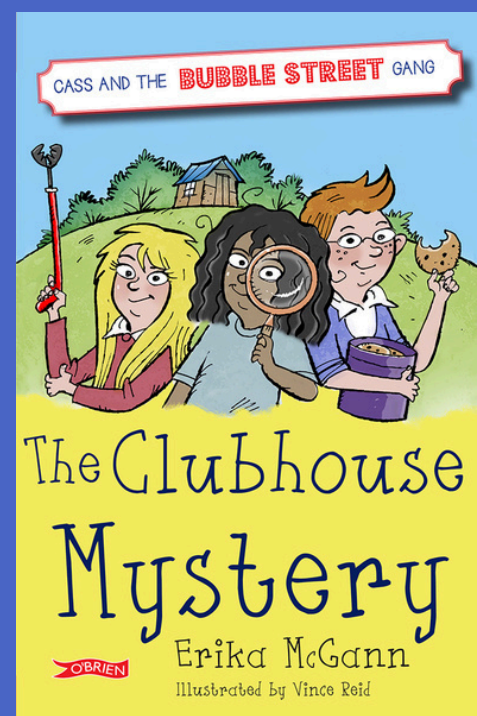
King Caspian has built it for his voyage to find the seven lords, good men whom his evil uncle Miraz banished when he usurped the throne. The journey takes Edmund, Lucy, and their cousin Eustace to the Eastern Islands, beyond the Silver Sea, toward Aslan's country at the End of the World.



## **The Clubhouse Mystery** *by Erika McGann*

Cass and her best friends, Lex and Nicholas, are the Bubble Street Gang! They investigate crimes, solve mysteries and have brilliant adventures.

There's an intruder in the clubhouse! The gang find the door left open, crumbs on the table and hairs on the floor. Someone has been sneaking in when nobody's home. But who? Join Cass and the Bubble Street Gang as they investigate **The Clubhouse Mystery**.



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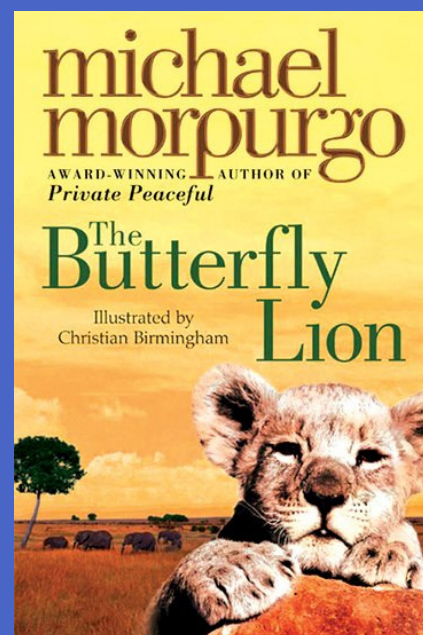
## **Making Millions** *by Erika McGann*

The gang need money and quick, and they have some super-genius ideas on how to make it! Like Operation Start a Company, Make Loads of Money for Nicholas's Project and Probably Also Become Millionaires! Continue the adventure with Cass and the Bubble Street Gang with this second book in the series.



## **The Butterfly Lion** *by Michael Morpurgo*

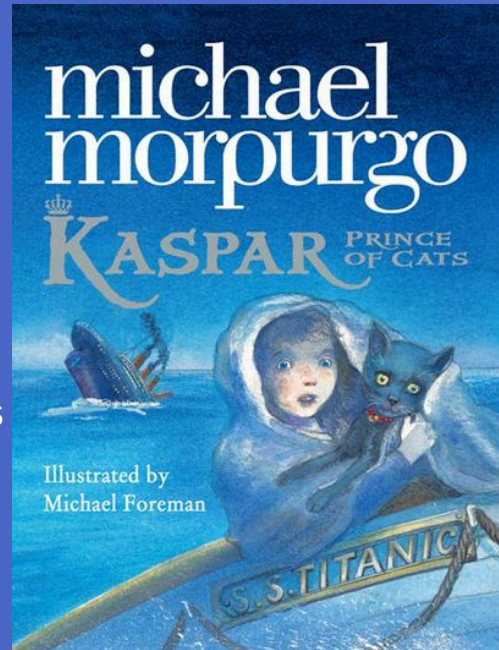
Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.



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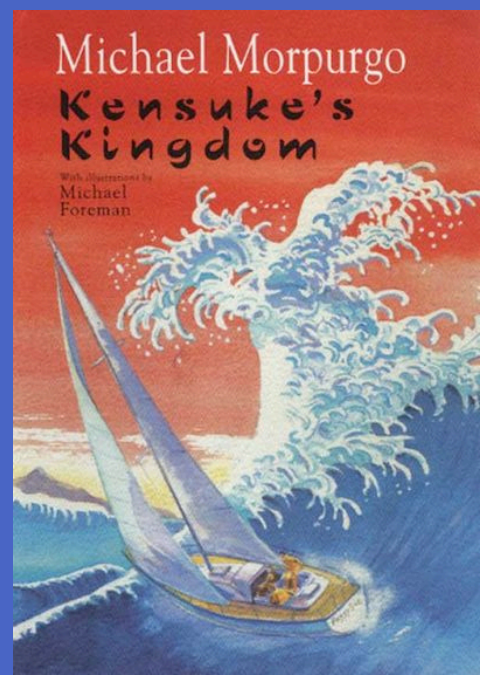
## **Kaspar: Prince of Cats** *by Michael Morpurgo*

"Kaspar: Prince of Cats" is a heart-warming, illustrated novel by the author of "Born to Run." The story begins with Johnny Trott, a bell-boy, carrying Kaspar the cat in a basket to the Savoy Hotel. Johnny ends up looking after Kaspar and befriends Lizziebeth, an American heiress. Together, they embark on adventures around the world, facing theft, shipwreck, and daring rescues. Kaspar, known as Prince Kaspar Kandinsky, is a Muscovite, Londoner, and New Yorker, and the only cat to survive the Titanic.



## **Kensuke's Kingdom** *by Michael Morpurgo*

Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone ...

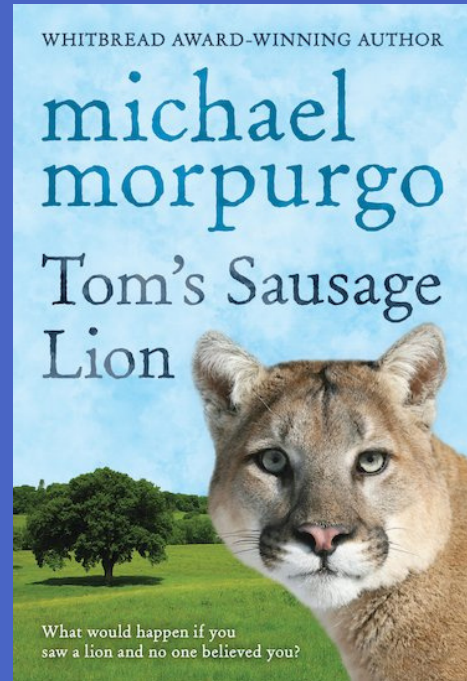


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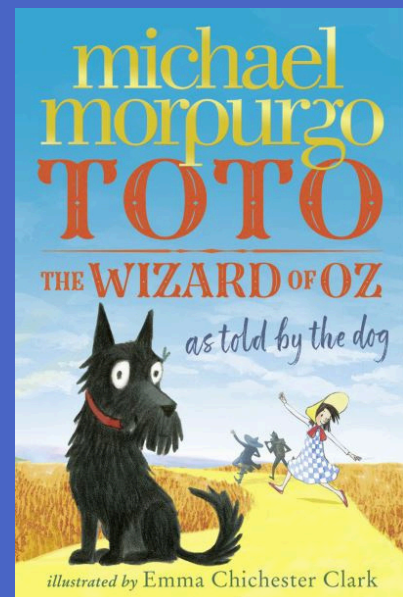
## Tom's Sausage Lion *by Michael Morpurgo*

But it's true, Tom shouted. 'It was a real lion, I know it was.' No-one believes Tom when he says he has seen a lion - padding around the orchard with a string of sausages in its mouth! No-one, that is, except for Clare, the cleverest girl in the class. Together, she and Tom plan to prove his story is true - by catching the lion!



## Toto: The Wizard of Oz *by Michael Morpurgo*

When a tornado hits their Kansas farm, Dorothy and her dog Toto are whisked away to the land of Oz. There, they meet a scarecrow who thinks he lacks brains, a tin man without a heart, and a cowardly lion. Desperate to return home, Dorothy and Toto journey down the yellow brick road with their new friends to find the Wizard of Oz, who they believe can help them. Along the way, they discover that what they thought they were missing was within them all along.



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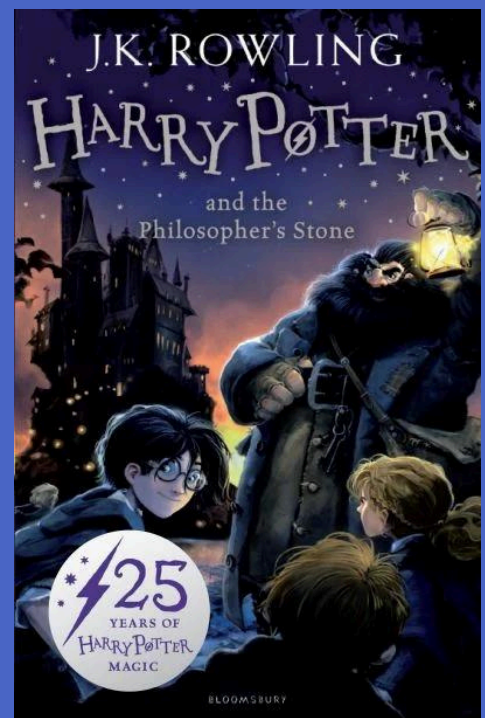
## **The Borrowers** *by Mary Norton*

Beneath the kitchen floor live the Borrowers: Pod, Homily, and their daughter Arrietty Clock. They reside in a tiny home where matchboxes serve as dressers and postage stamps as paintings. They "borrow" what they need from the humans above. Only Pod ventures into the house due to the risk of being seen by humans, which can lead to disappearance. Despite the danger, Arrietty is eager for adventure and friendship, particularly with a human boy she knows is up there.



## **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** *by J.K. Rowling*

Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy - until he is rescued by an owl, taken to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, learns to play Quidditch and does battle in a deadly duel. The Reason ...  
**HARRY POTTER IS A WIZARD!**

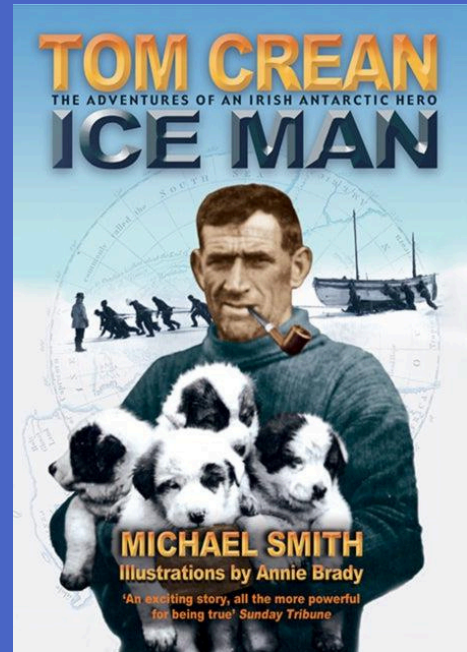


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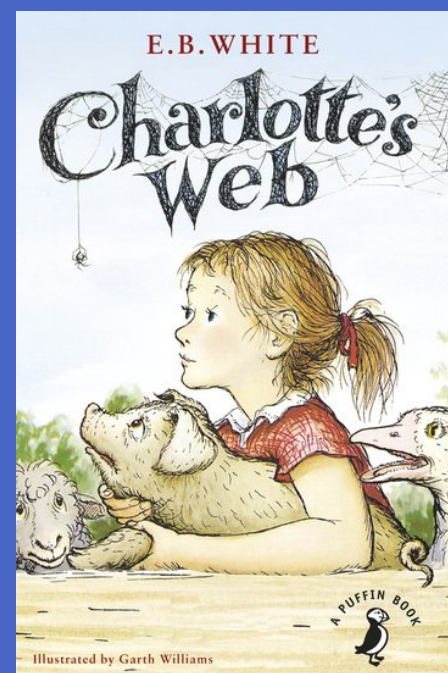
## Tom Crean Ice Man *by Michael Smith*

This children's story follows the life of Tom Crean, an Irishman whose adventures in Antarctica are legendary. At fifteen, he joined the British navy and later took part in three polar expeditions, surviving extreme isolation, freezing temperatures, and fierce winds. Despite the harsh conditions, Tom's courage and determination helped him save his friends and endure the challenges. Mount Crean in Antarctica stands as a memorial to his remarkable feats. Sir Edmund Hillary praised Tom for his exceptional bravery and loyalty.



## Charlotte's Web *by E.B. White*

This is the story of a little girl named Fern, who loves a little pig named Wilbur - and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider. When Fern's uncle decrees that Wilbur must become bacon, Fern, Charlotte, Templeton the rat and all Wilbur's farmyard friends come up with an ingenious plan to fool the humans, and save their very special pig.



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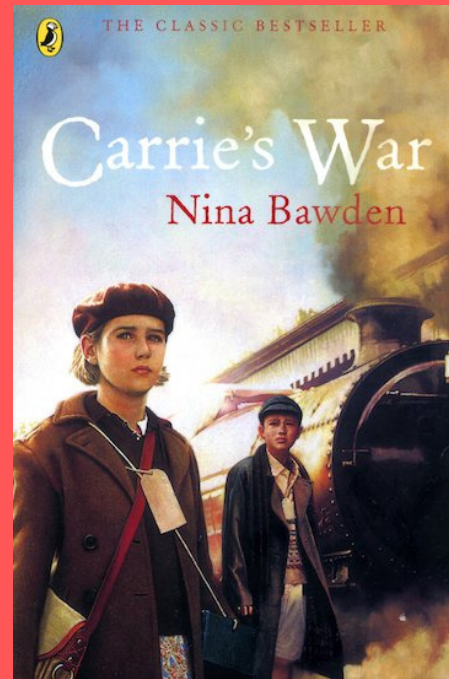
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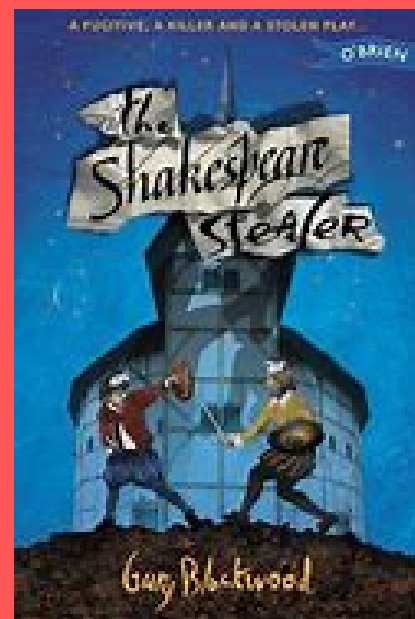
## **Carrie's War** by *Nina Bawden*

During wartime, Carrie and her brother Nick are evacuated from London to the Welsh hills. They feel isolated with their new hosts, Mr. Evans, a bullying shopkeeper, and his kind but timid sister, Auntie Lou. Visiting another evacuee, Albert, they find warmth and comfort in Hepzibah Green's home, despite rumors of her being a witch. With Hepzibah, Albert, and Mister Johnny, the children begin to adapt to their new life. However, their loyalties are soon tested, challenging them to choose between their new friends and other pressures.



## **The Shakespeare Stealer** by *Guy Blackwood*

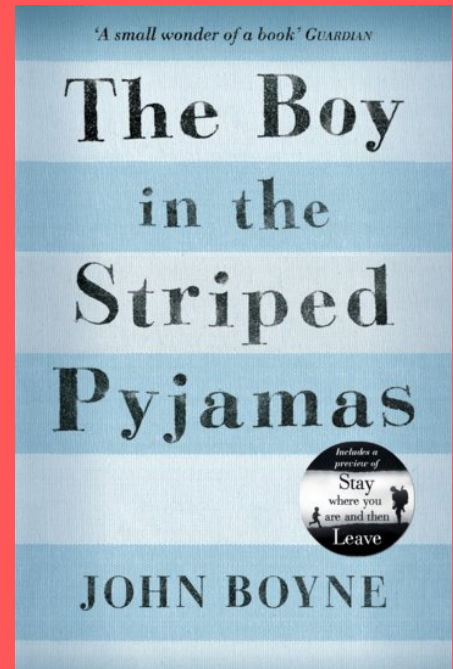
Widge is an orphan with a rare talent for shorthand. His fearsome master has just one demand: steal Shakespeare's play "Hamlet"--or else. Widge has no choice but to follow orders, so he works his way into the heart of the Globe Theatre, where Shakespeare's players perform. As full of twists and turns as a London alleyway, this entertaining novel is rich in period details, colorful characters, villainy, and drama.



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## **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** *by John Boyne*

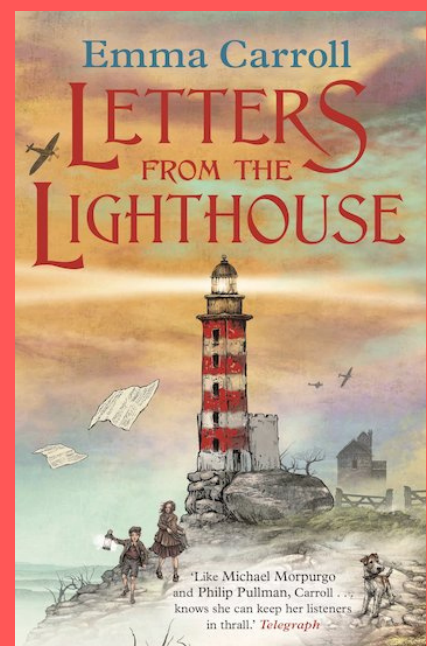
Nine-year-old Bruno is unaware of the Holocaust and his country's atrocities. He only knows that he has been moved from Berlin to a desolate area with nothing to do and no one to play with. This changes when he meets Shmuel, a boy living on the other side of a wire fence, wearing striped pyjamas. Bruno's friendship with Shmuel leads him from innocence to a harsh revelation, eventually becoming entangled in the tragic events surrounding him.



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## **Letters from the Lighthouse** *by Emma Carroll*

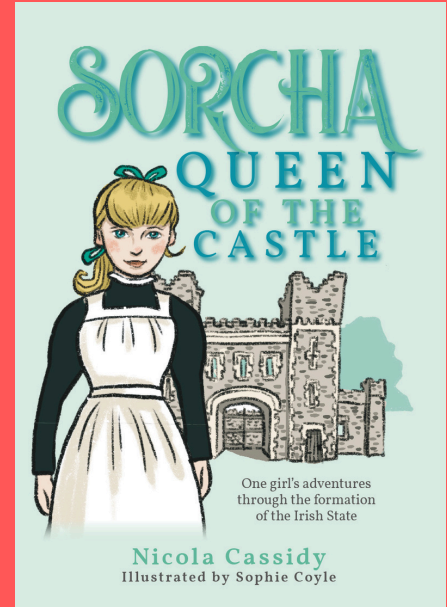
In February 1941, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her brother Cliff are evacuated from London to the Devon coast due to bombing raids. They stay with Mr. Ephraim, a reluctant lighthouse keeper. Olive tries to be helpful by delivering letters to the villagers, imagining them as secret messages. She harbors a secret: her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and Olive is determined to find out what happened. When Olive discovers a coded note linking Sukie to Devon, she realizes it involves something dark and dangerous.



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## **Sorcha Queen of the Castle** *by Nicola Cassidy*

Sorcha, Queen of the Castle examines one girl's experience as she grows up during the foundation of the state, from her work with the Gaelic League, through the Great War effort and the 1916 Rising, the rise of republicanism and her role in Cumann na mBan. Just what sort of young woman will Sorcha O'Neill become at the dawn of a new Ireland?

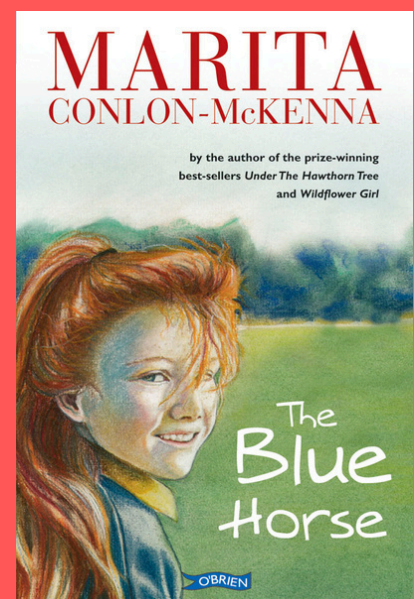


## **The Blue Horse** *by Marita Conlon-McKenna*

A remarkable story of growing up in extraordinary circumstances that will touch the hearts of all readers.

Katie's whole world is turned upside down when her family's home is destroyed by fire.

Everything they had is gone, and instead of pulling together it seems as though her family is falling apart. They move to a new house, to a school where nobody wants to know her, and Katie wonders just how many changes she can take. In her fight for acceptance and to keep the family together, she learns a lot about herself.

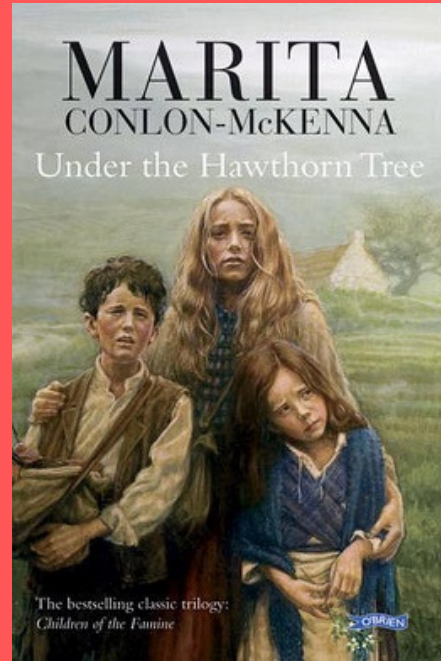


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## **Under the Hawthorn Tree** *by Marita Conlon-McKenna*

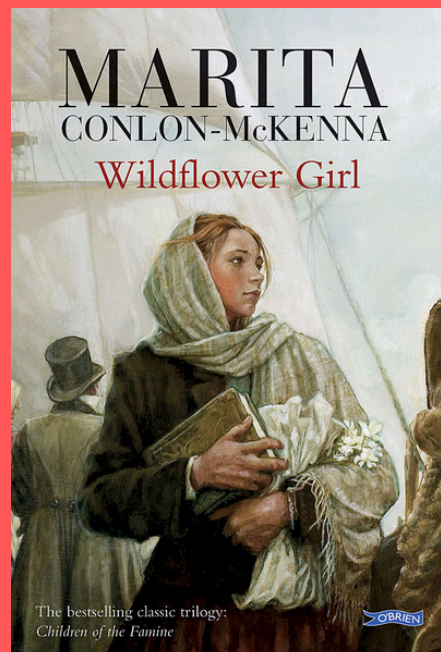
Ireland in the 1840s is devastated by famine. When tragedy strikes their family, Eily, Michael and Peggy are left to fend for themselves. Starving and in danger of the dreaded workhouse, they escape. Their one hope is to find the great aunts they have heard about in their mother's stories. With tremendous courage they set out on a journey that will test every reserve of strength, love and loyalty they possess.



## **Wildflower Girl** *by Marita Conlon-McKenna*



The second book in the Children of the Famine trilogy. At seven, Peggy made a terrifying journey through famine-stricken Ireland. Now thirteen, and determined to make a new life for herself, she sets off alone across the Atlantic to America. Will she ever see her family again?



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## **Fields of Home** *by Marita Conlon-McKenna*

For Eily, Michael and Peggy the memory of the famine is still strong. But Mary-Brigid, Eily's first child, has the future to look forward to. What kind of future is it? Ireland is in turmoil, with evictions, burnings, secret meetings, fights over land. Eily and her family may be thrown off their farm. Michael may lose his job in the big house. And Peggy, in America, feels trapped in her role as a maid. Will they ever have land and a home they can call their own? Eily, Michael and Peggy have once shown great courage. Now this courage is called on again ...



## **Lily at Lissadell** *by Judi Curtin*

As a young teenager, Lily leaves school to work as a housemaid at Lissadell, the Big House owned by the kind Gore-Booth family. Life is challenging with long hours, adjusting to the staff, especially her difficult roommate Nellie, and missing her home. An unexpected friendship forms when Maeve, the daughter of Constance Markievicz and niece of the Gore-Booths, visits and decides to paint Lily's portrait. This warm, engaging story explores friendship, early 20th-century life, and the impact of the political world on everyone.

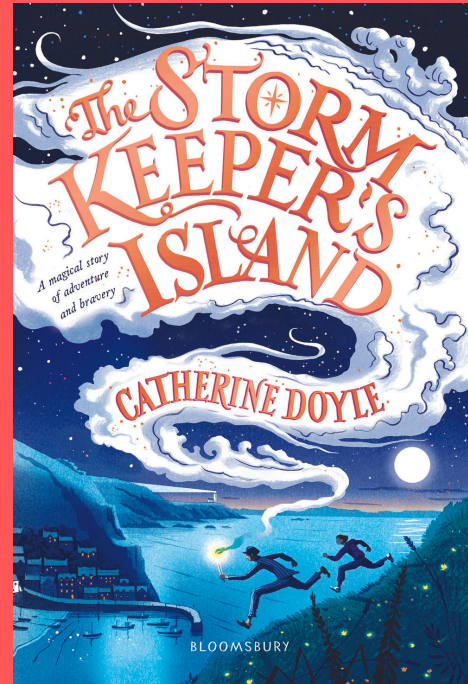


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## **The Stormkeeper's Island** *by Catherine Doyle*

When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet ...

Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island's next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war.



## **A Place Called Perfect** *by Helena Duggan*

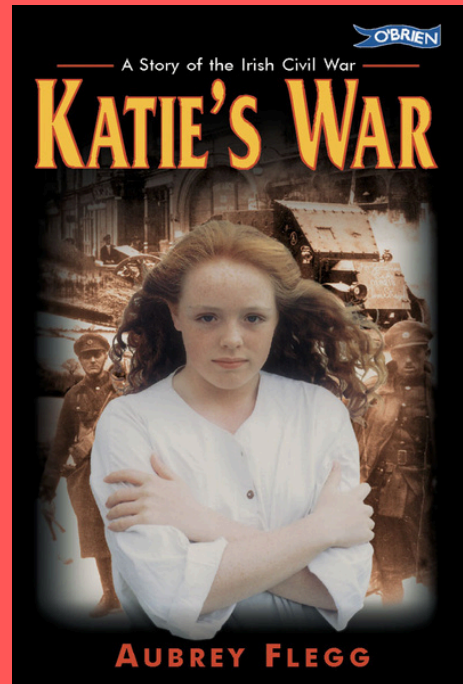
They've got their eyes on you: a quirky, creepy and unforgettable adventure, perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, Neil Gaiman and Tim Burton. Violet hates living in Perfect. Why does everyone have to wear special glasses to stop them going blind? What are the strange noises in the night and why is Mum acting so weird? Then Dad disappears and Violet is determined to uncover the truth with the help of the mysterious Boy. But returning normality to Perfect is a battle they never imagined...



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## **Katie's War: A Story of the Irish Civil War** *by Aubrey Flegg*

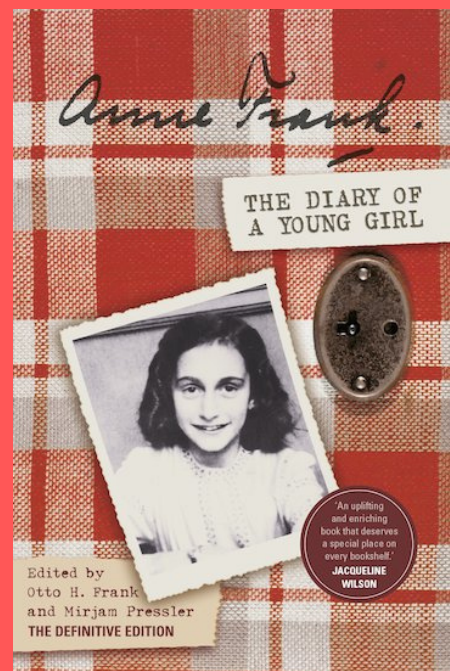
When Katie's father returns from the Great War, he is shell-shocked, his personality destroyed. Now, four years later he has more or less recovered, but another war is breaking out, this time at home in Ireland. The Treaty with the British has been signed by Michael Collins, but many disagree with it and want to continue the war for full independence. The country is on the brink of civil war. There are divided loyalties in Kate's family, and she has to choose whom she will support.



## **The Diary of a Young Girl** *by Anne Frank*

In the summer of 1942, fleeing the horrors of the Nazi occupation, Anne Frank and her family were forced into hiding in the back of an Amsterdam warehouse.

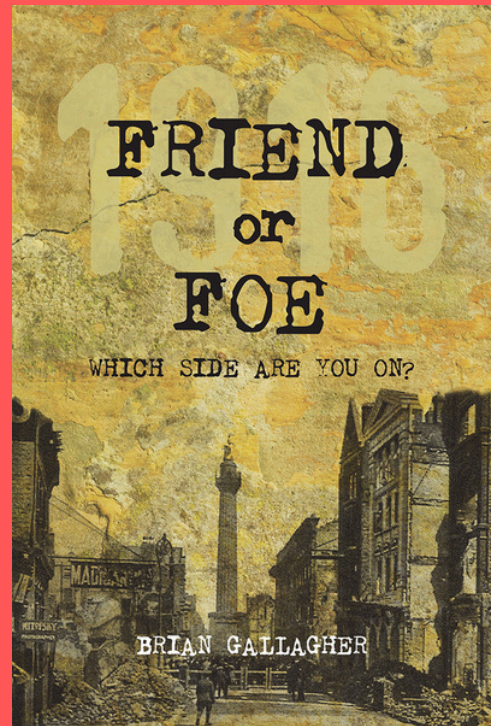
Aged thirteen, Anne kept a diary of her time in the secret annexe. She movingly revealed how the eight people living under these extraordinary conditions coped with hunger, the daily threat of discovery and death and isolation from the outside world.



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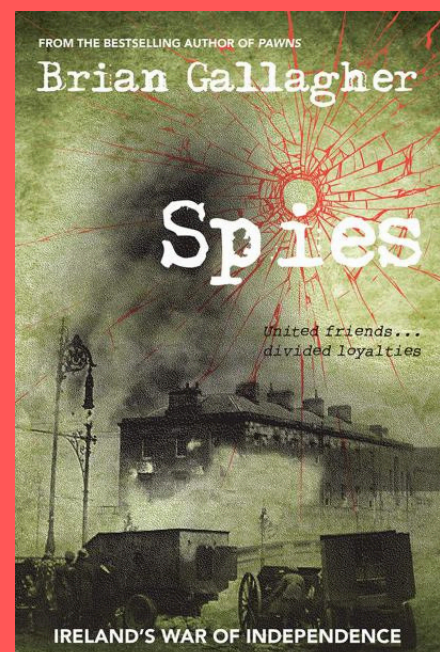
## Friend or Foe: 1916 Which side are you on? *by Brian Gallagher*

When Emer Daly saves Jack Madigan from drowning it seems that the two children will be friends for life. Eight months later, however, they are on opposite sides in a life and death struggle, when Dublin city is torn apart in the Easter Rising. With their young lives in turmoil, what will come first – friendship, family or loyalty to a cause?



## Spies *by Brian Gallagher*

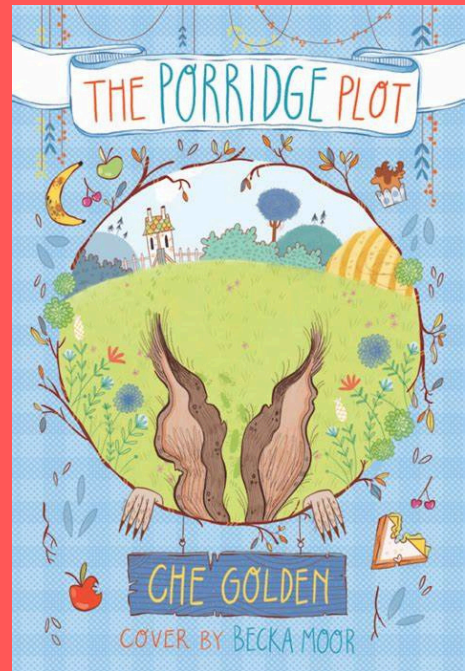
Orphan Johnny Dunne has fled Balbriggan, where he spied for the rebels in Ireland's War of Independence. Now he has a new and even more dangerous mission. Rebel leader Michael Collins engages in a cut-throat secret war with British Intelligence: and Johnny, Ireland's youngest spy at only fourteen years of age, finds himself at the centre of the action. In a Dublin full of gunmen, soldiers, police informers and the dreaded Black and Tans, Johnny has to watch his every move.



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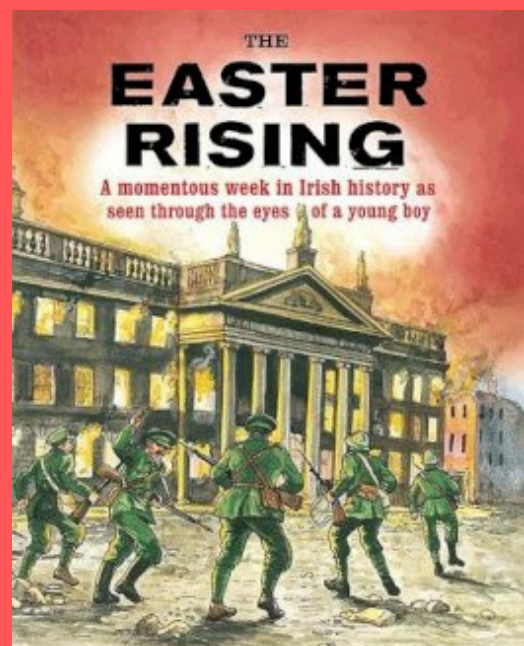
## The Porridge Plot *by Che Golden*

When Maya and her family move to the countryside, they are intrigued to find a house sprite living in their new home. This unwanted resident, which identifies itself as a Brownie, gets very upset when it realizes it won't be getting its bowl of porridge, which Brownies expect to receive in exchange for doing the housekeeping. As the furious creature wreaks havoc on the household, will Maya and her family find a way to resolve this situation, or will they have to leave their new home?



## The Easter Rising *by Pat Hegarty*

This interactive journal tells the story of the 1916 Easter Rising through the eyes of a young Dublin boy. From the early preparations through to the bloody aftermath, find out about the main characters and events in a week that changed the course of Irish history. Includes pop-ups and flaps throughout and a fold-out facsimile of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic.



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## **Blood upon the Rose: Easter 1916** *by Gerry Hunt*

The rebellion that set Ireland free, told as a graphic novel. The 1916 Easter Rising was an attempt by a small group of militant Irish republicans to win independence from Britain. It was the most significant rebellion in Ireland. Though a military failure, it set Ireland on the road to freedom from Britain.



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## **Skulduggery Pleasant** *by Derek Landy*

Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...



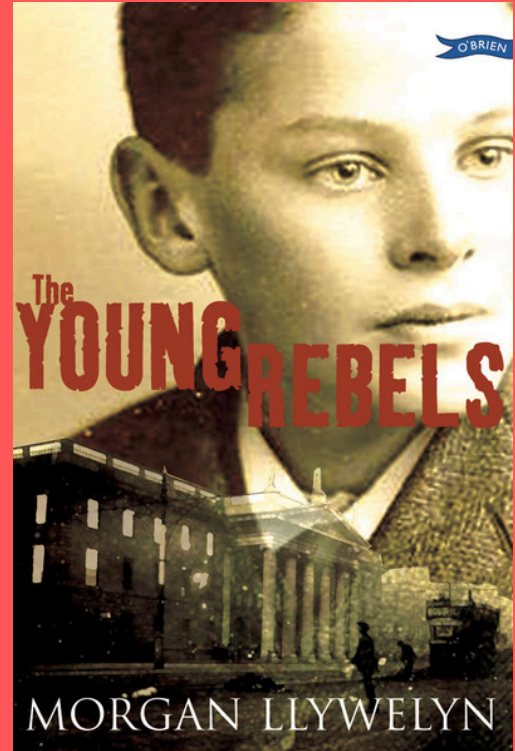
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## **The Young Rebels** *by Morgan Llywelyn*

St Enda's is no ordinary school, and Padraic Pearse is no ordinary headmaster.

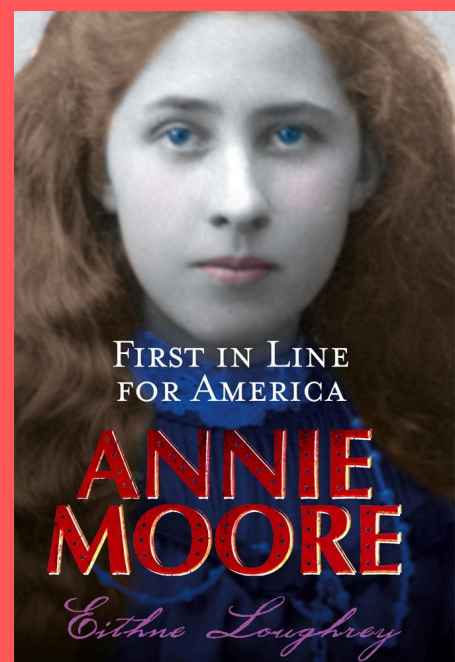
His pupils are inspired by his vision of freedom and an Irish Republic, and John Joe and his friend Roger see the Easter Rising as their chance to fight for Ireland's freedom. But the two boys are horrified to learn that they are too young to take part.

They disobey orders to stay away from the city centre and quickly become caught up in the dramatic events of the Rebellion.



## **Annie Moore: First in Line for America** *by Eithne Loughrey*

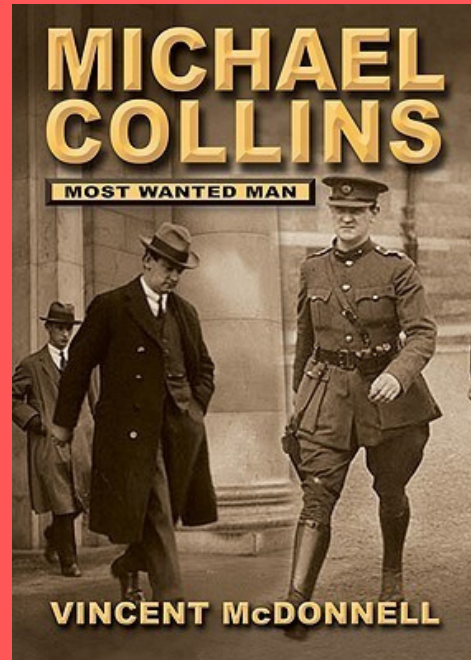
Cork-born Annie Moore was the very first immigrant of any nationality to land at the now historic handling station at Ellis Island, New York, on the day it opened in 1892. This first book in the trilogy tells of Annie's new life in New York: her family, their cramped apartment and her working life. Annie's initial disappointment at her New York life soon disappears as she has a series of adventures.



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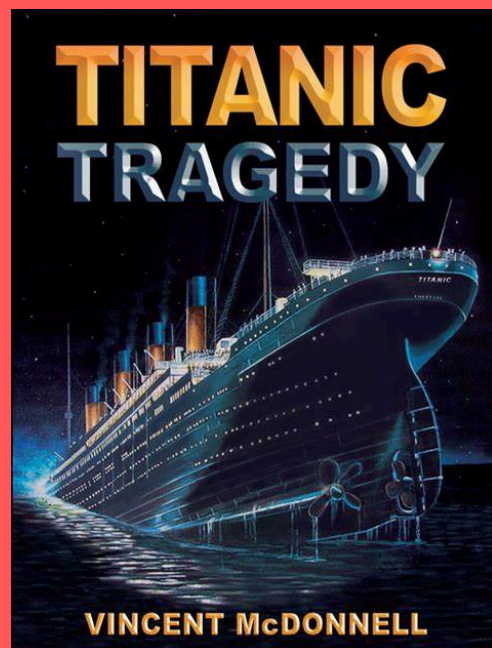
## **Michael Collins - Most Wanted Man** *by Vincent McDonnell*

Michael Collins is one of the most famous figures in Irish history. He became the most wanted man in the British Empire, a minister in the first Irish government and Commander-in-Chief of the army. He helped to negotiate the Treaty, which allowed Britain to keep the Six Counties. Many fellow fighters refused to settle for this leading to the Irish Civil War and the 1922 ambush in which Collins was killed by former comrades.



## **Titanic Tragedy** *by Vincent McDonnell*

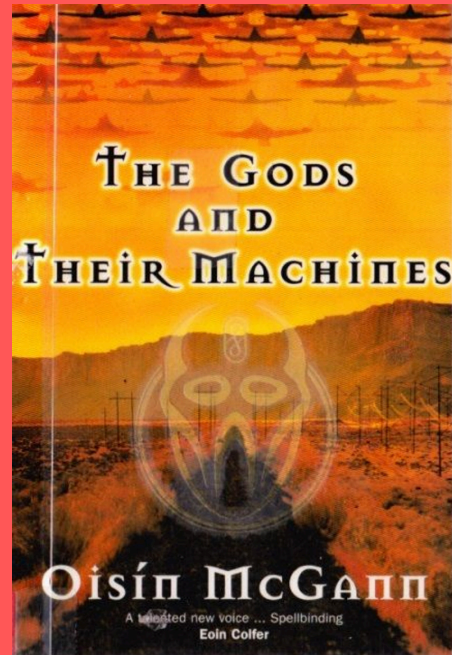
Since it sank on a cold April night in 1912, the Titanic has held a special mystery and fascination. It is the most famous sea tragedy, in which over 1500 lives were lost. This book deals with why the ship was built and the dreams and arrogance of those who conceived and built her.



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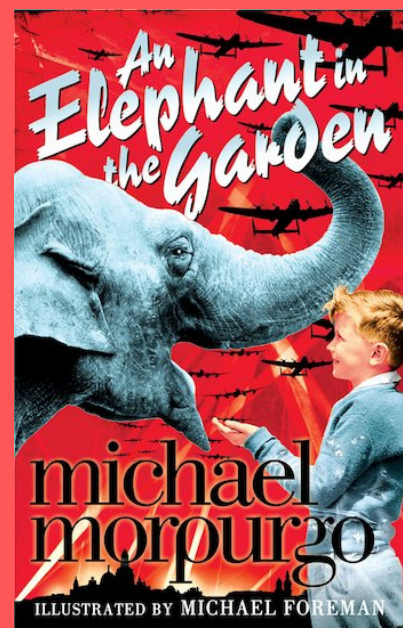
## The Gods and their Machines *by Oisín McGann*

Chamus Aranson is a young Altiman student, training to be a fighter pilot in his nation's air force. Riadni Mocranen is a rebellious Bartokhrian tomboy, who dreams of joining the heroic freedom fighters in their crusade against Altima. Chamus and Riadni come from two completely different worlds, but when Chamus is forced to make an emergency landing deep in enemy country, Riadni becomes his only hope for survival. Now they must work together to stop an unimaginable catastrophe.



## An Elephant in the Garden *by Michael Morpurgo*

Lizzie and Karl's mother is a zoo keeper; the family has become attached to an orphaned elephant named Marlene, who will be destroyed as a precautionary measure so she and the other animals don't run wild should the zoo be hit by bombs. The family persuades the zoo director to let Marlene stay in their garden instead. When the city is bombed, the family flees with thousands of others, but how can they walk the same route when they have an elephant in tow, and keep themselves safe?



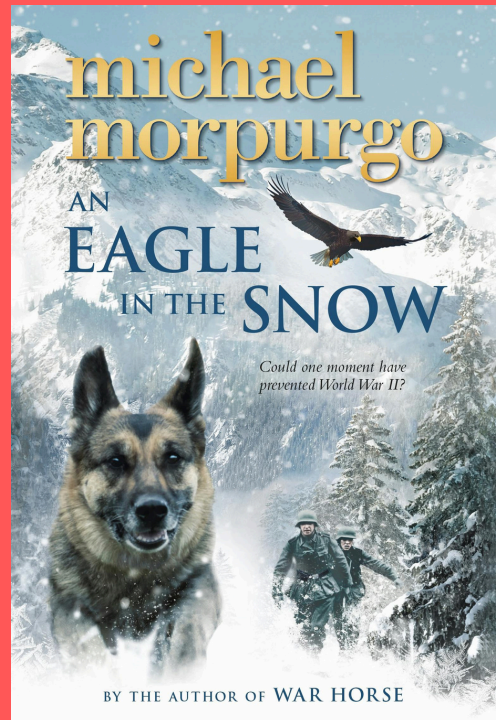
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## **An Eagle in the Snow** *by Michael Morpurgo*

1940. The train is under attacks from German fighters. In the darkness, sheltering in a railway tunnel, the stranger in the carriage with Barney and his mother tells them a story to pass the time.

And what a story. The story of a young man, a young soldier in the trenches of World War I who, on the spur of the moment, had done what he thought was the right thing.

It turned out to have been the worst mistake he ever could have made – a mistake he must put right before it is too late...



## **Private Peaceful** *by Michael Morpurgo*

As young Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside.

But the clock is ticking, and every moment Tommo spends remembering how things used to be, means another moment closer to something that will change his life for ever.



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## **Shadow** *by Michael Morpurgo*

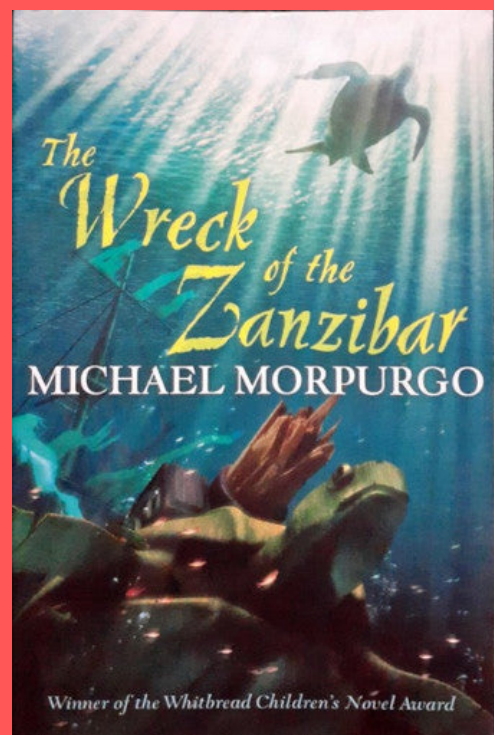
Never has Aman needed a friend more than when a springer spaniel appears before him one day. The dog becomes a constant companion, a shadow, and that's what Aman decides to call her.

But life in Afghanistan is becoming more dangerous by the moment, and eventually Aman and Shadow must find the courage to leave. But how far can Shadow lead them? And in this terrifying new world, is anywhere really safe?



## **The Wreck of the Zanzibar** *by Michael Morpurgo*

“We all knew what was going to happen. We’d seen it before. A ship about to founder staggers before she falls. A huge wave broke over her stern and she did not come upright again.... Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak and full of hardship. Laura’s twin brother, Billy, disappears, and then a storm devastates everything. It seems there’s little hope. But then the Zanzibar is wrecked on the island’s rocks, and everything changes ...



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## Molly's Diary: The Easter Rising 1916

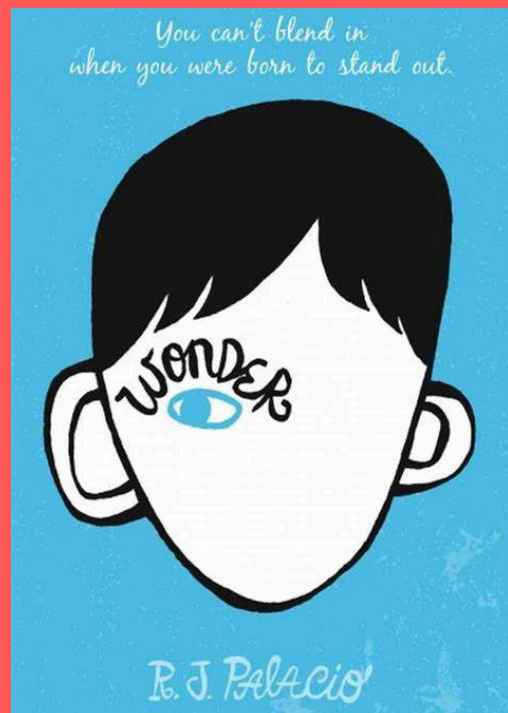
*by Patricia Murphy*

Easter 1916. The Great War rages in Europe with two hundred thousand Irishmen fighting in the British Army. But a small group of Irish nationalists refuse to fight for Britain and strike a blow for Irish freedom. Caught up in the action in Dublin, is twelve-year-old Molly O'Donovan. As violence and looting erupts in the streets of Dublin alongside heroism and high ideals, Molly records it all.



## Wonder by R.J. Palacio

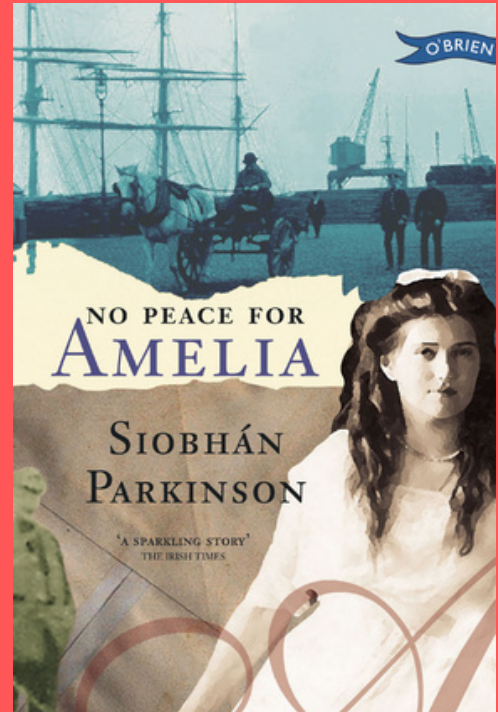
Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted.



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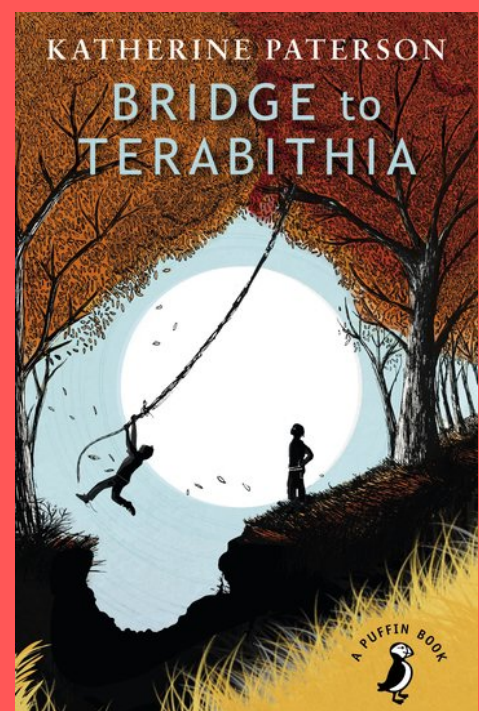
## No Peace for Amelia by Siobhán Parkinson

It's 1916 but Amelia Pim's thoughts are on Frederick Goodbody and not on the war in Europe. Then Frederick enlists. The pacifist Quaker community is shocked but Amelia is secretly proud of her hero and goes to the quayside to wave him farewell. For her friend MaryAnn, there are problems too, with her brother's involvement in the Easter Rising. What will become of the two young men and what effect will it have on the lives of Amelia and MaryAnn?



## Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

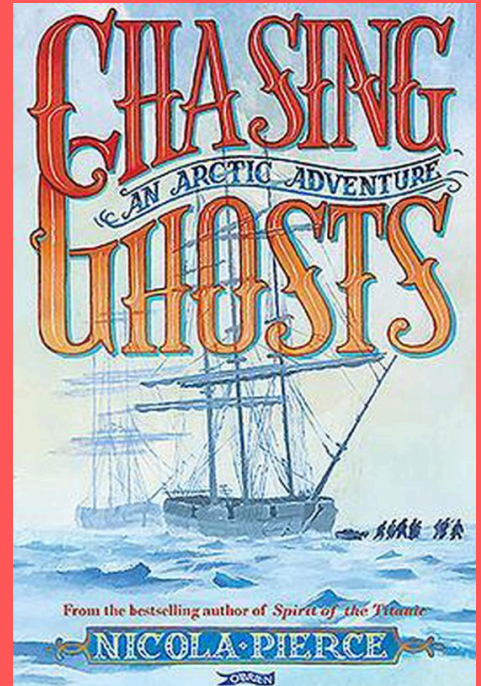
Jesse Aarons wants to be the fastest boy in the class, but when Leslie Burke moves into the neighbouring farm his life changes forever. Even though she runs faster than him, Jesse thinks Leslie is all right - she's clever, funny and has good ideas. It is Leslie who invents Terabithia, the secret magical kingdom on an island across the creek where Jesse can escape his troublesome family. But one day tragedy strikes and Jesse needs to find the courage to overcome his fears...



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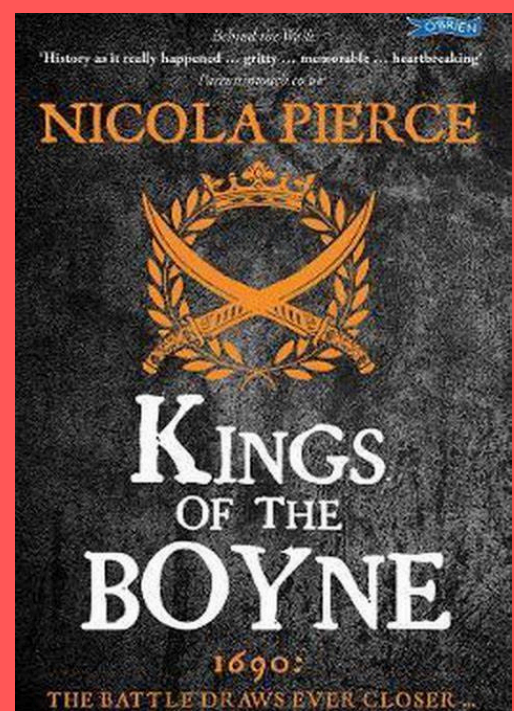
## Chasing Ghosts: An Arctic Adventure by Nicola Pierce

Two ships Arctic-bound, HMS Erebus and Terror, leave London in 1845, captained by the aging Sir John Franklin. How long they'll be gone depends on the ice. Meanwhile, second-in-command, Francis Crozier, worries about their inexperienced crew. In Derry, little Weesy Coppin dies of a fever but, as far as her sister Ann and brother William are concerned, her spirit returns to haunt them. While an anxious world waits for news of the Arctic explorers, the Coppin family try to understand what is going in their home. But, then, one night, all is revealed when the truth literally steps out of the shadows.



## Kings of the Boyne 1690 by Nicola Pierce

Eager to prove his courage and defend his family honour, young Irish noble Gerald O'Connor rides his warhorse Troy north in King James's cavalry. Brothers Robert and Daniel Sherrard march south from the once-besieged city of Derry with King William's army. The chosen field of battle – the Boyne – lies waiting, where victory will decide who rules the lands of England, and of Ireland.

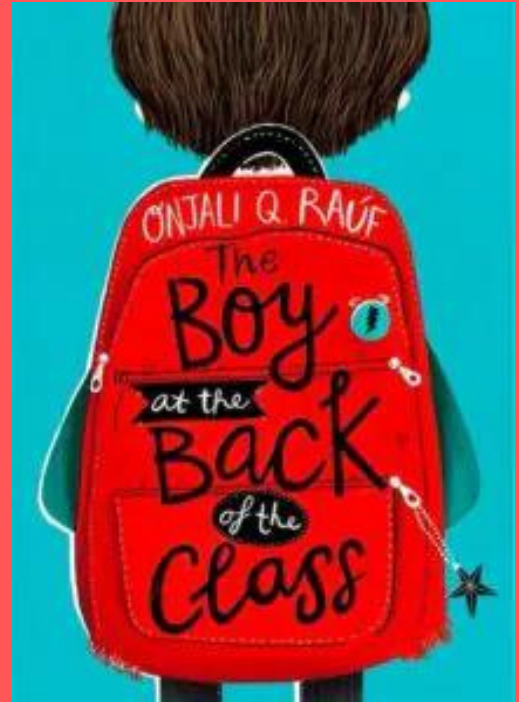


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## **The Boy at the Back of the Class** *by Onjali Q. Raúf*

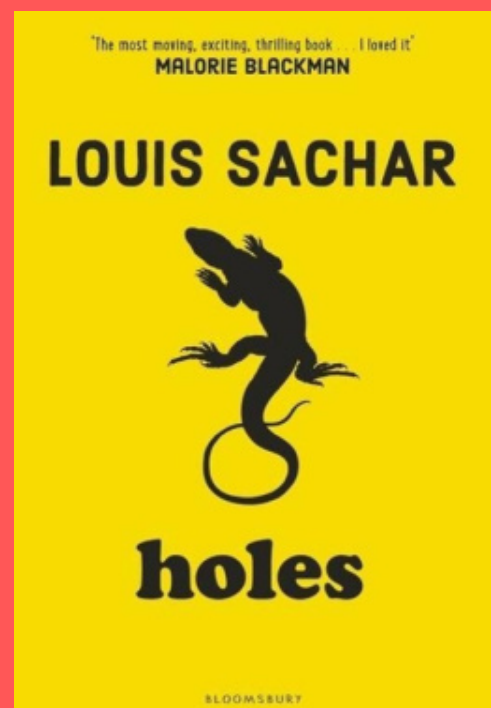
On a perfectly ordinary school day, something extraordinary happens: a boy with pale skin, lion eyes and a tattered red rucksack walks in. Unable to speak English and seated at the back of the class, Ahmet 'the refugee kid' becomes the perfect target for bullies and rumours alike.

But Ahmet has also captured the attention and empathy of a fellow classmate, who will do anything to help him find his family. Even if that involves a plan - or five, and the Queen herself!



## **Holes** *by Louis Sachar*

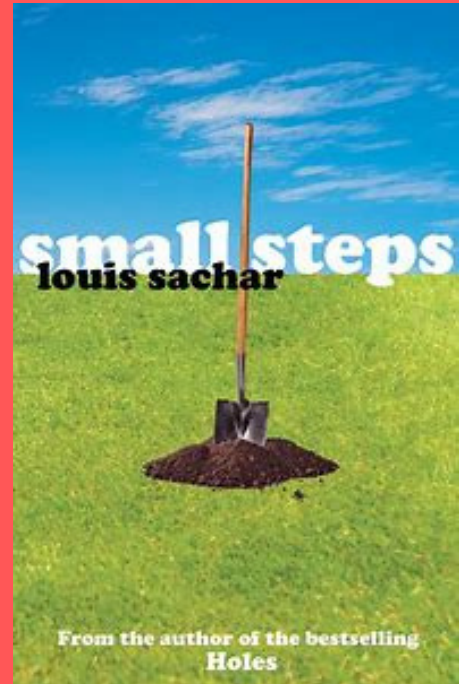
Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake), it's not exactly a surprise. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole each, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it builds character, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.



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## **Small Steps** *by Louis Sachar*

In this wonderful, funny and deeply satisfying novel by master storyteller Louis Sachar, Armpit finds all his small steps becoming bigger than he anticipated. When he gets mixed up with his old friend X-ray in a ticket scam, things look set to unravel. But this is only the beginning of Armpit's troubles in a brilliant, fast-paced adventure story.

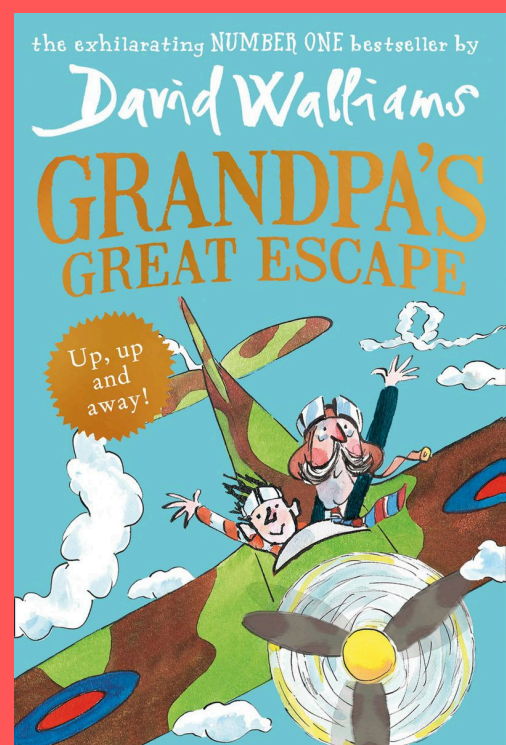


## **Grandpa's Great Escape** *by David Walliams*

**Jack's Grandpa.**

- \*wears his slippers to the supermarket
- \*serves up Spam à la Custard for dinner
- \*and often doesn't remember Jack's name

But he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day. An exquisite portrait of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa – this book takes readers on an incredible journey with Spitfires over London and Great Escapes through the city in a high octane adventure full of comedy and heart.

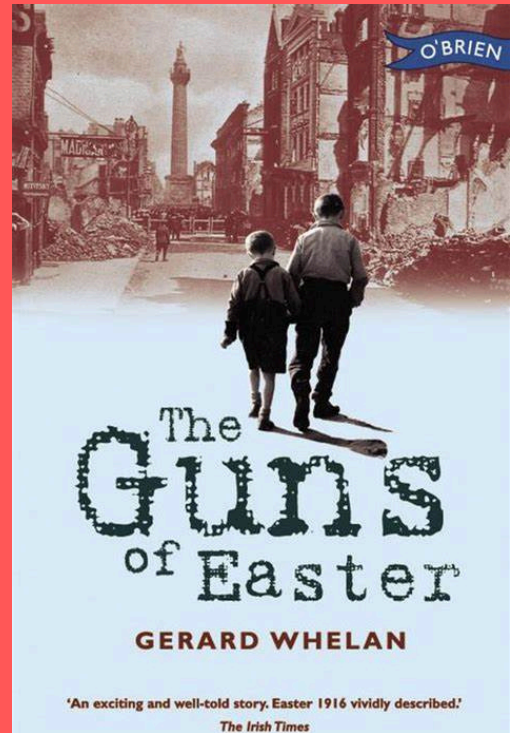


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## **The Guns of Easter** *by Gerard Whelan*

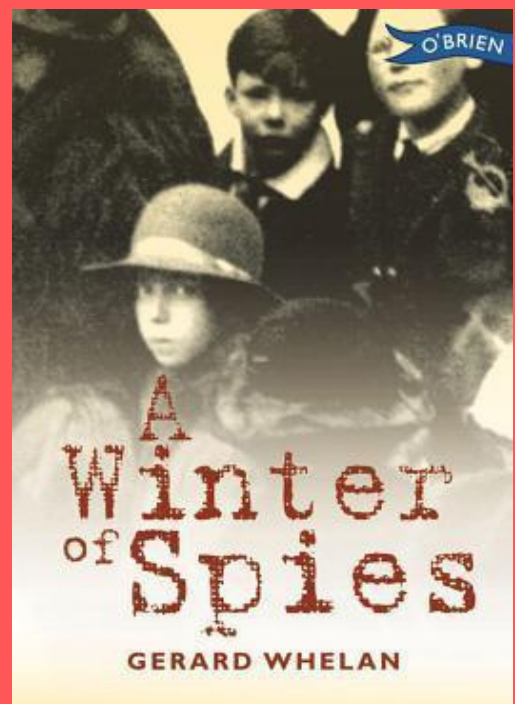
Dreams of glory and battle turn to dust when one young Dubliner is faced by the harsh reality of war. It is 1916, and Europe is at war: Jimmy Conway's father is fighting for the British Army in France. Jimmy dreams of becoming a soldier and winning glory on the battlefield. Then rebellion breaks out in Dublin and Jimmy witnesses the taking of the General Post Office.

In an attempt to find food for his family, Jimmy crosses the battle-scarred city, weaving through army patrols and dodging shooting. He sees strange and terrible sights. And at every corner danger threatens.



## **A Winter of Spies** *by Gerard Whelan*

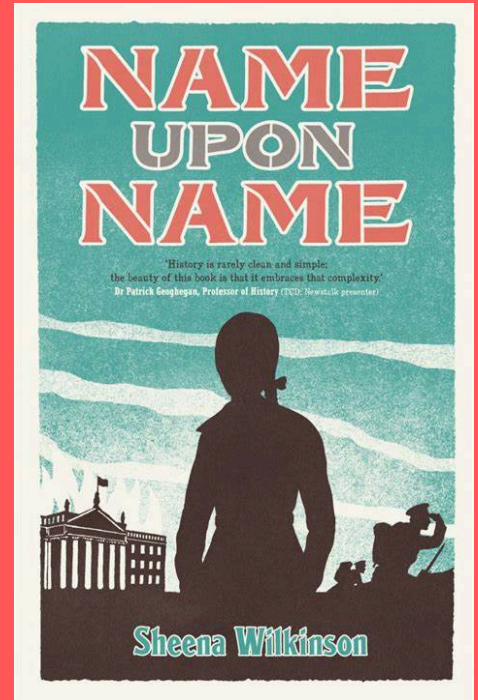
This book tells the exciting story of Sarah (Jimmy's young sister) and their family who are involved in the spying activities of Michael Collins during the War of Independence. Sarah, a young eleven-year-old, cannot figure out why her family is so neutral towards the war and why everybody is so secretive. A strong rebel herself, she wants to do her bit for Ireland. Then she finds out the terrible truth - and she too carries secrets which could cost her her life.



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## **Name Upon Name** *by Sheena Wilkinson*

Belfast in 1916. Fourteen-year-old Helen is shaped by her mixed background – rural, Catholic Irish values from her mother; urban, Protestant Ulster values from her father. Helen’s older cousins are her idols: Sandy, who joined the army straight from school and has already seen action in France, and Michael, who runs away from home to enlist. But before he leaves for France, Michael is deployed to Dublin to help quell the Rising, where he’s expected to open fire on his fellow Irishmen, and Sandy writes home about terrible things on the front.





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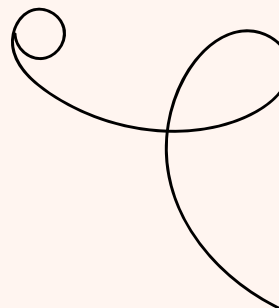
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