



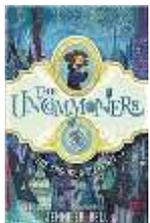
# Year 5's Recommended Reads!

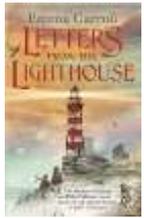
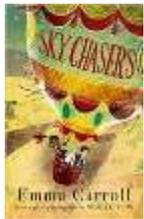


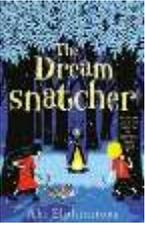
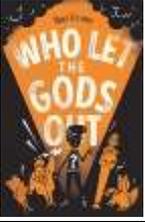
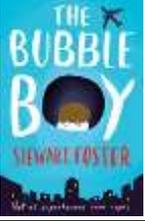
*"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."*

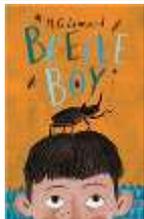
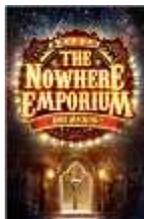
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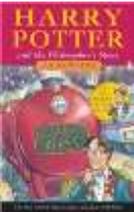
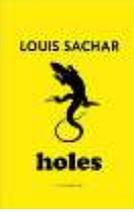
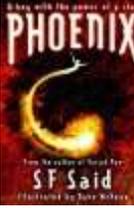
The following list includes books that we have personally read and would **fully** recommend. They all fall into the 9-12 age range so would be perfect for Year 5. We, the school library or the Essex libraries have copies of practically all of these books so if you would like to borrow one, ask and we will see what we can do! Happy reading...

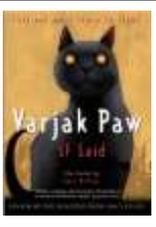
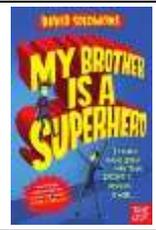
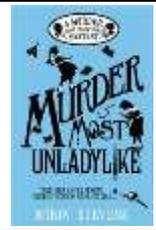
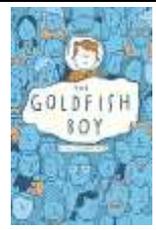
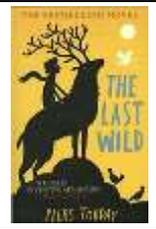
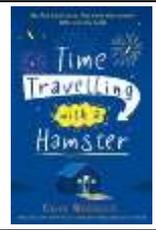
Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	<b>The House on Hummingbird Island</b>	<b>Sam Angus</b>	Idie Grace is twelve when she inherits a grand old house on a Caribbean island, and is sent away from grey old England to a place where hummingbirds hover and monkeys clamber from tree to tree. As a lady of property Idie can do as she pleases, so she fills the house with exotic animals, keeps her beloved horse in the hallway, and carries a grumpy, talking cockatoo called Homer on her shoulder. But the island households as many secrets as it does animals, and the truth behind Idie's inheritance is the biggest secret of all . . .
	<b>The Polar Bear Explorers' Club</b>	<b>Alex Bell</b>	Join Stella Starflake Pearl and her three fellow explorers as they trek across the snowy Icelands and come face-to-face with frost fairies, snow queens, outlaw hideouts, unicorns, pygmy dinosaurs and carnivorous cabbages...When Stella and three other junior explorers get separated from their expedition can they cross the frozen wilderness and live to tell the tale?
	<b>The Crooked Sixpence (The Uncommoners)</b> Books which follow in the series: <b>The Smoking Hourglass</b> <b>The Frozen Telescope</b>	<b>Jennifer Bell</b>	When their grandmother Sylvie is rushed to hospital, Ivy Sparrow and her annoying big brother Seb cannot imagine what adventure lies in store. Returning to Sylvie's house, they find it has been ransacked by unknown intruders – before a mysterious feather scratches an ominous message onto the kitchen wall. Ivy and Seb make their escape – only to find themselves in a completely uncommon world, where ordinary objects have amazing powers. The forces of evil are closing in fast, and Ivy and Seb must think fast...
	<b>Cogheart</b> Books which follow in the series: <b>Moonlocket</b> <b>Sky Circus</b>	<b>Peter Bunzl</b>	Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends – Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox – Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realises that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart... Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.

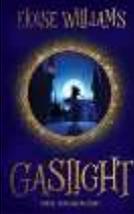
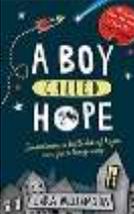
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Letters From The Lighthouse</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emma Carroll</b></p>	<p>After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Sky Chasers</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emma Carroll</b></p>	<p>A encounter with a boy dangling from the sky changes pickpocket Magpie's life forever. Like her, the boy dreams of flying over the rooftops of Paris. His family, the Montgolfiers, are desperate to be first to discover the secret of flight. Together with Pierre, Magpie is soon caught up in a world of inflatable bloomers, spies and a trio of unruly animals in a race to be the first to fly a hot air balloon - in front of the King and Queen of France.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kate DiCamillo</b></p>	<p>The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit from a New York Times bestselling author, twice winner of the Newbery Medal. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly love.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">A Place Called Perfect</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series:  <b>The Trouble with Perfect</b>  <b>Fighting for Perfect</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Helena Duggan</b></p>	<p>Violet never wanted to move to Perfect. Who wants to live in a town where everyone has to wear glasses to stop them going blind? And who wants to be perfectly behaved all the time? Violet quickly discovers there's something weird going on, and when she meets Boy she realizes that the mysterious Watchers are guarding a perfectly creepy secret!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Many Worlds of Albie Bright</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day  The Jamie Drake Equation  The Longest Night of Charlie Moon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christopher Edge</b></p>	<p>When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...</p>

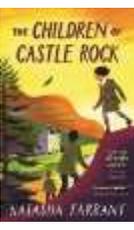
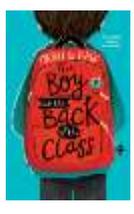
	<h2>The Dreamsnatcher</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series:  <b>The Shadow Keeper</b>  <b>The Night Spinner</b></p>	<p><b>Abi Elphinstone</b></p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Molly Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life. Because Moll is more important than she knows... The Oracle Bones foretold that she and Gryff, a wildcat that has always been by her side, are the only ones who can fight back against the Dreamsnatcher's dark magic. Suddenly everything is at stake...</p>
	<h2>Wed Wabbit</h2> <p>Small Change For Stuart  Big Change For Stuart</p>	<p><b>Lissa Evans</b></p>	<p>You're called Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is your awful cousin Graham. You have to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. You need to deal with a cruel dictator and three thousand Wimbley Woos (yes, you read that sentence correctly). And the whole situation - the whole, entire thing - is your fault.</p>
	<h2>Who Let The Gods Out?</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series:  <b>Simply the Quest</b>  <b>Beyond the Odyssey</b>  <b>Against All Gods</b></p>	<p><b>Maz Evans</b></p>	<p>A shooting star crashes to earth and changes Elliot's life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. When the pair accidentally unleash the wicked death daemon Thanatos, they turn to the old Olympian gods for help. But after centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task?</p>
	<h2>All The Things That Could Go Wrong</h2>	<p><b>Stewart Foster</b></p>	<p>Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . . Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?</p>
	<h2>The Bubble Boy</h2>	<p><b>Stewart Foster</b></p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever...</p>
	<h2>The Girl of Ink and Stars</h2>	<p><b>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</b></p>	<p>When Isabella's friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search party. As a mapmaker's daughter, she's equipped with elaborate ink maps and knowledge of the stars, eager to navigate the island's forgotten heart. But beneath the mountains a legendary fire demon awakens, and her journey is fraught with danger...</p>

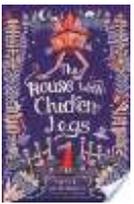
	<h2>The Island at the End of Everything</h2>	<p><b>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</b></p>	<p>Ami lives on Culion, an island for people who have leprosy. Her mother is infected. She loves her home - but then islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Ami's desperate to return before her mother's death. She finds a strange and fragile hope in a colony of butterflies. Can they lead her home before it's too late?</p>
	<h2>Kick</h2>	<p><b>Mitch Johnson</b></p>	<p>Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.</p>
	<h2>Beetle Boy</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Beetle Queen Battle of the Beetles</p>	<p><b>MG Leonard</b></p>	<p>Darkus's dad has disappeared - but his new friend, a giant beetle called Baxter, is some consolation. Together, boy and beetle set out to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. But Lucretia Cutter - a fashion designer with a penchant for beetle jewellery - is dead set against their success...</p>
	<h2>The Nowhere Emporium</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Elsewhere Emporium</p>	<p><b>Ross Mackenzie</b></p>	<p>When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.</p>
	<h2>Kensuke's Kingdom</h2>	<p><b>Michael Morpurgo</b></p>	<p>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...</p>
	<h2>Wonder</h2>	<p><b>RJ Palacio</b></p>	<p>'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'</p> <p>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.</p>

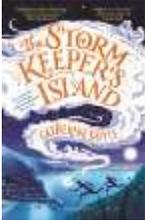
	<h2>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Chamber of Secrets (+ many more)</p>	<p>JK Rowling</p>	<p>Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at 4 Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.</p>
	<h2>Rooftoppers</h2>	<p>Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>Join plucky heroine Sophie, her eccentric guardian Charles, and her intrepid orphan allies on the rooftops of Victorian Paris, as they encounter suspense and adventure that will keep kids of all ages on the edge of their seats right to the end...</p>
	<h2>The Explorer</h2>	<p>Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them...</p>
	<h2>The Wolf Wilder</h2>	<p>Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is the opposite of an animal tamer: it is a person who teaches tamed animals to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run, and to be wary of humans. When the murderous hostility of the Russian Army threatens her very existence, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run...</p>
	<h2>Holes</h2>	<p>Louis Sachar</p>	<p>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) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth...</p>
	<h2>Phoenix</h2>	<p>SF Said</p>	<p>Lucky thinks he's an ordinary Human boy. But one night, he dreams that the stars are singing to him, and wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him. Now he's on the run, racing through space, searching for answers. In a galaxy at war, where Humans and Aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him are an Alien starship crew – and an Alien warrior girl, with neon needles in her hair . . .</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Varjak Paw</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>The Outlaw Varjak Paw</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SF Said</b></p>	<p>Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.</p> <p>Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>My Brother is a Superhero</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord</b> <b>My Evil Twin is a Supervillain</b> <b>My Arch Enemy is a Brain in a Jar</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>David Solomons</b></p>	<p>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...</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Murder Most Unladylike</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>Arsenic for Tea (+ many more)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Robin Stevens</b></p>	<p>When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident – but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Goldfish Boy</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Light Jar</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lisa Thompson</b></p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance...</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Last Wild</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>The Dark Wild</b> <b>The Wild Beyond</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Piers Torday</b></p>	<p>In a world where animals no longer exist, twelve-year-old Kester Jaynes sometimes feels like he hardly exists either. Locked away in a home for troubled children, he's told there's something wrong with him. So when he meets a flock of talking pigeons and a bossy cockroach, Kester thinks he's finally gone crazy. But the animals have something to say.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And they need him...</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Time Travelling With a Hamster</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Dog Who Saved The World</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ross Welford</b></p>	<p>“My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve.” On Al Chaudhury’s twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al’s late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father’s life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gaslight</b> Seaglass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eloise Williams</b></p>	<p>1899. All Nansi knows is that her mother disappeared on the day she was fished out of Cardiff docks. She can't remember anything else. Now, with no other family to turn to, she works for Sid at the Empire Theatre, sometimes legally, sometimes thieving, trying to earn enough money to hire a detective to find her mother.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Boy Called Hope</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lara Williamson</b></p>	<p>'I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true. For example, I want my sister, Ninja Grace, to go to university at the North Pole and only come back once a year. I want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. And if it could be a zombie mystery, all the more exciting. I want my dog to stop eating the planets and throwing them up on the carpet. And finally, the biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me.'</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Boy Who Sailed The Ocean In An Armchair</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lara Williamson</b></p>	<p>All Becket wants is for his family to be whole again. But standing in his way are two things: 1) His dad, his brother and him seem to have run away from home in the middle of the night and 2) Becket's mum died before he got the chance to say goodbye to her. Arming himself with an armchair of stories, a snail named Brian and one thousand paper cranes, Becket ploughs on, determined to make his wish come true.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dead Man's Cove</b> Books which follow in the series: Kidnap in the Caribbean Kentucky Thriller (and more)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lauren St John</b></p>	<p>When orphaned Laura Marlin moves from a children's home to live with her uncle in Cornwall, she longs for a life of excitement just like the characters in her favourite detective novels. A real life adventure is on hand as she is deposited at her uncle's spooky house . . . Why does her uncle, Calvin Redfern, forbid her to go to Dead Man's Cove? What's the truth about Tariq, the silent Indian boy who lives with the flamboyant Mukthars? Who is J? Who has left the message in a bottle for Laura to discover? Accompanied by her trusty companion, Skye, a three-legged husky, the dog she's always wanted, Laura's adventures begin in this first captivating mystery.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Thieves of Pudding Lane</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jonathan Eyes</b></p>	<p>A young boy orphaned by the Plague learns to survive as a thief on the streets of London - until fire breaks out... London, 1666. Sam is soon starving on the streets. He's quickly recruited as one of sinister Uncle Jack's children, and taught to pick pockets (punishable by death) - and if he crosses Uncle Jack, it could be just as bad...</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Street Child</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>Far From Home</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Berlie Doherty</b></p>	<p>When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends...only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe. Will Jim ever manage to be free?</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Children of Castle Rock</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Natasha Farrant</b></p>	<p>When Alice Mistlethwaite is shipped off to boarding school in Scotland it's nothing like she imagines. Run by the mysterious Major, there are no punishments and the students are more likely to be taught about body painting or extreme survival than maths or English! Then Alice's dad goes missing and she must run away to find him. Can she persuade her new friends to help? So begins an epic quest across wild Scottish highlands and islands, where friendships will be made and broken, lies will be untangled and the children will face danger and excitement at every turn.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>The Jewelled Moth (and more)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Katherine Woodvine</b></p>	<p>You are cordially invited to attend the Grand Opening of Sinclair's department store! Enter a world of bonbons, hats, perfumes and MYSTERIES around every corner. WONDER at the daring theft of the priceless CLOCKWORK SPARROW! TREMBLE as the most DASTARDLY criminals in London enact their wicked plans! GASP as our bold heroines, Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose, CRACK CODES, DEVOUR ICED BUNS and vow to bring the villains to justice...</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secrets of the Sun King</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emma Carroll</b></p>	<p>A discovery from ancient Egypt . . . A cursed package . . . The untold story of a young pharaoh . . . When Lilian Kaye finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep, she is shocked to see who sent it: a famous Egyptologist, found dead that very morning, according to every newspaper in England! The mysterious package holds the key to a story . . . about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for. Lil and her friends must embark on an incredible journey - to return the package to its resting place, to protect those they love, and to break the deadly pharaoh's curse...</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Boy At The Back of The Class</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Star Outside my Window</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Onjali Q. Rauf</b></p>	<p>There used to be an empty chair at the back of Mrs. Khan's classroom, but on the third Tuesday of the school year a new kid fills it: nine-year-old Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. The whole class is curious about this new boy--he doesn't seem to smile, and he doesn't talk much. But after learning that Ahmet fled a Very Real War and was separated from his family along the way, a determined group of his classmates bands together to concoct the Greatest Idea in the World--a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his loved ones.</p>

	<h2>The House with Chicken Legs</h2>	<p>Sophie Anderson</p>	<p>Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...</p>
	<h2>The Eye of the North</h2>	<p>Sinead O'Hart</p>	<p>When Emmeline's scientist parents mysteriously disappear, she finds herself heading for a safe house, where allies have pledged to protect her. But along the way, she is kidnapped by the villainous Doctor Siegfried Bauer, who is bound for the ice fields of Greenland. There he hopes to summon a mystical creature from the depths of the ancient glaciers, a creature said to be so powerful that whoever controls it can control the world. Unfortunately, Bauer isn't the only one determined to unleash the creature. The North Witch has laid claim to the mythical beast, too, and Emmeline--along with a scrappy stowaway named Thing--may be the only one with the power to save the world as we know it. Can Emmeline face one of the greatest legends of all time--and live to tell the tale?</p>
	<h2>Closest Thing to Flying</h2>	<p>Gill Lewis</p>	<p>Present day: Semira doesn't know where to call home. She and her mother came to England when she was four years old, brought across the desert and the sea by a man who has complete control. Always moving on, always afraid of being caught, she longs for freedom. 1891: Hen knows exactly where to call home. Her stifling mother makes sure of that. But her Aunt Kitty is opening her eyes to a whole new world. A world of animal rights, and votes for women, and riding bicycles! Trapped in a life of behaving like a lady, she longs for freedom. When Semira discovers Hen's diary, she finds the inspiration to be brave, to fight for her place in the world, and maybe even to uncover the secrets of her own past.</p>
	<h2>Brightstorm</h2>	<p>Vashti Hardy</p>	<p>Twins Arthur and Maudie receive word that their father died in a failed attempt to reach South Polaris. But a mysterious clue leads the twins to question the story they've been told, and they join the crew of a new exploration attempt in the hope of learning the truth. Will Arthur and Maudie find the answers they seek?</p>
	<h2>Boy Under Water</h2>	<p>Adam Baron</p>	<p>Cymbeline Igloo (yes, really!) has NEVER been swimming Not ever. Not once. But how hard can it be? He's Googled front crawl and he's found his dad's old pair of trunks. He's totally ready. What he's not ready for is the accident at the pool – or how it leads his mum to a sudden breakdown. Now, with the help of friends old and new, Cymbeline must solve the mystery of why his mum never took him near water – and it will turn his whole life upside down...</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Storm Keeper's Island</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: <b>The Lost Tide Warriors</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Catherine Doyle</b></p>	<p>Fionn Boyle comes from a long line of brave seafarers, people with the ocean behind their eyes. But he can't help but fear the open sea. For years, Fionn's mother has told him stories of Arranmore Island, a strange place that seems to haunt her. Fionn has always wondered about this mysterious island, and from the day he arrives he starts noticing things that can't be explained. He can sense the island all around him, and it feels like the island is watching him, too.</p> <p>Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for his grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. But as Fionn and the other descendants of Arranmore's most powerful families fight to become the island's next champion, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling a long-ago war and changing Fionn's life and the island's future forever.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Midnight Hour</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Benjamin Read &amp; Laura Trinder</b></p>	<p>Emily's parents have vanished into the secret world of the Midnight Hour - a Victorian London frozen in time - home to magic and monsters. Emily must find them in the city of the Night Folk, armed only with a packed lunch, a stowaway hedgehog and her infamously big mouth.</p> <p>With bloodthirsty creatures on her tail, Emily has to discover the truth to rescue her parents. What family secret connects her to the Midnight Hour? And can she save both worlds before she runs out of sandwiches?</p>