

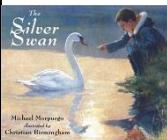


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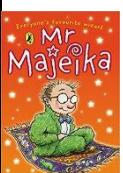
## The Lion And The Unicorn by Shirley Hughes

Lenny he has to be evacuated to a big house in the country. He finds a secret walled garden to escape to with a stone unicorn. Here he meets the wounded soldier Mick & learns again how hard it is to be brave. It is the unicorn who finally rescues him from his sadness & loneliness & proves itself to be his guardian angel by bringing his mother to him.



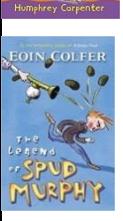
## The Silver Swan by Michael Morpurgo

A boy living by a Scottish loch sees a beautiful silver swan land on the water. She remains at the loch, mates & there are soon five cygnets too. The boy watches them in awe & pride. When snowy winter sets in, all the birds and animals around the loch must scavenge desperately for food. The fox also has cubs to feed...



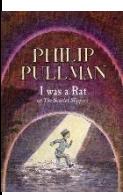
## Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter

Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school becomes much more exciting!



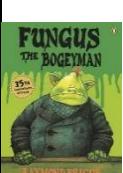
## The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer

The library is the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun & you don't want that; just ask Ugly Frank how he got his nickname!



## I was a Rat! Or The Scarlet Slippers by Philip Pullman

Cleverly weaving elements of the Cinderella story into a subtle parody of modern times, master storyteller Philip Pullman has created a gallery of fascinating characters from the virtuous to the villainous, in a book which will grip every reader who picks it up.



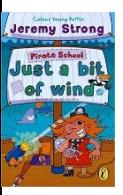
## Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs

Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum & other unspeakable things, & Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable.



## The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey

Meet Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret, even he doesn't know who is! Fighting for truth, justice & all things pre-shrunk and cottony!



## Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind by Jeremy Strong

It's the first day at PIRATE SCHOOL for Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo & they have lots of new things to contend with. Their head teacher is the scary Patagonia Clasterbottom & they have to take lessons include walking the plank & hand-to-hand fighting.



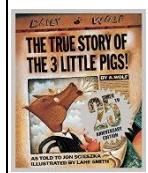
## The Mousehole Cat by Antonia Barber

Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer & Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together, & discover that it might just need a cat's perspective to understand - and tame - the ferocious ways of the Great Storm-Cat sea...



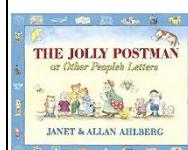
## Grandpa Bert & The Ghost Snatchers by Malorie Blackman

Grandma Gertie is rather strange & Grandma's got a secret... Grandpa Bert is a ghost and he's travelled all the way from Barbados squished inside her handbag! Even worse, they're being followed and Grandpa Bert could be in very grave danger... Can Anna and Kasper help their grandparents before it's too late?



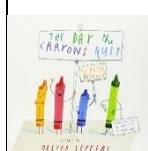
## The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

As for that huffing and puffing stuff? A big lie. A Wolf was just trying to borrow a cup of sugar to make his poor old granny a birthday cake. Who should you believe, the pigs or the wolf? You read. You decide.



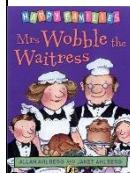
## The Jolly Postman by Janet Ahlberg

The Jolly Postman delivers cards & letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, & so on.



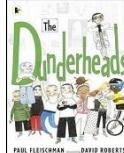
## The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?



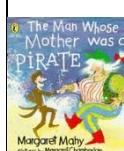
## Mrs Wobble The Waitress by Alan Ahlberg

Mrs Wobble loves her job as a waitress in a cafe but there's one big problem - she wobbles! She wobbles so much that she drops a chicken on a lady's pretty hat, then she drops a jelly on her boss and gets the sack. She fears her wobble will stop her working ever again - but Mr Wobble has a plan.



## The Dunderheads by Paul Fleischman

Miss Breakbone hates kids. She shouts, she confiscates, she makes kids cry. But one day she goes too far. She confiscates the one-eyed cat that Junkyard is going to give his mum for her birthday. So the children pool their many weird & wonderful talents to break into Breakbone's house and get Junkyard's cat back for him.

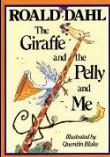


## The Man whose Mother was a Pirate by Margaret Mahy

Sam has an ordinary life - but his mother used to be a pirate! One day at breakfast, they decide to go to sea and an amazing adventure begins.

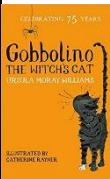


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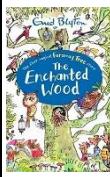
## The Giraffe The Pelly & Me by Roald Dahl

This is the story of the giraffe, pelican & monkey who set up the most fantastic window cleaning company that ever was.



## Gobbolino The Witch's Cat by Ursula Williams

No one could mistake Gobbolino for a simple kitchen cat, with his sparkly whiskers & magic tricks, but that's just what he wants to be. Instead of learning how to turn mice into toads for the witch's brew, Gobbolino sets out on an adventure to find a family & a home of his own.



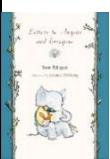
## The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. When they discover the Faraway Tree, that's the beginning of many magical adventures!



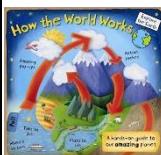
## The Tear Thief by Carol Anne Duffy

Each night, in the hours between supper & bedtime, the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack as she steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all those tears?



## Letters to Anyone And Everyone by Toon Tellegen

These fantastic, dreamlike tales conjure up a world where the creatures of the earth can send mail to the sun; where you can actually write a letter to a letter; & where just writing something down can make it come true.



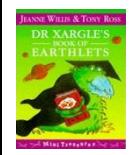
## How The World Works by Christiane Dorion

How do the ocean currents move? What is a carbon footprint? Why does it rain? Readers are invited on a novelty-packed journey of discovery to find out how the earth works.



## Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Grace loves to act out stories. Her school decides to do "Peter Pan". Grace longs to play Peter, but classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black. But her mum says she can do anything if she puts her mind to it.



## Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross

This utterly brilliant classic picture book from Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross shows just how odd we humans can be, especially when it comes to babies... You'll never look at children the same way again!



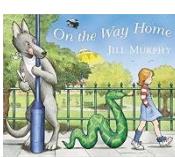
## The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K. Ali.

It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.



## The Twits by Roald Dahl

Mr Twit is a foul & smelly man with bits of 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 Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey & his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits, once and for all.



## On The Way Home by Jill Murphy

Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. But just how *did* it happen . . . ? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?



## The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

This is the story of how Mildred Hubble became a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, despite being one of the most clumsy children around - constantly getting her spells wrong & crashing her broomstick... Things get even worse when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet, into her worst enemy



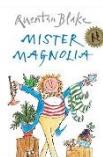
## Fluff The Farting Fish by Michael Rosen

Determined to fulfil her dream of having a performing pet, Evie trains up Fluff the fish. Fluff can't sit, she won't bark on command, but she does have a very special fishy talent all of her own. . .



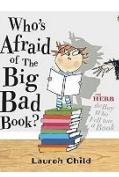
## The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, & the postman is fleeing down the garden path



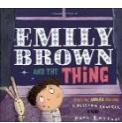
## Mr Magnolia by Quentin Blake

In this wittily rhyming picture book, Mr Magnolia has a full & happy life except for one serious omission - a boot. But one day, he receives a mysterious parcel, & at last Mr Magnolia can splash in the puddles with everyone else!



## Who's Afraid of The Big Bad Book by Lauren Child

Now if you were going to fall into a book, a book of fairy tales would probably not be your first choice. Because in **every** story there is always a **wicked** this, an **evil** that or a **hungry** somebody.



## Emily Brown And The Thing by Cressida Cowell

Emily and Stanley find a 'Thing' crying outside their window. They embark on a series of adventures to find everything he needs for a good night's sleep . . . but nothing seems to work. What is troubling the Thing, and why can't he get to sleep?



## Frog And Toad Together by Arnold Lobel

With Frog's good nature providing a counterpoint to Toad's nervous disposition, the two friends share adventures both funny and serious.



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