

Our recommended reads

As Year 5 teachers and book lovers, we read LOTS of children's books and we love finding excellent ones. Below is a list of books which we have personally read and can therefore recommend to you!

We have included a little key to help you:

* an easy read

** a slightly more challenging read

*** a challenging read

If a book contains a topic which could make you feel a little upset or has a more mature theme, we have included this symbol ^.



The Star Gatherer series.

If you like historical fiction, then these books would be perfect for you! They follow a boy called Joe through his time travelling adventures into many different time periods. The first book visits Roman Britain and the last book of the series visits WWII. We recommend you read these books in the correct order.

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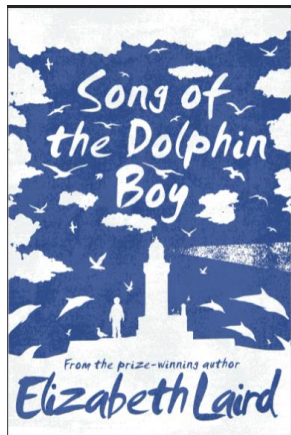
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This is a really fun book with a mystery genre. An easy and entertaining read.

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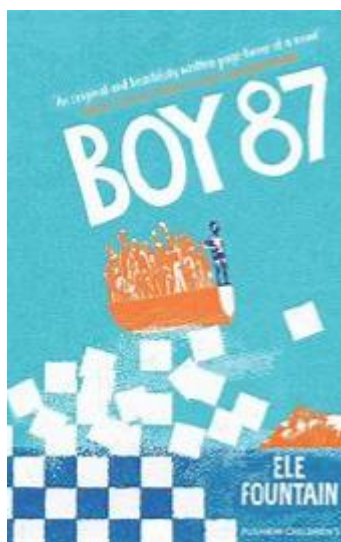


This is a fantastic read based around a young boy's emotional battle against plastic pollution in the sea. There is an interesting twist to the plot as the young boy is not quite what he seems!

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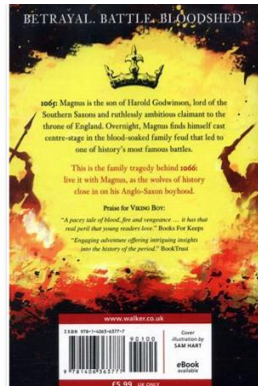
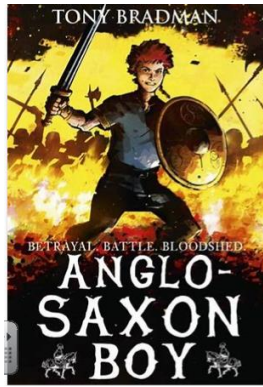


Children of the Quicksands is a magical adventure story set in Nigeria. We LOVED this book and couldn't put it down.



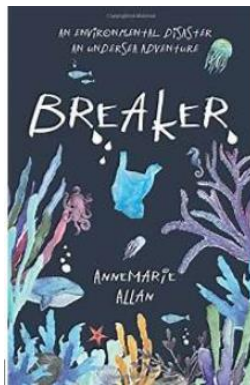
Boy 87 is a heartbreaking but heartwarming book about a child refugee's struggle to get to Europe. An amazing book that will always stay with you.

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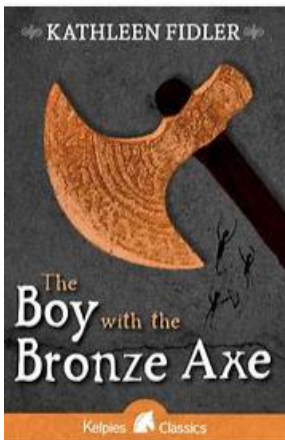
If you loved Viking Boy, you'll love Anglo Saxon Boy too!

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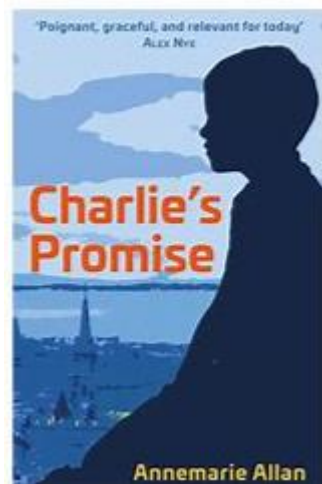
Disaster is about to strike a Scottish community when an oil tanker hits Bass Rock. The story follows a brother, sister and an eccentric professor as they try to save the day.

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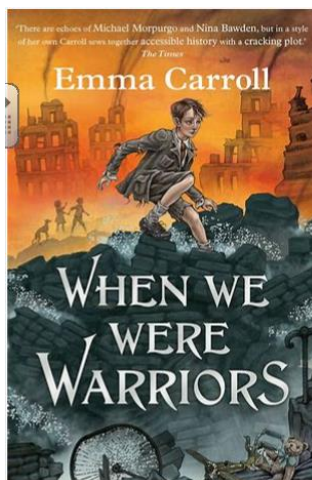
This book takes you back to the Stone Age. A fantastic adventure story with lots of historical content.

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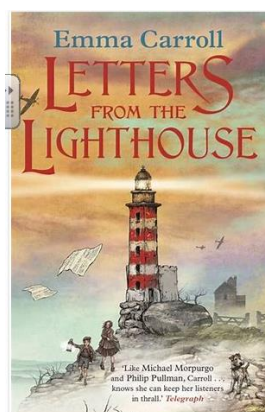
A book set in WWII. Charlie finds a German boy - should he help him or not?

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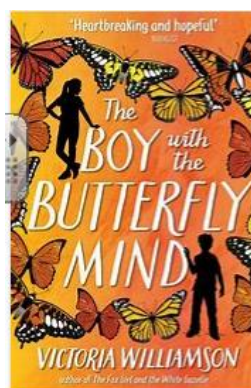
This is a series of three short stories set in WWII. A great read.

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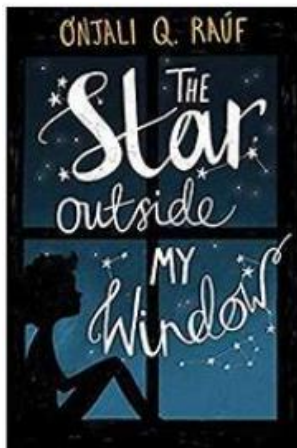
This is an excellent read about WWII. Emma Carroll is an amazing author who grips and entertains from her first word.

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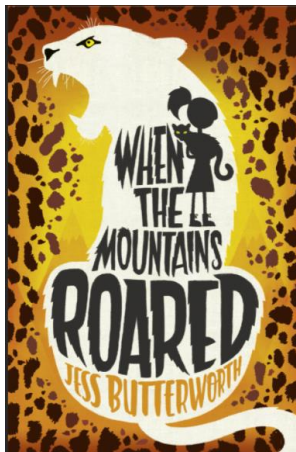
This book follows the main character's struggles with his parents' separation and neurodiversity.

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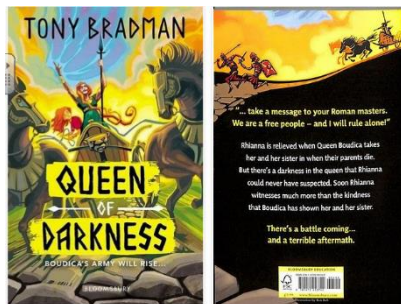


This is for a mature reader. It is an emotional but wonderful adventure story about a girl's next steps after the passing of her mother.

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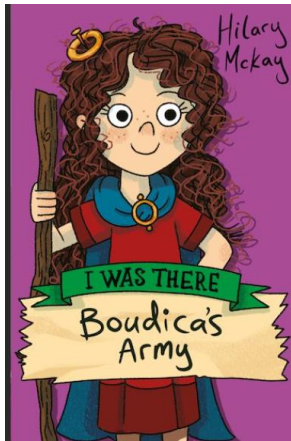


A fantastic adventure story about moving from Australia to India and trying to save a snow leopard!



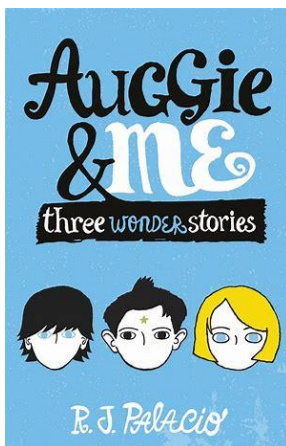
Another brilliant book by Tony Bradman. This one is about Boudicca. A very exciting read which will grip you from the start!

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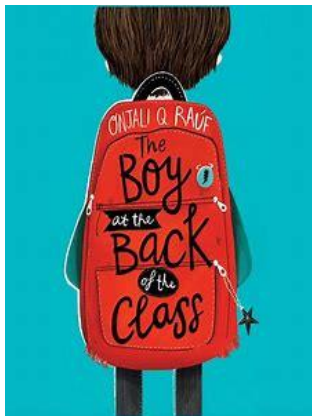
A little less blood-thirsty than Tony Bradman's book above, but still a lovely read about Boudica's army.

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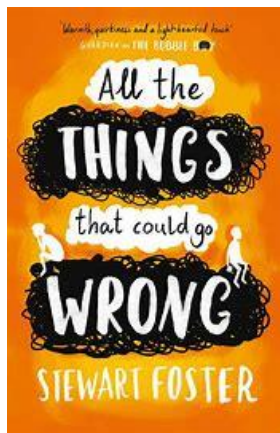
This wonderful book runs parallel to 'Wonder' and tells the stories of Christopher, Charlotte and Julian.

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This captivating book, from a child's point of view, looks at the refugee crisis and the importance of friendship.

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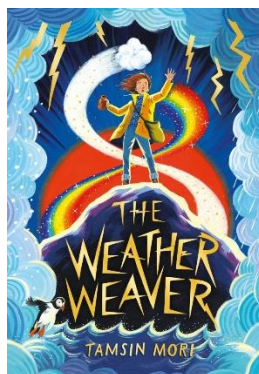
A moving and beautifully written story about what can happen when two completely different boys put aside their differences.

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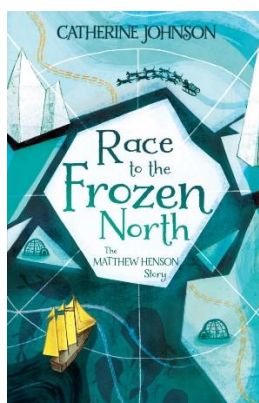
A story about the triumph of hope, love, and determination. Coming to England is the inspiring true story of Baroness Floella Benjamin: from Trinidad, to London as part of the Windrush generation.

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This book is filled with amazing figurative language, which really brings this book to life! The main character finds herself with a magic power, which will change her life forever!

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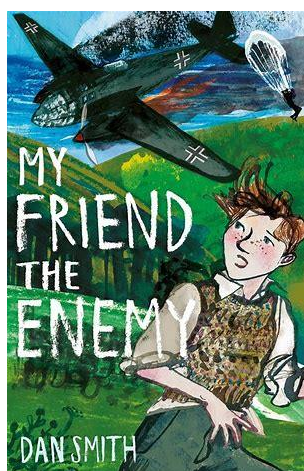
This well-researched book tells the story of an important black explorer, **Matthew Henson**, whose achievements have often been ignored because of the colour of his skin.

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This is the story of Leonard, who at 10 years old, makes the journey with his mother from Jamaica to join his father in England. Another story, which will stay with you forever.

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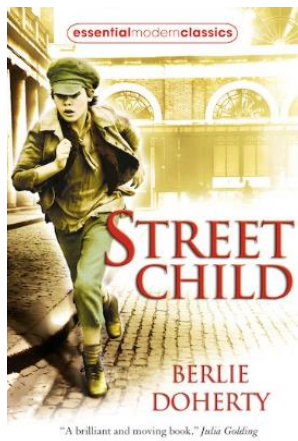
Kim and Peter found a German soldier from a plane crash. They are trying to take care of him without being caught helping the enemy.

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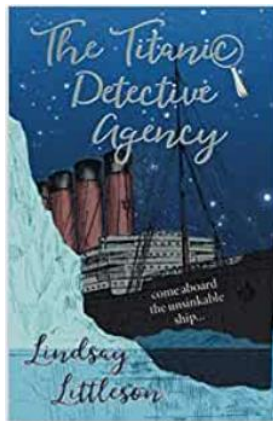
This book is WONDERFUL! It is such an exciting narrative about Victorian Britain and inventions. This book is not to be missed and will certainly keep you on the edge of your seat!

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This heart-wrenching book follows a young boy's struggles in Victorian Britain.

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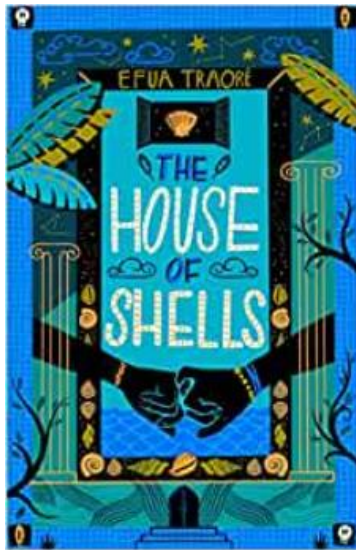
This sensitively written book follows the journey of two children of contrasting social classes as they investigate mysterious situations and passengers aboard the Titanic.

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This is another book you will not want to put down! Set in The Netherlands during WWII, it follows a Dutch girl's battle to survive. Excellent read.

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This is Efua Traore's second book set in Nigeria. Its imaginative storyline and deep-rooted traditions will keep you spellbound.
