

DETECTIVES AND SPIES

**RUBY REDFORT:
LOOK INTO MY EYES**
by Lauren Child
(*HarperCollins*)

"Ruby Redfort is a teenage spy who cracks codes, beats bad guys and has fun with her best friend Clancy!" says Esther

**THE CURSE IN THE
CANDLELIGHT
(SCARLET AND IVY)**
by Sophie Cleverly
(*HarperCollins*)

"In this amazing, spine-tingling and captivating tale, Scarlet and her sister Ivy, along with their friends, try to uncover the true identity of a girl who says she is a witch," says Millie

**ALEX RIDER:
STORMBREAKER
THE GRAPHIC NOVEL**
by Anthony Horowitz
(*Walker Books*)

"Epic, action-packed fun. Great if you enjoy a mystery," says Anaya.

**THE ELEMENTAL
DETECTIVES**
by Patrice Lawrence
(*Scholastic*)

"Breathtaking, captivating, and magical. This book is about two young detectives who try to solve the mystery of the 'acon'. I really couldn't put it down," says Reya.

DEAD MAN'S COVE
by Lauren St John
(*Orion Children's Books*)

"Mysterious, adventurous and addictive – this detective story takes you on a rollercoaster ride. I was desperate to know what would happen next!" says Louis.

FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP

ARTICHOKE HEARTS
by Sita Brahmachari
(*Macmillan Children's*)

"This beautiful, insightful, and mysterious book is about Mira, a 12-year-old who uncovers family secrets and makes a new friend," says Josie.

**DANNY CHUNG DOES
NOT DO MATHS**
by Maisie Chan
(*Piccadilly Press*)

"Danny loves drawing on his own. So it's quite annoying when his grandmother, a Chinese maths champion turns up at his house and shares his room," says Harish.

**WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU
MANGOES**
by Kereen Getten
(*Pushkin Children's*)

"This dream-like, mysterious and surprising story is set in Jamaica," says Lizzy.

GOOD DOG MCTAVISH
by Meg Rosoff
(*Barrington Stoke*)

"Calming, big-hearted and clever. This book is flowing and fluent. It's an exciting and intelligent read," says Madeleine.

FRONT DESK
Kelly Yang
(*Knights Of*)

"In this interesting, exciting and different story, Mia Tang helps her parents run a motel. She has lots of secrets and a big dream," says Callum.

FANTASY

**AMARI AND THE
NIGHT BROTHERS**
by BB Alston
(*Farshore*)

"Amari Peters is a confident, determined, caring, girl who tries her best to fit in. She becomes a Junior Agent so that she can find her brother. I really liked how this book ends. I would like there to be more black characters like Amari," says Skye.

ORPHANS OF THE TIDE
by Struan Murray
(*Puffin*)

"Gods, friends and enemies. This story keeps on giving; there is always another thrill, another secret, another victory," says Chloe.

THE HOBBIT
by JRR Tolkien
(*HarperCollins*)
Age: 7+

"In this fantastic fantasy adventure, Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit on a mission to reclaim the dwarves' treasure from the dragon Smaug," says Flora.

**CHILDREN OF
THE QUICKSANDS**
by Efua Traore
(*Chicken House*)

"I loved this enchanting, adventurous book. It took me on an adventure where I learnt about a different language and culture," says Ella.

DRAGON MOUNTAIN
by Katie and Kevin Tsang
(*Simon & Schuster*)

"Billy Chan's parents send him away to a camp in the middle of China, where he meets three new friends plus some warrior dragons hidden in a mountain. I love this book," says Ben.





POW!

FASCINATING FACTS

AM I MADE OF STARDUST?

by Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock
(*Michael O'Mara*)

"Dr Maggie answers all kinds of intriguing questions about the Universe. There are great pictures and Dr Maggie makes the science fun," says Leah.

KAY'S ANATOMY

by Adam Kay
(*Puffin*)

"Hilarious, gripping and fascinating. Have you ever wondered what different life can be hiding inside our bodies?" says Olivia.

SURVIVORS

by David Long and Kerry Hyndman
(*Faber Children's*)

"Wild, inspiring, courageous and incredible real-life stories of how people survived in the most extreme conditions, from Victorian explorers to recent adventurers," says Ricky.

A LIFE STORY: QUEEN ELIZABETH II

by Sally Morgan
(*Scholastic*)

"Informative, funny and interesting. It is filled with fun facts about Queen Elizabeth's life and the monarchy," says Mia.

BRITISH MUSEUM: A HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 25 CITIES

by Tracey Turner and Andrew Donkin
(*Nosy Crow*)

"Historic. Interesting. Exciting. This book gives you lots of interesting facts about cities around the world that were from different points in history. At the end it tells you the bad things about cities now and what we can do to make them better," says Sophie.

FAVOURITE READS

THE ISLAND OF ADVENTURE

by Enid Blyton
(*Macmillan Children's*)

"Thrilling. Adventurous. Mind blowing. A brilliant adventure of four children – Phillip, Jack, Dinah, Lucy-Ann – and Kiki the parrot. My favourite character is Kiki the parrot. She is so funny! I would recommend this book for children who love adventures!" says Kamran.

DANNY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

by Roald Dahl
(*Puffin*)

"It's about a kind, brave, clever little boy who helps his dad," says Elliot.

SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT

by Derek Landy
(*HarperCollins*)

"Gripping. Funny. Magical. *Skulduggery Pleasant* is an extremely satisfying page turner and very, very funny!" says Shubh.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

by LM Montgomery
(*Puffin*)

"Humorous, sorrowful and unputdownable. A classical tale about a red-haired, freckled orphan named Anne getting passed on from family to family – not very nice families until she finally finds her home," says Maaya.

HOLES

by Louis Sachar
(*Bloomsbury Children's*)

"Humorous, adventurous and intriguing. It's a really enjoyable story of Stanley and what he did at Camp Green Lake," says Alistair.

FUNNY STORIES

CRATER LAKE

by Jennifer Killick
(*Firefly Press*)

"Witty. Suspenseful. Thrilling. A hilarious and riveting novel that forces a group of 11-year-olds to survive in a hostile residential centre with an evil deputy head," says Pranit.

CORPSE TALK: GROUND- BREAKING EXPLORERS

by Adam and Lisa Murphy
(*David Fickling Books*)

"Funny, historical and informative. People from the past come back from the dead to be interviewed in this fantastic graphic novel," says Leo.

I FUNNY

by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein
(*Cornerstone*)

"Hilarious. Exciting. Warming. This story about a boy in a wheelchair who enters a stand-up comedy competition made me laugh and feel sad at the same time. There are lots of jokes, but also bullies, and it ends on a cliffhanger," says Adelaide.

THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES

by Liz Pichon
(*Scholastic*)

"Funny, gripping and exciting. This fun illustrated book inspired me to start doodling!" says Florence.

WHAT NOT TO DO IF YOU TURN INVISIBLE

by Ross Welford
(*HarperCollins*)

"Comedy, intriguing and chaotic. I would recommend this book for anyone who enjoys humour and comedy. It kept me laughing all day and is a real adventure story," says Mahithi.

50 books to read this summer

Recommended by readers of *The Week Junior*

INSPIRED BY NATURE

OCTOBER, OCTOBER

by Katya Balen
(*Bloomsbury Children's*)

"Wild and imaginative. I recommend *October, October* because it has a lot of emotions such as sorrow and hope. An amazing book about challenges and fear," says Megan.

UNTIL THE ROAD ENDS

by Phil Earle
(*Andersen Press*)

"Featuring friendship, animals and history, this book tells the beautiful and sometimes sad story of Peggy and Beau, the stray dog who she rescues," says Erin.

TWITCH

by MG Leonard
(*Walker Books*)

"Bravery, birds and friendship. This book is the first in a series about birdwatching detective Twitch, who uses his skills to outsmart a dangerous robber," says Luca.

DIARY OF A YOUNG NATURALIST

by Dara McAnulty
(*Little Toller Books*)

"Astonishing and exquisite. This book is about Dara paying attention to all things, having a love of nature and using it to stop, and calm down from big events," says Alexander.

THE DANCING BEAR

by Michael Morpurgo
(*HarperCollins*)

"Spellbinding, heartbreaking and intriguing. Roxanne found a bear cub who was playful and what's more they both were part of a grand movie cast. But when she left for a singing career the bear died from sorrow," says Alistair.

INTO THE PAST

ESCAPE TO THE RIVER SEA

by Emma Carroll
(*Macmillan Children's*)

"Surprising. Mysterious. Action-packed. Rosa is a World War II evacuee, waiting for her family to pick her up when she gets the chance to take a trip to the Amazon where she finds herself in the middle of a adventure," says Taraneh.

THE MIDNIGHT GUARDIANS

by Ross Montgomery
(*Walker Books*)

"Imaginative. Adventurous. Powerful. This book is set in the war and has many sad elements, but I loved the amazing characters and the twists in the story," says William.

WOLF BROTHER

by Michelle Paver
(*Zephyr Books*)

"Breathtaking, spellbinding and impossible to put down. A mind blowing adventure that carries you back to a shadowy world crawling with magic," says Asher.

THE SECRET DETECTIVES

by Ella Risbridger
(*Nosy Crow*)

"Surprising, creepy and eventful. This book has many unexpected plot twists and unlikely friendships. It will keep you guessing," says Romy.

ADVENTURES IN TIME:

FURY OF THE VIKINGS
by Dominic Sandbrook
(*Penguin*)

"Exhilarating, historic and captivating. History comes alive in this true story of the Viking conquests," says Nicholas.

MAGICAL TALES

THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS

by Sophie Anderson
(*Usborne*)

"Funny. Magical. Exciting. A great book that you can't put down, for those who love a crazy tale full of twists and danger," says Freddie.

RUMAYSA: A FAIRY TALE

by Radiya Hafiza
(*Macmillan Children's*)

"An exciting, magical adventure. Rumaysa escapes the tower where she has lived since she was a baby and goes on a thrilling quest to find her parents," says Honor.

PAGES & CO: TILLY AND THE LOST FAIRY TALES

by Anna James
(*HarperCollins*)

"Exciting, gripping, hair-raising. It's one of my favourite books EVER!" says Isla.

THE TAIL OF EMILY WINDSNAP

by Liz Kessler
(*Orion Children's Books*)

"Magical, intriguing, fantasy. For anyone who enjoys mystery adventure stories with a twist in the tale!" says Emily.

THE KINGDOM OVER THE SEA

by Zohra Nabi
(*Simon & Schuster*)

"Imaginative, exciting, and enchanted. Yara goes on a journey to a place that is out of this world, not on any map, to find out the truth about her mother's identity," says Arjan.



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WILD IMAGINATION

PEANUT JONES AND THE ILLUSTRATED CITY

by Rob Biddulph

(*Macmillan Children's*)

"Creative, colourful and bizarre. I like how mysterious the book is, like how Mr White is in both worlds and also at the end when Peanut finds a mysterious post-it note in her lunchbox," says Bethan.

A PLACE CALLED PERFECT

by Helena Duggan

(*Usborne*)

"Sinister, mysterious, thriller. I really love this book because it's creepy but warming at the same time," says Olivia.

ESCAPE ROOM

by Christopher Edge

(*Nosy Crow*)

"Exciting, mysterious and jaw-dropping. I read it in two days as I couldn't put it down. The end was a huge plot twist! It's my new favourite book," says Ella.

THE DAY I GOT TRAPPED IN MY BRAIN

by Amy Huberman

(*Scholastic*)

"Exciting, fantastical and adventurous. Along with her closest companions, cartwheel-loving Frankie goes on a journey through her brain to find her missing spark," says Anoushka.

A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

Lemony Snicket

(*Farshore*)

"Unexpected, mysterious and heartbreaking. It was full of mysteries and adventures," says Emily.

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