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| Alexander, Kwame | *Rebound* is a novel in verse about grieving Chuck, who discovers a love of basketball in the aftermath of his father’s death.  |
| Anderson, Sophie | The story of Marinka and her grandmother who live in *The House With Chicken Legs* is a brilliant retelling of the Baba Yaga myth. |
| AIUK | *Here I Stand.* Collection of poems and short stories exploring freedom and human rights. A brilliant collection of genuinely good reads endorsed by Amnesty International. |
| Blackman, Malorie | Former Children’s Laureate and writer of the *Noughts & Crosses* trilogy – echoes of *Romeo & Juliet* which turns racism on its head. |
| Boyce, Frankie Cottrell | Carnegie-winning author of funny and touching books including *Millions, Framed* and *Sputnik’s Guide to Life.*  |
| Breslin, Theresa | Local author whose books have gone down as classics of children’s writing: *Divided City* (about the friendship between a pair of young Rangers and Celtic fans) is one of our most borrowed books. |
| Carroll, Emma | *Letters from the Lighthouse* is set during World War Two, and follows evacuees Olive and Cliff as they try to solve the mystery of their sister’s disappearance. |
| Cassidy, Anne | Compelling crime – tightly plotted and challenging reads: *Looking for JJ* and *The Murder Notebooks* series. |
| Colfer, Eoin | Gripping fantasy series *Artemis Fowl,* about the dark side of the fairy world. |
| Cowell, Cressida | Current Children’s Laureate Cressida Cowell has created a brilliant fantasy in *The Wizards of Once,* imagining what life might be like in a world where wizards & warriors have been brought up as enemies. |
| Craig, Joe | Action-packed thrillers starring spy *Jimmy Coates* – page turners, full of twists and turns. |
| Cross, Gillian | *The Demon Headmaster* series, shorter books about the adventures of a group of school friends who find out their headmaster isn’t what he appears to be… |
| Dashner, James | *The Maze Runner,* a dystopian adventure series perfect for fans of the *Hunger Games* – teens wake up in an impossible maze, with no memory of how they got there. |
| Delaney, Joseph | *Spooks* series – a fantasy world full of masters, apprentices and fantastic beasts. Perfect for fans of *Harry Potter.* |
| Don, Lari | Scottish author of fantastical tales about mythical creatures: *First Aid for Faeries and Other Fabled Beasts.* |
| Evans, Lissa | *Wed Wabbit* is a truly original and funny adventure story about a girl who is plunged into a fantasy world of her own making. |
| Freedman, Dan | Very popular football books following the ups and downs of teen player Jamie Johnson (the CBBC series *Jamie Johnson* is based on these books). |
| Gaiman, Neil | Writes for adults and for children, but his books for children are fast becoming classics, with *Coraline* and *The Graveyard Book* among their number. Truly original stories with a fantastical twist. |
| Gleitzman, Morris | *Once, Now, Then* and *After,* a book series set against the backdrop of the Holocaust. Ideal for readers of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.* |
| Hargrave, Kiran Millwood | Winner of the *Waterstone’s Children’s Book Award* in 2017 for *The Girl of Ink and Stars,* a fantasy adventure set on the island of Joya which follows a girl’s quest to find her missing friend. |
| Horowitz, Anthony | Horror books that *Goosebumps* readers can move onto (see Darren Shan for similar reads), as well as the fast-paced thriller series *Alex Rider* and supernatural fantasy series *The Power of Five.* |
| Landy, Derek | *Skulduggery Pleasant –* supernatural mystery series about a private detective who also happens to be a skeleton. |
| Lockwood, Vicki | *The Magnificent Lizzie Brown* series – mystery books set in Victorian times with a supernatural edge. Real page turners! |
| McCaughrean, Geraldine | Writer of *The White Darkness* and *The Death Defying Pepper Roux,* adventure books with daring and original characters taking the lead. |
| MacKenzie, Ross | Fantastic fantasy series about orphan Daniel and his discovery of *The Nowhere Emporium.* Spells, witches, heroes and villains abound in his most recent book *Evernight.* |
| MacPhail, Cathy | Scottish author of contemporary fiction, following the everyday lives of her characters as they face bullying, girl gangs and peer pressure. |
| Muchamore, Robert | Very enjoyable and highly readable *Cherub* series about teen spies who work for British Intelligence. |
| Oldfield, Tom & Matt | *Ultimate Football Heroes.* Biographies of famous footballers written in the style of fiction books. Includes players like Messi, Kane and Ronaldo. |
| Palacio, R.J. | *Wonder,* a life-affirming and uplifting book about a home-schooled boy with a facial difference who is suddenly thrust into the world of middle school. |
| Palmer, Tom | Popular football books often crossed with historical or thriller genres. |
| Pichon, Liz | Writer of the funny and imaginative *Tom Gates* books. A brilliant combination of words and doodles – perfect for fans of *Wimpy Kid.* |
| Pratchett, Terry | Funny fantasy author whose adult fiction series *Discworld* lends its witch characters to these teen books, including *A Hat Full of Sky* and *The Wee Free Men.*  |
| Pullman, Philip | Writer of *His Dark Materials* and *The Book of* Dust - highly original fantasy series which asks big questions about the universe, and our place in it. |
| Raúf, Onjali Q. | *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is the heart-warming story of a girl who sets out to welcome her new classmate, a refugee from Syria.  |
| Rowling, JK | *Harry Potter* – the boy-wizard and his friends need no introduction, but it’s worth highlighting that you can borrow the eBooks from your local library. |
| Riordan, Rick | Writes fantastic fiction based on Greek mythology – *Percy Jackson* is the most well-known, but there are plenty of other books to discover. |
| Rundell, Katherine (editor) | [*The Book of Hopes*](https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/)*.* Short stories, poems, and pictures from the best authors and illustrators in children’s publishing. Uplifting, optimistic: the perfect escape, even if you only have five minutes. |
| Sage, Angie | Fantasy adventure series *Septimus Heap*, perfect for *Harry Potter* fans looking for more. |
| Scott, Libby & Westcott, Rebecca | *Can You See Me?* recounts the elations and frustrations of 11-year-old Tally, who is autistic. The book features the diary entries of 11-year-old author Libby Scott, who is also autistic. |
| Sepetys, Ruta | *Salt to the Sea* won the Carnegie Medal in 2017, and tells the story of four young people making their separate ways to the ill-fated ship William Gustloff in World War Two. |
| Shusterman, Neal | *Arc of a Scythe* trilogy. In the far future, humans have gained immortality – death can only be granted through a group called scythes. Citra & Rowan are initiated into this mysterious group – *Scythe* is the start of their journey. |
| Stevens, Robin | *Murder Most Unladylike* series. Mysterious murders and a dynamic detective-duo, all set in a boarding school in the 1930s. One of our most popular series! |
| Stewart, Martin | Scottish-based author whose debut novel *Riverkeep* follows a boy and his father who make their living from the river – a fantastical take on Glasgow and the Clyde. |
| Welford, Ross | Funny, page-turning and original stories: try *Time Travelling with a Hamster* and *The Kid Who Came from Space.* |
| Williamson, Victoria | *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* is a beautiful story of friendship and belonging. It also has one of the best openings to a story we’ve read in a while! |

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