

TTS Junior Library

2019 New Titles

Summer Reading Challenge

End of Years 4 & 5

Here are some new books by a variety of authors that you might like to try! This list is a mixture of books meant for reading alone and books that would be suitable for reading aloud with a parent. Please see the links at the end of the page for even more ideas.



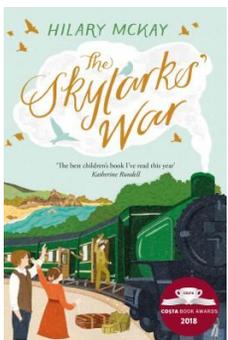
All 12-year-old Marinka wants is a friend. A real friend. Not like her house with chicken legs. Sure, the house can play games like tag and hide-and-seek, but Marinka longs for a human companion. Someone she can talk to and share secrets with. But that's tough when your grandmother is a Yaga, a guardian who guides the dead into the afterlife. It's even harder when you live in a house that wanders all over the world . . . carrying you with it. Even worse, Marinka is being trained to be a Yaga. That means no school, no parties - and no playmates that stick around for more than a day. So when Marinka stumbles across the chance to make a real friend, she breaks all the rules . . . with devastating consequences.

For similar glorious and lyrical reads, pick up Katherine Rundell's latest book, *Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms*.



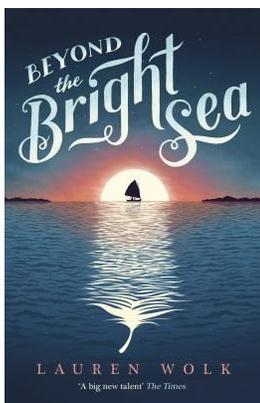
The cat flap opened. For one second Emily thought some wild animal was coming in. But the muddy creature that climbed through the flap was smaller than a squirrel, and it had four little wheels and a tail. What if there exists a world powered by imagination? A world of silliness, where humans and their toys live on long after they've left the Hard World... and what if the door between that one and this one was broken?

Portal to another world with hilarious consequences? Check out *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris; or the latest in Chris Grabenstein's series: *Mr Limoncello's All Star Breakout Game*.



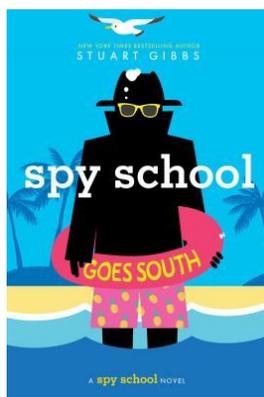
Clarry and her older brother Peter live for their summers in Cornwall, staying with their grandparents and running free with their charismatic cousin, Rupert. But normal life resumes each September - boarding school for Peter and Rupert, and a boring life for Clarry at home with her absent father, as the shadow of a terrible war looms ever closer. When Rupert goes off to fight at the front, Clarry feels their skylark summers are finally slipping away from them. Can their family survive this fearful war?

Fans of historical fiction will enjoy the award winning, *Diamond of Drury Lane* by Julia Golding.



Crow has lived her whole life on a tiny, starkly beautiful island. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a washed-up skiff as a baby and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbour across the sandbar. But it is only when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in Crow's heart, and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered. Crow sets out to find her lost identity - and, ultimately, to learn what it means to be a family.

For beautiful, descriptive prose, read *Sky Song*, *Ever Dark* and *Rumble Star* by Abi Elphinstone.



Thirteen-year-old Ben Ripley has been caught in the snares of SPYDER more than once and knows well enough to be suspicious of anything that seems too good to be true--despite needing special tutoring in advanced survival techniques. So when Murray Hill finally breaks his silence with an offer to hand over the SPYDER elite, Ben knows that there must be something going on.

For spy-thriller action, try Mark Walden's *HIVE* and *Earthfall Series*.



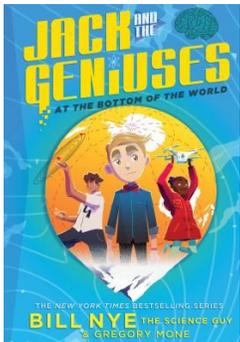
When someone takes aim at Rhonda Rhino, FunJungle's pregnant (and endangered) Asian greater one-horned rhinoceros, the zoo steps up security measures in order to protect this rare animal and her baby. But the extra security isn't enough--someone is still getting too close for comfort. Teddy and company start to suspect that whoever is after Rhonda is really after her horn, which is worth a lot of money on the black market. For the first time ever, the head of the zoo enlists Teddy for help--for once, he doesn't have to sneak around in order to investigate--and the results are even more wacky, and even more dangerous, than ever before.

The Junior Library stocks many other titles by Stuart Gibbs. Also check out Carl Hiaasen for hilarious reads with an ecological twist. The latest is *Hoot*.



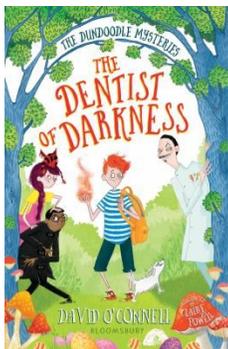
When Donovan Curtis pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he's finally gone too far. But thanks to a mix-up by one of the administrators, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students. Although it wasn't exactly what Donovan had intended, the ASD couldn't be a more perfectly unexpected hideout for someone like him. But as the students and teachers of ASD grow to realize that Donovan may not be good at math or science (or just about anything), he shows that his gifts may be exactly what the ASD students never knew they needed.

Alternative humour can be found in *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier; *The Mortification of Fovea Munson* by Mary Winn Heider; *Full of Beans* by Jennifer L Holm and *the Natboff: 1,000 years of Stupidity* by Andy Stanton.



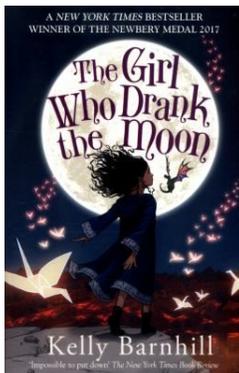
Meet Jack and his foster siblings, Ava and Matt, who are orphans. But they're not your typical kind of orphans - they're geniuses. Well, Ava and Matt are, which sometimes makes life difficult for twelve-year-old Jack. Ava speaks multiple languages and builds robots for fun, and Matt is into astronomy and a whiz at math. As for Jack, it's hard to stand out when he's surrounded by geniuses all the time.

Stuck in a world where everyone else seems crazy? Join *The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones and Embassy of the Dead* by Will Mabbit; *Eddy Stone and the Mean Genie's Curse* by Simon Cherry and *Half Upon a Time* by James Riley.



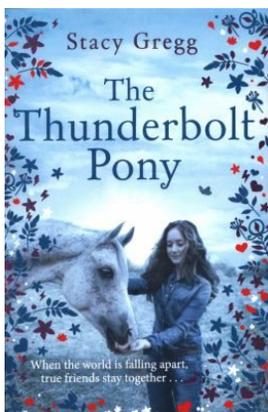
Archie McBudge's lazy summer has just turned into a magical meltdown! The second adventure in this madcap magical mystery series is perfect for fans of *How to Train Your Dragon*, amateur detectives and anyone who loves SWEETS!

Thrills and spills abound. If you enjoy page-turning mysteries, explore Ross Welford's titles.



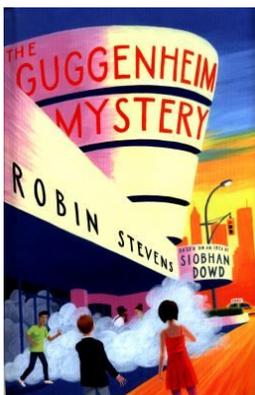
Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the forest, Xan, is kind and gentle. She shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster named Glerk and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, Fyrian. Xan rescues the abandoned children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey.

If you have post-Potter blues, explore these magical reads: Nevermoor and Wundersmith by Jessica Townsend; The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell; The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day; and The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy. For a challenge, try the original novels of this genre: Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce and the eerie and magical worlds of Diana Wynne Jones.



When a devastating earthquake hits Evie's hometown of Parnassus on New Zealand's South Island, she and the rest of the town are forced to evacuate. Evie's injured mum is one of the first to be rescued by helicopter and Evie will be next. But when she realises that she will be forced to leave her beloved pony, Gus, her dog, Jock, and her cat Moxy behind, she is determined to find another way.

More excellent animal adventures include: The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Karwood; and The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo.



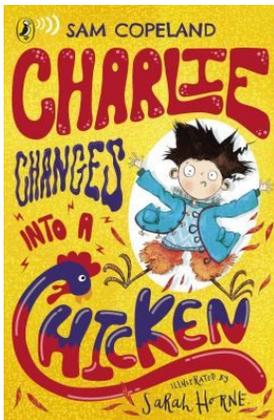
My name is Ted Spark. I am 12 years and 281 days old. I have seven friends. Three months ago, I solved the mystery of how my cousin Salim disappeared from a pod on the London Eye. This is the story of my second mystery. This summer, I went on holiday to New York, to visit Aunt Gloria and Salim. While I was there, a painting was stolen from the Guggenheim Museum, where Aunt Gloria works. Everyone was very worried and upset. I did not see what the problem was. I do not see the point of paintings, even if they are worth GBP9.8 million. Perhaps that's because of my very unusual brain, which works on a different operating system to everyone else's. But then Aunt Gloria was blamed for the theft - and Aunt Gloria is family. And I realised just how important it was to find the painting, and discover who really had taken it.

Siobhan Dowd's first book in this series is the thrilling, The London Eye Mystery. Robin Stevens is best known for the Lady Most Unladylike Series. Also try Lena Jones, Agatha oddly for more crime and thrilling intrigue.



Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately – forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing. No one in her family will tell Merci what's going on, so she's left to her own worries, while also feeling all on her own at school. In a coming-of-age tale full of humor and wisdom, award-winning author Meg Medina gets to the heart of the confusion and constant change that defines middle school – and the steadfast connection that defines family.

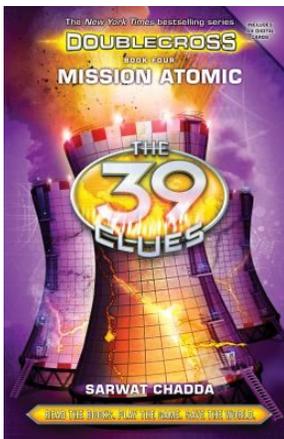
The power of understanding and kindness is shown in the award-winning book of the year: *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Rauf.



Charlie is an optimist, but things are conspiring against him. His brother Smooth Move is in hospital waiting for an operation, his parents are trying to hide how worried they are, and the school bully is upping the ante in Charlie's direction.

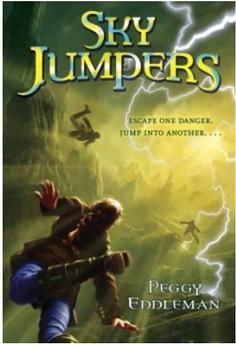
Recommended thought-provoking reads include: *The One and Only Ivan* by and *The London Eye Mystery* and *Trash* by Andy Mulligan.**

Please note that *Trash* includes some strong language which is in context.



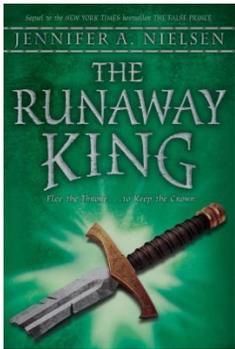
Thirteen-year-old Dan Cahill and his older sister, Amy, are running out of time. An exiled Cahill known as the Outcast has already recreated three of history's worst disasters, and he's saved the worst for last. If Dan and Amy can't find and stop the Outcast fast, he will initiate a full-scale nuclear meltdown. But as Dan and Amy race around the world, they discover something horrifying. The Outcast's disasters are only a smokescreen to cover up his true plan, a diabolical revenge on the family that betrayed him. Soon Amy and Dan will have to confront a hard truth: sometimes the only way to save the world is to sacrifice everything you love.

Dystopian fiction is now being written for younger fans of this genre and some top picks include: *The Wall* by William Sutcliffe; *A Face Like Glass* by Frances Hardinge. *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker. Please note these books can be quite scary for younger readers.**



Twelve-year-old Hope lives in White Rock, a town of inventors struggling to recover from the green bombs of World War III. But Hope is terrible at inventing and would much rather sneak off to cliff dive into the Bomb's Breath—the deadly band of compressed air that covers the crater left by the bombs—than fail at yet another invention.

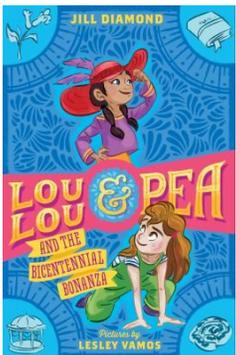
If you are missing Percy Jackson, worry no more. Other-worldly action adventure books are plentiful: Frozen in Time, Ali Sparkes; Shadow of the Minotaur, Alan Gibbons; Fablehaven, Brandon Mull; The Will Wilder Series, Raymond Arroyo; The Story Thieves, James Riley; and if you are looking for a challenging read - Notion, Terry Pratchett.



This series is one for pure fantasy fans...

A kingdom teetering on the brink of destruction. A king gone missing. Who will survive? Just weeks after Jaron has taken the throne, an assassination attempt forces him into a deadly situation. Rumours of a coming war are winding their way between the castle walls, and Jaron feels the pressure quietly mounting within Carthya. Soon, it becomes clear that deserting the kingdom may be his only hope of saving it.

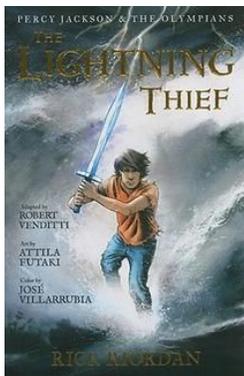
Other recommended fantasy reads include: any title by author, Michelle Paver and The Ranger's Apprentice Series by John Flanagan.



BFFs Lou Lou Bombay and Peacock Pearl are busy preparing for the Bicentennial Bonanza, their city's two-hundredth birthday bash! And this year, the party will take place in their beloved neighbourhood of El Corazón. With a baking contest, talent show, and a new gazebo planned, the community can't wait to celebrate the founders (and historical BFFs), Diego Soto and Giles Wonderwood. But when Vice-Mayor Andy Argyle claims the festivities belong to Verde Valley, using a mysterious diary as evidence, Lou Lou and Pea smell trouble. Will the friends be able to uncover the secrets of their city's founding, and bring the Bonanza back to El Corazón?

If you enjoy friendship stories, you will enjoy: Hello Universe; Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks; and The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty.

Graphic Novels



The gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st Century. They still fall in love with mortals and have children who might become great heroes, but most of these children meet horrible fates at the hands of monsters by the age of twelve. Only a few learn the truth of their identity and make it to Half Blood Hill, a Long Island summer camp dedicated to training young demigods. Such is the revelation that launches young Percy Jackson on a quest to help his real father, Poseidon, avert a war among the gods. With the help of Grover the satyr and Annabeth the daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction - Zeus's master bolt.

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