



# Guide to Junior fiction

## Junior Fiction Categories

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Books marked with an asterisk are for 6/7 year olds and older\*

Books more suitable for 10 years and older are marked with two asterisk \*\*  
All others are for 8 +

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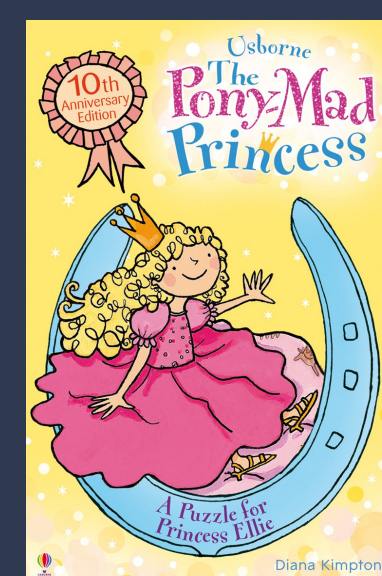


# Princesses, Puppies, Pixies and Ponies

If you like Daisy Meadow's Rainbow Magic,  
you'll love...

- \*The Lost Puppy - Holly Webb
- \*The Magic Faraway Tree - Enid Blyton
- \*My Secret Unicorn - Linda Chapman
- \*The Tiara Club - Vivian French
- \*Hattie B, Magical Vet - Claire Taylor Smith
- \*The Secret Mermaid - Sue Mongredian
- \*The Magic Faraway Tree - Enid Blyton
- \*The Witch's Dog - Frank Rodgers
- \*Princess Ellie - Diana Kimpton
- \*The Pony Mad Princess - Diana Kimpton
- \*The Secret Kingdom - Rosie Banks

All these books are suitable for 6 year olds







# Travel back in time

**Do you like Horrible Histories and Michael Morpurgo?  
Then journey to the past with these books.**

Under the Hawthorn Tree - Marita Conlon McKenna

Private, Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo

War Horse - Michael Morpurgo

No Peace for Amelia - Siobhan Parkinson

17 Martin Street - Marilyn Taylor

The Guns of Easter - Gerard Whelan

Goodnight Mr. Tom - Michelle Magorian

\*The Magic Treehouse - Mary Pope Osbourne

Hetty Feather - Jacqueline Wilson

The Making of Molly - Anna Carey

Faraway Home - Marilyn Taylor

Friend or Foe - Brian Gallagher

The Rising Son - Brian Kirk

Time Travel Diaries - Caroline Lawrence





# Armchair Adventure

**Do you love Enid Blyton and JK Rowling? Do you want an action packed, swashbuckling, page turning story? Then enjoy these adventures until you can get back to having your own!**

The Explorer - Katherine Rundell

Murder Most Unladylike - Robin Stevens\*

\*\*Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Inkheart - Corneila Funke

How to Train your Dragon - Cressida Cowell

Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo

\*The Witches - Roald Dahl

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan

Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson







## Armchair Adventure

The Sea of Adventure - Enid Blyton

Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce

Pippi Longstocking

Nevermoor - Jessica Townsend

\*\*The Fourth Horseman - Kate Thompson

Firegirl - Matt Ralph

\*Ninja Kid - Ahn Do

High Rise Mystery - Sharna Jackson

Young Sherlock Homes - Snakebite

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket

LEMONY SNICKET'S  
—A SERIES OF—  
UNFORTUNATE  
EVENTS





## Laugh Out Loud

Do you love David Walliams and Roald Dahl? Fall about laughing with Captain Underpants and Wimpy Kid? Then check out our suggestions on what to read next!

Big Nate - Lincoln Pierce

Dork Diaries - Rachel Renee Russell

13 Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths

Lyttle Lies - Joe Berger

Tom Gates - Liz Pichon

The Giggler Treatment - Roddy Doyle

You're a Bad Man, Mr. Gum - Andy Stanton

Just Disgusting! - Morris Gleitzman

Beetle Boy - Megan Leonard

Timmy Failure - Stephen Pastis







# Laugh Out Loud

The World's Worst Children - David Walliams

The World's Worst Teachers - David Walliams

Planet Omar - Zanib Mian

\*Norman the Norman - Philip Ardagh

\*The Evil Hairdo - Oisín McGann

Moone Boy - Chris O'Dowd

Fortunately, the Milk... - Neil Gaiman

The Parent Agency - David Baddiel

\*My brother is a superhero - David Solomons

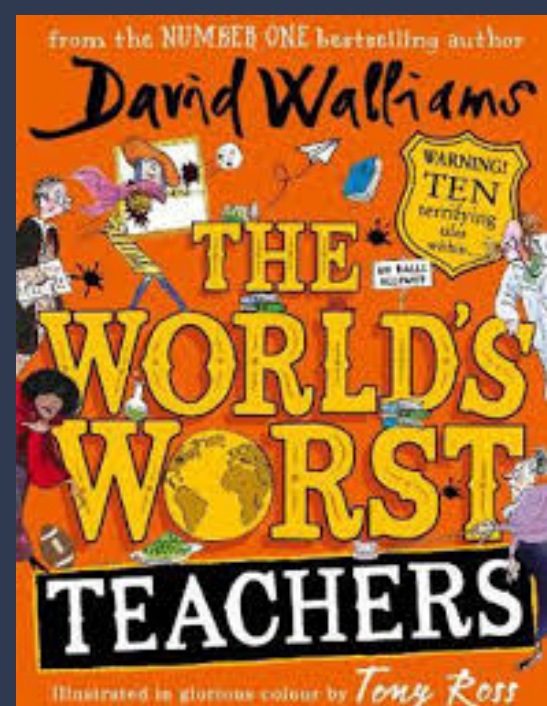
Barry Loser - Jim Smith

Donut Diaries - Dermot Milligan

\*Dog Man - Dav Pilkey

\*Danger is Everywhere - David O'Doherty

Kid Normal - Greg James





# Super Sports!

## Missing all the sports you'd normally play?

Why not read some brilliant sporty books instead? Whether you prefer football or hurling, running or swimming, we have something for everyone.

Splash - Carli Howard

\*Hero on a Bicycle - Shirley Hughes

Gordon's Game - Gordon D'arcy

Football Academy - Tom Palmer

Fintan's Fifteen - Alan Nolan

Little Croker - Joe O'Brien

Rugby Redzone - Gerard Siggins

Soccer Squad - Bali Rai

Girls F.C. - Helen Pielichaty

\*Roller Girl - Victoria Jamieson







# Amazing Animals

**Dotty about Dogs? Crazy about Cats?  
Check these out!**

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

Babe, The Sheep Pig - Dick King Smith

Animal Stories - Holly Webb

Animal Ark - Lucy Daniels

Sheltie - Peter Clover

The Pony Mad Princess - Diana Kimpton

The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpurgo

Run to the Wild - Tom McCaughren

White Fang - Jack London

Heartland - Lauren Brooke







# Beasts, Dinosaurs and Ferocious Creatures

If you like Beast Quest and Dino F.C., you'll love...

- \*Beast Quest - Adam Blade
- \*I, Hero - Steve Barlow
- \*Cows in action - Steve Cole
- \*SeaQuest - Adam Blade
- \*Dinosaur Cove - Rex Stone
- \*Gladiator Boy - David Grimstone
- Quest of the Gods - Dan Hunter
- Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan
- \*Astrosaurs - Steve Cole

\*Suitable for 6+







# Spooky Stories

Stories to make you check under your bed and  
keep you awake at night!

Goosebumps - R.L. Stine

Goth Girl - Chris Riddell

Seven Ghosts - Chris Priestley

The Saga of Darren Shan - Darren Shan

Scream Street - Tommy Donbavand

Too Ghoul For School - B. Strange

\*\*Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy

Demon Headmaster - Gillian Cross

Tales From Sinister City - F.E. Higgins

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman

Clockwork - Philip Pullman

Coraline - Neil Gaiman

\*\*Arthur Quinn and the Hell's Keeper - Alan Earley

\*\*Dracula - Bram Stoker

\*\*Frankenstein - Mary Shelley

Witch Wars - Sibeal Pounder

\*\* suitable for 10+



**Goosebumps**  
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# Dancing and Acting

If you love a good performance, give these a try...

Magic Ballerina - D'arcy Bussell

Ballet Shoes - Noel Streatfield

Ballerina Dreams - Ann Bryant

Fame School - Cindy Jefferies

Born to Dance - Jean Ure

Dance Academy - Kimberley Wyatt

School for Stars - Holly Willoughby

The Audition - Maggie Ziegler

Dork Diaries - Rachel Renee Russell

Fizzlebert Stump - A.F. Harrold







# Family and Friends

Do you love Jacqueline Wilson, give these a try...

The Story of Tracey Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson

\*\*Dizzy - Cathy Cassidy

\*\*Talking to the Moon - S.E. Durrant

Alice Next Door - Judi Curtin

Ally's World - Karen McCombie

Flour Babies - Anne Fine

Hilary McKay - Saffy's Angel

The Summer Gang - Cornelia Funke

Bubble Boy - Stewart Foster

Balacava Boy - Jenny Robson

\*\*Songbird Cafe - Sarah Webb

\*\*Little Women - Louisa May Alcott



\*\*Age 10+





# Magic and Fantasy

Do you love a good magical mystery and stories that are just a little weird? Give these a go!

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J.K. Rowling

Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan

Inkheart - Cornelia Funke

The Wardstone Chronicles - Joseph Delaney

\*\*Northern Lights - Philip Pullman

Eragon - Christopher Paolini

Dark Mouth - Shane Hegarty

\*The Boy Who Grew Dragons- Andy Shepherd

Wilde - Eloise Williams

Nevertell - Catherine Orton

Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver







# Magic and Fantasy

How to Train your Dragon - Cressida Cowell

\*\*Knights of the Borrowed Dark - Dave Rudden

Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer

Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson

Father of Lies - Alan Earley

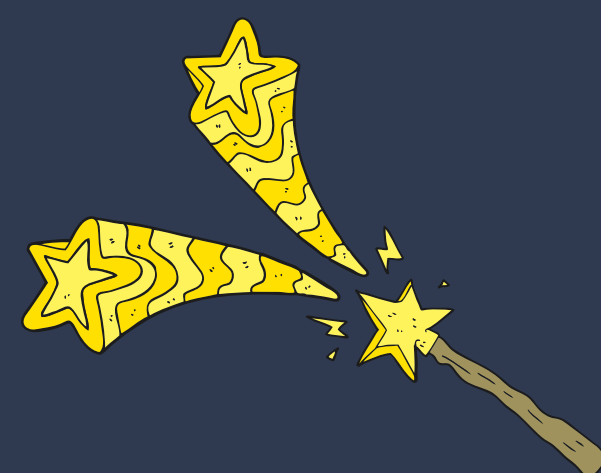
The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkien

The Earthsea Quartet - Ursula K. LeGuin

The Chronicles of Narnia - C.S. Lewis

Children of Blood and Bone - Tomi Adeyemi

Starfell - Dominique Valente



\*\* Age 10+





# Spies, Heroes and Villians

**Do you love to read Alex Rider and CHERUB?**

**Do you like action, adventure, mystery and a little bit of international espionage? Try these.**

Diamond Brothers - Anthony Horowitz

The Hardy Boys -Franklin Dixon

**\*\*Double or Die - Charlie Higson**

**\*\*Gone - Michael Grant**

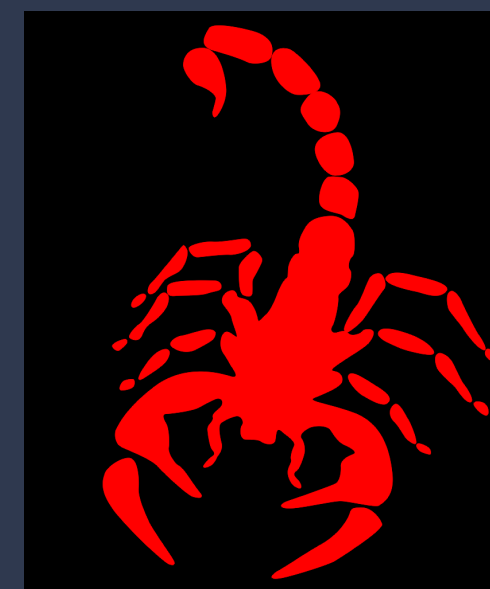
Young Sherlock Holmes - Andrew Lane

Bodyguard - Chris Bradford

Nancy Drew -Carolyn Keane

**\*\*Cloudburst - Wilbur Smith**

Timeriders - Alex Scarrow







# Bold Boys and Rebel Girls

**Do you love Horrid Henry and Judy Moody? Then check out these other mischevious characters we can't help but love!**

Dirty Bertie - Alan McDonald

Yuck! - Matthew Morgan

Daisy and the Trouble with Life - Kes Grey

Princess in Black - Shannon Hale

Little Princess - Tony Ross

Stink - Megan McDonald

The Worst Witch - Jill Murphy

Angela Nicely - Alan McDonald

George's Marvellous Medicine - Roald Dahl

My Naughty Little Sister - Dorothy Edwards

Agatha Parrot - Kjartan Poskitt





# Hi-Lo Readers

- These are books with a high interest age (IA) but a low reading age (RA).
- An interest age denotes a child's actual age.
- A reading age denotes the level of reading ability that a child has in comparison to an average child of the same age.
- For struggling and reluctant readers
- The interest age is higher than their reading age.
- Hi-Lo readers mean a child can read books that are age appropriate for them, but ones they can read comfortably.
- They are suitable for children with dyslexia and other learning difficulties
- Barrington Stoke books are specifically aimed at children with dyslexia





# Hi-Lo Series

Barrington Stoke IA 8-12 RA 8+

Library of Doom IA 10 -14 RA 7-9

Magic Mates IA 7-12 RA 7-8

Goal IA 9-12 RA 6-8

Snapshots IA 9-14 RA 6-7

Mystery Mob RA 7-12 RA 7-8

Boffin Boy IA 8-12 RA 6-8

DC Heroes IA 8-12 RA 7-8

Girlfriendz IA 9-12 RA 9-10

PIG series - IA 7 – 12 RA 8 – 9

Siti's Sisters - IA10 RA 7 – 8

Dark Man Series - IA 11-14 RA 5 – 8

Trailblazers - IA 8 – 12 RA 5 - 8



# Reading schemes

- Reading schemes aim to provide children with lots of small, achievable steps as they begin to read so they learn to read without much difficulty and enjoy the process.
  - Each new very gradual level or stage within the reading scheme introduces new things and practices the skills and knowledge learned in the previous levels.
  - Reading schemes may remind children of schoolbooks so it's important to read fun picture books with them too.
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- Oxford Reading Tree
  - Big Cats
  - Rigby Stars
  - Sails
  - Jolly Phonics
  - Engage Literacy





# Beginner books

- For those just moving onto 'real' books.
- Short text and full colour illustrations.
- Feature short sentences, big type, and supportive picture clues. Often, you'll see repetition in sentence structure as well as rhyme, both of which help the reader predict and decode new words.

- Leapfrogs
- I Am Reading
- Orchard
- Walker Stories
- Early Readers
- Bananas
- I Love Reading
- Orchard
- Usborne First Reading
- Reading Champion
- Ready, Steady, Read
- O'Brien Pandas
- DK Readers (featuring Marvel and Star Wars stories)