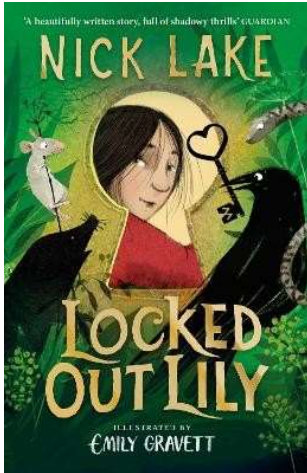


**A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 6.**

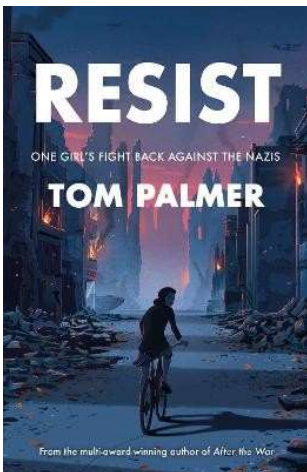
At Ferncumbe, our mission is to promote reading for pleasure and for children to develop a lifelong love of reading. Pupils are encouraged to read and explore a wide range of books in addition to the texts used in class. In this list, we have particularly avoided blockbusters and classics, so that we can include poetry, information texts and inspirational books in which all children can find themselves reflected.



**Locked Out Lily**

**Author:** Nick Lake **Release Date:** 04/08/2022

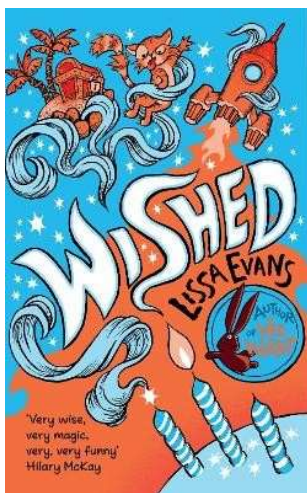
Lily just wants things to go back to the way they were: before she got sick, before her parents decided to have another baby. So when she's sent away to stay with her grandmother while her mum has the baby, Lily is determined to go home. But she doesn't expect to find people in her house - people who look like her parents, but definitely aren't. Together with some unlikely animal companions, Lily must face her fears and summon the courage to break into her own house and defeat 'The Replacements' before the night is out.



**Resist: One Girl's Fight Back Against the Nazis**

**Author:** Tom Palmer **Release Date:** 04/08/2022

It's 1943, Edda is 14 and living in Velp in the Netherlands under German occupation. Young as she is, she is already risking her life working for the resistance, delivering newsletters and more dangerous still, helping US airmen stranded behind German lines. Tom Palmer tells her story brilliantly, describing Edda's heroism plus the fear and misery experienced every day by all those trying to live their lives as war rages around them. This book shines a light on the incredible work of the WWII Dutch resistance, in a story inspired by the childhood of Audrey Hepburn.



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**Author:** Lissa Evans **Release Date:** 07/04/2022

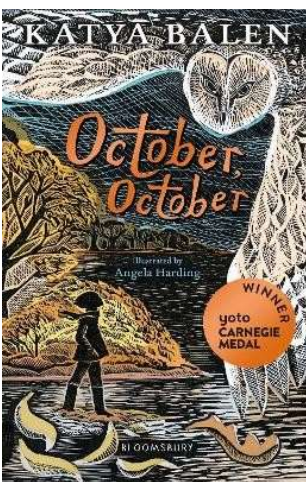
Ed and his sister Roo are faced with the most boring half-term holiday in history: five days spent in the company of their elderly neighbour Miss Filey and her ancient, smelly cat. But when they find a box of birthday candles in a cupboard in Miss Filey's house, their world is changed completely. These are no ordinary candles, every single one of them comes with a wish. There's only one problem: some of those wishes actually belong to someone else...



## Spark

Author: Mitch Johnson Release Date: 03/02/2022

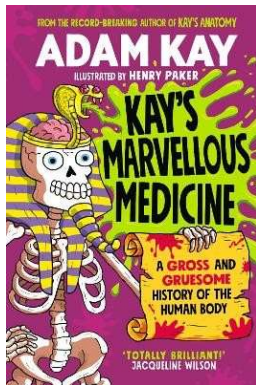
An explosive, action-packed adventure. Ash has always lived in Last Village, lonely since the day his father left and never came back. The world is unbearably hot, water is drying up, and life is hard. After a vicious thunderstorm, Ash wakes to find that the village's water has completely run out, and all the other villagers have mysteriously disappeared. Accompanied by the outcast Bronwyn, Ash sets off in search of water for answers about what happened to the villagers, with hope they might find 'The Kingdom' - a rumoured land to the north where life still flourishes. Ash and Bronwyn have to survive a journey across an arid landscape, discovering that other people out there are even more dangerous than the lightning strikes that follow them.



## October, October

Author: Katya Balen Release Date: 30/09/2021

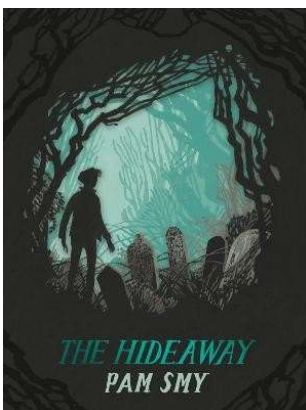
Conjured in language that crackles and smoulders like an autumn bonfire, this is a book of bones and bark and of frost and flame. October has everything she wants living in the woods in the house her father built. This year October's euphoria at the onset of autumn is sullied when she discovers a dead owl and a motherless baby owl. So she rescues the baby and declares it her first ever friend. Calamity strikes when the woman who calls herself her mother arrives and her beloved dad falls from a tree which means October must stay with this woman - her mother - in London while he recuperates. In the chaotic city, October is a bird with clipped wings but she find her wilderness.



## Kay's Marvellous Medicine

Author: Adam Kay Release Date: 30/09/2021

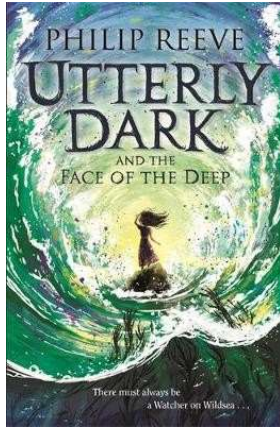
The olden days were pretty fun if you liked wearing chainmail or chopping people's heads off but there was one tiny little problem back then, doctors didn't have the slightest clue about how our bodies worked. It's time to find out why Ancient Egyptians thought the brain was just a useless load of old stuffing that might as well be chucked in the bin, why teachers forced their pupils to smoke cigarettes and why hairdressers would cut off their customers' legs. A hilariously horrid history of medicine through the ages.



## The Hideaway

Author: Pam Smy Release Date: 09/09/2021

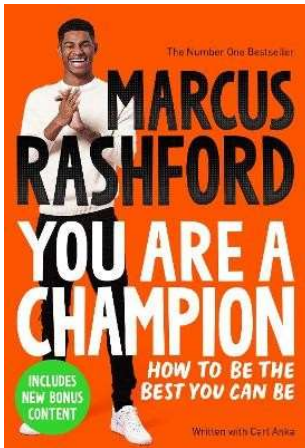
The Hideaway tells the story of Billy who runs away from a difficult situation at home and takes refuge in an overgrown graveyard. While hiding there, he meets an elderly man who is tending the graves in preparation for a day in November when something magical is set to happen. The book is written in two alternating narratives, both different aspects of the same story. One thread tells of Billy's experience of hiding away in the graveyard, his mixed-up emotions and the supernatural events he witnesses. The other tells of his mother's situation at home and the police search for Billy. Covering themes of family, separation and reunion, domestic violence and doing the right thing. A compelling and emotional story.



## Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep

Author: Philip Reeve Release Date: 02/09/2021

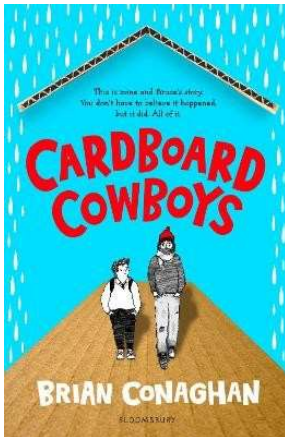
The watery landscape of the Autumn Isles provides the backdrop for a gutsy and gusty story of powerful old magic, new-fangled science and the perennial battle for the balance of power between land and the sea. When Utterly Dark was a baby, she was washed up on the shores of the Autumn Isles and taken in by the Watcher of Wildsea. But everything changes when her guardian suddenly drowns. Now who will keep the Watch, and make sure Wildsea stays safe from the strange forces teeming in the deep ocean around them?



## You Are a Champion

Author: Marcus Rashford, Carl Anka Release Date: 27/05/2021

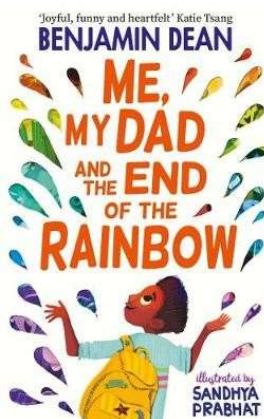
Dedicated to every young person who is trying to find their way and his mum for helping him to believe that dreams can come true, this is a motivational book by the inspirational Marcus Rashford. It's a positive and inspiring guide for life, packed full of stories from Marcus's own life and calling for the readers to be their OWN champion and that if they believe in themselves, incredible things can happen. With chapters covering everything from building your confidence to navigating adversity, finding your team, using your voice and standing up for each other, and never stopping learning.



## Cardboard Cowboys

Author: Brian Conaghan Release Date: 15/04/2021

Even though I found him living in a house made of cardboard, Bruce is a massive legend. FACT. So this mine and Bruce's story. You don't have to believe it happened, but it did. All of it. Nobody at school can see past Lenny's size to the person within. So when lessons get too tough, Lenny always goes to his bench to think. At least there no one can see him. Then one day, midway through lobbing his empty can of Irn-Bru into the canal he's stopped by Bruce. Bruce lives in a cardboard home hidden away by the banks and he doesn't approve of kids messing up his front lawn. But a bumpy start soon gives way to an unexpected friendship - and an epic road trip - that will change both of them for life.

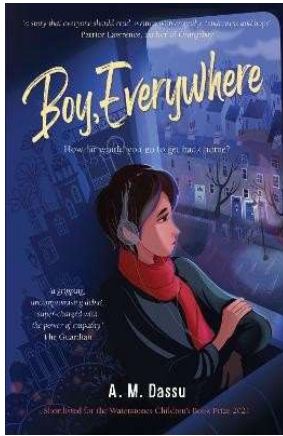


## Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow

Author: Benjamin Dean Release Date: 04/02/2021

*My name's Archie Albright, and I know two things for certain: 1. My mum and dad kind of hate each other, and they're not doing a great job of pretending that they don't anymore. 2. They're both keeping a secret from me, but I can't figure out what.*

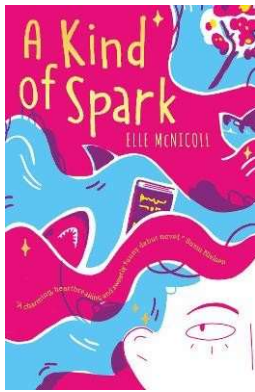
All Archie wants is for everything to go back to normal, to three months before when his parents were happy and still lived together. When Archie sees a colourful, crumpled flyer fall out of Dad's pocket, he thinks he may have found the answer. Only problem? The answer might just lie at the end of the rainbow, an adventure away. Together with his best friends, Bell and Seb, Archie sets off on a heart-warming and unforgettable journey to try and fix his family, even if he has to break a few rules to do it.



## Boy, Everywhere

Author: A. M. Dassu Release Date: 22/10/2020

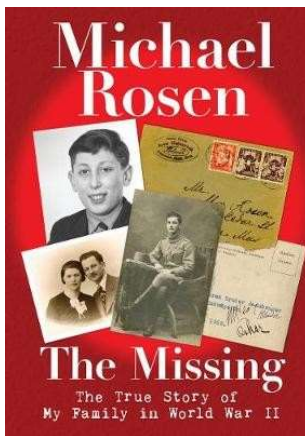
Sami is a very ordinary 13-year-old boy, attending school, playing football, PlayStation and has his own iPad - the only thing different about Sami is that he lives in Damascus. As the war in Syria creeps closer, until a bombing of a local mall affects his family, everything has been good. Now Sami and his family have to leave their home, their friends and their beloved Jadda (grandmother) - not just to move to another town but to start a long and perilous journey to the safety of the other side of the world - to England.



## A Kind of Spark

Author: Elle McNicoll Release Date: 04/06/2020

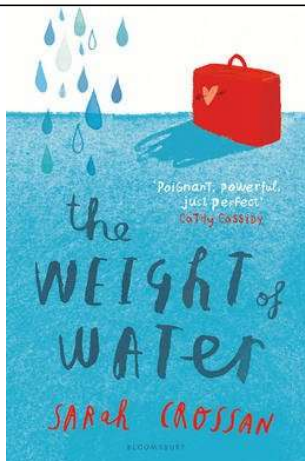
When 11 year old Addie, who is autistic, learns about the 16th century women who were persecuted for witchcraft, she starts to lobby for a local memorial in her small Scottish village. With the help of a new girl at school, she fights valiantly against injustice and oppression.



## The Missing

Author: Michael Rosen Release Date: 12/12/2019

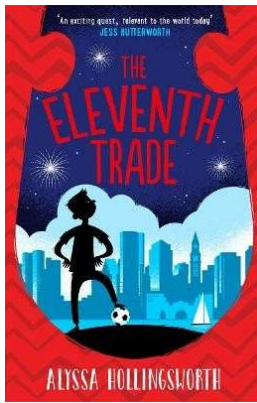
A personal, powerful and resonant account of the Holocaust by one of this country's best-loved children's authors. By turns charming, shocking and heart-breaking, this is the true story of Michael Rosen's search for his relatives who went missing during the Second World War - told through prose, poetry, maps and pictures.



## The Weight of Water

Author: Sarah Crossan Release Date: 03/01/2013

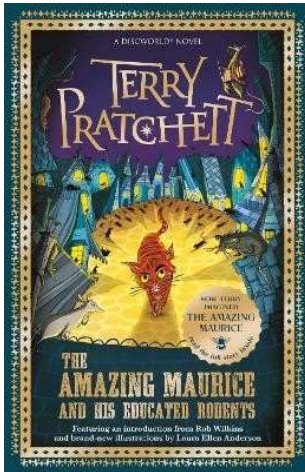
Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat. *The Weight of Water* is a startlingly original piece of fiction; most simply a brilliant coming of age story, it also tackles the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Moving, unsentimental and utterly page-turning, we meet and share the experiences of a remarkable girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails.



## The Eleventh Trade

Author: Alyssa Hollingsworth Release Date:18/09/2018

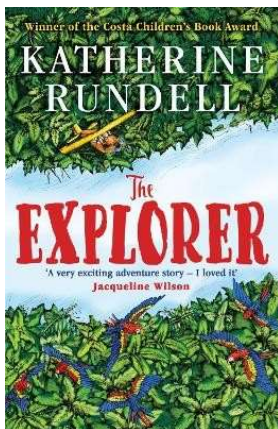
Sami gets by in Boston on the money his grandfather makes on the street playing his rehab. When the instrument is stolen, Sami needs to find \$700 to get it back. All he has is a man United key ring. It's only going to be possible if Sami is prepared to accept help. A story of hope.



## The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents

Author: Terry Pratchett Release Date:26/04/2018

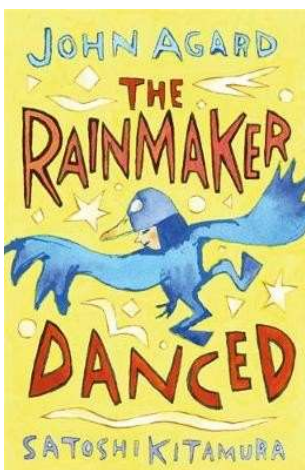
Rats! They're everywhere: in the bread bins, dancing across tabletops, stealing pies from under the cooks' noses. So, what does every town need? A good piper to lure them away. That's where Maurice comes in! A streetwise tomcat with the *perfect* money-making scam. *Everyone* has heard the stories about rats and pipes, and con-cat Maurice finds a stupid-looking kid with a pipe, and has his very own plague of rats - strangely *educated* rats... But in Bad Blintz, someone is playing a *different* tune and now Maurice and his rats must learn a new concept: evil.



## The Explorer

Author: Katherine Rundell Release Date:02/01/2018

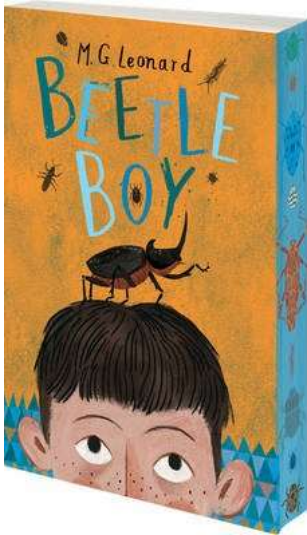
After crashing hundreds of miles from civilisation in the Amazon rainforest, Fred, Con, Lila and Max are utterly alone and in grave danger. They have no food, no water and no chance of being rescued. But they are alive and they have hope. As they negotiate the wild jungle they begin to find signs that something - someone - has been there before them. Could there possibly be a way out after all?



## The Rainmaker Danced

Author: John Agard Release Date: 21/09/2017

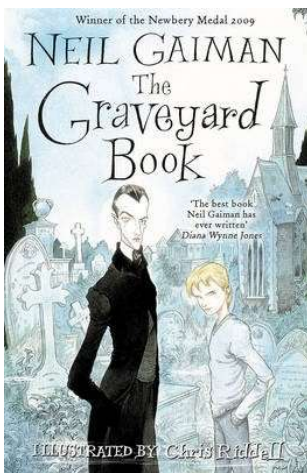
A wonderful children's poetry collection from a celebrated, award-winning poet. From nature and science to identity, prepare to be transported on a journey through past and present. This collection explores the wonders of the world - inviting your child to ponder life's questions with lots of fun along the way!



## Beetle Boy

Author: M.G. Leonard Release Date: 03/03/2016

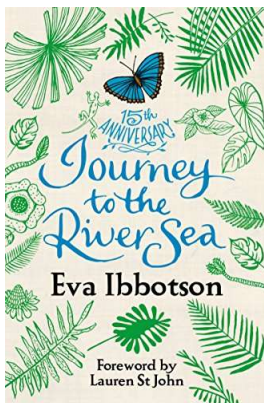
A rollicking adventure spiced up with fascinating information about beetles, this novel fuses science, survival and sleuthing! Darkus's life is turned upside down when his father goes missing. Darkus refuses to accept that his father is dead and he is determined to find out what happened for himself. Sent to stay with his uncle, he discovers the strange neighbours have a yard full of junk - and beetles. Darkus is befriended by a handsome, giant beetle who seems to understand Darkus and is also connected to his dad's disappearance. What is going on?



## The Graveyard Book

Author: Neil Gaiman Release Date: 05/10/2009

Spooks galore in this brilliant and fantastic story of life in the graveyard. When Baby Bod escapes a murderer intent on killing his whole family, he is taken in by the graveyard ghosts. In eight chapters, each of which depicts every other year of Bod's life, a separate story of Bod's life unfolds and always in the background there is the sinister, haunting presence of a killer. Bod's curious tale is a masterpiece of original, absorbing and unstoppable storytelling.

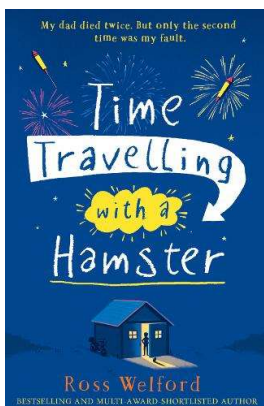


## Journey to the River Sea

Author: Eva Ibbotson Release Date: 25/08/2016

An Amazon adventure set in the wilderness of Brazil, Journey to the River Sea is filled with mystery and memorable characters. It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey.

Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in Journey to the River Sea.



## Time Travelling with a Hamster

Author: Ross Welford Release Date: 31/12/2015

Full of heart and humour, this is a hilarious tale about the dangers of time-travel. On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it, Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer.