

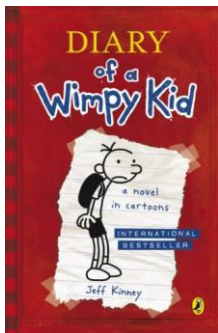
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney.

Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley's friendship unfolds with hilarious results.

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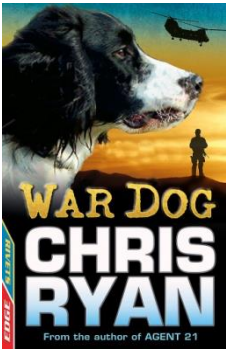
Beast by Ally Kennen.

Stephen hasn't had it easy. He's now in foster care because his mom is crazy and his dad is an ex-con. He's always in trouble or on his way to trouble. But none of these problems compare to the problem of The Beast. Stephen has been taking care of The Beast for years. It is his biggest secret -- and also his biggest challenge. If it could, The Beast would eat Stephen alive. The only thing separating them is a rusty cage. And the bars are about to break. . . .



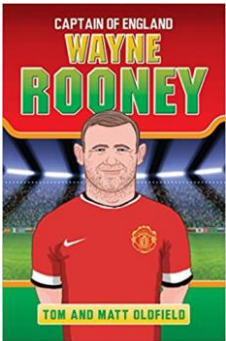
A wrinkle in time by Madeleine L'Engle.

Out of this wild night, a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure one that will threaten their lives and our universe.



War Dog by Chris Ryan.

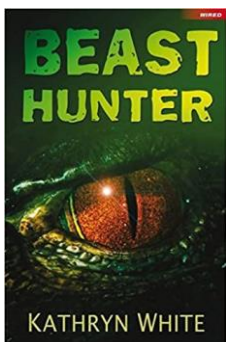
Told through the eyes of Jamie, an amputee veteran, War Dog is the story of Lance Corporal Sam Maguire, part of a bomb disposal squad in Afghanistan, and the springer spaniel sniffer dog Charlie who becomes his best friend.



Wayne Rooney by Tom and Matt Oldfield.

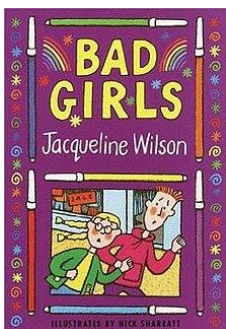
Wayne Rooney: Captain of England tells the action-packed story of one boy's journey from the streets of Croxteth to one of the biggest stages in world football. This heartwarming book tracks Rooney's fairytale rise from child superstar to Everton hero to Manchester United legend.

One of nearly 50 football books including the likes of Bale, Hazard, Salah and Messi.



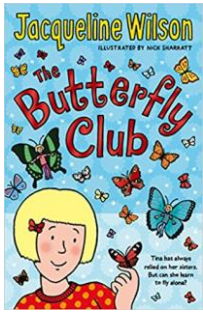
Beast Hunter by Kathryn White.

Everyone knows the flooded quarry is a dangerous place. But when Jacob spots the tail of a huge reptile disappearing into the undergrowth, nobody believes him! He needs to get a photo as proof before anyone will take him seriously. And that means hunting the beast himself...



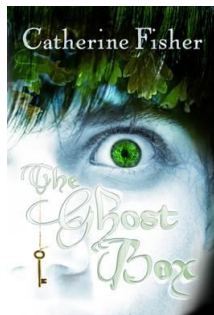
Bad Girls by Jacqueline Wilson.

Shy, mild Mandy has been bullied at school for as long as she can remember. That's why she is delighted when cheeky, daring, full-of-fun Tanya picks her as a friend. Mum isn't happy - she thinks Tanya's a BAD GIRL and a bad influence on her daughter. But Mandy loves spending time with her brilliant new friend, and is sure Tanya can only get her out of trouble, not into it . . . or could she?



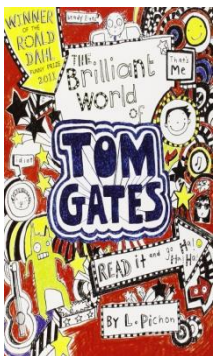
The butterfly Club by Jacqueline Wilson.

Tina is a triplet, but she's always been the odd one out. Her sisters Phil and Maddie are bigger and stronger and better at just about everything. Luckily, they look after teeny-tiny Tina wherever they go - but when the girls start in scary, super-strict Miss Lovejoy's class, they're split up, and Tina has to fend for herself for the first time. Tina is horrified when she's paired up with angry bully Selma, who nobody wants to be friends with. But when Miss Lovejoy asks them to help her create a butterfly garden in the school playground, Tina discovers she doesn't *always* need her sisters - and that there's a lot more to Selma than first meets the eye.



The Ghost box by Catherine Fisher.

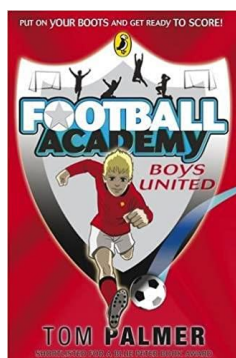
14-year-old Sarah is trying to settle in to a new home and new family, but her annoying step brother Matt is making things difficult. When Sarah finds an old silver box in her room she thinks Matt is just playing another prank, but when a voice comes from inside the box Sarah realises there are darker forces at work. Should she unlock the box as the voice asks, or could it be a trap?



The brilliant world of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon.

The first title in the bestselling series from the brilliantly talented Liz Pichon. Tom Gates is the master of excuses for late homework: dog attacks & spilt water & lightning... Tom's exercise book is full of his doodles, cartoons and thoughts, as well as comments from his long-suffering teacher, Mr Fullerton. After gaining five merits for his CAMPING SUCKS holiday story, Tom's work starts to go downhill - which is a pity, as he's desperate to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him...

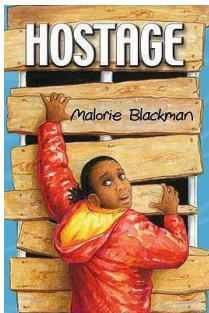
First in a 15 book series.



Football Academy: Boys United by Tom Plamer.

Jake loves football and dreams of becoming a professional footballer. He's worried about his height though - what if he's too small for football? But on the day of his trial Jake is quick on the ball and scores - he's made it! Jake can't wait to pull on his shirt and join the team. But someone at the club wants to make his life difficult. Can Jake face up to the bullies and become man of the match again?

First in a 6 book Football Academy Series.



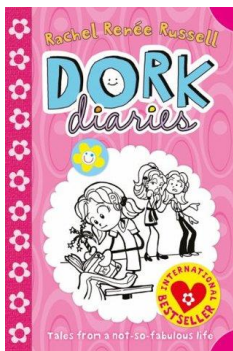
Hostage by Malorie Blackman.

Blindfolded. Alone. No idea where you are or what will happen next. The only thing you know is that you've been kidnapped. And it's up to you to escape. Are you brave enough?



Thief by Malorie Blackman. 12+

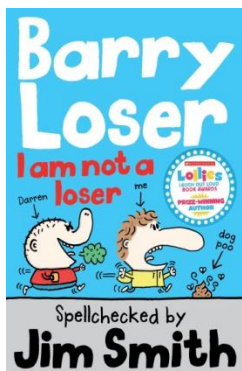
Lydia's last thought before darkness closed over her mind was that the strange, swirling storm had trapped her. Would it ever let her go? Fleeing onto the moors when she is unfairly accused of being a thief an extraordinary storm suddenly whirls twelve-year-old Lydia into the future – a computer-dominated future where her home town is ruled by a cruel tyrant. As Lydia struggles to get back to her own time, she discovers she must face a terrible confrontation...



Dork Diaries: Tales from a not so fabulous life by Rachel Renee Russell.

Dork Diaries follows eighth grader Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles through text and sketches her move to a snooty new school; her epic battle with her mom for an iPhone; her enthusiasm for drawing and art; and a love/hate fascination with the new school's queen bee, a girl named Mackenzie, who becomes Nikki's rival in a schoolwide art competition. Nikki writes about friendships, crushes, popularity, and family with a unique and fresh voice that still conveys a universal authenticity. Nikki's sketches throughout her diary add humor to the book, a surefire hit with readers.

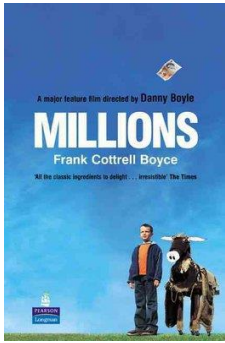
1st in the 24 book Dork Diaries series.



Barry Loser by Jim Smith.

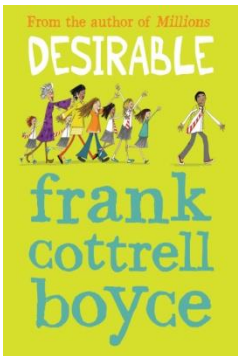
I've never minded that my name's Barry Loser because my coolness has always cancelled it out, but ever since Darren Darrenofski joined school with his horrible little crocodile face he's been completely ruining my life about it. Follow Barry as he tries throw off his loseriness, take revenge on the terrible Fronkle-burping Darren Darrenofski

1st in an 8 book series.



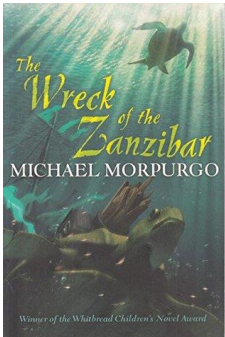
Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

It was a one-in-a-million chance. A bag crammed with cash comes tumbling out of the air and lands right at Damian's feet. Suddenly the Cunningham brothers are rich. Very rich. They can buy anything they want. There's just one problem -- they have only seventeen days to spend all the money before it becomes worthless. And the crooks who stole the cash in the first place are closing in -- fast. A funny, brilliantly clever and utterly thrilling debut novel that is, quite simply, unforgettable



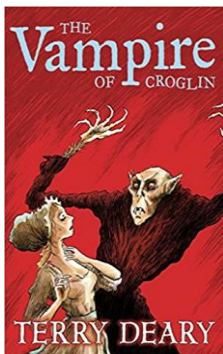
Desirable by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

George is a self-confessed social reject who spends more time with his Warhammer figures than actual people - but when he's given a bottle of aftershave called 'Desirable', women can't resist him. How will he cope with his new-found popularity? And what will happen if the magic wears off?



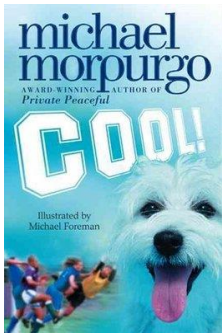
Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo.

"We all knew what was going to happen. We'd seen it before. A ship about to founder staggers before she falls. A huge wave broke over her stern and she did not come upright again." Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak and full of hardship. Laura's twin brother, Billy, disappears, and then a storm devastates everything. It seems there's little hope. But then the Zanzibar is wrecked on the island's rocks, and everything changes . . .



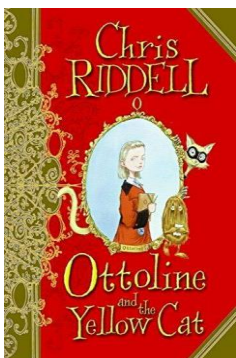
The Vampire of Croglin by Terry Deary.

A spooky historical adventure from the author of Horrible Histories. When a sister and two brothers move into remote Croglin Grange, things soon begin to go bump in the night. The sister is attacked by a vampire and a body in the nearby graveyard shows signs of having 'walked'...What's going on?



Cool by Michael Morpurgo.

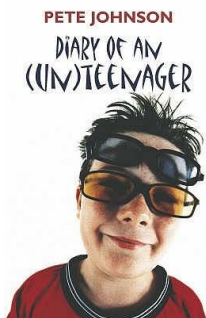
Robbie, football fan and animal lover, runs after his dog Lucky one day when he chases a cat and is hit by a car. Unconscious, Robbie lies in hospital, unable to speak, move or eat. But he can hear; he is aware, even though his family and friends don't know this. Inside his head, we hear Robbie's thoughts; on his Mum and sister, why his parents are separated. His friends and family try desperately to reach him - even Zola, his favourite Chelsea footballer, comes to see him. And still Robbie can't 'wake up'. Until one day, against hospital rules, Dad brings Lucky into the hospital. Can Lucky bring Robbie back to life?



Ottoline and the yellow cat by Chris Riddell.

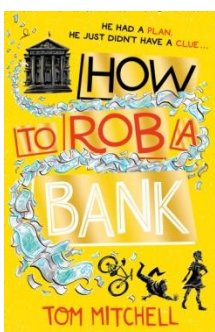
Introducing Miss Ottoline Brown, an exceptionally inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, Mr. Munroe. No puzzle is ever too tricky for the two of them to solve . . . Ottoline lives in a stylish apartment in Big City with a small hairy creature called Mr. Munroe. Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work. So they are the first to the scene of the crime when a string of high-society dog-nappings and jewel thefts hits Big City.

First in the 4 book Ottoline series.



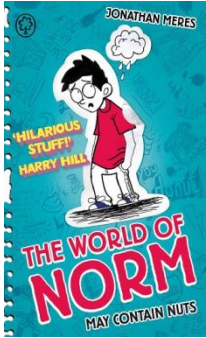
Diary of an Unteenerager by Pete Johnson. 12+

Spencer's mate Zac has decided he wants to be a real teenager and Spencer is disgusted. He's not interested in girls, skateboards or huge trainers! A hilarious and insightful story for teen boy.



How to rob a bank by Tom Mitchell.

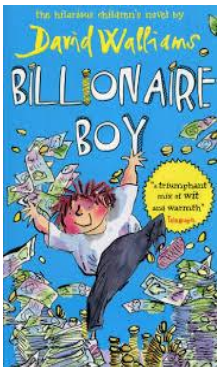
Some people rob banks because they're greedy. Others enjoy the adrenalin rush. Me? I robbed a bank because of guilt. Specifically: guilt and a Nepalese scented candle... When fifteen-year-old Dylan accidentally burns down the house of the girl he's trying to impress, he feels that only a bold gesture can make it up to her. A gesture like robbing a bank to pay for her new home. Only an unwanted Saturday job, a tyrannical bank manager, and his unfinished history homework lie between Dylan and the heist of century. And really, what's the worst that could happen...



The world of Norm: May contain nuts by Johathan Meres.

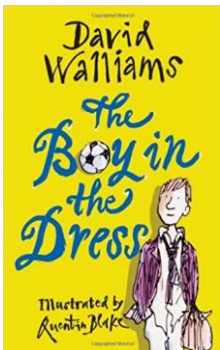
Norm and his family have to move to a smaller house, which really upsets Norm. At least he can still go cycling with his best friend, Mikey, even though the two boys are now living further away from each other. One afternoon, the boys are riding their bikes outside Norm's house. By accident, Mikey crashes into Norm's garage and smashes a valuable china tea set. Unfortunately, Norm's teenage neighbour, Chelsea, films the whole thing and posts the video on YouTube! This means war and Norm's determined to get his revenge...

1st in the 13 book World of Norm series.



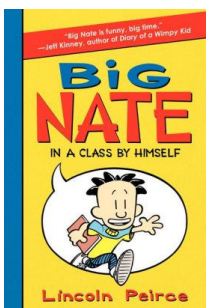
Billionaire boy by David Walliams.

Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact. You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land. Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: A friend.



The boy in the Dress by David Walliams.

Dennis' life is boring and lonely. His mother left two years ago, his truck driver father is depressed, his brother is a bully and, worst of all, no hugging is one of their household rules. But one thing Dennis does have is soccer, he's the leading scorer on his team. Oh, and did we mention his secret passion for fashion? When Dennis' friend Lisa discovers his stash of Vogue magazines, she convinces him to vamp it up and wear a dress to school. But in class, his hilarious hi-jinks as Denise are brought to a screeching halt when the headmaster discovers his secret and delivers the worst punishment of all, Dennis is expelled from school and therefore forbidden to play in the soccer Final Cup!



Big Nate: In a class by himself by Lincoln Peirce.

Nate knows he's meant for big things. REALLY big things. But life doesn't always go your way just because you're awesome. Trouble always seems to find him, but Nate keeps his cool no matter what. He knows he's great. A fortune cookie told him so.



The front room by Michelle Magorian. 12+

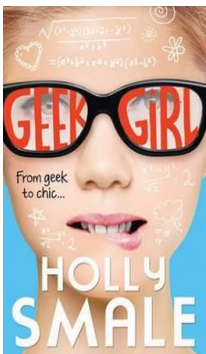
The holiday was supposed to give them a break, a chance to get away and heal after the loss of the baby. But Hannah's parents are still listless and distracted, and her toddler brother doesn't understand what's going on. And worst of all, something feels wrong in Hannah's room. Her mum and dad don't understand what she's trying to tell them, so one stormy night Hannah sneaks out to find someone who can tell her the truth about the Front Room...



Girl on line by Zoe Sugg.

Penny has a secret. Under the alias Girl Online, Penny blogs her hidden feelings about friendship, boys, high school drama, her crazy family, and the panic attacks that have begun to take over her life. When things go from bad to worse, her family whisks her away to New York, where she meets Noah, a gorgeous, guitar-strumming American. Suddenly Penny is falling in love - and capturing every moment of it on her blog. But Noah has a secret, too, one that threatens to ruin Penny's cover - and her closest friendship - forever.

1st in the Girl online trilogy.



Geek Girl by Holly Smale.

Everyone at school knows Harriet Manners is a geek – she's always spouting random facts, has zero fashion sense and can often be found in a tangled heap on the floor after falling over. But Harriet just can't see why this means everyone seems to hate her. Her nemesis Alexa goes out of her way to trip her up, point out her flaws and make her life miserable. At least she has best friend Nat to keep her sane. But when the class takes a trip to the Clothes Show Live and Nat is desperate to get spotted as a model – only Harriet does instead – she has to choose between the reinvention she believes will change her life at school, and stealing her best friend's dream.

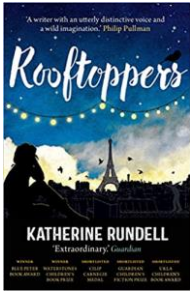
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Ninja: First Mission by Chris Bradford.

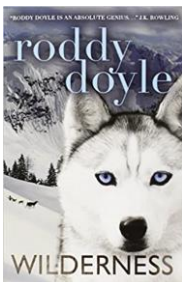
Taka's desperate to prove that he has what it takes to become a ninja. He has failed the Grandmaster's test twice already. But when the clan's scrolls are stolen by an enemy samurai he has a chance to prove himself.

1st book in the Ninja trilogy.



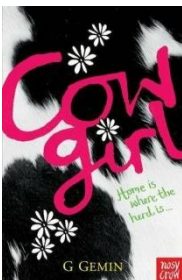
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell.

My mother is still alive, and she is going to come for me one day. Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means still possible. You should never ignore a possibility. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands and flees to Paris to look for her mother, she meets Matteo and his network of rooftoppers - urchins who live in the sky. Together they scour the city for Sophie's mother before she is caught and sent back to London, and most importantly before she loses hope.



Wilderness by Roddy Doyle.

While Tom and Johnny are on a husky safari in Finland, their half-sister Grainne stays behind to face the mother who abandoned her. But Tom and Johnny are too caught up in their adventure to think of home - until they find themselves lost in the snow, in a desperate struggle for survival...



Cowgirl by G R Gemin

Growing up on the embattled Mawr Estate in South Wales, all Gemma sees are burglaries, muggings, sadness and boredom. With a dad in prison and a mum who has given up hope, she, like everyone around her, is holding on to memories of the times when happiness wasn't so hard to find. When her search for the scene of a perfect childhood day takes her up into the surrounding hills, Gemma is forced into a meeting with the legendary Cowgirl. Everyone at school knows she's a weirdo: six foot tall and angry, the only conversations she has are with the twelve cows on her dad's farm. But with her abrupt arrival in Gemma's life, everything starts to look different. And with her only friends in mortal danger of the abattoir, it turns out she and Gemma have a mission on their hands. A gently funny story of a community coming together, this is a tale of happy endings in unexpected places.



How to eat fried worms by Thomas Rockwell

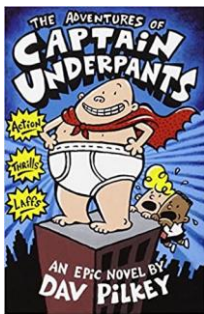
Fried worms, boiled worms, worm sandwiches, worms with ketchup and peanut butter... Billy must eat fifteen worms in fifteen days, or lose his bet with Alan and Joe. Can Billy put his taste buds to the test and win, or will he work his way out of the deal?



Timmy Failure Mistakes were made by Steven Pastis.

Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the "best" detective agency in town – Total Failure, Inc. With the help of his polar bear, Total, the clueless, comically self-confident Timmy already has plans for world domination. Plans that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past. And plans that will defeat Corrina Corrina, "The One Whose Name Shall Not Be Uttered". But she's not going away. Riotously funny, Timmy Failure is sure to have readers in stitches.

1st in the 11 book Timmy Failure series.



Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey.

When naughty George and Harold hypnotise their headteacher, they accidentally create the greatest superhero in the history of their school -- Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret that even HE doesn't know who he is... but he's fighting for truth, justice, and all things pre-shrunk and cottony!! If you're a naughty villain like the diabolical Dr Diaper, watch out! Captain Underpants has wedgie-power on his side, and he's coming your way.

1st in the 13 book Captain Underpants Series.



Are you there God, it's me Margaret by Judy Blume.

Life isn't easy for Margaret. She's moved away from her childhood home, she's starting a new school, finding new friends and she's convinced she's not normal. For a start she hasn't got a clue whether she wants to be Jewish like her father or Christian like her mother. Everyone else seems really sure of who they are. And, worst of all, she's a 'late developer'. She just *knows* that all her friends are going to need a bra before she does. It's too embarrassing to talk to her parents about these things. So she talks to God instead - and waits for an answer . . .