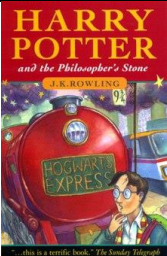
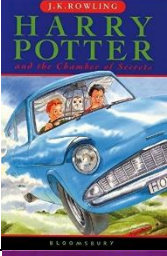
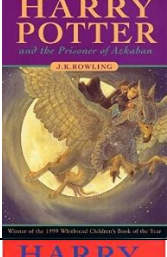

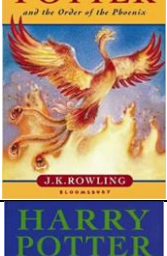
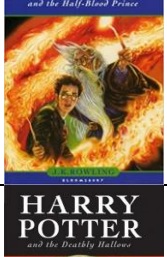
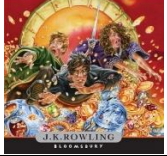
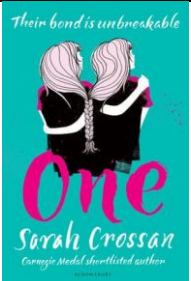
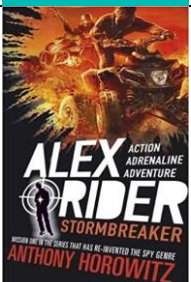
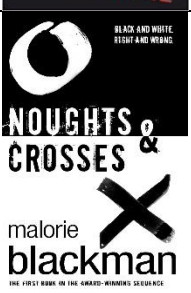
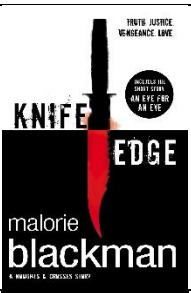




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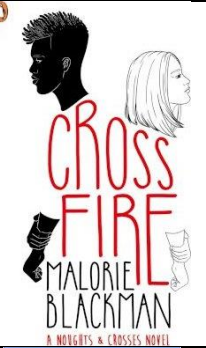
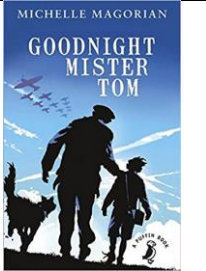
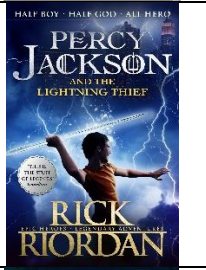
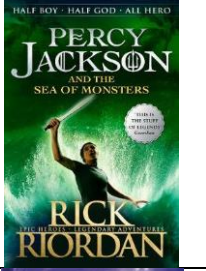

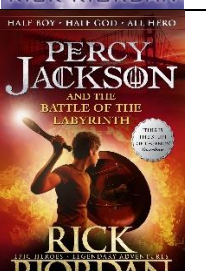
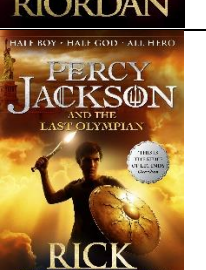
Title		Author	Genre	Synopsis	You'll like this if you enjoyed...	Level of challenge
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone		J.K. Rowling	Fantasy	The novels chronicle the lives of a young wizard, Harry Potter, and his friends Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, all of whom are students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.		Low
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets						Low
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban						Medium
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire						Medium
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix						Medium
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince						Medium
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows						Medium

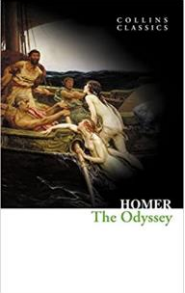
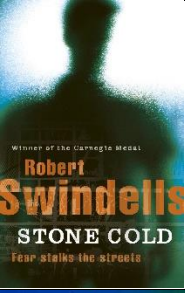
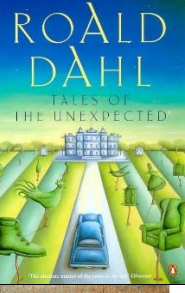
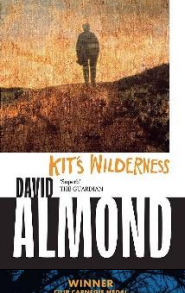
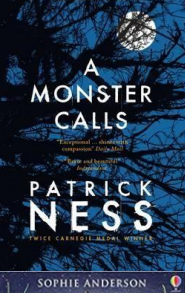

<i>I am Malala</i>		Malala Yousafzai	Non-fiction Autobiography	<i>I Am Malala</i> , the memoir of Malala Yousafzai, will shed insight into the lives of those children who cannot attend school and will tell the inspiring story of a schoolgirl who faced the Taliban with courage and bravery.	<i>The Bonesparrow</i>	High
<i>The Hobbit</i>		J.R.R. Tolkein	Fantasy	<i>The Hobbit</i> is the unforgettable story of Bilbo, a peace-loving hobbit with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home. One day, the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services – as a burglar – on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.	<i>The Book of Dust</i>	Medium
<i>Northern Lights</i>		Phillip Pullman	Fantasy	Set in a parallel universe, it features the journey of Lyra Belacqua to the Arctic in search of her missing friend, Roger Parslow, and her imprisoned uncle, Lord Asriel, who has been conducting experiments with a mysterious substance known as 'Dust'.		Medium
<i>The Subtle Knife</i>						Medium
<i>The Amber Spyglass</i>						Medium
<i>The Maze Runner</i>		James Dashner	Adventure/ Dystopian Fiction	The only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade - a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze. Like Thomas, they don't know how they came to be there - or what's happened to the world outside...		Low
<i>The Scorch Trials</i>						Low

<b>The Death Cure</b>						Low
<b>Girl. Boy. Sea.</b>		Chris Vick	Adventure	A British boy narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a huge storm off the coast of Morocco. After days alone at sea in a tiny rowing boat, Bill rescues a girl clinging for her life to a barrel. Aya, from the nomadic Berber tribe, was escaping to Europe when her migrant ship was destroyed in the same storm. Through endless days and star-spangled nights, they drift — weakened by fear, hunger, and burned by the unforgiving sun. As hope of rescue begins to fade, they find strength in these tales of magic, brave heroes, wily thieves, greedy sultans, and courageous girls. When they land on a desert island, they're surprised to be confronted by a stranger who is not what he seems... and back out on the waves once more in the dark deep, a shadow follows...	Boy 87	Medium
<b>Things a Bright Girl Can Do</b>		Sally Nicholls	Historical Fiction	Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote.		Medium
<b>The Hunger Games</b>		Suzanne Collins	Dystopian Fiction	In what was once North America, the Capitol of Panem maintains its hold on its 12 districts by forcing them each to select a boy and a girl, called Tributes, to compete in a nationally televised event called the Hunger Games. Every citizen must watch as the youths fight to the death until only one remains. District 12 Tribute Katniss Everdeen has little to rely on, other than her hunting skills and sharp instincts, in an arena where she must weigh survival against love.		Low
<b>Catching Fire</b>						Low
<b>Mockingjay</b>						Medium
<b>Beyond the Bright Sea</b>		Lauren Wolk	Bildungsroman	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.	Wolf Hollow	Low

One		Sarah Crossan	Bildungsroman	Conjoined twins, Gracie and Tippi, no longer able to afford home-schooling must brave the outside world of stares and cruelty. But will they find the promise of love and friendships at school? Neither Gracie or Tippi realise the heart-breaking decision that awaits them which will change their lives forever.		Low
Stormbreaker		Anthony Horowitz	Adventure	In the first book in the number one bestselling Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.		Low
Noughts and Crosses		Malorie Blackman	Dystopian Fiction	The series takes place in an alternative 21st century Britain, in a world where African people had enslaved European people. By the time the books take place, slavery has been abolished for some time, but segregation continues to separate the dark skinned Crosses from the light skinned Noughts.		Low
Knife Edge						Low
Checkmate						Medium
Double Cross						Medium

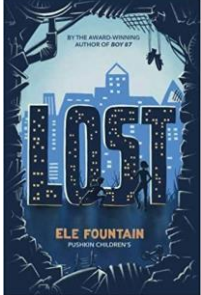


Crossfire						Medium
Goodnight Mr. Tom		Michelle Magorian	Historical fiction	<p>The story of young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War.</p> <p>A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London.</p> <p>As time goes by Tom begins to worry when Willie doesn't answer his letters, so he goes to London to find him, and there makes a terrible discovery.</p>		Medium
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief		Rick Riordan	Fantasy	<p>In the mood for monsters and mythological heroes? Look no further than Rick Riordan's fun, fast-paced Percy Jackson series, which follows the adventures of young demigod (half mortal, half Greek god) Percy and his friends Annabeth and Grover.</p>		Low
Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters						Low
Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse						Low
Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth						Low
Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian						Low

<b><i>The Odyssey</i></b>		Homer	Mythology	<p>Attributed to the blind Greek poet, Homer, <i>The Odyssey</i> is an epic tale about cunning and strength of mind. It takes its starting point ten years after the fall of the city of Troy and follows its Greek warrior hero Odysseus as he tries to journey to his home of Ithaca in northwest Greece after the Greek victory over the Trojans.</p> <p>On his travels, Odysseus comes across surreal islands and foreign lands where he is in turn challenged and supported by those that he meets on his travels as he attempts to find his way back home in order to vanquish those who threaten his estate. In turn, his son Telemachus has to grow up quickly as he attempts to find his father and protect his mother from her suitors.</p>		High
<b><i>Stone Cold</i></b>		Robert Swindells	Thriller	<p>A tense, exciting thriller combined with a harrowing portrait of life on the streets as a serial killer preys on the young and vulnerable homeless. 17-year-old Link is distrustful of people until he pairs up with Deb, homeless like him. As his homeless friends disappear around him, it looks as though Link could be next...</p>	<i>Martyn Pig</i>	Medium
<b><i>Tales of the Unexpected</i></b>		Roald Dahl	Horror	<p>A collection of 16 of the best of Roald Dahl's short stories, each with an unexpected, often horrific, twist...</p>	<i>Deception</i>	Low
<b><i>Kit's Wilderness</i></b>		David Almond	Drama	<p>Kit has just moved to Stoneygate to live with his grandfather who has Alzheimer's. Kit meets Askew, a threatening figure who masterminds a game called Death. As Kit struggles to adjust to his new life and the gradual failing of his beloved grandfather, his new friendships pull him towards a terrifying resolution.</p>		Medium
<b><i>A Monster Calls</i></b>		Patrick Ness	Fantasy	<p>The monster showed up just after midnight. As they do. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting. He's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the one with the darkness and the wind and the screaming... The monster in his back garden, though, this monster is something ancient, something wild. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.</p>	<i>Martyn Pig</i>	Medium
<b><i>The Girl who Speaks Bear</i></b>		Sophie Anderson	Bildungsroman/ Adventure	<p>Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.</p>	<i>The House with Chicken Legs</i>	Low
<b><i>The Bunker Diary</i></b>		Kevin Brooks	Dystopian Fiction	<p>It was still dark when I woke up this morning. As soon as my eyes opened I knew where I was. A low-ceilinged rectangular building made entirely of whitewashed concrete. There are six little rooms along the main corridor. There are no windows. No doors. The lift is the only way in or out. What's he going to do to me? What am I going to do?</p>	<i>Martyn Pig</i>	Low

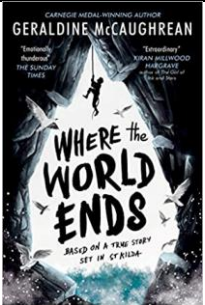

<b>More Than This</b>		Patrick Ness	Dystopian Fiction	A boy called Seth drowns, desperate and alone in his final moments, losing his life as the pounding sea claims him. But then he wakes. How is that possible? He remembers dying, his bones breaking, his skull dashed upon the rocks. So how is he is here? Seth begins a search for answers, hoping that he might not be alone, that this might not be the hell he fears it to be, that there might be more than just this...	<i>Coram Boy</i>	Medium
<b>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</b>		Mark Twain	Bildungsroman	The novel centres on the mischievous orphan Tom Sawyer, who lives in a quaint village under the care of his kind Aunt Polly, along with his ill-natured brother Sid and angelic cousin Mary. It follows the arc of Tom's transformation from a rebellious boy who longs to escape authority to a responsible community member committed to respectability.	<i>Martyn Pig</i>	Medium
<b>Swallows and Amazons</b>		Arthur Ransome	Adventure	It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children - otherwise known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty and Ship's Boy Roger - are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island. Exploring their new territory, camping in the open skies, swimming in the lake and fishing for their dinner would be adventure enough - but then they meet two fierce Amazon pirates who challenge them to a war.	<i>Wolf Hollow</i>	Low
<b>The Call of the Wild</b>		Jack London	Adventure	The novel's central character is a dog named Buck, a domesticated dog living at a ranch in the Santa Clara Valley of California as the story opens. Stolen from his home and sold into service as sled dog in Alaska, he reverts to a wild state. Buck is forced to fight in order to dominate other dogs in a harsh climate. Eventually he sheds the veneer of civilization, relying on primordial instincts and learned experience to emerge as a leader in the wild.		High
<b>Tin</b>		Padraig Kenny	Adventure	Christopher is 'Proper': a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, loyal and totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed for ever. What follows is a remarkable adventure, as Christopher discovers who he really is, and what it means to be human ...		Low
<b>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</b>		C.S. Lewis	Fantasy/ Adventure	Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie— step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.		Medium



<b>The London Eye Mystery</b>		Siobhan Dowd	Mystery	<p>11.32am. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city.</p> <p>12.02am. The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim.</p> <p>Has he spontaneously combusted? (Ted's theory.)          Has he been kidnapped? (Aunt Gloria's theory.)          Is he even still alive? (The family's unspoken fear.)</p> <p>Even the police are baffled - so it's up to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to solve this mystery and find Salim.</p>	<i>Bog Child</i>	Low
<b>The War of the Worlds</b>		H.G. Wells	Science fiction	<p>The night after a shooting star is seen streaking through the sky from Mars, a cylinder is discovered on Horsell Common near London. At first, naive locals approach the cylinder armed with just a white flag – only to be quickly killed by an all-destroying heat ray as terrifying tenatacled invaders emerge. Soon the whole of human civilisation is under threat, as powerful Martians build gigantic killing machines, destroy all in their path with black gas and burning rays, and feast on the warm blood of trapped, still-living human prey. The forces of the Earth, however, may prove harder to beat than they at first appear.</p>		Medium
<b>Lost</b>		Ele Fountain	Bildungsroman	<p>Lola's life is about to become unrecognisable. So is Lola.</p> <p>Everything used to be comfortable. She lived in a big house with her family, where her biggest problems were arguing with her little brother or being told she couldn't have a new phone. But as one disaster follows another, the threads of her home and family begin to unravel.</p> <p>Cut off from everything she has known before, Lola must find a new way to survive.</p> <p>Now, homeless, an ordinary girl must become extraordinary.</p>	<i>Boy 87</i>	Low
<b>The Wheel of Surya</b>		Jamila Galvin	Bildungsroman/ Historical Fiction	<p>India, August 1947: Fleeing from their burnt-out village as civil war rages in the Punjab, Marvinder and Jaspal are separated from their mother, Jhoti. Marvinder has already saved her brother's life once, but now they both face a daily fight for survival. Together they escape across India and nearly halfway around the world to England, to find a father they hardly know in a new, hostile culture...</p> <p>A powerful story of culture, class, family and faith set against the backdrop of Indian independence and the Partition of India and Pakistan.</p>	<i>The Bonesparrow</i> <i>Coram Boy</i>	Medium
<b>Brock</b>		Anthony McGowan	Bildungsroman/ Adventure	<p>A bleakly poetic tale about one boy's determination to save a badger cub from the destructive hands of a local gang. When Nicky finds Jezbo and his gang digging up a badger set, there's not a lot he can do to save them. But one badger cub has escaped - can Nicky save it?</p>		Medium
<b>Pike</b>				<p>A stunning companion piece to <i>Brock</i> from award-winning Anthony McGowan. Nicky and Kenny return in <i>Pike</i> as a fishing expedition nosedives into near tragedy. The Bacon Pond is famous for its monster-sized fish and Kenny is determined to catch one. And as usual, Nicky is dragged along for the ride. But when the boys glimpse what could be a body in the water - the body of a well-known local criminal who's just been announced missing - the secrets of the Bacon Pond might just take them all down. Sometimes it's better not to look too deep.</p>		



<b>Rook</b>				A poignant, beautifully written novella about growing up and family. A companion piece to the hugely successful Brock and Pike, McGowan warms hearts once more with the adventures of Nicky and Kenny.		
<b>Lark</b>				Things are tense at home for Nicky and Kenny. Their mum's coming to visit and it will be the first time they've seen her in years. A lot has changed since they were little and Nicky's not so sure he's ready to see her again. When they head for a trek across the moors to take their minds off everything, a series of unforeseen circumstances leaves the brothers in a vulnerable and very dangerous position. There might even be a chance that this time not everyone will make it home alive		
<b>The Land of Neverendings</b>		Kate Saunders	Adventure	<p>What if there exists a world powered by imagination?</p> <p>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 world and this one was broken?</p> <p>Welcome to the Land of Neverendings.</p> <p>Moving, raw and funny in all the right ways, <i>The Land of Neverendings</i> is a rip-roaring adventure, but it also gives an honest portrayal of grief for young readers, and shows us that whilst sadness does exist in the world, it doesn't have to cancel out happiness, or silliness, even when you lose someone you love.</p>		Low
<b>Wonder</b>		R J Palacio	Bildungsroman	<p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.</p> <p>Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>		Low
<b>Bone Talk</b>		Candy Gourlay	Bildungsroman/ Historical Fiction	The Philippines, 100 years ago. A boy called Samkad wants to become a man. He is desperate to be given his own shield, spear and axe. His best friend, Luki, wants to be a warrior too - but she is a girl and that is forbidden. Then a new boy arrives in the village and everything changes. He brings news that a people called 'Americans' are bringing war right to his home . . .	<p><i>Boy 87</i> <i>The Bonesparrow</i></p>	Medium
<b>The Giver</b>		Lois Lowry	Dystopian Fiction	<p>It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided. And at twelve years old, each member of the community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders.</p> <p>Twelve-year old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.</p> <p>It is only with the help of the Giver, that Jonas can find what has been lost. And it is only through his personal courage that Jonas finds the strength to do what is right...</p>		Medium

<b>Where the World Ends</b>		Geraldine McCaughrean	Historical/ Adventure	<p>Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home.</p> <p>Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned - cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive?</p>		Low
<b>Paper Towns</b>		John Green	Bildungsroman	<p>Quentin Jacobsen has always loved Margo Roth Spiegelman, for Margo (and her adventures) are the stuff of legend at their high school. So when she one day climbs through his window and summons him on an all-night road trip of revenge he cannot help but follow.</p> <p>But the next day Margo doesn't come to school and a week later she is still missing. Q soon learns that there are clues in her disappearance . . . and they are for him. But as he gets deeper into the mystery - culminating in another awesome road trip across America - he becomes less sure of who and what he is looking for.</p>	Martyn Pig	High