

Ashley, Chris Wasim's challenge

Frances Pbk £5.99 9781847800565
Lincoln

Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

Wasim and his class are off on a school trip to Snowdonia on a "Challenge by choice" week. Secretly Wasim has decided to fast for Ramadan for the first time. He finds this hard and keeps it secret from everyone. He gets his dorm into trouble as he eats after sunset in his dorm and leaves a mess. Then he is wrongly accused of stealing a box of Mars Bars. An easy to read story with a likeable, realistic multicultural main character.



Binch, Caroline Road Horse

Frances Pbk £5.99 9781847800701
Lincoln

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Sammy's family are travellers who live on a traveller site. His dad races trotting horses and Sammy's dream is to have a horse of his own to train and race. Dad takes the whole family and his best friend Billy, who is not a gypsy traveller, to Appleby Fair, a big horse sale. They think they've found the perfect horse but things aren't working out as planned. Easy to read story which tells a little about what it is like to live as a gypsy traveller.

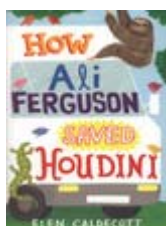


Brown, Judy Attack of the giant slugs

Piccadilly Pbk £4.99 9781848120983 Super Soccer Boy

Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

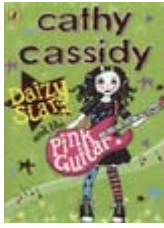
Fourth in series about Harry who was struck by lightning and turned into Super Soccer Boy, who can not only play brilliant football but in true superhero style can detect and defeat wickedness of various sorts. In this story, he has to come to the rescue when Middleton is invaded by giant mutant slugs. Not only are they destroying all the football pitches, but they are bent on revenge. How is Harry going to stop them? Amusing stories similar in style to Jeremy Strong, with black and white line drawings throughout.



Caldecott, Elen How Ali Ferguson saved Houdini

Bloomsbury Pbk £5.99 9781408805749
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

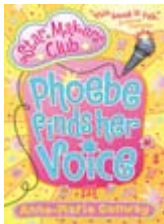
Ali Ferguson has just moved with his mum. His parents are separated. He soon meets Caitlin and Falcon, the big Alsatian dog she looks after. They meet Gez, a boy from Caitlin's class and together the three set out to discover where their neighbour, Miss Osborne, has vanished to. It involves crime, an adventure and animal welfare. A funny and moving story about three children making friends and working out their problems, while solving a mysterious case of missing mammals. Worth promoting and would read aloud well.



Cassidy, Cathy Daizy Star and the pink guitar

Puffin	Pbk	£4	9780141325200	
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	9+

Daizy's dad wants to move the family to Malawi to help out as a volunteer. Daizy's mum and sisters are horrified at the thought. Daizy has been given a pink guitar for her birthday which has inspired her to enter the battle of the bands competition. The prize is £500 and she thinks that if they win it they can send the money to Malawi and not have to go themselves. The only problem is, Daizy is only eleven and cannot play the guitar or write songs very well. A light read with plenty of illustrations throughout which should appeal to KS2 girls.



Conway, Ann-Marie Phoebe finds her voice

Usborne	Pbk	£5.99	9781409516514	The Star makers club
Interest age:	9+		Reading age:	10+

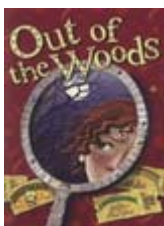
One of a series of stories each narrated by a different member of the Star Makers drama club, for ten year olds and over with mainly year seven members. Issues such as bullying and family break-up as well as shyness and stage fright are covered in a light-hearted but effective way. Will be enjoyed by Jacqueline Wilson fans.



Cope, Andrew Circus act

Puffin	Pbk	£4.99	9780141326054	Spy Pups
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	8+

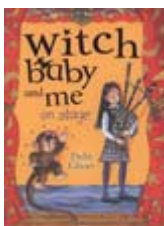
Another title in the Spy Pups series. This time the Cook family and the dogs are involved in investigating a circus that might be linked to a spate of robberies. The Spy Pups, Spud and Star, join the circus to try and find out what is happening. Easy to read story, with black and white line drawings, which should be popular with both boys and girls.



Gardner, Lyn Out of the woods

David Fickling	Pbk	£5.99	9781849920117	
Interest age:	9+		Reading age:	9+

New in paperback. Sequel to 'Into the woods' but can be read as a standalone. Like the first book, it has elements of numerous quest stories, myths and fairytales. More dangerous and often humorous adventures for the Eden sisters, as they try to escape the evil witch Belladonna and the power-hungry Dr DeWilde.



Gliori, Debi Witch baby and me on stage

Corgi Yearling	Pbk	£4.99	9780552556798	
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	9+

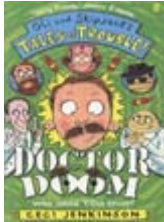
Another hilarious title about the witch baby and the chaos she causes as her prowess at casting spells increases, and she becomes fully toilet trained, much to the consternation of her older, human sister.



Haddon, Mark Boom!

David Fickling Pbk £5.99 9781849920131
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Rollicking good read. Jim and Charlie discover that two of their teachers are aliens. When Charlie is kidnapped, Jim sets out to rescue him. This adventure story was originally published in 1992 but has recently been updated by the author.



Jenkinson, Ceci Doctor Doom

Faber Pbk £5.99 9780571249701 Oli and Skipjack's tales of trouble
Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 9+

A fun series starring two boys who get themselves into trouble, but usually manage to extricate themselves by inadvertently solving a crime. Oli is suspicious that his dentist may be a criminal mastermind. Jolly romps which would appeal to girls as well as boys.



Jones, Gareth P. Space crime conspiracy

Bloomsbury Pbk £5.99 9780747599814
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 11+

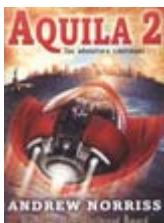
New in paperback. Thirteen year old Stanley is whisked away from his unpleasant life in London to the other side of the universe, where he is accused of assassinating the Armorian President. Stanley encounters a variety of aliens and intelligent machines, as he tries to establish his innocence. Fast-paced, inventive and cleverly written, this is an enjoyable and satisfying science fiction adventure.



Narayan, Natasha The Maharajah's monkey

Quercus Pbk £6.99 9781847245298 Kit Salter Adventure
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

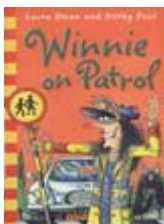
More far-fetched adventures for Kit Salter, the headstrong Victorian twelve year old, this time mainly in India. An easy to read and enjoyable romp which will probably be popular.



Norris, Andrew Aquila 2

Puffin Pbk £6.99 9780141328539
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Carries on from "Aquila" but not necessary to have read this first. In this story the two friends travel to New York, in Aquila, a lifepod from an alien spaceship, without anyone knowing. Travelling in Aquila becomes part of the boys' daily lives; travelling to and from school, to Norway, France etc. They are both eager for more fun and see lots of possibilities for excitement. Easy to read style which is not too long at just over 120 pages.



Owen, Laura Winnie on patrol

OUP Pbk £4.99 9780192729125
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

Four short stories starring Winnie the Witch. Winnie goes on a fancy dress fun run, bewitches her furniture, goes shopping in disguise and becomes a lollipop lady. Black and white line drawings throughout by Korky Paul.

