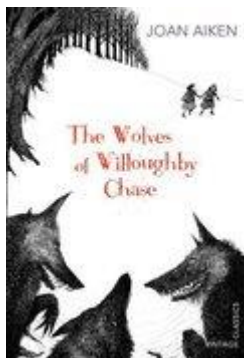


Book Trust's 100 Best Books: 9-11-year-olds

These are the 25 best books for 9-11-year-olds from the past 100 years. The list was selected by Book Trust's children's books experts.

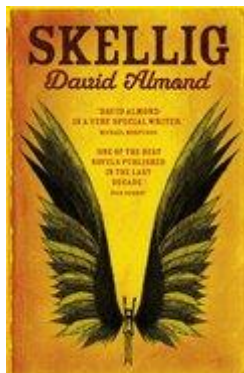


The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

by Joan Aiken

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level: 9+



Skellig

by David Almond
Hodder Children's Books

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature.

Reading age: 11 | Interest level: 10+

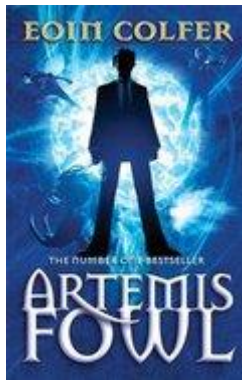


Carrie's War

by Nina Bawden
Puffin

During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 9+

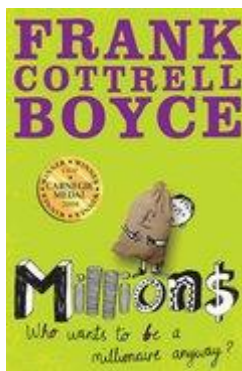


Artemis Fowl

by Eoin Colfer
Puffin

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 8+

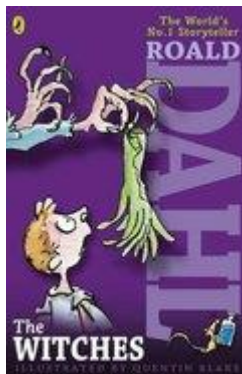


Millions

by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Macmillan Children's books

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level: 9+



The Witches

by Roald Dahl
Puffin

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 10+

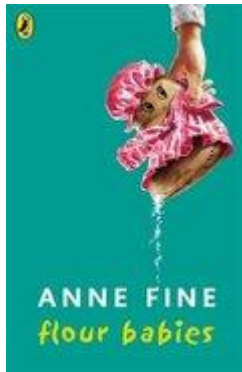


Matilda

by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake
Puffin

This modern fairy-tale with a brilliantly inspiring young heroine is one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories.

Reading age: 8 | Interest level: 7+

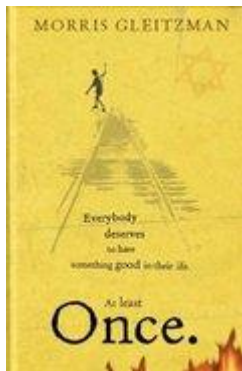


Flour Babies

by Anne Fine
Puffin

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level: 9+

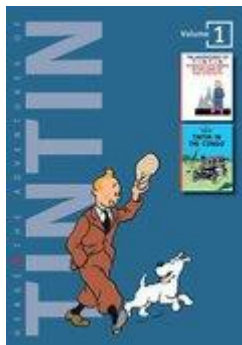


Once

by Morris Gleitzman
Puffin

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.

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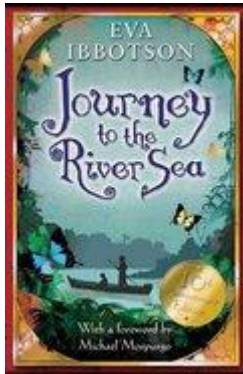


The Adventures of Tintin

by Hergé
Egmont

Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level: 7+

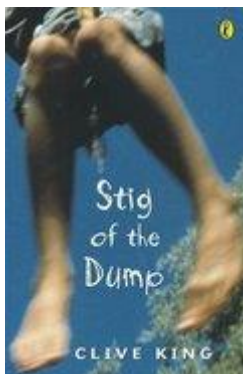


Journey to the River Sea

by Eva Ibbotson
Macmillan Children's Books

Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 9+

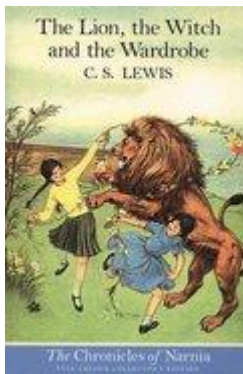


Stig of the Dump

by Clive King
Puffin

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.

Reading age: 8 | Interest level 8+

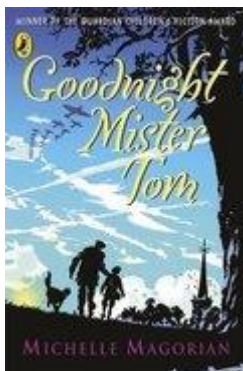


The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by C S Lewis
HarperCollins Children's

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level 9+

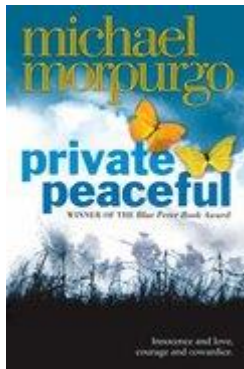


Goodnight Mister Tom

by Michelle Magorian
Puffin

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 9+

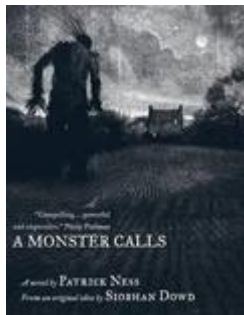


Private Peaceful

by Michael Morpurgo
HarperCollins Children's Books

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 9+

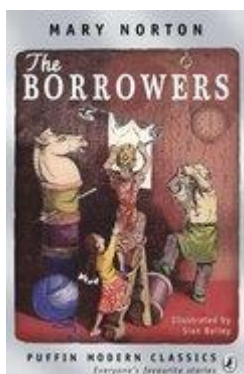


A Monster Calls

by Patrick Ness
Walker Books Ltd

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute him. And then there is the immense, mythic Monster.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 11+



The Borrowers

by Mary Norton
Puffin

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level: 9+

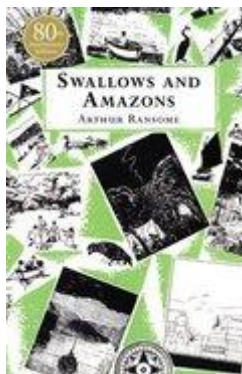


Truckers

by Terry Pratchett
Corgi Children's

The first title in the *Bromeliad* trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 9+

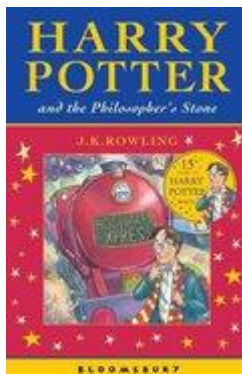


Swallows and Amazons

by Arthur Ransome
Red Fox

It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.

Reading age: 9 | Interest level: 8+

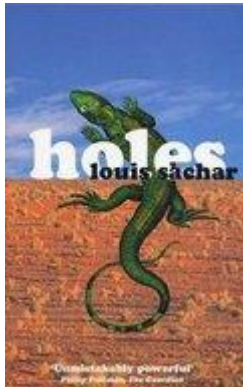


Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

by J K Rowling
Bloomsbury Children's Books

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 8+

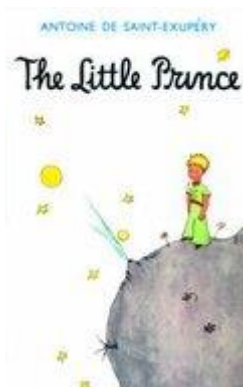


Holes

by Louis Sachar
Bloomsbury

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 10+

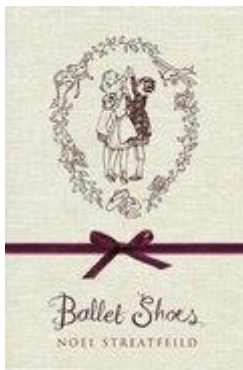


The Little Prince

by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Egmont

An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he makes a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series of wise and enchanting stories.

Reading age: 8 | Interest level: 8+

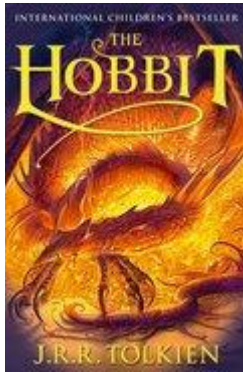


Ballet Shoes

by Noel Streatfeild
Orion Children's Books

First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivated children's imaginations for decades.

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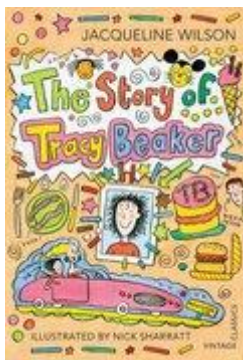


The Hobbit

by J R R Tolkien
HarperCollins Children's

Full of magic, humour and adventure, it continues to offer plenty to entertain and engage today's young readers who are discovering it for the first time.

Reading age: 10 | Interest level: 8+



The Story of Tracy Beaker

by Jacqueline Wilson
Vintage

Tracy lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.

Reading age: 8 | Interest level: 8+