

Whoops – there goes Joe by Miles Gibson

The story begins with Uncle Bernie and one of his mad inventions. The invention, a new super magic TV, creates havoc when Joe disappears into the telly and it's up to Archie to save him. Twists and fun will keep all readers of this humorous story entertained. It is a simple read and very suitable for 8 and 9 year olds.

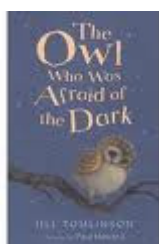
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Stink; the incredible shrinking kid by Megan MacDonald

Megan McDonald is the author of the popular series starring Judy Moody. Stink is Judy's brother and now has a series of his own, which will very much appeal to 7 to 9 year old boys. In this particular title, Stink makes his sister Judy measure him every morning, but he does not appear to be growing at all. Then one morning he is a centimetre shorter. Is he shrinking.....?

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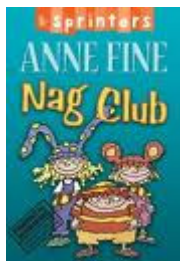


The Owl who was afraid of the dark, by Jill Tomlinson

This book is about Plop the little brown owl that is afraid of the dark. Plop's mother tells him there is nothing to be afraid of and sends him off to find out more about the dark. In each of the seven chapters Plop meets a new friend and they tell him why they like the dark. This lovely simple book with nice line

drawings will help children in overcoming fears.

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Nag Club by Anne Fine

Boggle hats are the latest thing. Everybody at school wants one - but only Lola, expert parent-nagger, actually has one. So she decides to form a club to show the other children how best to nag their parents into buying them one. However, when the children try some of these nags out, they get mixed results - and discover that the best way of all is either just to be pleasant and polite and say please, or even earn a bit of money and buy one for themselves! This is an enjoyable read with a worthwhile message suitable for 7 to 9 year olds.

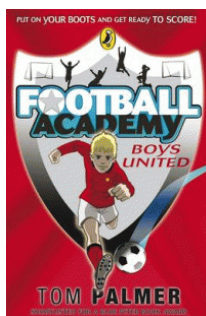
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Mr Cool by Jacqueline Wilson

Kevin loves being part of a rock band, but he could not sing, wasn't great at dancing and wore seriously uncool woolly jumpers. Could he stay part of the band? This book is perfect for emerging readers, with coloured pictures, easy-to-read type and a great story. It is part of the *I am Reading* series.

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Football Academy: Boys United by Tom Palmer

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?

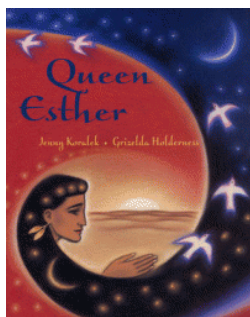
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Baby Giant by Oisín McGann

Giants are huge, right? Well, this one is a bit different. This Irish Giant looks like a big baby! Will the Scottish Giant eat him for breakfast? This is a humorous retelling of a favourite Fionn McCool legend.

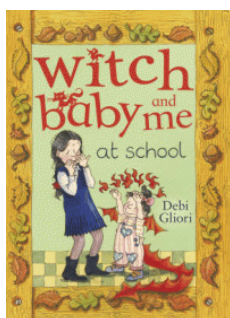
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Queen Esther by Jenny Koralek

Here is Jenny Koralek's third picture-book Bible story retold especially for very young readers. It tells of Queen Esther, a Jewish queen in the ancient Persian court, whose wisdom and great personal courage save the lives of her people living in the kingdom of Persia. Her bravery is still commemorated each year in the Jewish festival of Purim.

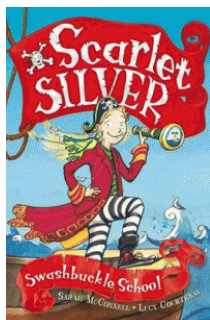
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Witch baby and me at school by Debi Gliori

Lily is 9. Her sister Daisy is 1. And she's no ordinary baby. Somehow, when she was born, something went rather wrong...and now Daisy is a Witch Baby. Nobody knows this but Lily - she's the only one who can see when Daisy makes the fridge float in the air, or turns people into slugs, or summons up her very stinky dog Waywoof...The sisters have now settled into their new home and so it's time for Lily to start at her new school. Can she survive being the new girl? Will Daisy be a help or a hindrance...?

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Swashbuckle School by Lucy Courtenay

Long Joan Silver has been accidentally eaten by a giant shrimp and the Silver family have only recently discovered they're pirates. Can they solve Lipstick the parrot's riddle and find the tremendous treasure that's been promised before that vile villain Gilbert Gauntlet catches up with them?

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

For over a hundred years, Lewis Carroll's classic story of logic and lunacy has delighted young and old alike. More abundantly illustrated than previous editions, this award-winning interpretation is full of warmth and humour. The whole approach is contemporary and accessible: Alice herself is a child of today - casually dressed, personable, spirited. In Helen Oxenbury's hands, the topsy-turvy

world of Wonderland is a wondrous place indeed!

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Cat Tales; Smoke Cat by Linda Newbery

When Simon's family moves home he is baffled by the elderly lady next-door, who has the rather strange habit of talking to her plants. Then one night, as he watches her calling into her garden, she is surrounded by shadowy, purring forms, and he realizes that only he can see this ghostly neighbour and her spooky feline friends.

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Iggy & Me by Jenny Valentine

This is the first of a new series of young fiction by Jenny Valentine. IGGY AND ME is a series of family stories featuring the mishaps of the irrepressible 5-year-old Iggy as seen through the eyes of her big sister Flo. Funny and endearing, each chapter is a complete and satisfying story in its own right, perfect for newly-confident readers to enjoy alone, or for reading aloud at bedtime.

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Alfie Green and the Supersonic Subway by Joe O'Brien

When the Emerald Cactus in the Desert of Doom explodes, Budsville is covered in sparkling green sand...Soon the evil Desert Elves will arrive on their Scorpion Chariots. How can Alfie stop them? A very special lawnmower hidden in a secret subway under Grandad's shed might do the trick - and it might help Alfie and Fitzer in the go-kart race, too!

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The Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume

The Pain (aka Jake Porter) is six years old. His sister, The Great One (aka Abigail Porter), is eight. Like any siblings, they drive each other crazy. Whether they are splashing around at the beach, whizzing down a super-slide or coming face-to-face with alligators, life is always an adventure for Jake and Abigail!

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