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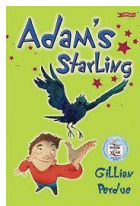
Classroom Novels: Annotated List

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Adam's Starling. Gillian Perdue

Adam is shy and a dreamer, a boy who is bullied at school, but who has a special friend, a starling, who follows him to school each day. Then his starling needs help and Adam finds his courage and learns to stand up for himself. This is an exceptional and captivating story very suitable for 5th and 6th class.



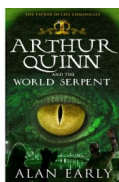
Alfie Green and the Bee-Bottle Gang. Joe O'Brien

This is the third book in the ever popular Alfie Green Series that is suitable for the emerging reader. In this story Alfie must use his Grandad's magical book and orchid to gain access to the land of Arcania. There he is hoping to meet the Queen Bee in Honeycomb Mountain. Children in late 1st and early 2nd class will enjoy this.



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll

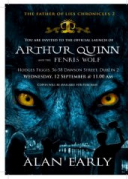
In this Walker edition the classic tale is brought up to date with beautiful illustrations from Helen Oxenbury. Although a long read at 207 pages, the clear text and colourful illustrations will keep readers from third class upwards engrossed.



Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent. Alan Early

This is the first book in the Arthur Quinn series and was the featured title in the Dublin City of Literature One City One Book read for children in 2012. The story is set in Dublin and has been described as being like "Harry Potter Dublin Style".

Something wicked has awoken under the streets of Dublin ...When his dad is offered a job working on the new Metro tunnel, Arthur has to move to Dublin with him. While exploring the dangerous tunnel and a hidden underground river, Arthur and his new friends Will and Ash find a mysterious glowing pendant. The pendant depicts a giant snake strangling the trunk of a tree. The friends soon figure out that the pendant is a warning, a sign that something evil is waiting underneath the city. Something that's been imprisoned for a thousand years, something left by the Vikings, something that can - and will - destroy first the city, then the world.

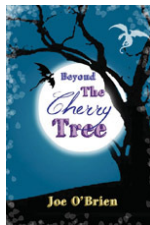


Arthur Quinn and the Fenris Wolf, Alan Early

This is the second book in the series and follows the adventures of Arthur Quinn.

Three months ago, he and his friends almost died stopping the Trickster God Loki from destroying the world. But just when Arthur is starting to relax again, the dreams start once more; dreams of gods, dreams of war, dreams of wolves. It can mean only one thing. **Loki is back.**

Who is the Fenris Wolf of Arthur's visions? Can he trust his two odd new classmates? And what's in the National Museum that Loki is so desperate to get at? Mysteries and questions arise as; once again, it's down to Arthur Quinn, his friends and a dead Viking to save the world.



Beyond the Cherry Tree Joe O'Brien

When Josh Bloom and his friends visit Cherry Tree Manor on a school trip what really interests the class is the mystery about the manor's owner, General Edgar Pennington, who disappeared exactly twelve years before. Everyone hopes to find a clue to where the general has gone. Then Josh discovers something in the manor library that sends him on an adventure of a lifetime – to the land beyond the cherry tree.

Josh's quest is one of magic, danger and excitement, true friends and terrifying enemies; a quest to fulfill his own destiny. But will he ever return from beyond the cherry tree?

Suitable for 4th to 6th classes.

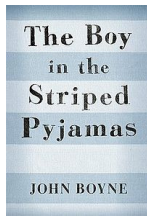


Blood upon the Rose: Easter 1916. Gerry Hunt,

The rebellion that set Ireland free, told as a graphic novel. The 1916 Easter Rising was an attempt by a small group of militant Irish republicans to win independence from Britain. It was the most significant rebellion in Ireland. Though a military failure, it set Ireland on the road to freedom from Britain. The book covers the story from the early planning to the final executions and includes the tragic romance

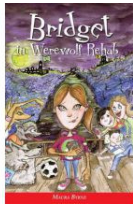
between Joseph Plunkett and Grace Gifford. Following on from the success of political graphic novels such as Maus and Persepolis, this is accessible, informative and insightful history at its best.

Very suitable for 5th and 6th classes.



Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. John Boyne

This is Irish author John Boyne's first children's book. It is a haunting tale of the Holocaust as seen through the eyes of nine year old Bruno, the son of the German commander of a concentration camp. In the summer of 1943 this nine-year-old boy moves from his comfortable life in Berlin to Poland, where his father has an important new job. Bored and resentful, Bruno wonders why there are no windows on one side of his house. Why too is he forbidden from visiting something outside only referred to as "the fence"? A movie of the same title was released in 2009. This is a 6th class read.



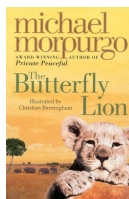
Bridget in Werewolf Rehab. Maura Byrne

Bridget hates being a werewolf and her mother sends her to werewolf rehab where she meets an eclectic mix of other mad werewolves. This mad cap adventure kicks off when Bridget meets a bunch of no-hope vampires attending Dracul's rehab. Mayhem and attempted murder ensue and Bridget must decide if she will accept her true identity and unleash the animal within. Suitable for 5th and 6th class. Additional information available on www.maura-byrne.com



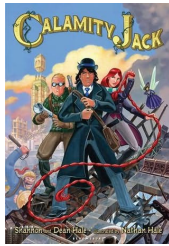
Bridge to Terabithia

It was the new girl, Leslie, who invented Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods beyond the dry creek bed. Here, Jess is king; he is strong, unafraid and unbeatable. Then one morning a terrible tragedy occurs. Only when Jess is able to come to grips with this tragedy does he finally understand the strength and courage Leslie has. Suitable for 4th to 6th class. (DVD also available)



The Butterfly Lion, Michael Morpurgo

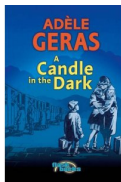
The Butterfly Lion tells the story of a boy running away from school who meets an old lady. She tells him a wonderful story about a boy called Bertie, who finds a white lion cub in Africa. Bertie is sent away to boarding school in England and the lion cub is sold to a French circus man. Bertie vows never to forget his friend. The book follows Bertie's journey through the First World War and his search for and eventual reunion with the lion. Heartened by the woman's tale, the student returns to school. This adventure story demonstrates the values of courage and friendship and of keeping promises. It is suitable for 3rd, 4th and 5th classes.



Calamity Jack. Shannon and Dean Hale, Bloomsbury

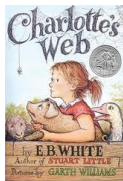
Jack thinks of himself as a criminal mastermind with an unfortunate amount of bad luck. A schemer, a trickster ...maybe even a thief? But, of course, he's not out for himself he's trying to take the burden off his hardworking mum's shoulders. She'd understand, right? He hopes she might even be proud. Then, one day, Jack chooses a target a little more ...'giant' than the usual, and as one little bean turns into a great big building-destroying beanstalk, his troubles really begin. But with

help from Rapunzel and other eccentric friends, Jack just might out-swindle the evil giants and put his beloved city back in the hands of the people who live there ...whilst catapulting them and the reader into another fantastical adventure. This is a graphic novel suitable for 5th and 6th classes.



Candle in the dark. Adele Geras

Set at the brink of the Second World War, this is the story of two Jewish children who have to travel from Germany to England by the 'Kindertransport'. It tells of their experiences of life in a strange country with a new family and of their fear of never seeing their parents again.



Charlotte's Web. E.B White

A magical story of how a little girl named Fern saves her pig Wilbur from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs. She is helped by a friendly spider, Charlotte. One of the best selling books in publishing history, this book covers themes such as friendship, sadness, the passing of time and how the simple things in life are often the most pleasing. This classic will

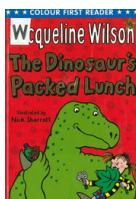
appeal in the main to girls but all children should be encouraged to read it. It also works well as a read aloud book.



Dear Me. Marie Burlington

This book is the story of Cathy's summer with her Grandad while her mum is in hospital. Cathy is 10 years old and her mum is being treated for depression. The book, told in diary entry format, is an excellent read.

Cathy is a likeable character and the issues of new friends, loneliness and depression are sensitively handled. Very suitable for 8 to 10 year olds



Dinosaur's Packed Lunch. Jacqueline Wilson

Dina is sad, her class have gone on a school trip to the dinosaur museum and everyone has a tasty lunch – except Dina. But Dina soon meets a new friend and has her very own special packed lunch. Coloured illustrations and clear well spaced print make this a perfect book for early readers.



Dog called GRK. Joshua Doder

Tim rescues a stray dog and brings him home. Grk is no ordinary dog though and soon Tim finds himself thrown into an adventure of planes, helicopters and prison breakouts. This fast-moving story will have young adventurers (particularly the boys) glued to the page. Children from 3rd class up will enjoy this book.

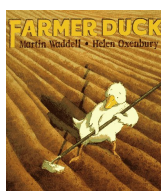


The Dreaming Tree. Eithne Massey

The Dreaming Tree, part of the O'Brien Bridges Series, is written by Eithne Massey and beautifully illustrated by Marie Thorhauge. The central character in the book is Roberto, a young Brazilian now living in Ireland.

Back home in Brazil, Roberto loved playing football. Now he lives in Ireland, and he'd really like to have a game with the boys in the park, but he's too shy. When his granny reminds him of the Brazilian story of the dreaming tree, he doesn't see how a story can help him ... But maybe it can!

Bridges - A series of books for modern, multi-cultural Ireland for children aged 6-8.



Farmer Duck. Martin Waddell

This is a lovely picture book suitable for Junior and Senior Infants. Poor duck has to do all the work while the lazy farmer stays in bed. That is until all the other farm animals decide to rally around and come up with a plan to make changes. Read and Respond notes accompany this title and extend its scope to include 1st class.



Fields of Home Marita Conlon-McKenna

The final book in the famine trilogy

For Eily, Michael and Peggy the memory of the famine is still strong. But Mary-Brigid, Eily's first child, has the future to look forward to. What kind of future is it? Ireland is in turmoil, with evictions, burnings, secret meetings, fights over land. Eily and her family may be thrown off their farm. Michael may lose his job in the big house. And Peggy, in America, feels trapped in her role as a maid. Will they ever have land and a home they can call their own? Eily, Michael and Peggy have once shown great courage. Now this courage is called on again.



Flat Stanley Jeff Brown

Stanley Lambchop's life changes when he is flattened by a large notice board. His parents worry but Stanley soon discovers the perks of being flat. He can fly like a kite, travel through the post and even help to catch thieves. This is a great book, for 1st and 2nd class, about overcoming obstacles and dealing with the unexpected.



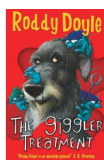
George Speaks Dick King-Smith

George is a baby who learns to speak (in a totally grown-up and even pompous manner) at the unusually early age of 4 weeks. George and his older sister Laura try to keep this talent a secret from the rest of the family, but their parents soon find out. This is an excellent read for 8 to 10 year olds.



George's marvellous medicine. Roald Dahl

George's grandmother is not like everyone else's. She is mean and nasty so George decides to concoct his own medicine to try to change her. But things don't go to plan. George's greedy father wants George to make more medicine so that he can become famous. However, the results are unexpected and wickedly hilarious.



Giggler Treatment. Roddy Doyle

Mr. Mack is about to step foot-first into a fate he doesn't deserve. This hilarious tale begins with a simple man, Mr. Mack, heading for his job as a cookie taster...but also heading for a terrible (and awful smelly) fate. Is it an accident? Or are the mischievous Gigglers (elfin creatures who punish wayward adults) responsible? Find out in this thoroughly silly tale that reveals the truth of what happens to grownups that are mean to children! 3rd and 4th classes will love this.



Girl called Blue. Marita Conlon-McKenna

Larch Hill orphanage is the only home Blue knows; though she dreams of a family of her own. She is wild and outspoken and finds it hard to stick to the strict rules and routine of the home. She suspects that the truth about her birth lies in the files in Sister Regina's office and is determined to discover the secret of her true identity. Very suitable for 5th and 6th class.



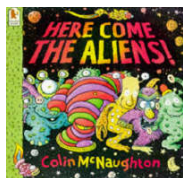
Guns of Easter. Gerard Whelan

Set during the 1916 Rising this book features Jimmy Conway, a twelve year old boy living in the slums of Dublin. Jimmy's father is fighting in WW1 with the British army and his uncle is a member of the rebels fighting for Irish independence. Jimmy struggles with this conflict of loyalties and with the immediate danger of living in a war-torn city. This book will appeal to 6th class readers.



The Henny Penny Tree Siobhan Parkinson

Three little girls, Tall One, Middling and Littlest are given special coins by Great Uncle Fergus who warns them “don’t spend it all in the one shop”. Littlest proves to be the wisest with her coin with wonderful results. This is one of the O’Brien Panda series and is written in the traditional Irish style.



Here come the Aliens! Colin McNaughton

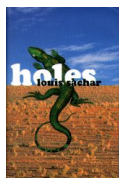
The aliens are coming! A fleet of spaceships, full of fearsome creatures, is heading towards Earth - and what a bizarre bunch these aliens are. They're ugly and they're mean and they've only got one thing in their simple brains: to conquer the human race.

Please note that there are only 15 copies of this title available.



Hodgehog Dick King-Smith

Max the hedgehog and his family dream of reaching the Park but no one has ever found a safe way of crossing the busy road. Whilst trying to solve the problem, Max receives a nasty bump to the head, becomes a Hodgehog and starts getting all his words confused. However, he is determined not to let this stop him fulfilling his mission. Funny, adventurous and inspiring, this book will appeal to the younger readers.



Holes Louis Sachar

Holes tells the story of Stanley, a meek, overweight, and very unfortunate boy. His bad luck dates back to a curse laid on his great-great grandfather. Stanley is sent to a juvenile detention centre for a crime he didn't commit. There he must dig holes every day which the Warden says is character building but Stanley senses there is something more going on. Stories of the past and present are threaded neatly together through flashback. There are lots of characters including a famous bank robber Kissin' Kate Barlow. The book is exciting, action packed and full of twists and will appeal to 6th class readers. (See also Stanley Yelnats Survival Guide to Camp Green Lake.)

Horrid Henry and the Secret Club – Francesca Simon

Another adventure from Horrid Henry. Everyone's favourite awful child.



Horse called El Dorado. Kevin Kiely

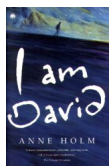
Pepe Carroll lives in a commune deep in the jungle in Columbia until guerrillas attack it. He must then journey through the jungle to safety. This journey eventually ends in the home to his Irish grandparents in County Meath. This is a dramatic and wonderful story that is skilfully written and will appeal to all but particularly to horse lovers. It is very suitable for late 4th and 5th classes.



The Hunger: An Irish Girls Diary 1845 – 1847

This title is part of Scholastics *My Story* series which offers imagined accounts of life in the past. Set in Ireland during the famine the book tells the story, in diary entry format, of Phyllis, a young girl who works hard to support her struggling family. The story begins in the months preceding the outbreak of potato blight that destroyed the crops and left her family starving and continues throughout the years of the famine.

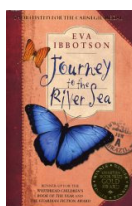
5th and 6th classes will enjoy this entertaining yet informative book.



I am David, Anne Holm

This is a story about a young boy's epic journey across Europe, and his budding emotions and sense of the wonder of life. David escapes from a concentration camp and flees across Europe. He is all alone, who can he trust and what awaits him when he finally gets back home? David's

extraordinary journey is dramatically chronicled in this classic about the meaning of freedom and the power of hope. Suitable for 6th Class.



Journey to the River Sea Eve Ibbotson

Maia Fielding is an orphaned English girl. In 1910, when she gets an opportunity to live with distant relatives in Manaus, on the Amazon, her friends warn her about alligators, piranhas and hostile Indian tribes. But Maia dreams of living amidst colourful birds and curtains of orchids, surrounded by a loving family. Eva Ibbotson has written many enjoyable

books for children on strange, magical creatures. This book is very different. Its world is very real, and exotic. The characters are well-drawn, though out of the ordinary. Young readers are sure to cheer for Miss Minton and her support for Maia, Finn and Clovis.



Judy Moody saves the world. Megan McDonald

When Judy Moody's class studies the environment, Judy is startled to learn about the destruction of the rain forest, the endangered species (not in her own backyard, and her own family's crummy recycling habits. Can she come up with a plan to save the world? This is the third book in the

Judy Moody series and it has all of the zip and wit fans expect, but also presents important issues about the environment in an age-appropriate way. It is a funny, easy-to-read book that will get children thinking.



Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpugo

Michael is a twelve year old boy who is stranded on a desert island with his dog. There is no food and water to drink and eat. Michael curls up ready to die but when he opens his eyes there is food and fresh water - he is not alone on the island. This book shows how, given time, complete strangers can grow to be the closest of friends. Kensuke's Kingdom was

short listed for the Whitbread Children's Book Award and it is easy to see why!



Love, Lucie, Marita Conlon-McKenna

Love, Lucie has all of the same ingredients as Marita Conlon-McKenna's other successful stories: a family setting, siblings coping with emotional upheaval, and exceptionally warm writing about harrowing events. This title is set in a modern era in contemporary middle-class Dublin. The novel follows a year in the life of 10-year-old Lucie and is told in the form of letters to her mum who has just died.

Young readers, especially girls, will respond to Lucie's situation and sadness with sympathy. They will also love this window into another family and its everyday mechanics: cooking meals, door slamming, music lessons, visiting the dentist -- albeit without Mum being around.



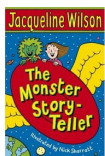
Magic Finger Roald Dahl

The Gregg family loves hunting, but their eight-year-old neighbor can't stand it. After countless pleas for them to stop are ignored, she has no other choice -- she has to put her magic finger on them. Now the Greggs are a family of birds, and like it or not, they're going to find out how it feels to be on the other end of the gun.



Moncaí Dána Áine Ní Ghlínn

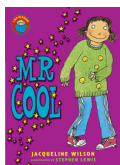
Is moncaí dána é Colm. 'Ú-ú-ú!' a deir sé arís is arís eile. Bíonn cóisir aisteach aige – an-aisteach! Agus féach cad a tharlaíonn do Cholm agus dá chairde!



Monster Story-Teller Jacqueline Wilson.

One morning at school, Natalie is feeling bored – until a tiny monster waves at her from a plant on the classroom window sill. The monster whizzes her off in his mini flying saucer for some MONSTER FUN. Now Natalie really has some monster stories to tell.

An exciting funny story which is part of the Colour First Reader series and is ideal for emergent readers.



Mr Cool Jacqueline Wilson

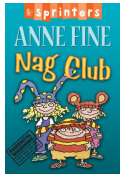
Kevin loves being part of a rock band, but he could not sing, wasn't great at dancing and wore seriously uncool woolly jumpers. Could he stay part of the band? This book is perfect for emerging readers, with coloured pictures, easy-to-read type and a great story. It is part of the *I am*

Reading series. Late 1st, 2nd and even 3rd class children will enjoy this.



Mr Majeika Humphrey Carpenter

This is one of a series of books that feature Mr Majeika. A good book for children who have just started to read as it has simple text and good illustrations. Class Three get a new teacher who arrives on a magic carpet! Fun and adventure follows.



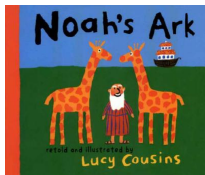
Nag Club, Anne Fine

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.



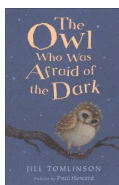
New Policeman, Kate Thompson

The story is that of 15-year-old traditional fiddler JJ Liddy, who on learning of a terrible family secret regarding the murder of a priest, crosses through the time wall into Tír na nÓg, which is under threat from a leakage of time from our overstressed world. JJ hears the story of what happened between the original inhabitants of Ireland and the Christianised successors, nicknamed 'Ploddors'. But he also has his own destiny to pursue. This book is thought provoking, informative, and bristling with life and vivid characters. It provides us with transcriptions of Irish tunes, an explanation of what happens to lost socks and a very good joke about Stradivarius



Noah's Ark – Lucy Cousins. Storybook and DVD

This is a bright and colourful re-telling of one of the best loved of all bible stories. It is perfect for the younger child, "filled with a rainbow of bold eye-catching illustrations which leap from the pages". Each book is accompanied by a short DVD.



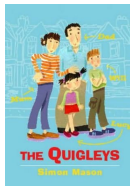
Owl who was afraid of the dark Jill Tomlinson

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. It is suitable for 1st and 2nd class.



Penny goes undercover – Eileen O'Hely

In this sequel to the award winning Penny the Pencil, Penny goes undercover to find out who is writing graffiti on Ralph's school books and destroying Sarah's colouring. After close calls in the pencil cases of Lucy the Stealer, Sean the Chewer and the strange Floating Healers, Penny and Polly stumble across the lair of the evil culprit, and discover that it will take all their ingenuity to save not only themselves, but all the children in Ralph's class from an evil plot. 8 to 10 year old boys will particularly enjoy this book.



The Quigleys -Simon Mason

The Quigleys are a pretty ordinary family. There is Mum, Dad, Lucy and Will. They each have a story in this little book, and the stories are of an ordinary family. And yet these four stories manage to be funny and special in their own way. All of the stories are similar in that a very simple idea grows into something so much bigger than it was before --- something funny and memorable. With a gentle tongue-in-cheek and classic understated humour, Simon Mason has created a family we can easily grow to love and laugh with. Written in a simple and clear style this book will work well for 3rd and 4th class.



Ravenous Beast Niamh Sharkey. Book and DVD set.

This is a simply beautiful book full of glorious colour illustrations with a superb funny story. It will delight and entertain children in junior and senior infants and even up to first class. The illustrations are fantastic but it also has repetition, rhythm and rhyme and deserves to be read aloud to all children. The accompanying DVD is narrated by Kevin Whately and runs for about 5 minutes.



Silver Stag of Bunratty Eithne Massey

This is a wonderful read which is very suitable for 5th and 6th class; a story based on truth but also full of mystery and magic. Sir Richard de Clare wants the head of the Silver Stag on his walls at Bunratty Castle. Dame Anna, the mysterious woman in the castle tower, warns that any harm to this stag will bring doom to Bunratty for generations to come.

Four children must work together to save the stag. But they are soon out of their depth – and now they become the hunted ones. Can they save the stag – and themselves – before it is too late?

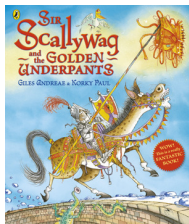
Resources for teachers are available to download from www.obrien.ie and the author is also available for class visits.



Silver Sword, Ian Serraillier

This classic novel was first published in the UK in 1956. It has also been published in the U.S. under the title *Escape From Warsaw*. The story is based upon fact, although imaginary names are given to a few of the places mentioned.

Alone and fending for themselves in a Poland devastated by World War Two, Jan and his three homeless friends cling to the silver sword as a symbol of hope. As they travel through Europe towards Switzerland, where they believe they will be reunited with their parents, they encounter many hardships and dangers. This extraordinarily moving account of an epic journey gives a remarkable insight into the reality of life in war-torn Europe. Particularly suitable for 6th class.



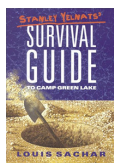
Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants, Giles Andreae and Paul Korky

When King Colin's golden pants go missing, he calls for Sir Scallywag, the bravest knight in the land. But ...Sir Scallywag is only 6 years old and with an evil giant to pursue, it's nearly mission impossible! Luckily, it's a story of David and Goliath. With his trusted steed Doofus at his side, Sir Scallywag proves that even the unlikeliest hero can be the bravest knight of all.



Spy Dog Andrew Cope

Lara, or GM451 as she is known by the government, is a highly trained special agent, bred by the British Secret Service for use on dangerous missions around the world. Lara must go undercover as a normal dog, 'choose' a family to look after her and await her retrieval by the Secret Service. But can she keep her true identity a secret? Can she thwart the plans of Mr Big? And can she bear to return to government service, after weeks of cosy domestic bliss? After an exciting struggle, Mr. Big is captured and Lara finds a way to stay with her family. Cope has written 3 other titles featuring the spy dog and children in 3rd and 4th will enjoy them all.



Stanley Yelnats Survival Guide to Camp Green Lake Louis Sachar

At the end of *Holes* Camp Green Lake seemed destined to become a Girl Scout camp. However, the infamous juvenile-detention centre has now been reopened with the same malicious staff, and, of course, the hole-digging regime. As a camp survivor, Stanley Yelnats tries to provide new inmates with the vital information they will need to endure their sentences including tips on digging holes and identifying various rattlesnakes. Familiarity with the original book is essential to fully appreciate this sequel. For 5th and 6th classes.



Stink; the incredible shrinking kid Megan MacDonald

Megan MacDonald 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.....?



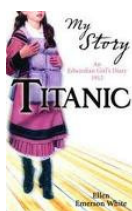
Tiger Boots Joe O'Brien

The Crokes are doing well at football this season and are hoping to finish ahead of rivals Barntown in the League. But things aren't going as well in Danny's personal life; his dad, Mick, the Croke's coach, is having a hard time - he's worried about losing his job, and his oldest friends' daughter, Clara, is sick and needs an expensive operation. But GAA is like one big family, and when Danny and the Crokes hear that Clara is the captain of her GAA team in Boston, USA they're determined to raise money for her. Though there are a few hitches along the way - like trouble with Trinity, the girl he has his eye on - between training, school and a fundraising football marathon, Danny and the Crokes make this a season to remember. Third, fourth and even fifth class will love this book.



Time Spell Judi Curtin

Judi Curtin is Ireland's popular author for girls of eight to 12. The Time Spell, book one in the Friends Forever series, sees Judi stepping away from her real life stories of family and friendship, into the world of time travel. When 11-year-old Lauren finds Saturn the cat in the park, she brings him home and starts to brush him. Within seconds she finds herself in 1912, first on a farm, then on board the Titanic. Here she meets her 'new best friend', third class passenger Mary, and resolves to do something to alter Mary's predestined fate.



Titanic: an Edwardian Girl's Diary 1912.

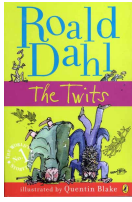
Margaret Anne dreams of leaving the orphanage behind and can hardly believe her luck when she is chosen to accompany wealthy Mrs. Carstairs aboard the great Titanic. This book is part of the Scholastic My Story series which offers vividly imagined first hand accounts of life in the past. The book includes some photographs and an excellent time-line of events.

Very suitable for 5th and 6th class.



Toys in Space Mini Grey

What happens when you leave your toys out in the garden at night? They get beamed into space - that's what! Join our plucky band as they explore the cosmos, and help out one lonely alien along the way... Please note that there are only 15 copies of this picture book.



Twits Roald Dahl

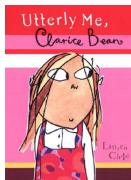
Mr. and Mrs. Twit are two of the most disgusting, nasty, and horrid characters in children's literature. They look repulsive and play mean and horrible tricks on each other. This book will appeal to children of all ages because it is well written and even though there is some complex language this does not detract from the story. The book is made up of a whole series of 'nasty' jokes which boys of a particular age will enjoy but hopefully not get too many ideas.



Under the Hawthorn Tree – Marita Conlon-McKenna

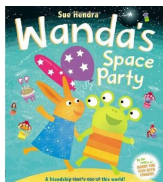
This is the first book in the award winning Children of the Famine trilogy and needs little or no introduction. It brilliantly recreates the Great Irish famine through the story of three survivors. It is a story of courage, danger, adventure and survival and of a brother and sister who never gave up.

Very suitable for 5th and 6th class. (DVD also available)



Utterly me, Clarice Bean Lauren Child

The character of Clarice Bean moves from picture book to novel in this highly entertaining story. Clarice is obsessed with her fictional heroine, Ruby Redfort, girl detective. But can the lessons of Ruby help Clarice and her best friend Betty Moody to solve the mystery in their own school? Funny, with quirky drawings and unusual type layout, this is a great read for recently competent readers.



Wanda's Space Party Sue Hendra

It's Wanda's birthday, and as a special treat, the alien takes her to visit his planet for the first time. Everything is very different on the alien planet: aliens don't brush their teeth - they brush their toes; and they don't sleep on beds - they sleep on clouds! But will Wanda's special birthday party be a little bit too strange?



Whoops – there goes Joe – 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.



Young Rebels – Morgan Llywelyn

This novel tells the story of two boys who take part in the 1916 rising. They are both students at St. Enda's School in Rathfarnham and deemed too young to take part in the rebellion. However they disobey orders and become caught up in the events of Easter 1916. This is a story of friendship and hardship, of education and courage that will appeal to 10 to 12 year olds. A follow up visit to the Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham is a must.