

Great books for 9+ year olds

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Our Best Book

Each year Leicester Libraries run the Our Best Book competition for children in years 5 and 6 in schools across the city. For 2017, the long list of titles featured in this booklist will be discussed, debated and voted on by pupils in participating Leicester schools to produce a shortlist of five great books. The top five books will be read and voted on by year 5 and 6 children involved and the winner announced as 'Our Best Book'. For further details visit leicester.gov.uk/libraries

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The Our Best Book competition is supported by Whatever It Takes, an initiative to ensure that every child in Leicester reaches their age related reading standard by the end of primary school. For further details visit whatever-it-takes.org.uk

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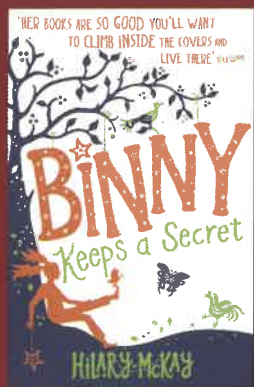
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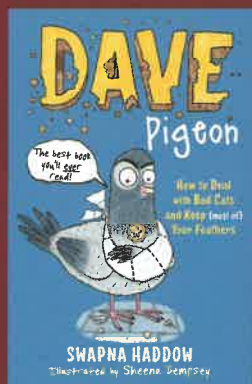
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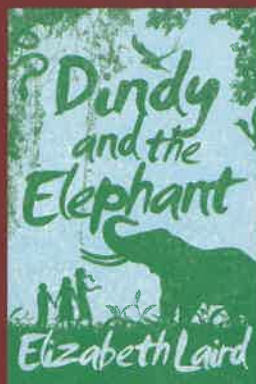
Binny Keeps a Secret
by Hilary McKay
Hodder Children's Books
[Hachette]

Meet Binny – twelve and trouble. Struggling with school, Binny discovers the secret she is hiding is shared by the one person she hates the most. Trouble doubles as Binny takes action.



Dave Pigeon
by Swapna Haddow
Faber & Faber

Join Dave Pigeon and his sidekick Skipper on their quest to defeat the most evil cat in town. There will be funny bits, scary bits and biscuity bits...



Dindy and the Elephant
by Elizabeth Laird
Macmillan Children's Books

India has always been Dindy's home, but she lives safe behind the tea plantation walls unaware of how the country is changing and unprepared for the dangers lurking outside.



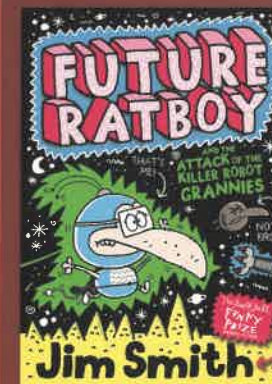
Electrigril
by Jo Cotterill
OUP

Being struck by lightning and getting an amazing superpower wasn't how Holly thought the day was going to go, but now it's happened she decides to make the most of it.



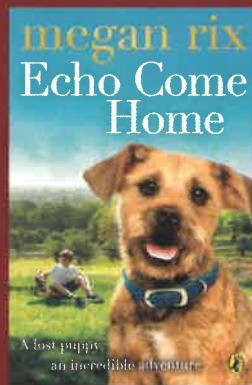
Evil Emperor Penguin
by Laura Ellen Anderson
David Fickling Books

Far away in the icy wastes of Antarctica lives a warm and cuddly, kind-hearted penguin who only wants to do good in the world...NOT!



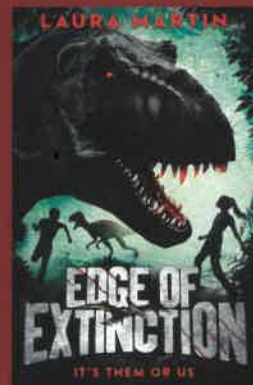
Future Ratboy and the Attack of the Killer Robot Grannies
by Jim Smith
Jelly Pie [Egmont Books]

Move over Spidey, get back in your cave Batman, and keep your glasses on Clark Kent, there's a new superhero in town – FUTURE RATBOY!



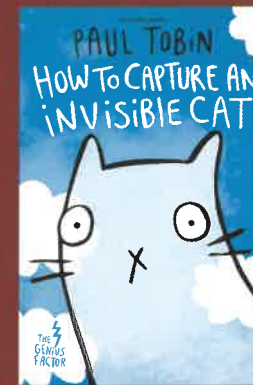
Echo Come Home
by Megan Rix
Puffin [Random House]

Eleven-year-old Jake is dreading his new school. No one understands how hard it is for him to make friends. But then Jake meets Echo, a stray puppy training to be a hearing dog.



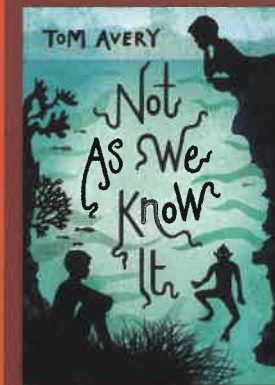
Edge of Extinction
by Laura Martin
HarperCollins Children's Books

It's dangerous outside! Humans live underground and dinosaurs rule. Sky and Shawn escape from their compound to track down Sky's missing father and find a wild world waiting.



How to Capture an Invisible Cat
by Paul Tobin
Bloomsbury

Every Friday the 13th, school genius Nate Bannister does three not-so-smart things to keep life interesting. This time he taught a caterpillar to read, mailed a love letter, and super-sized his cat Proton before turning him invisible.



Not As We Know It
by Tom Avery
Andersen Press Ltd

Jamie and Ned are twins. They do everything together: beachcombing outside their house, watching their favourite episodes of Star Trek. But Ned is sick, and one day, he may leave Jamie behind. That day comes when they find something amazing on the beach.



The Monster of Shiversands Cove

by Emma Fischel

A&C Black [Bloomsbury]

Nothing about Stan's holiday is going the way he wants. No best friend, instead his annoying little brother and arch-enemy Pearl. What's more there's something strange in Shiversands Cove, but monsters are just made up aren't they?

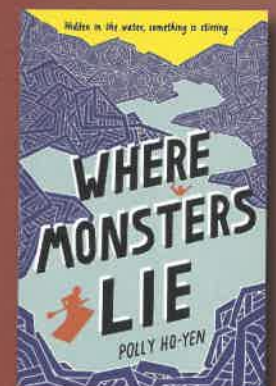


To Wee or Not to Wee

by Pamela Butchart

Nosy Crow

There's blood, guts, ghostly stuff and plenty of people wandering around in their nighties in these four retellings of Shakespeare's 'greatest hits'.

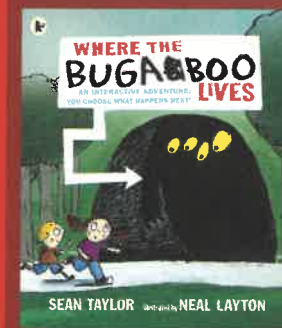


Where Monsters Lie

by Polly Ho-Yen

Corgi Books [Random House]

The children of Mivtown have grown up hearing the legend of the monsters of the loch. But it's only a story isn't it? Then strange things start happening. Effie's rabbit then her mum disappear without a trace and slugs start to infest her home.

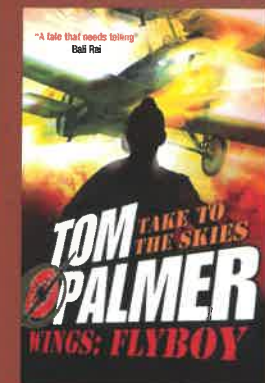


Where the Bugaboo Lives

by Sean Taylor

Walker Books

Choose Floyd and Ruby's path as they venture into the dark, shadowy valley behind their house, a valley full of all kinds of creepy, freaky, weaselly creatures – the choice is yours!

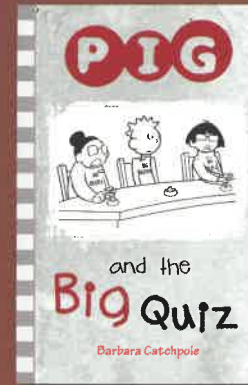


Wings: Flyboy

by Tom Palmer

Barrington Stoke Ltd

Jatinder's a great footballer, but something's holding him back. It takes the ghostly experiences of a WWI fighter pilot and the real danger this puts Jatinder in for him to become the best of himself.



PIG and the Big Quiz
by Barbara Catchpole

Ransom Publishing

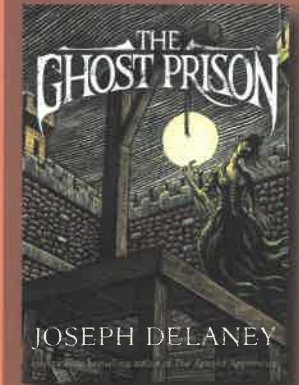
Raj persuades Pig to join the school quiz team, but the problem is Pig doesn't know anything. Now they're up against The Academy and it's going to be on TV as well.



The Accidental Secret Agent
by Tom McLaughlin

OUP

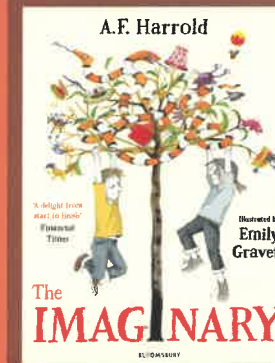
This top secret book uncovers the entire story of Kevin's fateful and hilarious mission to save the world as we know it.



The Ghost Prison
by Joseph Delaney

Andersen Press Ltd

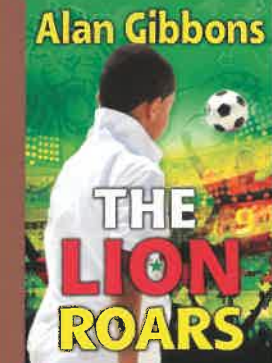
Night falls and Billy starts his first night as a prison guard. But this is no ordinary prison. There are haunted cells, whispers and cries in the night... and the dreaded Witch Well. Who could the terrifying captive in there be? Billy is about to find out...



The Imaginary
by A. F. Harrold

Bloomsbury

Rudger is an imaginary friend only Amanda can see – until the sinister Mr Bunting calls. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries and rumour says he eats them. Soon Rudger is alone, and running for his imaginary life. But can a boy who isn't there survive without a friend to dream him up?



The Lion Roars
by Alan Gibbons

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Football is Jimi's biggest love and he dreams of playing for the Lions of Senegal. Jimi's mates say he's just a cub. Does he have the fight and the talent to make it as a star?