

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Sequel to Ian Fleming's original story, this is a rattling adventure yarn with great touches of humour. The fast-moving plot lends itself to reading aloud.

How to Seize a Dragon's Jewel

Cressida Cowell

Tenth in the popular series features the irrepressible young Viking Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III. A clever, exciting plot with great characters and great fun to read aloud.





Operation Bunny

Sally Gardner

First in a series about a fairy detective agency. Engaging characters and a great mix of humour and magic that will appeal to both young and old.



A riveting read set in Scotland and then Africa, evoking a real sense of place. The very moving story and well developed characters will have wide appeal.





Elephant in the Garden

Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo is a master story-teller and this World War II adventure is a classic example of his craft. A relatively easy read but the book confronts some difficult issues, giving scope for discussion.

Secret Kingdom

Jenny Nimmo

A magical tale with an 'Arabian Knights' feel, this is a spellbinding adventure with a strong plot that will leave the reader wanting more at the end of every chapter.



Goblins

Philip Reeve

Highly inventive fantasy adventure with a cast of squabbling goblins, trolls, boglins, tree warriors and swamp monsters. An intriguing storyline keeps the pages turning and will make it an enjoyable book to share.

Dead Man's Cove

Lauren St John

A Blue Peter Book Award winner, this is a real page-turner with a spirited, adventurous heroine. Chapters vary in length but all are manageable for reading aloud.





Dodo Doo-Doo

Kaye Umansky

Hilarious picture book for older readers that explains why dodos are really extinct. Told in rhyme, with quirky illustrations, this would be a very quick read and great fun to share.

Gangsta Granny

David Walliams

A boy and his granny plan the greatest jewel heist in history. Funny, touching and, at times, sad, this story will appeal to all ages.

