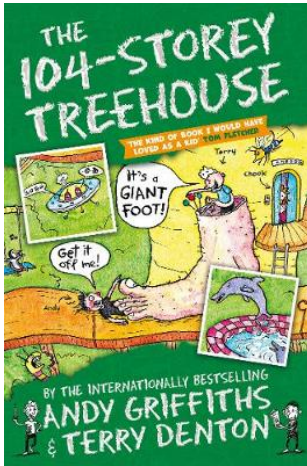


The list below was created from a survey run on Lovereading4schools where we asked Teachers and Parents to recommend books that they have found helpful in encouraging reluctant readers.

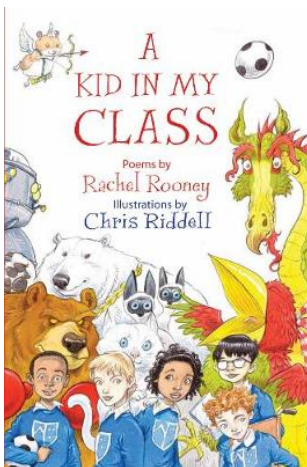
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The 104-Storey Treehouse

Author: Andy Griffiths **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/08/2018
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

The higher Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's treehouse grows, the better. There are few books that reach such levels of absurd comedy and adventure, and the authors' ability to weave the craziest adventures into satisfying plots is phenomenal. As the treehouse reaches 104 storeys, new additions include a stupid-hat level, and a money-making machine that also makes honey. They still have their books to write for Mr Big though, and as always are up against the delivery deadline. But Andy's got toothache and can't laugh because of the pain. Could a Joke Writer 2000™ pencil be the answer to their problems? 104 Storeys and 300+ pages of brilliant, ingenious cartoon adventure.



A Kid in My Class

Author: Rachel Rooney **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/08/2018
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Rachel Rooney brings a class to life with poems for all the different characters. There is a rich vein of understanding of children here: never sentimental, always intriguing. Children will delight in the ways in which the styles and patterns of the poems enhance the exploration of each child. The wonderful illustrations draw readers into this magical anthology.

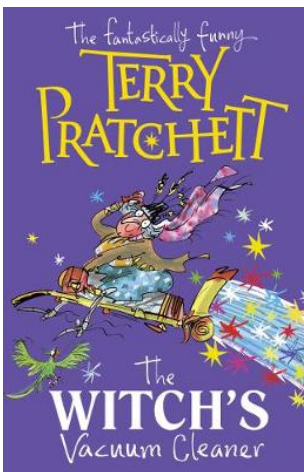


Run Wild

Author: Gill Lewis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 16/07/2018
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | August 2018 Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month August 2018

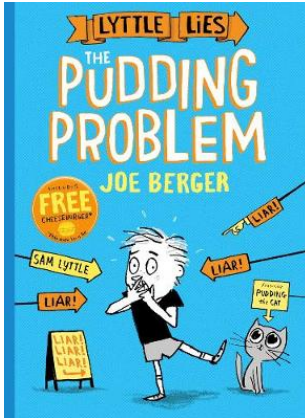
| A thought-provoking and touching story of the bond between children and nature, from renowned storyteller and award-winning author Gill Lewis. Award-winning Gill Lewis is renowned for her skilful capturing of the healing power of human/ animal friendships and the importance of nature to all – and especially to children who grow up without much chance to explore it. Searching for a secret place where they can practise their skateboarding, Izzy and Asha discover the perfect spot – the site of an abandoned gas works. But they are not the first to find it. The gas works site is also home to a wounded wolf. Knowing that they must keep its existence a secret the girls take care of the wolf and, in doing so, become involved in keeping the patch of wasteland safe from developers. It is a heartwarming story with a deep theme written in a highly readable way. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 8+



The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner And Other Stories

Author: Terry Pratchett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/06/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

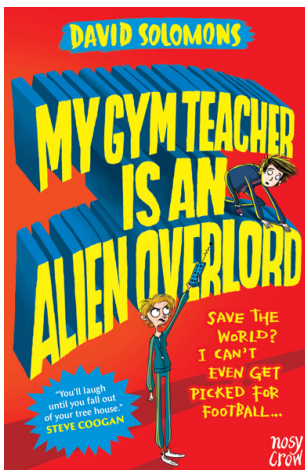
In a nutshell: inventive | readable | hilarious | This collection of 14 rip-roaringly funny stories is a great way to introduce children to Terry Pratchett – indeed, each story is just the right length for bedtime reading – but will have appeal to his existing fans too or, as he wrote in the introduction, to anyone with an imagination. The stories were written when he was a young man working as a junior reporter on a local paper, but the hallmarks of the style that make him one of the most-enjoyed authors of our times are already clear, notably sublimely fantastic and funny set ups, that familiar author voice commenting via footnotes, and some canny, underplayed moral commentary. Highlights include an unusual afternoon in Blackbury, and repeat visits to the town of Llandanffwnfafagettupagogo! Illustrations by Mark Beech capture the silliness and fun. ~ Andrea Reece



Lyttle Lies: The Pudding Problem

Author: Joe Berger **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 12/01/2017
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

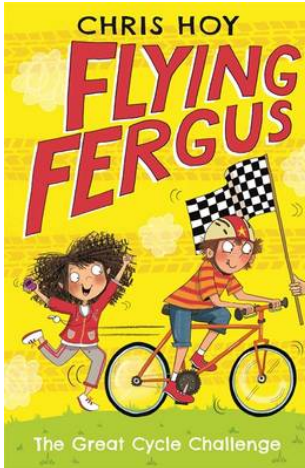
In a nutshell: fun, illustrated stories, that neatly sidestep the elephant of truth | Readers of all ages are going to love Sam Lyttle, star of Joe Berger's new series. Well-intentioned, Sam can't help but get into scrapes and generally finds it just, well, simpler to tell a lie to keep everyone happy than admit the truth. It's a strategy that often makes things worse, but results in some highly entertaining adventures. Berger tells his stories in a mix of text and cartoon illustrations, both of which are direct, immediately engaging and really very funny indeed; Sam's illustrated description of skirting the elephant of truth on his skateboard is particularly wonderful. There are five different but interlinked stories in the book, making it a particularly accessible read. James Patterson's series Middle School series also successfully mix cartoons into entertaining, zany but realistic stories of adolescent life. Barry Hutchison's Beaky Malone books have fun with ideas of the importance of truth and lies. ~ Andrea Reece



My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord

Author: David Solomons **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

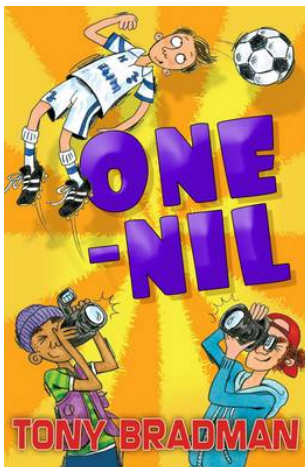
July 2016 Book of the Month | In a nutshell : aliens invade Bromley The follow-up to David Solomon's prize-winning sci-fi comedy My Brother is a Superhero delivers just as much in the way of tension, adventure and laughs. Still resentful of his now superhero big brother, Luke inadvertently gets his own back by revealing that sulky teen Cara is the kryptonite to Zack's Superman. Unfortunately, this plays into the hands of aliens intent on invading Earth and forcing its inhabitants to watch reality TV for the rest of time. The action is as fast and funny as ever, and the in-jokes possibly even better. Young readers will love this and parents, it would make the perfect bedtime read - some of those jokes are too good just for the young! For more witty alien adventures, firmly rooted in family life, see Frank Cottrell Boyce's The Astounding Broccoli Boy and Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth. ~ Andrea Reece The Editor at Nosy Crow says: "My Brother is a Superhero set the bar high, but this sequel does not fall short - it's just as crammed with laughs, adventure, wit and emotional depth. And Serge. Magnifique!"



The Great Cycle Challenge

Author: Chris Hoy **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/02/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

The second in Chris Hoy's cycling-with-a-touch-of-magic series sees Fergus and his friends Daisy, Callum and Minnie form their own cycling team, Hercules' Hopefuls. They may not have brand new bikes, or fancy jerseys like their arch rivals Wallace's Winners, but they've got lots of heart, and sometimes that what counts. It's a classic children's sports story, with a fun cast of characters, made even more lively by Fergus's visits to a magical world, Nevermore. Not only does Fergus learn a lot about teamwork on his magical adventures, there's also a clue as to the whereabouts of his dad, not seen since Fergus was a baby. A successful mix of pedal-action, friendship and fantasy adventure, this is a very satisfying story for newly confident readers. Clare Elsom's lively illustrations add to the fun. There are more books in the series to come, and readers might also like Frank Lampard's football-with-magic series Frankie's Magic Football. ~ Andrea Reece Emma Matthewson, Editor, Hot Key Books, said: "Sir Chris has already provided a lasting legacy of inspiration to young people with his tremendous list of achievements. What drew me to Flyign Fergus was a genuine warmth and heart to the books and Sir Chris's clear dedication to the next generation. We can't wait to see young cyclists across the country enjoy reading about their new hero!"



One Nil

Author: Tony Bradman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/08/2013
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Interest Age - 8-12 / Reading Age 8+. A fun football story. When the England football team start training at Luke's local ground, he'll do anything to meet his heroes! Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers of 8+