

Silverdale Library

Recommended

Books for Y7

Shelves and shelves of books can be overwhelming. Where to start?!

This list is designed to showcase a few recommended books and authors. Please bear in mind that it represents a moment in time, and just a small selection of what we have in the library!

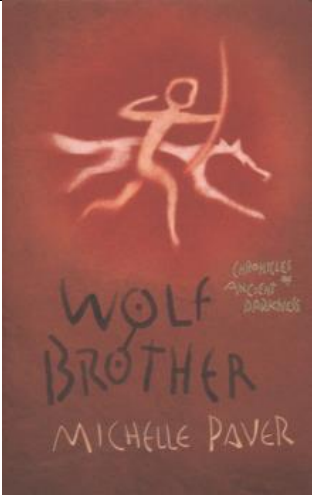
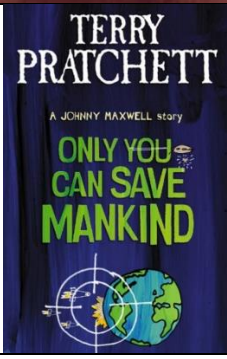
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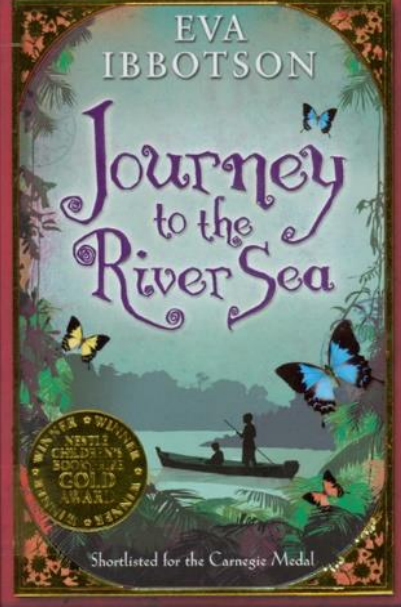
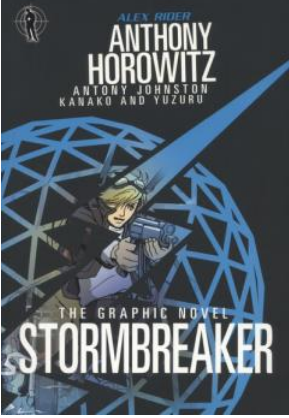
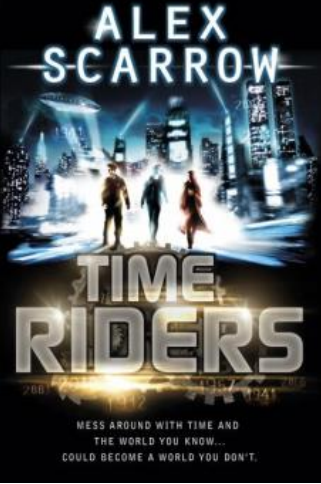
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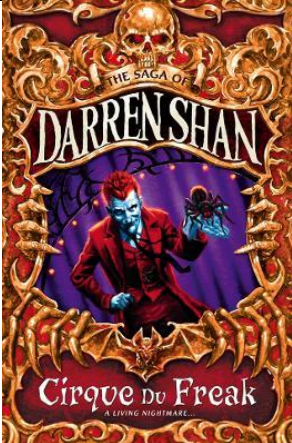
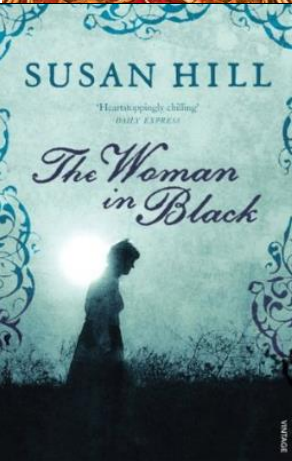
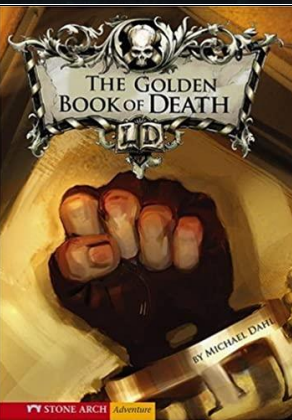
If you're stuck for what to read, we hope that these suggestions will help, and Mrs Senior, our librarian, is always happy to help find just the right book for you!

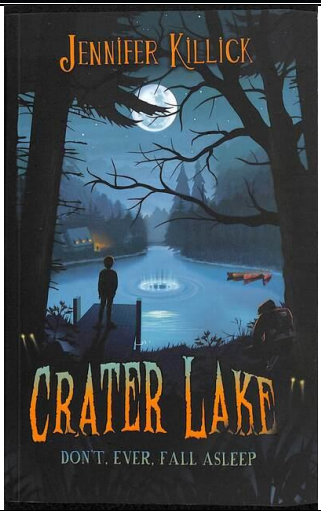
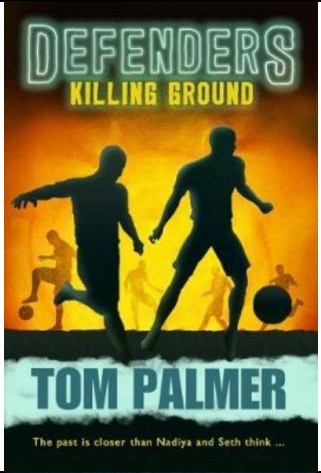
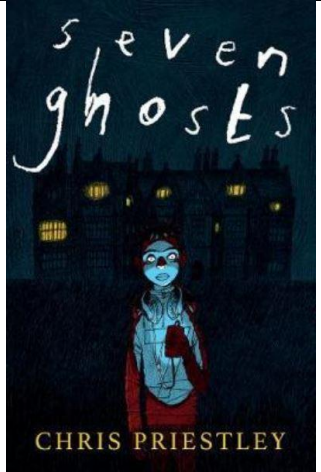
Action & Adventure

	Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver AR Book Level 4.5	Rich in detail which brings the past to life and makes the forest background vivid to all readers, Wolf Brother tells how orphaned Torak must set out on a terrible mission. Tricked, trapped and betrayed at almost every turn, it's a lonely quest but Torak finds comfort in the support of a wolf cub. Relying on their quick wits, the two journey through danger until Torak must make the final sacrifice. Gripping and original.
	Robin Hood: Hacking, Heists & Flaming Arrows by Robert Muchamore AR Book Level 6.7	After the vast car plants shut down, the prosperous town of Locksley has become a wasteland of empty homes, toxic land and families on the brink. And it doesn't help that the authorities are in the clutches of profit-obsessed Sheriff of Nottingham, in cahoots with underworld boss Guy Gisborne. This contemporary retelling of a classic tale is action-packed and violent with touches of humour. Exhilarating and unpredictable.
	Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen AR Book Level 5	This compelling tale is set in Addis Prime, a dystopian city which is strictly controlled by the Authority, and home to Yared and his Uncle Moti. As they move house a lot, Yared finds it difficult to make friends, so he throws himself into an augmented reality game called the Hunt for Kaleb's Obelisk. Combining elements of Ethiopian culture with space-age technology, this fast-paced Afrofuturistic adventure is a thrilling read.
	Only You Can Save Mankind by Terry Pratchett AR Book Level 3.9	An absolutely cracking whiz-bang of a story, set in an unreality that is scarily real. While shooting invading spaceships, gamer Johnny Maxwell finds himself contacted by an alien race. Suddenly the game is real but can Johnny save the day? Magical, witty and funny.

	Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson AR Book Level 5.6	Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America. She cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon and is particularly looking forward to meeting her twin cousins. When Maia arrives, however, the family is far from welcoming, and she is saddened to see that they have blocked out all evidence of the rainforest from their stuffy home. Maia turns to her strict yet kindly governess, Miss Minton, for company, and strikes up some unusual and rewarding friendships.
	Stormbreaker: the graphic novel by Anthony Horowitz AR Book Level 2.4	This is a slick, clean, stylishly-crafted and coloured graphic adaptation, bringing to life all the adventure, thrills and spills of this bestselling story. Forcibly recruited into MI6 after the mysterious death of his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex is sent to infiltrate the organisation of a sinister billionaire. Within days he's gone from schoolboy to superspy.
	Time Riders by Simon Scarrow AR Book Level 5.7	Maddy should have died in a plane crash. Liam should have died at sea when the Titanic sank. Sal should have died in a tragic fire. But a mysterious man whisked them away to safety. Can Maddy, Liam, and Sal fulfill their destinies as keepers of time to save the world from utter destruction? An exhilarating adventure that shifts readers back in time to Nazi Germany and then forward into an ever-changing present.
	H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education by Mark Walden AR Book Level 7.5	Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.

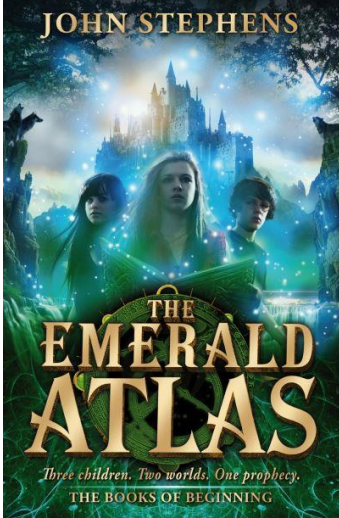
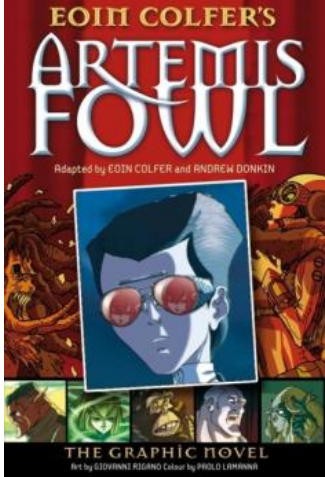
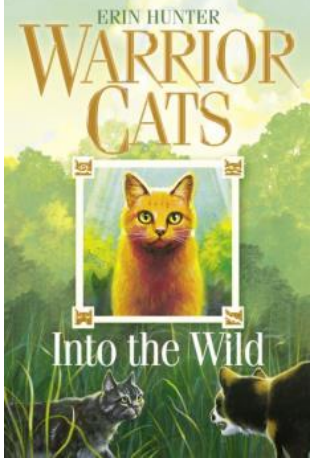
Spooky

	Cirque du Freak by Darren Shan AR Book Level 4.8	A gruesome story that is perfect for all those who love to be scared. Full of nasty and creepy things such as a snake boy and Madam Octa, the seriously frightening giant tarantula, this is not for the squeamish or sensitive! A wild and outrageous horror adventure that launches a fabulous series in the same vein.
	The Woman in Black by Susan Hill AR Book Level 7.2	When Arthur Kipps attends the funeral of Alice Drablow he is unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden behind her home, Eel Marsh House. It is not until he glimpses a woman dressed all in black at the funeral that a creeping sense of unease begins to take hold...
	The Golden Book of Death by Michael S. Dahl AR Book Level 3	The Librarian has long worked in the shadows to guard the Library of Doom and its collection of deadly books. A creepy series of very short books.
	Constable and Toop by Gareth P. Jones AR Book Level 5.2	A darkly comic Dickensian ghost story that roams the grimy streets of Victorian London. Sam Toop lives in a funeral parlour, blessed (or cursed) with an unusual gift. While his father buries the dead, Sam is haunted by their constant demands for attention.

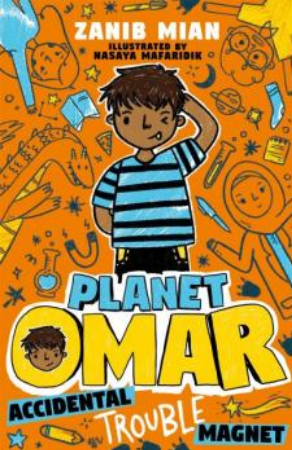
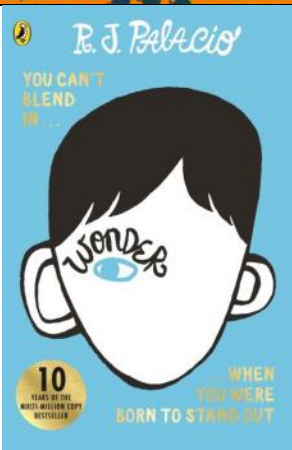
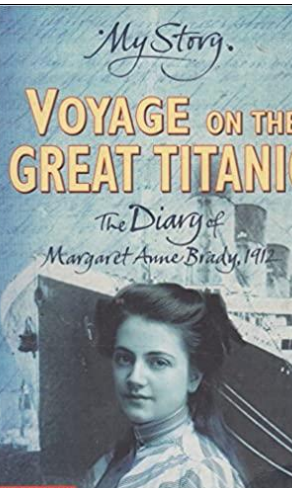
	The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickes AR Book Level 5.6	Aveline Jones loves reading ghost stories, so a dreary half-term becomes much more exciting when she discovers a spooky old book. Not only are the stories spine-tingling, but it once belonged to Primrose Penberthy, who vanished mysteriously, never to be seen again. Intrigued, Aveline decides to investigate Primrose's disappearance. Now someone... or something, is stirring. And it is looking for Aveline.
	Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick AR Book Level 4.7	Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand-new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!
	Killing Ground by Tom Palmer AR Book Level 4.1	Seth's not like other boys, he can see people from the past wherever he goes. The installation of new floodlights at his football team Halifax Town's ground seems to reanimate a violent episode from local history, something that threatens everyone. When his mum talks to Seth about his father, who could also see ghosts, Seth finds the courage to do what has to be done.
	Seven Ghosts by Chris Priestley AR Book Level 4.5	Chris Priestley is a superb teller of ghost stories and knows just how to bring the uncanny into the ordinary, or turn the homely suddenly horrifying. A tour for talented young writers round a haunted house is the backdrop for this collection of linked stories. Each of the seven ghosts we meet is a child, each of their stories is different and each is guaranteed to send shivers up the spine or have you nervously checking over your shoulder in the dark.

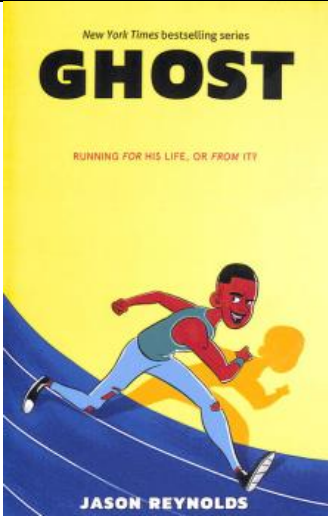
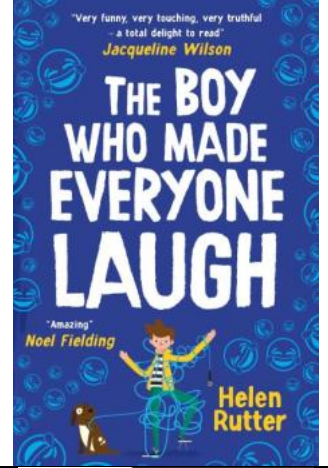
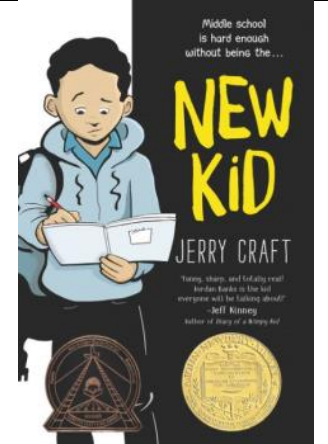
Fantasy

	Wildspark by Vashti Hardy AR Book Level 5.6	Prue lives on her parents' farm, working with the mechanimals she helped to create. But when a craftsman from the big city comes to offer her brother Francis an apprenticeship, not realising that Francis has died, she jumps at the chance of adventure and disguises herself as him. Skilfully mixing elements of science fiction, school stories and fantasy, <i>Wildspark</i> already feels like a children's classic
	Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi AR Book Level 2	In this graphic novel series, Kazu Kibuishi creates a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot - and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission to rescue their mother.
	Magyk by Angie Sage AR Book Level 6	Featuring quirky characters, this is an imaginative, funny and fantastically fast-paced adventure of confused identities, magyk and mayhem. Great for fans of Harry Potter and Artemis Fowl.
	The School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani AR Book Level 5.2	Every four years, two girls are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil, the fabled institution where they become fairytale heroes or villains. A dark, enchanting fairytale, complete with two extraordinary heroines on a wild and dangerous adventure - perfect for those prefer their fairytales with a twist.

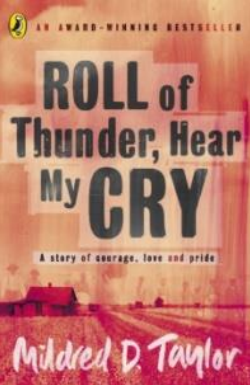
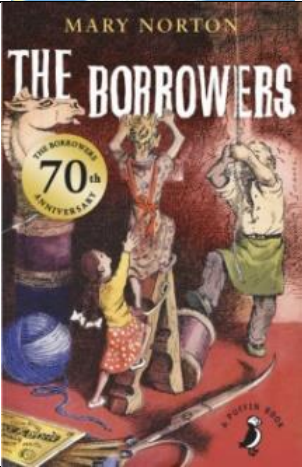
	Floodworld by Tom Huddleston AR Book Level 5	<i>FloodWorld</i> is a gripping, action-packed story set in a flooded future world of pirates, gangsters, power struggles and corruption Kara and Joe spend their days navigating the perilous waterways of a sunken city, scratching out a living in the ruins. But when they come into possession of a mysterious map, they find themselves in a world of trouble. The two children must find a way to fight back before Floodworld's walls come tumbling down...
	The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens AR Book Level 4.9	A fantastic magical adventure story to lose yourself in for days – a return to true adventure stories. This book has EVERYTHING you could ask for: feisty, spirited children, a creaky old mansion, a truly evil crone, a fearless, scarred warrior, time-travel, dwarves, underground tunnels, a dangerous magical prophecy and a wise, mysterious professor with a penchant for donuts.
	Artemis Fowl: the graphic novel by Eoin Colfer AR Book Level 3.6	In this graphic version of the classic novel, 12-year-old Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps an armed and dangerous fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. Cunning, witty and armed to the teeth Artemis Fowl makes James Bond look like he's fresh out of nappies.
	Into the Wild by Erin Hunter AR Book Level 5.6	A thrilling feline fantasy series that draws you into a vivid animal world. After a brave fight, Rusty is invited to leave the 'twoleg' world and join ThunderClan, one of four cat tribes, to train as a warrior. When the fearsome ShadowClan threaten ThunderClan's territory his warrior skills are put to the test. But how can he protect the clan when he suspects their own deputy of treachery?

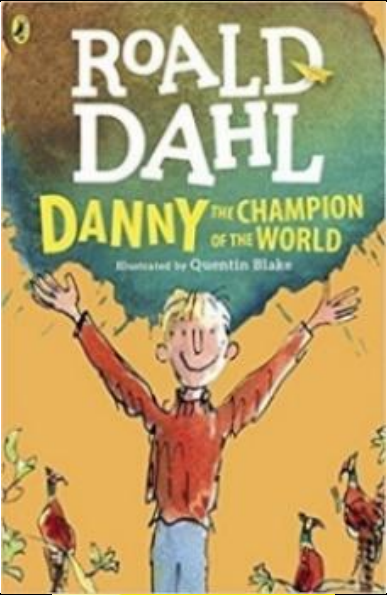
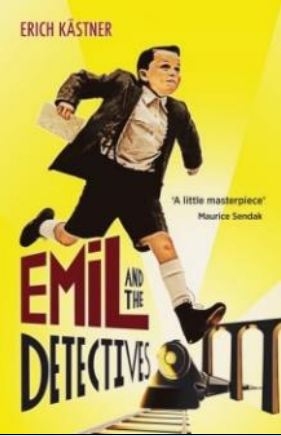
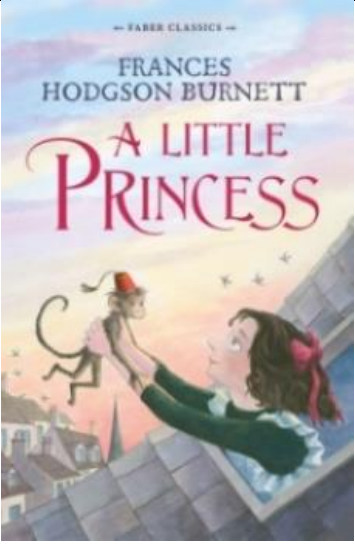
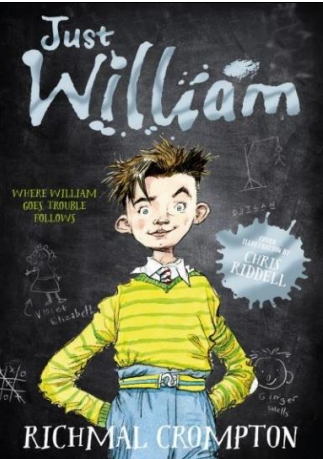
Real Life

	Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian AR Book Level 5.2	A very funny, illustrated series which has characters with heart who you really care about. Great for fans of Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates. Omar is worried because the family have just moved house - will he make friends at school? He does of course, but Daniel the school bully seems to have it in for him. A school trip to the Science Museum sees the two of them lost in London and forced to work together to find a solution.
	Wonder by R. J. Palacio AR Book Level 4.8	Like most ten-year olds, August Pullman just wants to be accepted at his new school. However, Auggie can't help but stand out - he was born with a severe facial deformity. Most people react with horror to his appearance and don't take the time to meet the smart, funny, Star Wars-loving boy underneath. Thought-provoking, engaging and uplifting, this is a wonderful read with a powerful message - we can all choose to be kind.
	Can You See Me? by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott AR Book Level 5.6	With diary entries written by eleven-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism, this pioneering book, co-authored with Rebecca Westcott, has been widely praised for its realistic portrayal of autism, on top of the challenges that starting secondary school brings. Perfect for fans of Wonder and The Goldfish Boy, this sucker punch to the heart is valuable reading for children and adults alike.
	My Story: Voyage on the Great Titanic by Ellen Emerson White AR Book Level 6.6	TITANIC is the thrilling story of a young orphan on board the most famous sinking ship. Margaret Anne dreams of leaving the orphanage behind, and she can hardly believe her luck when she is chosen to accompany wealthy Mrs Carstairs aboard the great Titanic. But when the passengers are woken on a freezing night in April 1912, she finds herself caught up in an unimaginable nightmare. With the Titanic sinking fast, she must fight for survival.

	Ghost by Jason Reynolds AR Book Level 4.6	Three years ago Ghost's dad chased him and his mum down the road with a gun. His dad got ten years in prison, and Ghost learned how to run. Ghost has never thought of athletics as a sporting option – basketball is his thing. But now, after challenging a sprinter to a race at the local track, he's won himself a place on an elite running team. Ghost's voice and character spring off the page in this stunning novel about facing your fears and finding your feet. A page-turning book with plenty of challenges and moral dilemmas along the way.
	The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter AR Book Level 4.9	Billy likes nothing more than making and performing jokes and dreams that one day he will be a famous stand-up comedian. But Billy has a stammer and it can be hard for him even to get a joke out quickly enough. Both touching and funny this is a brilliant story about being brave, being different and learning that being you is what really matters.
	New Kid by Jerry Craft AR Book Level 2.9	Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Gene Luen Yang, <i>New Kid</i> is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft.
	Run Wild by Gill Lewis AR Book Level 3.5	Looking for somewhere secret to practice skateboarding, Izzy and Asha sneak into the derelict gasworks where they discover an amazing hidden urban wilderness. The girls practice their board skills while their little brother explores the scrubland, finding cormorants, beetles... and an injured wolf! A beautifully written tale of friendship and freedom that highlights the value of connecting with nature, particularly for young people living in cities.

Classics

	Charlotte's Web by E.B. White AR Book Level 4.4	One spring morning a little girl called Fern rescues a runt and names him Wilbur. But then Wilbur is sent to live on a farm where he meets Charlotte, a very clever and very beautiful large grey spider. They become best friends and, when Wilbur is faced with a dreadful fate - the butcher's chop! - Charlotte must find a very clever way to save him.
	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor AR Book Level 5.7	Cassie didn't understand why farming his own land meant so much to her father. During that year, in the 1930s, when the night riders carried destruction among her people, she learned that it was worth fighting for a principle even if it brought terrible hardships.
	The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams AR Book Level 4.9	This short classic chronicles the story of a stuffed rabbit's desire to become real through the love of his owner.
	The Borrowers by Mary Norton AR Book Level 5.3	The Borrowers live in the secret places; behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and never forget their most important rule: you must never, ever be 'seen' by the human beans. a timeless tale of bravery, friendship and borrowing...

	Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl AR Book Level 4.7	Danny lives in a caravan with his father, the most marvellous and exciting father any boy ever had. All the land around them belongs to Mr Victor Hazell, a rich snob with a great glistening beery face and tiny piggy eyes. Nobody likes him, not one-little bit. So one day, Danny and his father concoct a daring plot that will give Victor Hazell the greatest shock of his life - so long as they don't get caught...
	Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kastner AR Book Level 5.4	A classic detective story told at a cracking pace, this features one of the first fictional child detectives. When Emil is robbed of his mother's hard earned savings from right out of his pocket as he is asleep on a train, he takes swift action. With his "assistant", Gustav, the two boys round up a group of friends to catch the thief.
	A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett AR Book Level 6	Alone in a new country, wealthy Sara Crewe tries to settle in and make friends at boarding school. But when she learns that she'll never see her beloved father again, her life is turned upside down. Transformed from princess to pauper, she must swap dancing lessons and luxury for hard work and a room in the attic. Will she find that kindness and generosity are all the riches she truly needs?
	Just William by Richmal Crompton AR Book Level 5.5	Whether he's meant to be babysitting or putting on a show with his trusty gang of friends, the Outlaws, William Brown always has a new scheme up his sleeve. His intentions are good but nothing ever quite goes to plan...

