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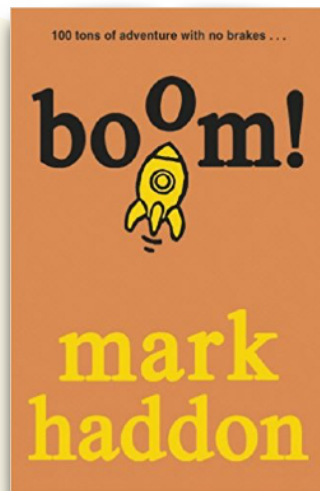
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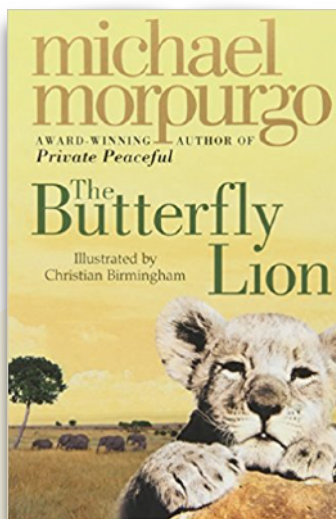
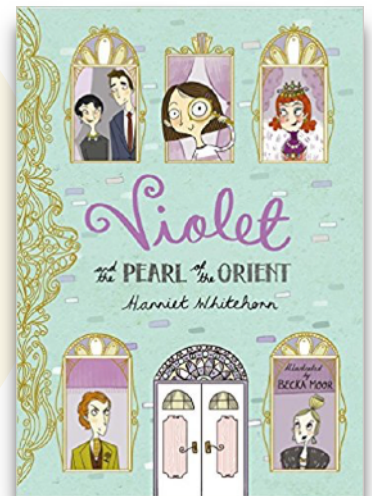
Recommended by Isla Dawes

Isla was the owner operator of the Barnes, Kew and Sheen bookshops and is a specialist in children's literature.

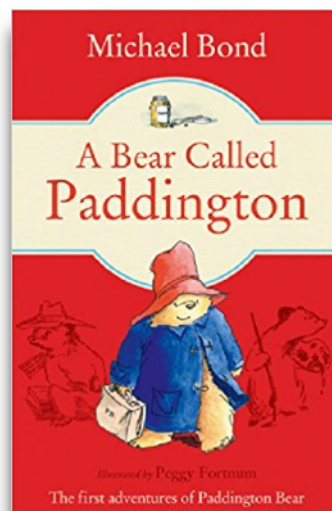
"One of the funniest children's books I know. Jim and Charlie are in detention again when they overhear a conversation between their teachers and realise that they are aliens. What follows is a hilarious tale of slapstick adventure involving a motorbike, Jim's sister and of course some aliens."



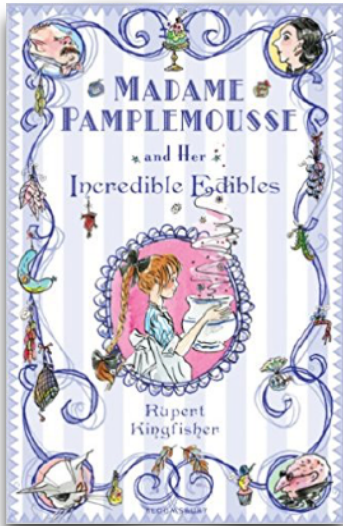
"Violet is a brilliant feisty heroine, she is particularly good at climbing trees and when a jewel belonging to one of her neighbours goes missing it is up to Violet to solve the mystery. A great first crime novel for anyone and although the cover is clearly aimed at girls Violet is tomboy enough for boys to love the story too."



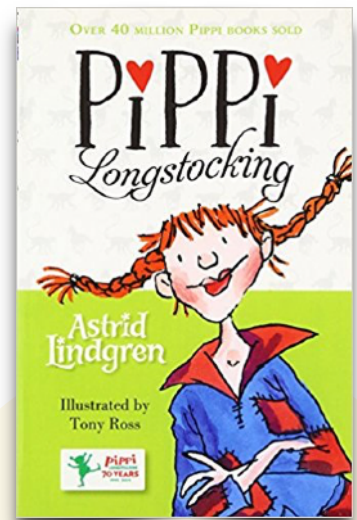
"A great introduction to a consummate story teller. This book deals with some big issues in a way which is approachable for young children - a tale of deep friendship as well as being a real page turner."



"People expect this to be aimed at younger children but there is a lot of text in this original book and as a classic it is a great introduction. A funny and charming tale beautifully told."

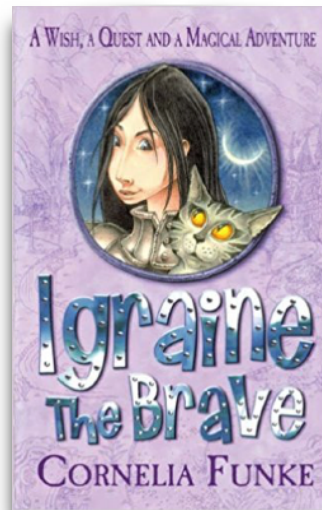
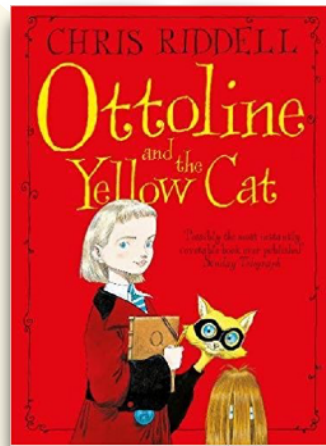


"Madeline's parents are not very interested in her so when they go on a lovely holiday they send her to Paris to work for her mean Uncle Lard. When Madeline discovers a wonderful shop with incredible edibles she strikes up a friendship with the shop's owner. Needless to say Uncle Lard has other ideas and Madeline has to save herself and the shop. Very funny and beautifully written this is a real gem."



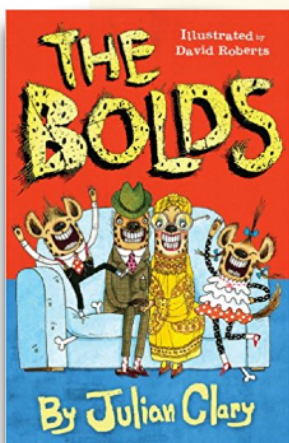
"Pippi is a wonderfully eccentric character. She lives alone with a monkey and a horse and there are no rules in her life. As a result she is always having wonderful adventures, but it is in her blood as her father is a swashbuckling pirate captain."

"A jewel of a book not only is it a great crime story, but it is funny, quirky and beautiful. Riddell is a first class artist and this book is as much about the illustrations as it is about the words. As a writer he plays with words as much as he plays with the visual in his art - a real treasure as are his other series Goth Girl."

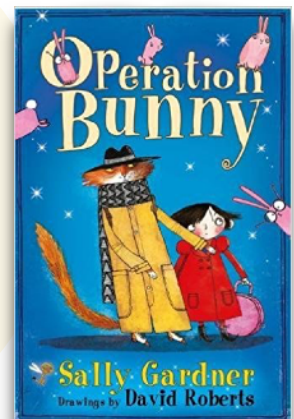


"All of Igraine's family are magicians but she wants to be a knight. Needless to say she is not taken at all seriously by the rest of her family but when one of their tricks goes horribly wrong it is up to the fearless Igraine to save the day. Great storytelling from a top children's author."

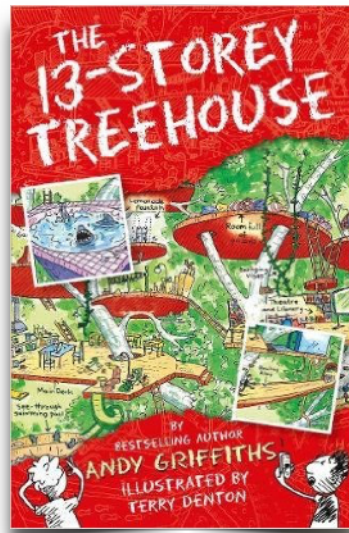
"Joyfully silly - this is the tale of the Bold family who are actually hyenas but trying to pass themselves off as a normal suburban family living in Teddington. The story concentrates on the problems they have trying to keep their natural instincts as hyenas in check - not to mention their laughter...Clary is an excellent children's writer - bonkers and a lot of fun."



"The first in the Wings & Co Fairy Detective Agency series. This is a quirky tale of Emily who is an orphan and her adventures with an overly large cat called Fidget - it is also a first class mystery. Gardner is an excellent story teller who you are always in safe hands with."

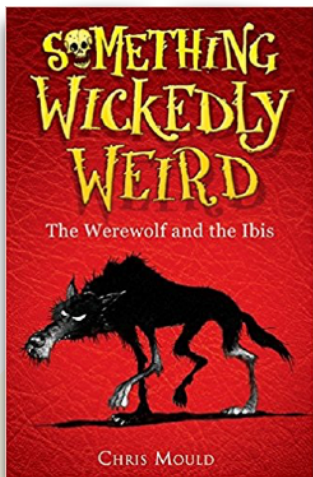
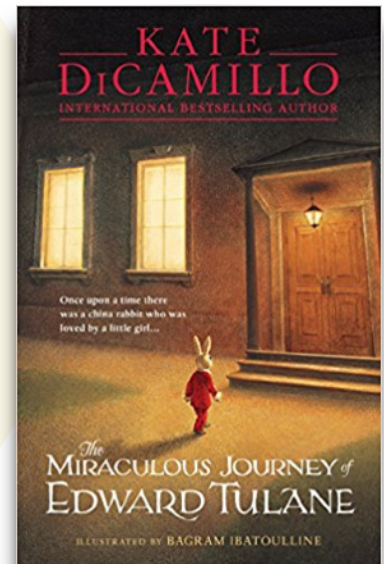


"One of my favourites as a child. It stars Prince Abu Ali who is the son of Aladdin, and two villainous princes, Rubdub Ben Thud and Tintack Ping Foo. A brilliant and funny adventure to break the spell cast over the Land of Green Ginger - can Abu Ali break the curse and win the hand of the beautiful Princess Silver Bud."



"This is the story of two boys who live in the world's best treehouse. It's got a giant catapult and a marshmallow machine which shoots marshmallows into your mouth when you are hungry. There are one or two things you need to keep an eye out for though - but lots of fun to be had for any reader entering this fantastical treehouse."

"One day this book will be seen as a classic. It reads like one and has all the hallmarks you would expect. The story is timeless and told with verve and charm. Edward Tulane is a very beautiful china rabbit doll, he knows he is special & he is very vain. One day he is lost by his owner and so begins his journey where he loses everything, his clothes, his name even his gender - can Edward learn humility and so become deserving of love - this is a treat for any age."



"Stanley Buggles is the wonderfully named hero of this story. Stanley inherits an old house on an island so he decides to spend a holiday there, but things are not quite right on this island so Stanley must investigate. Quite dark but funny, a great read for boys in particular."



"Oliver's parents run a bank so are very busy making money - Oliver on the other hand is terrible at maths and wants nothing more than a puppy he has seen. When the puppy is bought by a woman who threatens to hurt it if Oliver's parents don't find her money (which they seem to have lost) it is up to Oliver to come up with a plan to save the day."