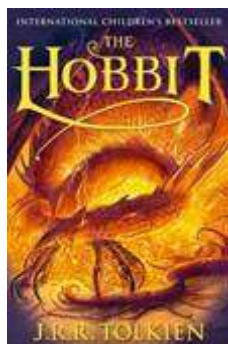


Best books for 9-11 year olds



We've put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

The books below are ones suitable for children aged 9 to 11.

How many have you read?

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- Looking for NEW books? See the ones we love this month



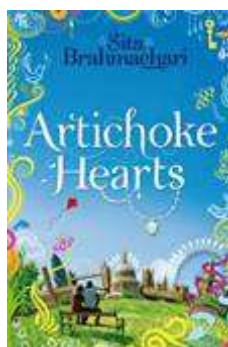
Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret

Author: Judy Blume

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

All the girls in Margaret's new neighbourhood are interested in boys, wearing makeup, and getting their period - but Margaret hasn't...



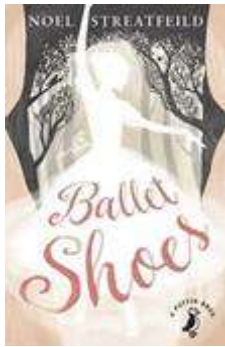
Artichoke Hearts

Author: Sita Brahmachari

Interest level: 11-13

Reading age: 11+

This empathetic account of the process of bereavement, a month's diary, reassures readers that we grow from our experiences,...



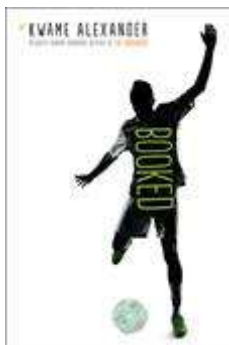
Ballet Shoes

Author: Noel Streatfeild

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 9+

First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivate...



Booked

Author: Kwame Alexander

Interest level: 12-16

Reading age: 12+

From fast-paced football matches to school and family drama, this novel written in verse has something for everyone and will grip ...



Carrie's War

Author: Nina Bawden

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

Inspired by Nina Bawden's own experiences of living as an evacuee in a Welsh mining valley as a child, *Carrie's War* is n...



Coming to England

Author: Floella Benjamin **Illustrator:** Michael Frith

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

This moving and insightful memoir from much-loved writer and presenter Floella Benjamin documents her childhood, from her birth in...



Flour Babies

Author: Anne Fine

Interest level: 9-12

Reading age: 9+

A classic, touching and very funny coming-of-age story about an unusual science project that teaches the boys in 4C so much more t...



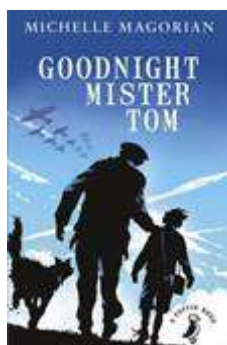
Freedom (1783)

Author: Catherine Johnson

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

This is a brilliant adventure story that manages to give young readers a really important insight into slavery without being so up...



Goodnight Mister Tom

Author: Michelle Magorian

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and find...



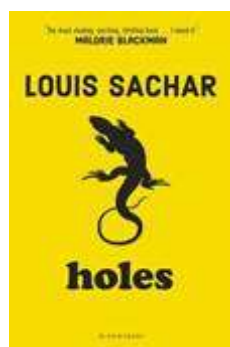
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Author: J K Rowling

Interest level: 9-14

Reading age: 9+

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting ne...



Holes

Author: Louis Sachar

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the ...



Kensuke's Kingdom

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Illustrator:** Michael Foreman

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

This is a beautifully written tale of an exceptional friendship which survives beyond the boundaries of culture and language.



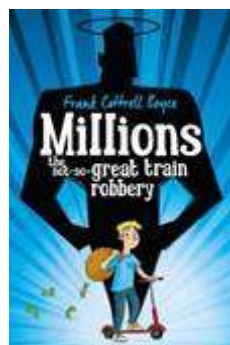
Melissa (formerly published as George)

Author: Alex Gino

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

To everyone around her, George is a boy - but George longs to be like Charlotte, the wise and gentle hero of Charlotte's Web. This...



Millions

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Illustrator:** Steven Lenton

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from Go...



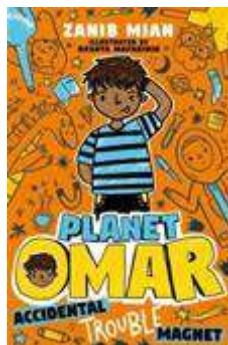
Once

Author: Morris Gleitzman

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 9+

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.



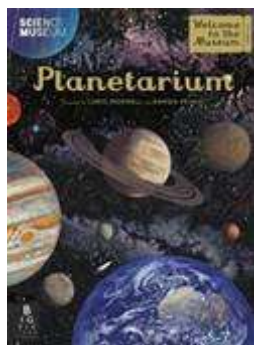
Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet

Author: Zanib Mian **Illustrator:** Nasaya Mafaridik

Interest level: 8-11

Reading age: 8+

Planet Omar has all of the everyday life family drama and silly humour of Tom Gates and Sam Wu, and it's wonderful to read a ...



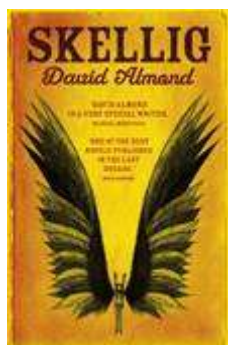
Planetarium

Author: Raman Prinja **Illustrator:** Chris Wormell

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Written by an astrophysicist and illustrated by the phenomenally talented Chris Wormell, *Planetarium* explores the solar ...



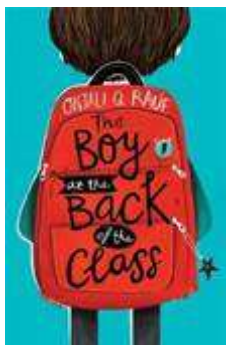
Skellig

Author: David Almond

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 11+

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature who needs his help.&nb...



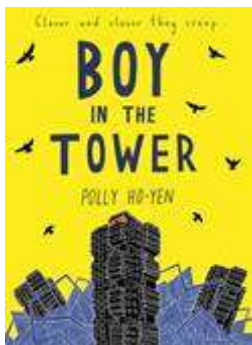
The Boy at the Back of the Class

Author: Onjali Q Raúf

Interest level: 7-11

Reading age: 10+

This is the story about how four classmates have a massive impact on the life of Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refu...



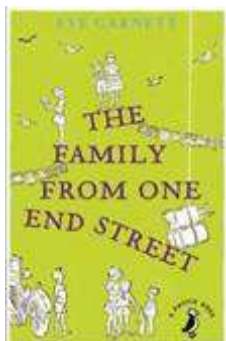
The Boy in the Tower

Author: Polly Ho-Yen

Interest level: 9-10

Reading age: 9+

Taking place in a believable urban, multicultural environment that will be familiar to many young readers, Polly Ho-Yen's debut is...



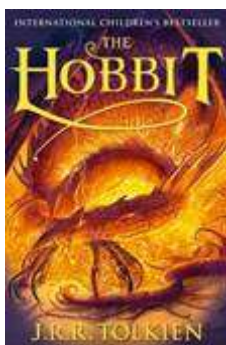
The Family From One End Street

Author: Eve Garnett

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Eve Garnett's brilliant depiction of a large, close-knit family and their hilarious escapades is every bit as funny and charming t...



The Hobbit

Author: JRR Tolkien

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 10+

This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.



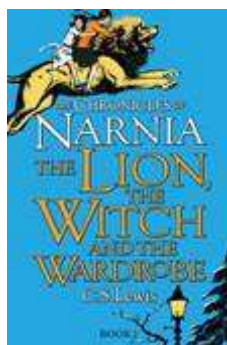
The Illustrated Mum

Author: Jacqueline Wilson **Illustrator:** Nick Sharratt

Interest level: 10-14

Reading age: 10+

This is a moving yet unsentimental account of two children coming to terms with their mother's depression, mental instability and ...



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Author: C S Lewis

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find t...



The Neverending Story

Author: Michael Ende **Translator:** Ralph Manheim

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

When Bastian hides in an antique bookshop to escape bullies, he stumbles across a mysterious leatherbound book which carries him i...



The Silver Sword

Author: Ian Serraillier

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

In the chaos of World War II, Ruth, Edek and Bronia are separated from their parents, and left alone to fend for themselves, hidin...



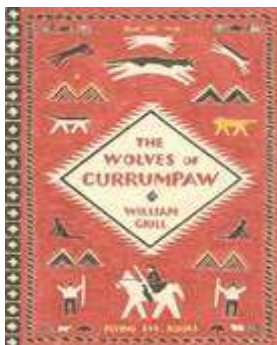
The Wheel of Surya

Author: Jamila Gavin

Interest level: 10-14

Reading age: 9+

A story of adventure, trauma and courage set in India and England against a backdrop of imperialism, a world war and the violent u...



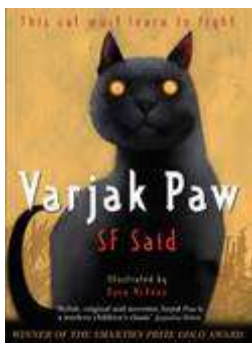
The Wolves of Currumpaw

Author: William Grill

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 10+

In New Mexico in the late 1800s, the wolves that had once roamed the landscape of the Old West were becoming scarce because of the...



Varjak Paw

Author: SF Said

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 8+

Pedigree cat Varjak Paw lives in a luxurious mansion with his family, but when trouble comes to their door, he's forced to escape ...