

Books for Boys 9 +

My Friend the Enemy

Dan Smith

July 2013 Book of the Month An exciting and thought-provoking World War II adventure for children aged 9-12. With shades of Michael Morpurgo, Michelle Magorian and Robert Westall's classic *The Machine Gunners* the author carefully explores the moral dilemma of...

Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door

Ross Montgomery

One boy and one dog embark on a seriously silly adventure to the very heart of the Forbidden Lands. For Alex, it's a welcome escape from Cloisters Boarding School for Boys where Matthew is...

Willard Price: Leopard Adventure

Anthony McGowan

The classic animal tales of Willard Price are given a power conservation theme and a new look in this thrilling modern adventure. Twelve year Amazon and her cousin Frazer are recruited by TRACKS, an...

Will Gallows and the Rock Demon's Blood

Derek Keilty

Amid a riot of unbridled and highly entertaining chaos, there lies an unexpected and entirely unpredictable adventure for this cowboy with a difference. Will is thinking of hanging up his cowboy hat and joining the elf side of his family...

Wild Boy

Rob Lloyd Jones

This is a fiendishly pacy mystery-adventure story for 9+ readers, set in the seamy, smoggy underworld of Victorian London. Dripping with atmosphere and gothic gore, *Wild Boy* will appeal to fans of *Sherlock Holmes*, gothic...

Trash

Andy Mulligan

Shortlisted for the 2012 Carnegie Medal. The Judges said: A vivid and emotionally powerful story told through some great switches of authentic narrative voice, giving the perfect marriage of character and plot as the three children tell their stories.

Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

Stephan Pastis

Wimpy Kid fans will love this new boy-diary with a difference. Saddled with the name Timmy Failure, our narrator has clearly been dealt a tough hand. Luckily, he has a perky temperament and is...

The Sultan's Tigers

Josh Lacey

If you're looking for plenty of action and adventure then Josh Lacey creates it in spades. The protagonist is a boy called Tom who also featured in Josh's previous novel *The Island of Thieves*. Tom with the help of his...

The Story of Matthew Buzzington

Andy Stanton

Creator of the best-selling Mr Gum series, Andy Stanton delights again in this story of the importance of self-belief. 10 year old Matthew Buzzington badly needs some special powers when his family suddenly relocates to...

The Rainbow Orchid Adventures of Julius Chancer Vol 3

Garen Ewing

Don't miss the stunning conclusion to the biggest adventure in comics! The Rainbow Orchid is an ambitious blend of classic storytelling and cinematic artwork, in which adventure, historical drama and legend are seamlessly intertwined.

The Messenger Bird

Ruth Eastham

Cleverly interweaving a modern day storyline with one from the 1940s, it's the story of Nathan who must find out what the link is between his father's recent disappearance and that of Lily, an ex-Bletchley Park employee, before it's too late...

The Forgotten Echo : The Remarkable Adventures of Tom Scatterhorn

Henry Chancellor

As the trilogy reaches its breathtaking climax, our intrepid hero Tom Scatterhorn sets off on yet another adventure in and out of time and through many exotic locations. Danger is never far behind and Tom must remain focused on his...

The Edge (Striker 3)

Nick Hale

A new boy-spy takes centre stage in an action packed sporting drama. As a selected athlete, Jake's home for the next two weeks is the Olympic Advantage Complex. Jake is looking forward to training for gold with other top athletes...

The Diamond Thief

Sharon Gosling

Combining elements of Jules Verne with the action-packed adventures of Indiana Jones; this debut novel from Sharon Gosling is a gripping read. Set in Victorian London, circus trapeze artiste Remy leads a double life as a jewel thief.

The Curse of the Bogle's Beard

Siobhan Rowden

There's more than meets the eye to Granny Hogsflesh and her pickling empire, but even Barnaby couldn't have guessed how much more. Nor could he possibly have imagined what actually happened to his dad, who, burping and slurping, mysteriously disappeared...

Striker Boy Kicks Out

Jonny Zucker

Football fuels this fast-paced novel which stars Nat Dixon, hero of Striker Boy, and still Hatton Rangers' golden boy. In addition to keeping ahead on the pitch, Nat always has to keep his wits about him to make the secret...

Stormbreaker Graphic novel

Anthony Horowitz, Antony Johnston

Brilliantly visualised, these graphic novel versions of the best-selling stories of boy spy Alex Rider add a fantastic new dimension to the original and terrific for getting even the most reluctant of readers to enjoy the experience of reading.

Stitch Head and the Pirate's Eye

Guy Bass

If you love adventure, mystery and gothic stories complete with plenty of humour and wacky, sometimes frightening characters including monsters and a mad professor, then this is the book for you.

Skellig

David Almond

Special hardback gift edition celebrating 15 years of Skellig - one of the best-known, most-awarded debut children's novels of the past 20 years. This is a wonderfully eerie and magical story about believing in something extra special and why it may...

Return to 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Luke Challenger Book 2)

Steve Barlow, Steve Skidmore

Daredevil teen hero Luke Challenger is in deep trouble. Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea is revisited in this thrilling new action-adventure novel, the fantastic sequel to Return to The Lost World. Evil villains, pirates, sea monsters and...

Ratburger

David Walliams

Winner of the National Book Tokens Children's Book of the Year 2012 Best-selling author David Williams has come up with another cracker of a story in Ratburger. Zoe is a lovely little girl with a terrible life; she...

Ranger's Apprentice 1 & 2 The Ruins of Gorlan & The Burning Bridge

John Flanagan

A terrific series to get boys reading. This book is a bind-up of the first and the second in the Ranger's Apprentice series - perfect for boys aged 8+ with plenty more titles in the series to keep them reading.

Heroes of Olympus: The Son of Neptune

Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson, son of Poseidon, God of the Sea, has woken from a very deep sleep and come face to face with two snake-haired ladies who refuse to die. But they're the least of his problems. Because Percy finds himself...

Goblins Vs Dwarves

Philip Reeve

Award winning Philip Reeve returns to Clovenstone Castle and his hilarious goblin world. Goblins Skarper and Henwyn are as bold and brave as ever....but when a new band of determined foes using giant armoured...

Ghosts of the Forest
Steve Backshall

July 2013 Book of the Month Saving the rain forest! That's the vital mission of Saker and his friend Sinter. The precious forest is being cleared by loggers leaving the wild life at risk. The orang-utans will be especially...

Football Shorts
Tom Watt

Nick Hornby, Mal Peet and Tom Palmer are already well-known for their football stories. But this terrific anthology also includes stories by Tomáš Rosický, Vincent Kompany and Curtis Davies all of whom are better known on the field. All the...

Fizzlebert Stump The Boy Who Ran Away from the Circus (and Joined the Library)
A. F. Harrold

July 2012 Debut of the Month. A hero with a difference! Fizzlebert Stump wants to make changes to his life. Bored with life in the circus, he is determined to run away and join...the Library! How Fizzlebert sets out to...

Everything's Amazing (Sort Of) : Tom Gates 3
Liz Pichon

March 2012 Book of the Month. From the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize comes the third amazing instalment of this brilliant series. This again takes the form of Tom's battered homework diary - crammed with his scribbles and stories. Totally accessible for...

Ethan's Voice
Rachel Carter

How do you begin to tell your story when you can't speak? Ethan lives on the canal. He likes it there. He can go to the pond and catch newts and minnows. He can learn everything he needs to know...

Dark Lord : The Teenage Years
Jamie Thomson, Dirk Lloyd

Winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2012 - aged seven to fourteen. This is wonderfully original, completely mad but according to a 10 year old boy is one of the funniest books he's read ...

Cool Science Tricks 50 Fantastic Feats for Kids of All Ages
Daniel Tatarsky

Filled to the brim with fantastic science feats that are easy to learn and difficult to forget! It's a book for kids (and for those adults who have never grown up - yes dad that's you!). Hours of entertainment too...

Codename Quicksilver 2: The Tyrant King
Allan Frewin Jones

A gripping new thriller in this fast-paced series of Zac Archer's first mission as an undercover agent for Project 17. Having never thought he'd be selected, Zac is now determined to prove he can do the job. If only everything...

Chronicles of Egg: Deadweather and Sunrise

Geoff Rodkey

Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2013 With all the adventure and humour of Percy Jackson and the swashbuckling thrills of treasure island, no boy or girl for that matter will fail to enjoy this, the first in a...

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 2 The Race Against Time

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Uh-oh! Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is stuck in reverse. And Little Harry's pressed a button that means she's reversing through time - with the Tootings aboard. When they finally come to a stop, it's at the feet of a very...

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 1: Flies Again

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2012. Award winning Frank Cottrell Boyce breathes new life into the classic story of a flying car originally conceived by James Bond's creator, Ian Fleming. When Mr Tooting loses his job he embarks...

Billionaire Boy

David Walliams

Hugely entertaining, this captivating story is also thought provoking about the perils of having way too much money. Joe Spud is the richest twelve-year-old in the world; he has everything his heart desires – except happiness. As one disaster follows...

Around the World in Eighty Days (Oxford Children's Classics)

Jules Verne

Join Phileas Fogg on his epic adventure as he attempts to travel around the world in eighty days. If you love a good story, then look no further. Oxford Children's Classics bring together the most unforgettable stories ever told....