

RIF Recommended Booklist 2008

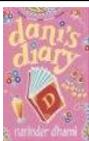
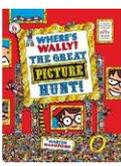
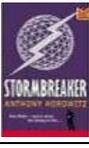
Recommended for ages 9 – 12

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	The tale of pig farmer's son and reluctant hero, Blart, and his adventures as he is forced to save the world. A humourous and clever tale recommended for enthusiastic readers.	Blart D Barker ISBN: 9780747580744 Price: £5.99
	In the first of the Spiderwick Chronicles, Mallory, Simon and Jared get used to their strange new home with the help of <i>Spiderwick's Field Guide</i> . A series that may appeal to Snicket fans.	Spiderwick 1: The Field Guide H Black & T DiTerlizzi ISBN: 9780689837388 Price: £6.99
	Highly recommended for less keen or confident readers, short sentences and verse tell the story of bully Sam's unlikely friendship with the remarkable Davey.	Cloud Busting M Blackman ISBN: 9780440866152 Price: £4.99
	One of the original and best 'boy's guides' (also suitable for girls!) this book reveals essential secrets such as how to whistle with two fingers, spin a basketball and win any argument.	How to Give A Wedgie D & J Borgenicht ISBN: 9781844584178 Price: £4.99
	Can a Celtic boy save his tribe by assassinating the Emperor Hadrian - or will the building of a wall save them both? Vivid adventure from a series designed to help struggling readers.	Assassin! T Bradman ISBN: 9781842994580 Price: £5.99
	Orphan Molly Moon dreams of being special one day. When she discovers a mysterious book on hypnotism it opens the door to amazing adventures. An excellent chapter book recommended for stronger readers.	Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism G Byng ISBN: 9780330399852 Price: £5.99
	Desperate to be in the school play and also to impress Mrs. Wilberton in the spelling bee, Clarice finds herself in the usual trouble! A fun chapter book for newly confident readers.	Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now L Child ISBN: 9781846165078 Price: £6.99
	The story of Hiccup Haddock Horrendous III's rise to fame, through his dragon-training exploits. Packed with lively diagrams and jokes, this is great for older or more confident readers.	How To Train Your Dragon C Cowell ISBN: 9780340860687 Price: £5.99
	A modern tale of the gorgeous Ashley sisters, who rule Miss Gamble's Prep School. They've always had the coolest fashion, parties and guys – but will reality TV reveal any surprises?	The Ashleys: Jealous? M De La Cruz ISBN: 9781847382603 Price: £5.99
	A short holiday turns out very differently for Joe than he could have imagined when he becomes embroiled in a world of witchcraft where the innocent witches of Britain face a wicked foe.	Whispering to Witches A Dale ISBN: 9780747569107 Price: £5.99
	Forget the Brave heroes swinging from the masts and the handsome young men sailing the seven seas, and prepare yourself for the truth behind the lousy pirate legends and lies.	Horrible Histories: Pirates T Deary ISBN: 9780439955782 Price: £5.99

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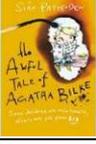
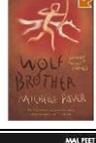
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	Dani is struggling to fit in with a new stepfamily and school when she's given her gran's childhood diary. Will reading about gran's life in a new country help Dani with her problems?	Dani's Diary N Dhami ISBN: 9780440867289 Price: £4.99
	Helen is thrust into an exciting world of magical rituals and mythical creatures in this fantastic adventure based in Scotland. Highly recommended by a RIF project manager.	First Aid for Fairies L Don ISBN: 9780863156366 Price: £5.99
	Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim get on the London Eye, but he doesn't get off. Has he disappeared into thin air or will autistic Ted's fascination with detail unlock the mystery?	The London Eye Mystery S Dowd ISBN: 9780440868026 Price: £5.99
	Constructed in the 'choose your own adventure' style, this is a great book for Doctor Who fans and reluctant readers alike as the reader controls the flow of the story.	Doctor Who: Alien Arena R Dungworth ISBN: 9781405903523 Price: £4.99
	Jimmy dreams of becoming a pro footballer and wearing the number 7 shirt like his heroes. Designed for struggling or dyslexic readers, this includes facts about top players.	The Number 7 Shirt A Gibbons ISBN: 9781842995365 Price: £5.99
	Bella is unhappy when her mum gets a new boyfriend, and upsets everyone as she tries lots of tricks to outwit him. Will meeting her birth father help?	Bella and the Indian Summer A Guillain ISBN: 9781840594072 Price: £5.99
	The latest in a consistently popular series challenging readers to find bobble-hatted Wally in a range of ever-changing scenes. Extra activities and stickers guarantee hours of fun for children of all ages and abilities.	Where's Wally? The Great Picture Hunt M Handford ISBN: 9781406303827 Price: £5.99
	<i>Silverfin</i> , the first of Charlie Higson's authorised prequels to the 007 stories, introduces readers to the teenage Bond in a gripping page-turner full of the trademark adventure and excitement.	Silverfin C Higson ISBN: 9780141318592 Price: £6.99
	Jo Warden's granny isn't a nice old lady at all. In fact, she takes great pleasure in making his life a misery and his parents don't seem to notice. A horrible, hilarious story.	Granny A Horowitz ISBN: 9781406305708 Price: £5.99
	When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, 14-year-old Alex Rider's world is turned upside down. Recruited into MI6, his new life begins with gruelling SAS training exercises.	Stormbreaker A Horowitz ISBN: 9781844280926 Price: £6.99
	A collection of thrilling short stories with a twist in the tale – bet you'll never guess how each story ends! Carefully edited language makes this a great book for reluctant or less confident readers.	Thirteen Unpredictable Tales P Jennings ISBN: 9780140377903 Price: £4.99

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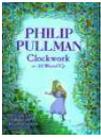
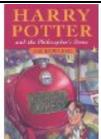
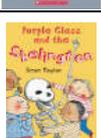
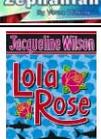
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	A word-of-mouth bestseller, this modern horror story begins when Stephanie inherits her uncle's estate. Uncle Gordon was a famous writer, and she soon discovers his inspiration...	Skulduggery Pleasant Derek Landy ISBN: 9780007241620 Price: £6.99
	Lovable mammoth siblings Oscar and Arabella have to go to a new school - The Mammoth Academy – in this funny story with quirky illustrations for newly confident readers.	Mammoth Academy N Layton ISBN: 9780340930298 Price: £4.99
	Still enchanting children more than fifty years after it was written, the classic tale of four children who discover another land exists behind a magic wardrobe is full of adventure and a great book for strong readers aged 9+.	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis ISBN: 9780007115617 Price: £4.99
	A good lead into teenage fiction suitable for older, confident readers, this is one of the popular Ally's World series. Pleased about her mum's return, Ally finds out that both her best friend and big sister might now be moving.	Hassles, Heart-Pings and Sad Happy Endings K McCombie ISBN: 9780439943482 Price: £4.99
	Saffy feels she's an outsider when she discovers that she's adopted, but with the help of her quirky family, and of new friend Sarah, she uncovers the key to her past.	Saffy's Angel H McKay ISBN: 9780340850800 Price: £5.99
	Learn about the fascinating underwater lives of sharks in this guide, one of an excellent non-fiction series that combine eye-catching photography with illustrated diagrams. Ages 8+.	Sharks- DK Eyewitness Guide M McQuitty ISBN: 9780751347418 Price: £5.99
	An exciting medieval time-slip mystery featuring Charlie, his cat Balthazar and a host of well-drawn characters. A page-turner packed with fascinating period detail recommended for confident readers and history fans aged 9+.	The Riddle of the Poisoned Monk S Matthias ISBN: 9781846470097 Price: £5.99
	A gripping, football-themed detective story featuring crime-fighting fan Danny Harte in his first case on the trail of top player Sam Roberts' kidnapper. Excellent for reluctant readers.	Foul Play T Palmer ISBN: 9780141323671 Price: £5.99
	A hilarious tale of a girl with a fondness for fire and not many morals, and her adventures in the Tread Quietly Clinic for Interesting Children. Lots of appeal for Dahl and Snicket fans.	The Awful Tale of Agatha Bilke S Pattenden ISBN: 9781904977513 Price: £5.99
	When Torak's father is killed by a bear, he must learn how to survive in a harsh prehistoric world but soon he befriends a wolf cub and a strange girl in this gripping and vivid story for ages 10+.	Wolf Brother M Paver ISBN: 9781842551318 Price: £5.99
	Paul Faustino, South America's top football writer, tells the story of "El Gato", the world's best goalkeeper, as he relates how he met the mysterious Keeper. A football tale with a twist.	Keeper M Peet ISBN: 9781406303933 Price: £5.99

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	A tormented apprentice clock-maker - and a deadly knight in armour. A mechanical prince - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil. A funny, frightening, exciting story.	Clockwork P Pullman ISBN: 9780440866381 Price: £4.99
	Tom and Hester have been thrown together, literally, out of a city on wheels and into a desolate wasteland. An original and gripping adventure story for confident readers.	Mortal Engines P Reeve ISBN: 9780439979436 Price: £5.99
	The funny story of a multicultural football team's unlikely success by the wonderful Michael Rosen. Complemented by full-colour illustrations, perfect for less confident readers.	Even Stevens F.C M Rosen ISBN: 9781903015711 Price: £4.99
	The book that got millions of children excited about reading again. Orphan Harry's miserable life with the Dursleys changes forever when a strange letter arrives...	Harry Potter and the Philos... J K Rowling ISBN: 9780747532743 Price: £5.99
	Triton, an evil alien genius, is trying to take over the world! You are a F.E.A.R agent and only you can decide how to stop Triton in this exciting 'choose your own adventure' story.	The Space Plague J Shadow ISBN: 9781840466942 Price: £4.99
	If you like happy endings, don't start reading this first of 13 books in the 'Series of Unfortunate Events' in which the Baudelaire siblings suffer all sorts of misfortunes!	The Bad Beginning Lemony Snicket ISBN: 9781405208673 Price: £6.99
	The gripping horror of the ever-popular Goosebumps series is perfect for less keen or confident readers. Tommy is worried about the strange pupils at his new school.	Haunted School R L Stine ISBN: 9780439774758 Price: £3.99
	A collection of short stories for newer readers. Purple Class is sure Mr Wellington has died when they find a skeleton sitting in his chair. What will they say to the school inspector?	Purple Class and the Skeling... S Taylor ISBN: 9781845073770 Price: £4.99
	Ever wonder where criminal masterminds went to school? The children at the Higher Institute of Villainous Education all have a precocious gift for wrongdoing. Fun for older readers.	H.I.V.E. M Walden ISBN: 9780747597216 Price: £6.99
	The inspiring biography of acclaimed poet Benjamin Zephaniah, who overcame a poor background through the support of his mother, his community and his way with words.	Benjamin Zephaniah V Wilkins ISBN: 9781848530 027 Price: £5.99
	When life at home suddenly gets frightening, Jayni and her mum must escape in the middle of the night. They choose new names and so Jayni becomes the glam, grown-up Lola Rose!	Lola Rose J Wilson ISBN: 9780552556132 Price: £5.99
	The first title about the intrepid teenage stunt girl. Trained by her granddad since she was 11, Venus can't wait for summer Stunt camp. But while she's there she stumbles on a clever plot.	Venus Spring, Stunt Girl J Zucker ISBN: 9781853408373 Price: £5.99