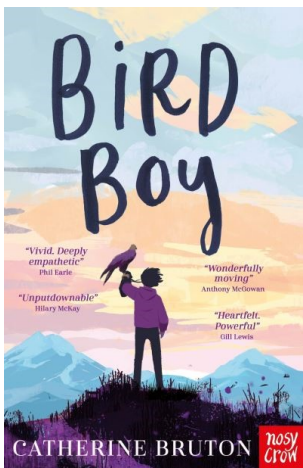


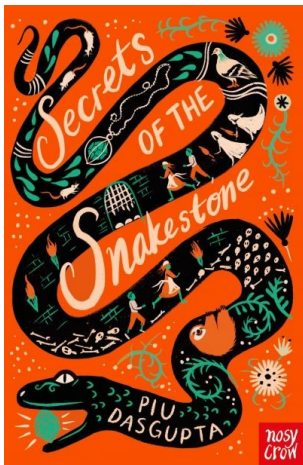
Recommended Primary Books Summer Term 2024



Brunton, Catherine Bird Boy

Nosy Crow Pbk £7.99 9781839946493
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

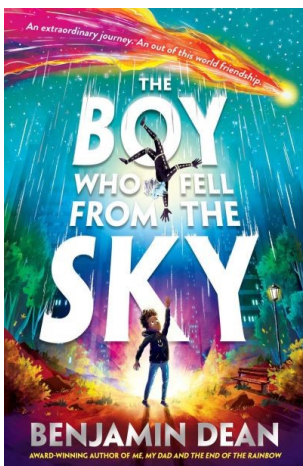
After the tragic death of his Mum, Will is sent to The Lake District to live temporarily with an uncle he knows nothing about. When he is befriended by Omar, a refugee from Afghanistan, at a nature camp, they discover an osprey's nest and two chicks. When Will finds one of the chicks knocked out of the nest with a broken wing, he is determined to save her. Can he keep her alive, or will he need the help of others? A touching and heartwarming story full of empathy about overcoming grief and the healing power of nature, with the additional themes of mental health and refugees.



Dasgupta, Piu Secrets of the Snakestone

Nosy Crow Pbk £7.99 9781839946318
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Zelie grew up in India, but her father sends her to live as a servant in Paris to pay off a debt. She meets Jules, who is a sewer boy, and has found a golden locket which once held the magical Snakestone. Zelie thinks if she can find the missing stone, she may also find her missing father. But a dangerous secret society want the Snakestone and its powers, and soon Zelie and Jules are locked in a deadly battle of wits trying to evade this secret society. Debut novel with a relatable main character, fast paced narrative, and packed with peril and adventure.



Dean, Benjamin The Boy Who Fell From the Sky

Simons & Schuster Pbk £7.99 9781398518742
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Zed is twelve and lives with his father who is the best Hunter The Authority has. His father leads a crack team of experts who track Demons who fall from Space when a shooting star cracks open the sky. They capture and eliminate Demons before they can cause chaos and endanger human life. This is what Zed has always believed, until one night he meets a real Demon for himself, and discovers that what he and the world have always lived by is not the truth. Can Zed help his new friend return home, and how can he stand up against his father and The Authority? Engaging adventure with likeable central characters, some mild jeopardy and humour. The message of accepting differences, and finding out by experience who people are, rather than just accepting stereotypes in society, is handled well.



Edge, Christopher

Black Hole Cinema Club

Nosy Crow Pbk £7.99
Interest age: 10+

9781839942730
Reading age: 10+

When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema, nicknamed 'The Black Hole', they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. But as the lights go down, they watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic adventure. Being the hero of your own action film should feel like fun, but as the cliffhanger scenes become ever more perilous, Lucas and his friends start to wonder if these movies are really fantasy. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? A crazy rollercoaster read, fast paced with a great sense of danger and excitement.



Hickeys, Phil

The Whispering Walls

Usborne Pbk £7.99
Interest age: 9+

9781805314905
Reading age: 9+

First in the new supernatural Shadowhall Academy series. Lilian starts at the boarding school and is nervous about making friends, until her roommates tell her the school is haunted and she thinks they're just trying to scare her. When bizarre things start happening, Lilian discovers that not only are the school ghost stories true, but her new friends could be in danger. Super leisure read with just the right amount of creepiness for primary readers.



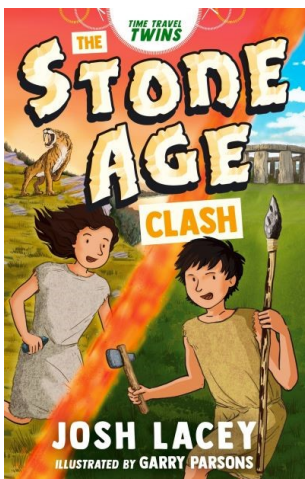
Johnson, Mitch

Toxic

Hachette Pbk £7.99
Interest age: 9+

9781510111929
Reading age: 9+

Jessica is on a frog research expedition to the Amazon with her family, when she meets local girl Renata. The two girls join forces with a third girl, Briony-Rose, to save a unique species of frog from being exploited for beauty products by a billionaire beauty mogul. Soon they are running for their lives as danger lurks around every corner. A jungle adventure with a strong theme of the environment. Fast-paced and easy to read romp of a story with plenty of jeopardy.



Lacey, Josh

The Stone Age Clash

Andersen Press Pbk £7.99
Interest age: 8+

9781839134791
Reading age: 8+

Twins Thomas and Scarlett want to see a sabre-toothed tiger and Stonehenge, but they are thousands of years apart in time. So, they must use their Grandad's time machine to travel to the stone age, twice. But, when Scarlett angers a priest at Stonehenge, can Thomas get to her in time to save her from becoming a human sacrifice? Fun, easy to read time-slip story with obvious curriculum links, but good leisure appeal as well.

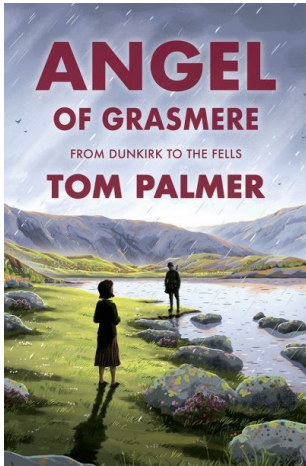


Lapinski, L.D.

The Forgotten Magic

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| Orion | Pbk | £7.99 | 9781510110090 |
| Interest age: | 9+ | | Reading age: 9+ |

First in the new Artezans series. Twins Edward and Elodie have been adopted into a powerful Artezan family. But, Ed has always feared he won't have any magic, whereas Elodie is brilliant at everything. When Ed discovers he does have an Artezan power over dreams, he's relieved, but soon he finds dreams can also become nightmares, and there is a powerful enemy out to stop him. Compelling fantasy plot with serious undertones of dealing with bullying and insecurities.

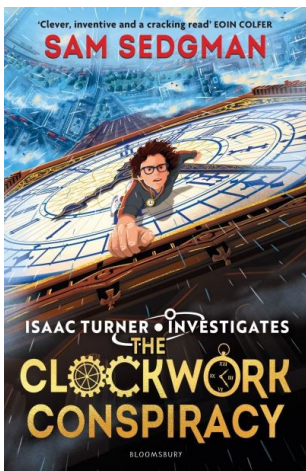


Palmer, Tom

Angel of Grasmere

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| Barrington Stoke | Pbk | £7.99 | 9781800902169 |
| Interest age: | 9+ | | Reading age: 8+ |

In the 1940's Lake District, Tarn is struggling to come to terms with the loss of her older brother in the retreat from Dunkirk. She and her two friends are also keeping watch for a Nazi invasion. In the meantime, the local villagers' spirits are lifted by a mystery person carrying out acts of kindness. But, they may feel differently when they solve the mystery person's identity. Easy to read, short WW2 tale with strong themes and engaging characters.



Sedgman, Sam

The Clockwork Conspiracy

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| Bloomsbury | Pbk | £7.99 | 9781526665386 |
| Interest age: | 9+ | | Reading age: 9+ |

Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the Chief Horologist in charge of Big Ben. When his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac is determined to find him. Following a trail of clues through London's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot and is determined to save his father, and time. A very readable and compelling adventure story.

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