

## Recommended Primary Fiction Spring Term 2024

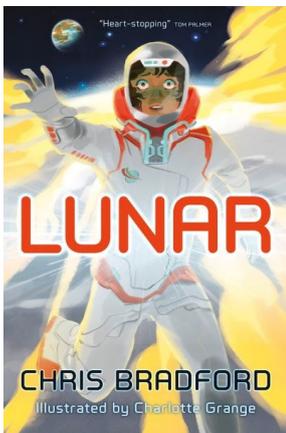


**Bass, Guy**

**Scrap**

Little Tiger Pbk £7.99 9781788955973  
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

After the robot revolt on planet Somewhere 513, K1-NG, King of the Robots, has vowed never to help another human. He sits alone on a scrap heap for ten years. Then two sisters burst into his life. With humans banned from the planet, it's astonishing they exist. With hunter robots tracking them down, and something rotten at the core of robot society, K1-NG, now known as Scrap, finds himself in an adventure to help the humans and discover a new purpose to his own existence. The first in a trilogy.



**Bradford, Chris**

**Lunar**

Barrington Stoke Pbk £7.99 9781800902299  
 Interest age: 9 Reading age: 7

Luna loves living & exploring on the moon. She enjoys helping her father – a Moon Miner – on his search for precious minerals and rocks. When a meteor strike destroys their base, Luna is left stranded alone on the moon. With no shelter and few supplies, she must find a way to survive. A story set on the moon, which would be useful for the topic of space. Positive female central character.



**Clements, Ellie**

**The Stupendous Sonny**

Bloomsbury Pbk £7.99 9781526638373  
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

When Sonny first finds himself waking up in different parts of his house with objects moving all by themselves, he thinks it's a recurring dream then one day he automatically teleports himself from school to the local park and realises he has extraordinary powers. He can't wait to start testing them out! Just as Sonny plans to tell his dad his awesome news, his dad is involved in a road accident that puts him in a coma. Suddenly the only thing that becomes important to Sonny is his dad waking up. And then Auntie Cleo, who Sonny hasn't seen in years, arrives to take care of everything. But Auntie Cleo isn't all that she seems. In fact, she's very interested in his powers. Does she know about the history of magic in Delmere? Or does she want to use his powers for her own means? Sonny is about to have a stupendous adventure to find out!

An imaginative adventure story with plenty of intrigue and emotion.



**Davis, Ben**

**My Brilliant Plan to Fix Everything**

Scholastic  
Interest age:

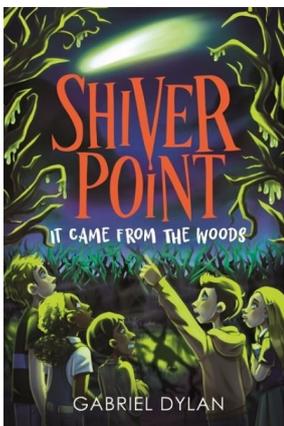
Pbk £7.99  
10+

9780702315787  
Reading age: 10+

Alex convinces his dad into thinking he has a writing sabbatical and works out a way to take over his dad's postal route, giving his dad time to write his book and become the successful, happy man he needs to be. Which he hopes will result in his mum and dad getting back together again. But Alex quickly learns postal work is a bit trickier than it might seem; there's the school bullies who throw his letters in the canal, an overly suspicious boss, and a lot of angry dogs to get through. Not to mention Willow, the girl on the canal who starts to help Alex but has a dark secret that might derail everything...

As the weeks go by, Alex starts to appreciate how much his dad means to the people in the community. But the lies are piling up, and as Alex's ruse starts to fall apart, he needs his dad more than ever - successful author or not.

A very emotional and thoughtful story told from the point of view of Alex. Strong characterisation and development of relationships. Fundamental message is that life is forever changing, we can't live in the past but must adapt and grasp the opportunities that are offered.



**Dylan, Gabriel**

**Shiver Point – It came from the woods**

Piccadilly  
Interest age:

Pbk £7.99  
9+

9781800784772  
Reading age: 9+

The first in the Shiver Point series where a group of children aim to save their town. Shiver Point is also the town where they live and where nothing interesting happens and there's not anything fun to do. Alex has just moved to the town with his Mum and misses his former home and friends. Then one night, he spots what looks like a meteorite plummeting into Howlmoor Forest. Intrigued, he later goes to investigate. And finds four other kids from his school have seen the strange streak in the sky: 'troublemaker' Oli, studious Sophia, curious Mo and budding engineer Riley. There seems to be a plague of slug-like creatures that explode when exposed to light. The slimy things seem to be controlled by a bloodthirsty body snatcher who tries to break into Alex's home. Then all the town's adults begin to be seized by some kind of zombie-like state. The children will have to join together to overcome the heinous threat to the town.

Well written horror story for top KS2 / KS3.



**Foster, Stewart**

**All The Way Down**

Simon & Schuster  
Interest age:

Pbk £7.99  
9+

9781398517318  
Reading age: 9+

A compelling story about three 11 year old children Milo, Oscar and Effie meeting at a summer camp for children with "issues". Caught in a freak rock fall down a cave they find themselves split off from the group and trapped in an old Cornish tin mine. Gradually they work through their individual fears and secrets whilst they are waiting to be rescued.

Well written in usual Stewart Foster style with empathy and great characters and plot.



**McNab, Andy / French, Jess**

**My Mum is a Spy**

Welbeck Publishing  
Interest age:

Pbk  
7+

£6.99

9781801300193

Reading age: 7+

The first in a series. A story about Idris, who lives with his Mum. When Lucia and her Dad come to stay (her Dad is Mum's boyfriend) he thinks it is ludicrous when Lucia, who loves spying, suggests Idris' Mum is a spy! She works at a boring paperclip factory. However, after an unusual trip to the zoo Idris begins to wonder if there may be something in what Lucia says?

A fun action-packed adventure story, with Lucia being a very positive character and wearing hearing aids



**Nabi, Zohra**

**The Kingdom Over the Sea**

Simon & Schuster  
Interest age: 9+

Pbk

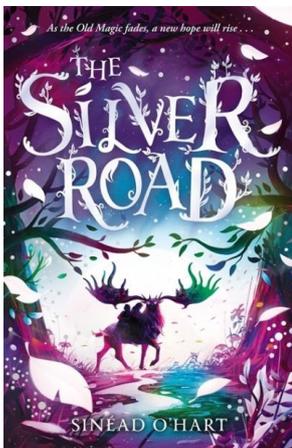
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9781398517707

Reading age: 9+

When Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel to a place that is not on any map – Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach. Yara must summon all of her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity...and to find her place in this magical new world.

A very good fantasy, adventure story that keeps you hooked throughout. Great setting and world building with a brave and determined main character. Good for reading for pleasure. Debut novel set for a sequel.



**O'Hart, Sinead**

**The Silver Road**

Piccadilly  
Interest age:

Pbk  
9+

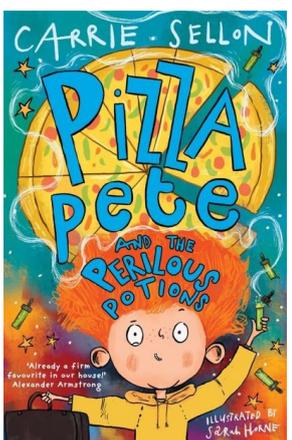
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9781800785090

Reading age: 9+

When Rose is entrusted with a powerful stone by a Frost Giant, she is swept into an adventure full of danger. The stone can be used for great good or great evil, depending on its keeper. It leads Rose to discover the magic that runs through all of Ireland. A magic that is threaded together beneath the land: the Silver Road. But the Silver Road is under threat. Now Rose must keep the stone from falling into the wrong hands and embark on a quest to find its rightful owner and keep the magic alive.

Exciting quest novel, with an engaging central character that readers will root for. Full of Irish mythology mixed in with the real world which fantasy fans will love. Includes very useful glossaries at the back. The narrative really grips the reader and the twists in the plot and the increase in jeopardy keep the reader hooked. Overall a very good leisure read.



**Sellon, Carrie**

**Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions**

Guppy Books  
Interest age:

Pbk  
8+

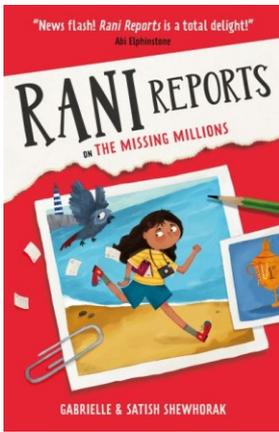
£7.99

9781913101954

Reading age: 8+

Pete loves the pizza shop, where he lives with his dad, and is terrified of the outside world. But when a new restaurant steals their customers, Pete and his friend Anna have to come up with an ingenious plan to sell more pizzas, otherwise he'll be forced to move. When they find a mysterious briefcase in the attic, they create the most extraordinary magical pizzas, and soon a queue of customers snakes down the road. But can they make enough money in four days to save Pete's home?

Great fun leisure read with engaging characters and plenty of madcap magical happenings. Debut author.



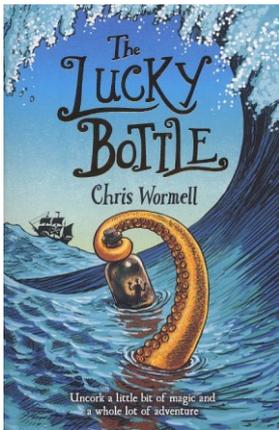
**Shewhorak, Gabrielle & Satish**

**Rani Reports on the Missing Millions**

Rock the boat	Pbk	£7.99	9780861545032
Interest age:	9		Reading age: 9

Rani is ten and so excited when her nani from Mauritius comes to stay. Rani hopes she'll help her find something to write about for the junior journalist competition. On Nani's first day in the UK, they discover that an eccentric millionaire has set up a fiendish treasure hunt, which will be an ideal subject for Rani's article. Others are trying to solve the clues, and wannabe journalist Lexi is filming everything and getting it wrong. Starring a pet parrot, a granny bursting with energy and a resourceful girl, this is the first in a fun young series.

Tips on being a journalist are at the back, a recipe for Mauritian chilli cakes and a glossary of the Mauritian Creole words which Nani uses. The font is large and there are black and white illustrations throughout this romp of a story. Great fun and ideal reading for pleasure.



**Wormell, Chris**

**The Lucky Bottle**

David Fickling	Pbk	£7.99	9781788451895
Interest age:	10+		Reading age:

Ten-year-old Jack is shipwrecked and stranded on a desert island with no way to get home. He discovers the island has ample fresh water, plenty of food and two unusual inhabitants, one of whom befriends him. But Jack is desperate to return home to England, and when he and his friend uncover not one, but two quite different and incredible hidden treasures on the little island, he starts to formulate a daring and dangerous plan. But the open ocean is full of danger from its inhabitants, the weather and those who sail upon it. If Jack's going to succeed he will need to be very, very lucky.

Excellent and unusual adventure tale which nods at a number of classic works of literature in a very subtle and imaginative way. Very well-written narrative with a good use of sophisticated vocabulary which would stretch young readers. Superb characterisation, and the twists and turns of the plot really keep the reader enthralled. An old fashioned adventure tale for the champion reader. Could also make a very good teacher read to a class.

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