



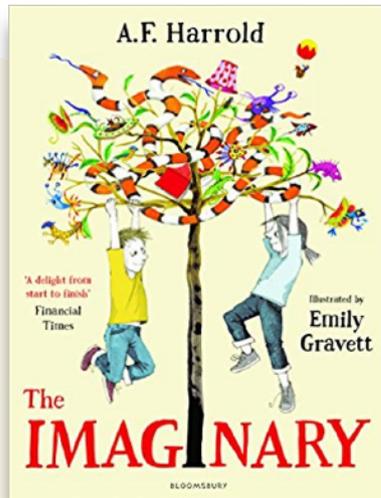
Reading List...

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...for Year 4

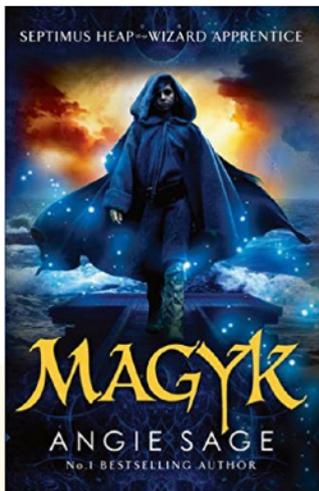
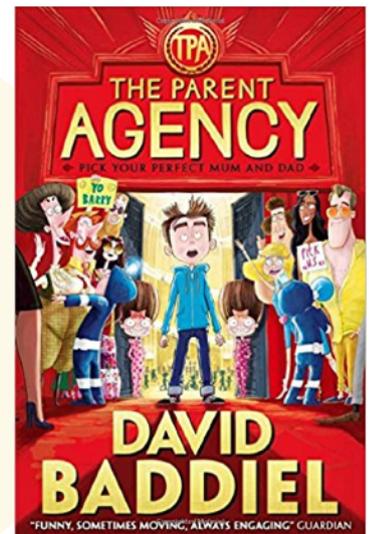
"Amanda's best friend is Ruder - he is an imaginary friend but hey no-one's perfect. Amanda is the only one who can see Ruder - so imagine her surprise when a Mr Bunting arrives one day and he can see Ruder. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries so suddenly Ruder is running for his imaginary life. A wonderful tale of friendship, loss and love from the pen of a poet."



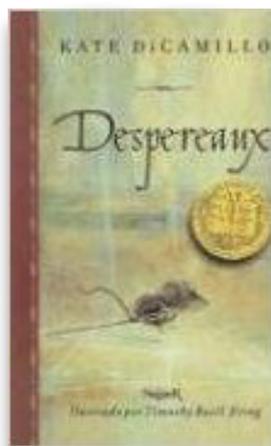
Recommended by Isla Dawes

Isla was the owner operator of the Barnes, Kew and Sheen bookshops and is a specialist in children's literature.

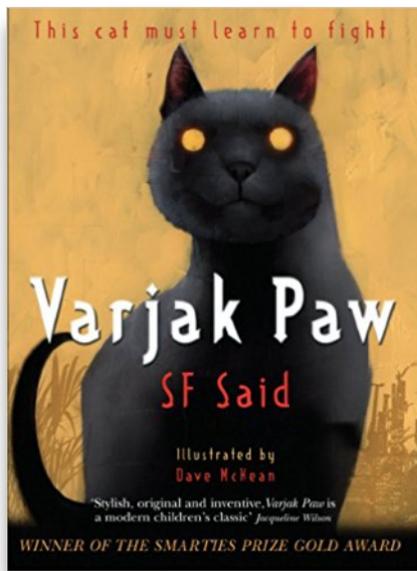
"Who doesn't occasionally wish they could choose their own parents? Barry certainly does, he blames them for many things - not least being called Barry - so imagine his excitement when he discovers a place where you can choose your parents. Things are rarely this simple and Barry learns the hard way to be careful what you wish for - great fun, a rollicking good read."



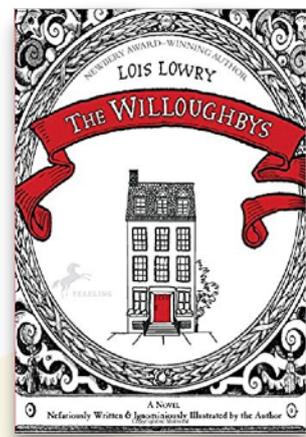
"This is the first in the Septimus Heap series which is Harry Potter-esq. It is very funny and has a similar lightness of touch to the early Potter books but it is slightly more accessible, every chapter ends on a cliffhanger so you are always saying to yourself - just one more chapter... Highly entertaining tale of magic & mayhem."



"A brilliant swashbuckling tale of a very small mouse with unusually large ears. Despite being a mouse Despereaux falls in love with a beautiful (human) princess - and so he must prove himself to her. A fantastic story beautifully told by the peerless DiCamillo."

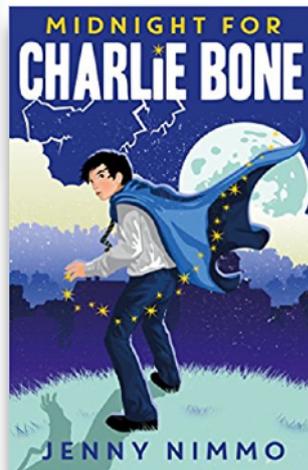
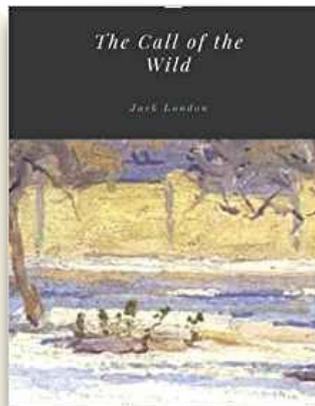


"This is the first book from master storyteller Said who is a real wordsmith. It is the story of Varjak Paw a young cat who is pretty scared of the outside world until his grandfather tells him about The Way a secret martial arts for cats. Can he survive in the big city with his new found knowledge. Who doesn't want to read about a kung-fu cat?"



"The four Willoughby children wonder if they shouldn't be orphans, after all, all the children they read about in books are worthy and winsome orphans. Also their parents are not the best - so they begin to hatch a plan to make them orphans - little do they know that their parents are trying to get rid of them too. So who will get rid of who first? A hilarious and anarchic tale for everyone."

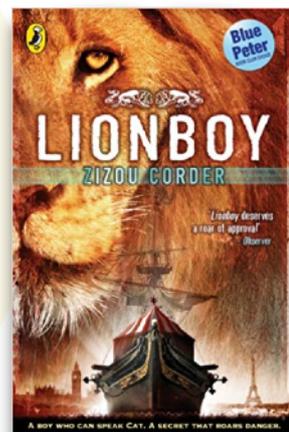
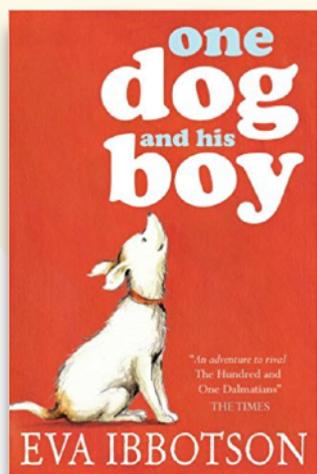
"A wonderfully exciting classic thriller. Buck is a husky and one day he is kidnapped and sent to the freezing north to become a sledge dog. The reason he has been so unfairly ripped from all he knows is that man has found gold in the North and now the race is on to find it. But can Buck survive he will need all his strength and cunning and most importantly can he ever trust a man again?"



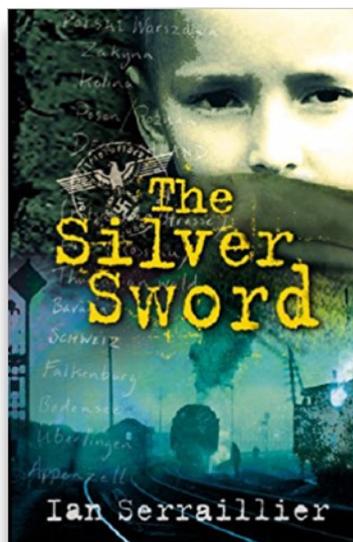
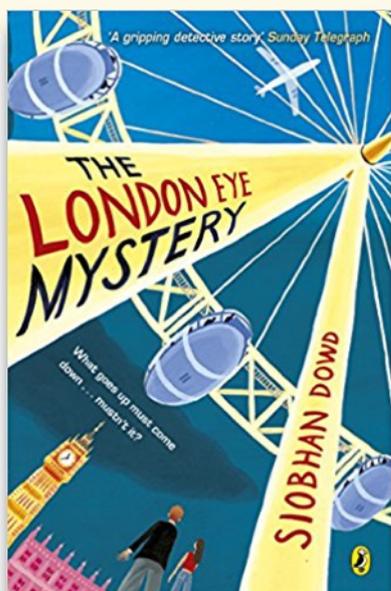
"Great for fans of Harry Potter - Charlie Bone is a magical child and as soon as this is discovered he is packed off to the unpleasant Bloor Academy for gifted children. He finds out that there is a child being held against their will so it is up to him and his new friends to find them - but will the nasty headboy foil their plans. A really good adventure from a seasoned children's author."

"This is one of the most delightful books I have ever read. Hal has glamorous and wealthy parents who buy him everything they think he wants but what he really wants is a dog. His father discovers an agency where you can hire a dog - so he does but doesn't tell Hal that it is just for a weekend. Once Hal & the dog meet that is it for both of them - love at first sight, so when the dog is returned to the agency both Hal and the dog do everything in their power to find each other again. A true tale of friendship."

"Charlie speaks cat which is handy when his parents are kidnapped and it is up to him to find them. He soon finds himself on a ship with a circus so with the help of the lions he can begin to track his parents and come up with a plan to get them back."

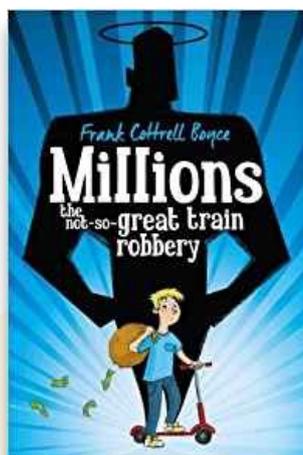
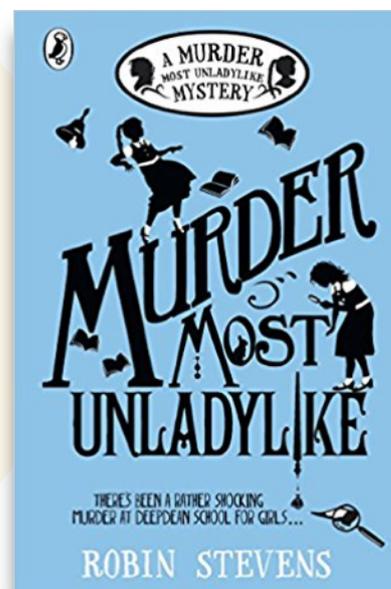


"A brilliant mystery all set in London. Ted, Kat and their cousin Salim all board the same pod on the London Eye the doors close and they go round - but when the doors open again Salim is nowhere to be found. Everyone is baffled and not a little worried so Ted decides it is up to him to solve the mystery - luckily his brain operates in a very different way to everyone else and

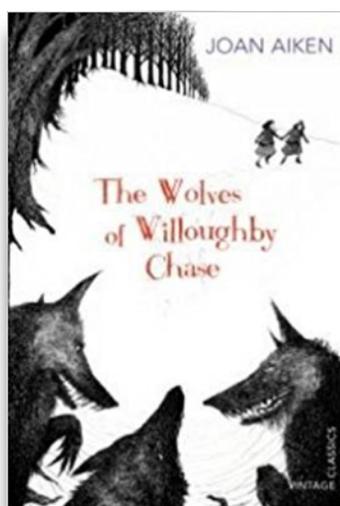


"A classic war story full of adventure and bravery. Jan & his friends are on the run in Poland, they are trying to get to Switzerland where they believe they will be reunited with their parents. It is an epic journey and a true picture of Europe during the second world war - moving and exciting all at once."

"Not only is this a brilliant murder mystery it is also hilarious. Set in a 1930's girls boarding school it is narrated by Hazel Wong who with her best friend Daisy Wells make up the Wells and Wong Detective Agency. So when the science mistress is found dead it is up to Daisy and Hazel to find out the truth. Full of wonderful asides about British life from Hazel's outsider perspective this is a great read."



"Britain is about to join the Euro and two brothers find themselves caught up in a train robbery. They end up with a huge amount of money but in 2 days time it will be useless as the currency will change - what do you do with this much money? Do they blow it all on pizza or world peace - tricky questions - also the train robbers are closing in on them - so they had better hurry."



"When the new governess arrives everything begins to change. Bonnie locked in a cupboard and the faithful servants are all dismissed, everything that Bonnie and Sylvia hold dear is dismantled before their eyes and then they too are sent away from Willoughby Chase. But who is this governess and her evil friends and can Bonnie and Sylvia foil their plans and restore their world to what it was?"