

## "Boys" Fiction -

The Dark is Rising	Susan Cooper	Fantasy with a darker twist
Assassin's Apprentice	Robin Hobb	Traditional fantasy following a royal orphan who has magical powers and many enemies.
The Book of Three	Lloyd Alexander	Valorous and humorous tales of Taran who determines to save kingdom of Prydain
The Seeing Stone	Arthur Crossland	The everyday reality of life in a medieval manor, with a hint of Arthurian legend thrown in.
The Hitchhikers guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Hilarious, informative epic adventure of two haphazard heroes exploring the Universe, meeting lots of quirky characters on the way.
Nation	Terry Pratchett	A new twist on the fantasy novel from the master of the genre
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke	Father / daughter on the run from evil forces that live inside books
Eragon	Christopher Paolini	Classic fantasy with dragons, heroes and evil oppressors.
Only you can save Mankind	Terry Pratchett	Gaming role-reversal as Johnny has to save the Aliens from Mankind.
Mortal Engines	Phillip Reeve	Futuristic thriller with a fantasy setting but great crime plotting.
Death Note	Ohba / Obata	Series of graphic novels about a boy who has the power of life and death
Lowboy	John Wray	Disturbing odyssey of a psychiatrically ill young New Yorker.
The Trap	John Smelcer	Harsh realities of life in a hostile, outdoors environment.
Boy Soldier	Andy McNabb	Action-packed adventure/thriller about young man's search for justice
Young Samurai	Chris Bradford	Martial Arts based adventure set in 17th century Japan
Bloodtide	Melvin Burgess	Gripping and dramatic tale set in post-Apocalyptic London
The Medusa Project	Sophie McKenzie	Sci-fi story about teenagers with psychic powers
Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah	Contemporary story about the difficulties of living in London as a refugee
Casino Royale	Ian Fleming	James Bond's first outing
Brighton Rock	Graham Green	Underage villain tries to make it big in pre-War Brighton
Revolver	Marcus Sedgewick	15 year old faced with harsh decisions in 1910s Arctic environment
The Crew	Bali Rai	Boys' gang culture in the inner-city
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff	Mystery story surrounding strange disappearances in Roman Britain
Bumface	Morris Gleitzman	Funny / complex boy whose responsibilities get in way of 'normal' life.
H.I.V.E.	Mark Walden	A training school for villains - this is where the bad kids go!
The Supernaturalist	Eoin Colfer	Futuristic adventure / plenty of twists from creator of "Artemis Fowl"
Tunnels	Gordon / Williams	Dark fantasy set in subterranean 'lost' civilisation - very creepy

## "Girls" Fiction -

When Hitler killed Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr	Mog' author's real-life experiences on the run from the Nazis
What I saw and How I lied	Judy Blundell	Young girl lives with secrets and betrayal in post-war America .
Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	Set in the American Revolutionary wars of the 18th century, two sister recount their life as slaves.
Running on the Cracks	Julia Donaldson	Orphan runs away from the abusive family that she is left with.
Red Shift	Alan Garner	'Space opera' style sci-fi dealing with issues that we all face.
A Wizard of Earthsea	Diana Wynne Jones	Traditional fantasy with teenage heroes and heroines.
Clockwork Angel	Cassandra Clare	Romance, Angels and Magic in Victorian London - a gripping read.
Uglies	Scott Westerfield	Thriller in futuristic world which is obsessed with beauty.
Bog Child	Siobhan Dowd	Experiences of growing up in 1980s troubled Northern Ireland.
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman	Fantasy set in future, reverses traditional racial preconceptions.
The Bride's Farewell	Meg Rosoff	Brave young woman, good with horses, tries to escape her destiny.
The Foreshadowing	Marcus Sedgewick	WW1 drama about girl who has an unusual gift - seeing the future.
One More River	Lynne Reid Banks	Girl has to leave comfortable home to live on Kibbutz in Israel.
Lucas	Kevin Brooks	Romantic, contemporary tale with a Romeo and Juliet flavour.
Truth or Dare	Celia Rees	Gripping mystery thriller about a family's dark, secret past.
Flambards	K.M.Peyton	Horses, family arguments and love in Edwardian country mansion.
The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank	Classic diary of girl hiding from the Nazis in an attic for 2 years .
Hideous Kinky	Esther Freud	Childhood of 2 sisters dragged around 1960s Morocco by mother.
True Grit	Charles Portis	American Western with teenage girl as the hero.
Watership Down	Richard Adams	Rabbits face many dangers searching for secure home in Sussex.
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	US Civil War based family drama about four sisters.
Pirates	Celia Rees	Two girls seek their own high seas adventure in 18thC Caribbean.
Like Water for Chocolate	Laura Esquivel	All female family saga set in Mexico.
Wicked Lovely	Melissa Marr	An urban, contemporary fantasy with dark fairies and villains.
A Certain Slant of Light	Laura Whitcomb	Romance and secret pasts between humans and the supernatural.
The Ruby in the Smoke	Phillip Pullman	Sally Lockhart is searching for answers in Victorian London.
The Carbon Diaries	Saci Lloyd	Amusing, contemporary - deals with issue of environmental change.

## Want to try something a bit more 'grown-up'?

### 19th Century

Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Love, romance and (some) happy endings
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	'Autobiographical' journey of discovery
David Copperfield	Charles Dickens	'Autobiographical' adventures in 19th C London
The Mill on the Floss	George Eliot	Love triangle and family loyalty
The Woman in White	Wilkie Collins	Mystery, intrigue and melodramatic villains
The War of the Worlds	H.G.Wells	The original sci-fi!
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Arthur Conan-Doyle	First collection of Holmes' short stories
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Friendship and loyalty in US slave society

### Early - Mid 20TH Century

Murder in Mesopotamia	Agatha Christie	Classic Christie / archaeological dig
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Racial prejudice in southern USA
Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier	Dark mystery set in Cornwall
Frost in May	Antonia White	Horrors of boarding school
1984	George Orwell	Bleak, political view of the future
The Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Boys shipwrecked on an island become tribal
The Hobbit	J. R. R. Tolkein	The original Fantasy
A Kestrel for a Knave (Kes)	Barry Hines	Boy fights for his place in cruel environment
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	Post-apocalyptic survival story, realistic and scary.
The Midwich Cuckoos	John Wyndham	Unusual style of Alien invasion in Sussex village
Chocky	John Wyndham	When 'special friends' go bad!

### Late 20TH Century onwards

The Colour of Magic	Terry Pratchett	Fantasy and humour combined
Neverwhere	Neil Gaiman	Alternative world in modern London
Northern Lights	Phillip Pullman	Explores the BIG question - why are we here?
I'm The King of the Castle	Susan Hill	Psychological thriller
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	Survival story with a twist
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	Living in Nazi Germany as a German outcast
Beloved	Toni Morrison	Harsh tale of slavery with a supernatural twist
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	A boy is brought up in a graveyard by ghosts!
The Woman in Black	Susan Hill	Fantastic ghost story that delays twist until very end.

### "Teenage" Fiction

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole	Sue Townsend	Hilarious antics of the famous 13 year old
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell	Madcap adventures of truly unique family
I Capture the Castle	Dodi Smith	First love in 1930s England
The Outsiders	S.E.Hinton	Growing up on the wrong side of the tracks in USA
Circle of Friends	Maeve Binchey	Coming of age in 1950s Ireland
Oranges are not the only fruit	Jeanette Winterson	Bizarre childhood in 1970s Yorkshire
The Catcher in the Rye	J. D. Salinger	Teenage rebellion with a big R
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the night	Mark Haddon	Autistic boy's life who loves Sherlock Holmes
The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold	Young girl 'looks after' her family.....
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie	Muriel Spark	School/loyalty 1930s Edinburgh

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<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/> - a great site that tells you all about every book ever written by an author.

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