

Able Readers at KS2 Booklist 2020

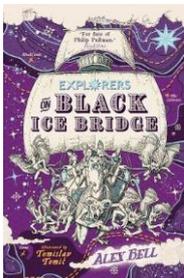
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Anderson, Laura Ellen – Amelia Fang and the Naughty Caticorns

Amelia has to look after three mischievous Caticorns, while trying to prove she can be a great sister to her new sibling. One in a series of books about Amelia Fang and her adventures.

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Bell, Alex - Explorers on Black Ice Bridge

This is the third in the series about Stella Starflake, the first female member of the Polar Bear Explorer's Club. In this book, Stella has to travel to the dangerous Black Ice Bridge, to save her friend Shay, meeting a host of different creatures along the way.

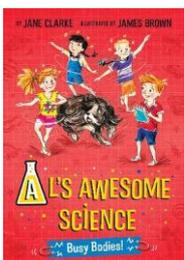
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Burgis, Stephanie - The Princess Who Flew with Dragons

Sofia is a princess who needs to save her kingdom. She only has a dragon and a pack of rowdy goblins to help, so she realises she has to try and do something different. One in a series.

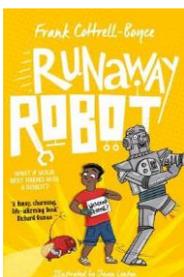
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Clarke, Jane - Busy Bodies!

Al decides to do some research on how the human body is affected by his time travelling machine. This includes plenty of explanation about science facts as well as an enjoyable story.

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Cottrell-Boyce, Frank - Runaway Robot

Alfie finds a giant robot in the airport lost property and takes him home in this humorous adventure. Eric is a robot from nearly one hundred years ago. Before Eric destroys everything around him, Alfie needs to find out who he is, as well as retrieving his own memories.

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East, Nick - Agent Weasel and the Fiendish Fox Gang
Agent Weasel and his sidekick dormouse Doorkins are called in to investigate crimes thought to have been committed by a gang of foxes. However, they are captured by Vixen von Fluff. Can they escape and bring peace to the forest?

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Gosling, Sharon - The Golden Butterfly
Full of mystery and puzzles, this story is set in Victorian England. As the Grand Society of Magician's tries to find the secret to her Grandfather's greatest illusion, Luciana is drawn into a world of danger and deception.

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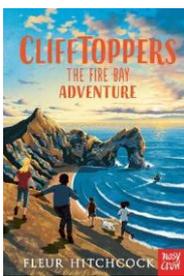
Haig, Matt - Evie and the Animals
Evie discovers she can talk to animals! How exciting but her dad tells her to keep it a secret. She then discovers just how powerful this is and in the wrong hands the destruction it can cause.

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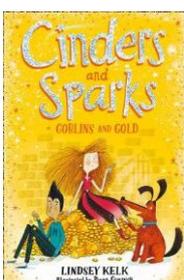
Harrold, A F - Greta Zargo and the Amoeba Monsters from the Middle of the Earth
Schoolgirl turned reporter Greta Zargo is after a big scoop. Her aunt goes missing and then weird monsters seem to be absorbing her neighbours one by one. What will Greta do?

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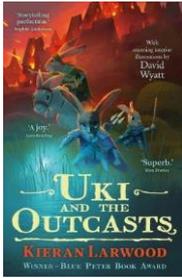
Hitchcock, Fleur - The Fire Bay Adventure
Join the cousins as they spend their holidays having adventures at their grandparents' house. Something strange is happening in town when suspicious fires happen. Can they work out what is going on before it is too late?

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Kelk, Lindsey - Goblins and Gold
Third in the series about Cinders and her dog Sparks. In this story they, along with Hansel are on the run and desperate to reach Fairyland and Cinders' mother, but a goblin has other plans.

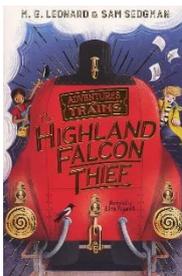
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Larwood, Kieran - Uki and the Outcasts

Pook the Bard and his new apprentice Rue set off to investigate rumours of a disturbing sighting at an old Tower, while the Bard recounts the tale of Uki and the Outcasts. Fourth in a series, but with a new character, it could be a new starting point.

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Leonard, M G - The Highland Falcon Thief

First in a new series: Adventures on Trains. Harrison Beck is not looking forward to spending 4 days on a train, even a royal one, with an Uncle he barely knows. However he soon changes his mind as jewellery goes missing and everyone becomes a suspect. Page turning adventure as the thief must be caught before the train finishes its journey of the UK. Can Harrison find out who is the thief?

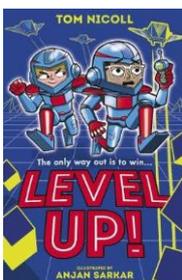
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McLachlan, Jenny - The Land of Roar

Arthur and Rose end up in the imaginary land that they created when they were younger, when their grandfather is pulled into it and kidnapped. A great fantasy adventure as the twins try to restore order to the land of Roar and rescue their granddad.

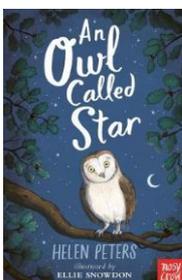
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Nicoll, Tom - Level Up!

Flo and Max find themselves trapped inside a computer game where they must win to escape. Can they level up or will it be game over?

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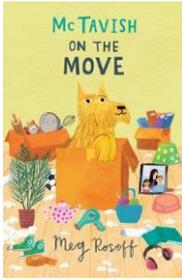


Peters, Helen - An Owl Called Star

Jasmine and Tom rescue an injured owl. With the help of Jasmine's mum, a vet, they look after the owl and release Star back into the wild when it has recovered. Lovely story for children that have an interest in animals, it highlights the fact that the owl is a wild animal and should be treated that way.

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Rosoff, Meg - McTavish on the Move

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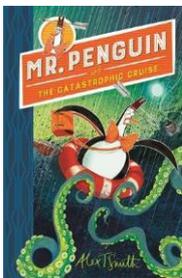
The family is on the move and Betty is not happy about it. McTavish the dog sets out to help Betty and come to a good resolution. One in a series of McTavish stories that can be read in any order.



Sami, Annabelle - The Missing Diamonds

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First in a new series featuring Agent Zaiba. At a hotel for a Mehndi, Zaiba and her friends are trying to solve the mystery of a missing dog's collar laden with diamonds. Secret passages, famous celebrities and lots of teamwork ensure this a modern day famous five adventure.



Smith, Alex T - Mr Penguin and the Catastrophic Cruise

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Mr Penguin, his trusty spider Colin and his friend Edith Hedge set off on a cruise. However, all is not as it seems as mysterious notes appear. The friends find themselves on another adventure to solve the mystery.



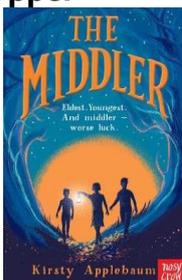
Sorosiak, Carlie - I, Cosmo

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A golden retriever decides to help save his family that are going through a difficult time. A story told through the eyes of a dog in this funny and heartwarming story.



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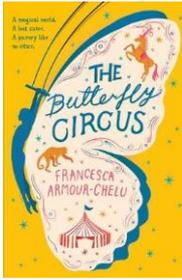


Applebaum, Kirsty - The Middler

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Set in a town with a boundary that no one crosses, Maggie is a middle child in a culture that reveres the eldest. When she makes a friend outside of the boundary, she begins to realise that all is not what she has been led to believe. An absorbing and well written story.

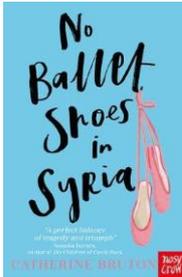




Armour-Chelu, Francesca - The Butterfly Circus

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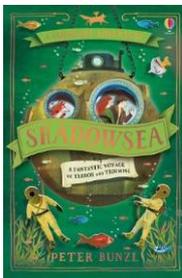
Tansy is a tapeze artist who hasn't performed since a fall left her afraid of heights. However, when her sister goes missing she knows that she needs to find the courage to find her.



Bruton, Catherine - No Ballet Shoes in Syria

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Aya has just arrived in Britain, seeking a home away from the war in Syria. She stumbles across a local ballet class and in doing so, finds the courage to fight to stay in the UK and also to find her father, as well as pursuing her passion for dance.



Bunzl, Peter – Shadowsea

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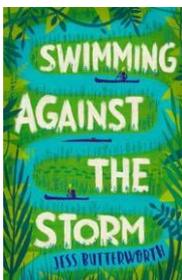
This is the last in the Cogheart series - a series of amazing Victorian steampunk adventures. In this book Lily and Robert discover some strange things happening when they are staying in New York. Along with Malkin, Lily's mechanical pet they set out to try and find out what is going on.



Burnell, Carrie - The Ice Bear Miracle

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Set in Canada, this is the story of two children. Tuesday is a performer in a travelling Carnival with her pet polar bear and Marv is famous for having survived a polar bear attack. Their stories are intertwined. Great descriptions of the setting and the wonderful relationships bring this story to a magical conclusion.



Butterworth, Jess - Swimming Against the Storm

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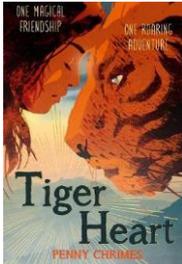
Eliza and her family live in small fishing village in the Gulf of Mexico. When her sister Avery goes missing, ELiza and her friends set off to find her in the swamps. An adventure with an environmental message.



Carroll, Emma - Secrets of a Sun King

An engaging adventure involving a trip from 1920s London to Egypt for Lil and her friends to discover if they can break a deadly Pharaoh's curse. An engaging adventure with a historical theme.

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Chrimes, Penny - Tiger Heart

A fantasy adventure story set in a time reminiscent of Victorian London and created with rich, evocative language. A poor girl meets a magical tiger and discovers that her destiny lies in an exotic and faraway land, does she have the courage and resourcefulness to get there?

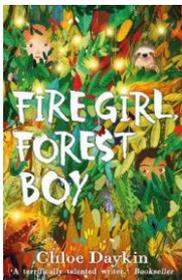
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Day, Susie - Max Kowalski Didn't Mean It

Max is in Year 7 and often sent to the Reflection room to consider his actions. At home dad has disappeared and Max is left in charge of his 3 sisters. Christmas is fast approaching and Max makes the decision to go to a cottage in Wales to keep them all safe. A heart warming tale of bravery and courage.

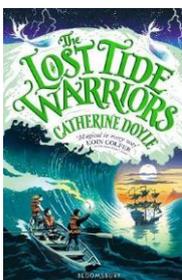
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Daykin, Chloe - Fire Girl, Forest Boy

A thrilling adventure story that takes place in the rainforests of Peru. Three young people join forces to uncover corruption and exploitation of the land's natural resources and indigenous people.

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Doyle, Catherine - The Lost Tide Warriors

Second in the series and Fionn is still trying to discover his magic as the Storm Keeper. This is set just before the shortest day of the year when the evil Morrigan will find it easiest to break into this world. Fionn is desperate with the other islanders to keep her away, but his greatest ally, his grandfather, is becoming more disorientated and Fionn fears he may lose him altogether.

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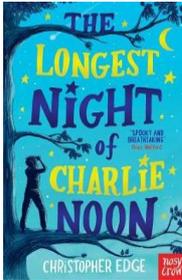




Duggan, Helena - The Battle for Perfect

Violet and Boy need to stop their town of Perfect being overtaken by a huge zombie army, and save themselves and their friends. This follows on from the previous two books in the series.

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Edge, Christopher - The Longest Night of Charlie Noon

A mystery and adventure story which follows three children who get lost in the woods at night. There are some quite scary moments as they grapple with monsters, time and space and must use all their knowledge to unravel the cryptic messages.

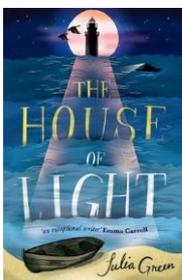
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Elphinstone, Abi - Rumblestar

Caspar Tock is a quiet and orderly boy who finds himself required to be a hero when he inexplicably lands in an extraordinary fantasy land, with the fierce and feisty Utterly Thankless as his reluctant companion.

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Green, Julia - The House of Light

A dystopian read set in the future after an environmental disaster. Bonnie wants to escape the island but is worried about her grandfather. When a stranger arrives from across the ocean, she realises this could be her chance to escape.

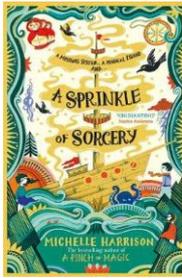
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Hardy, Vashti – Wildspark

An epic tale linking machines and humans. Prue is determined to make her family proud and be selected to go to the Guild, where she hopes to find her brother who has recently died and become a Wildspark. Once there she realises she may have to lose him all over again. A gripping read.

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Harrison, Michelle - A Sprinkle of Sorcery

Breathtaking adventure. This is the second in the series. The Widdershins sisters are solving another mystery as Charlie is kidnapped and they must summon a witch, a magical island and solve lots of puzzles on the way as they stay one step ahead of the cut throat pirates.

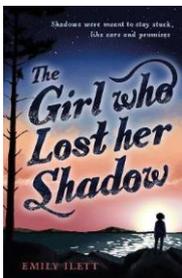
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Hemming, Alice - The Midnight Unicorn

A fairy tale like you have never heard before. Alette and Audrey discover that they have a shared destiny in a faraway magical kingdom.

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Ilett, Emily - The Girl who Lost her Shadow

Gail and her sister were close but lately things have changed. One morning their shadows disappear and Gail goes on a journey around her Scottish island to get it back. On the way she encounters memorable characters, lots of danger and a new friend.

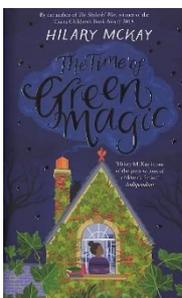
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James, Anna - Tilly and the Bookwanderers

In her grandparents' bookshop, Tilly discovers that she can enter any book that she wants to. This makes for an exciting adventure with a host of characters from different books, in which Tilly discovers truths about her past.

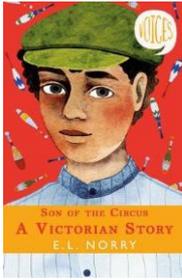
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McKay, Hilary - The Time of Green Magic

The children of a 'blended family' learn to live with each other as they encounter 'green magic' in the big, old ivy-covered house that they have moved into. Magic, mystery and fantasy are mixed in with very real and identifiable characters.

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Norry, E L - Son of the Circus

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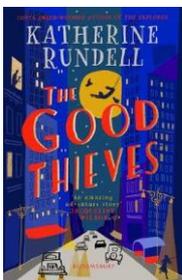
Historical read about a young boy growing up in Victorian Bradford. After the shock of suddenly meeting their father Pablo Fanque, the first black circus owner, Ted is taken to learn the tricks of the trade.



Peters, Helen - Anna at War

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Anna is a German Jewish girl who is sent to England for her own safety during World War 2, but as the war follows her to Kent she has other problems to come.



Rundell, Katherine - The Good Thieves

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Set in New York during prohibition, Vita's grandfather loses his castle to a mafia boss. Vita, with the help of friends from the NY circus and a local pick pocket, hatch a plan to get it back. Enthralling, page turning adventure which no-one will want to finish.



Taylor, Thomas – Malamander

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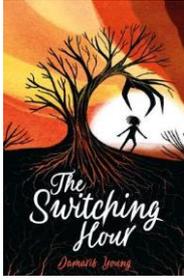
Herbie and Violet somehow evade danger and death at every turn as they attempt to search for the mythological Malamander and to discover what happened to Violet's parents, in the sleepy, creepy town of Eerie-on-Sea.



Torday, Piers - The Lost Magician

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In 1945, a group of children find a magical world within a library. Their task is to find the lost magician to reunite warring tribes that are locked in an eternal war, but find that there is more to their mission.



Young, Damaris - The Switching Hour

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A powerful and mesmerising read. Grandmother has always told Amaya that she must lock the door once it gets dark to stop the Badeko coming and stealing her or her baby brother for their dreams. One night she forgets and now she must enter the lair of the monster to get her baby brother back before it is too late. Gripping and scary this hooks the reader in from the first page.

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