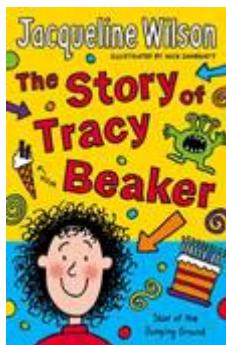


Best Books for 9-11 year olds



In 2015, we put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

The books below are ones suitable for children aged 9-11.

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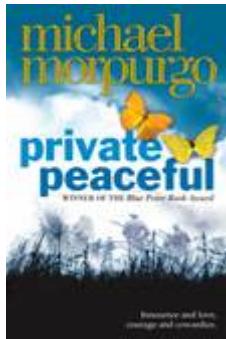
Flour Babies

Author: Anne Fine

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after f...



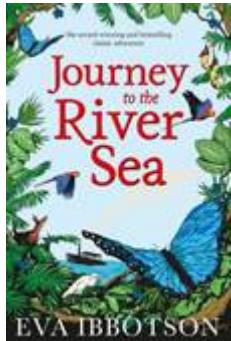
Private Peaceful

Author: Sir Michael Morpurgo

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.



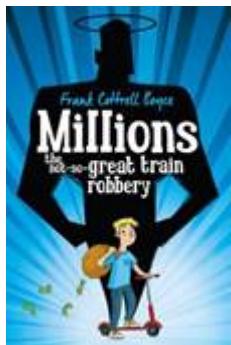
Journey to the River Sea

Author: Eva Ibbotson

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds a...



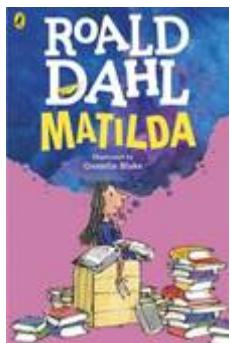
Millions

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Illustrator:** Steven Lenton

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from Go...



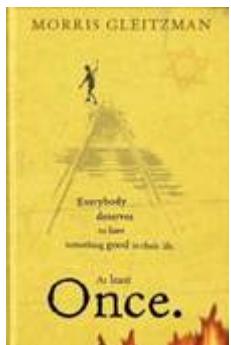
Matilda

Author: Roald Dahl **Illustrator:** Quentin Blake

Interest level: 7+

Reading age: 8+

This modern fairy-tale with a brilliantly inspiring young heroine is one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories.



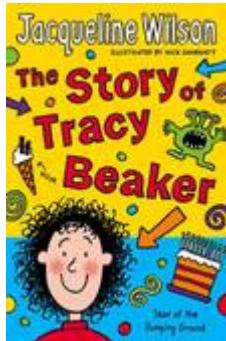
Once

Author: Morris Gleitzman

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 9+

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.



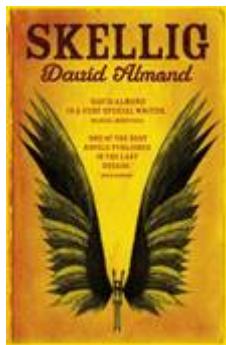
The Story of Tracy Beaker

Author: Jacqueline Wilson **Illustrator:** Nick Sharratt

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 8+

Tracy lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.



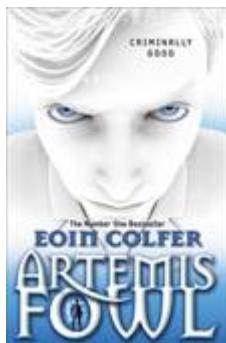
Skellig

Author: David Almond

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 11+

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature who needs his help.&nb...



Artemis Fowl

Author: Eoin Colfer

Interest level: 8-12

Reading age: 10+

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.



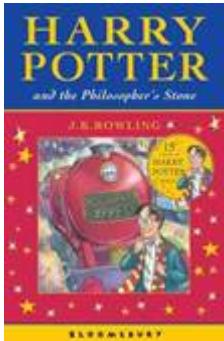
Carrie's War

Author: Nina Bawden

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

Inspired by Nina Bawden's own experiences of living as an evacuee in a Welsh mining valley as a child, *Carrie's War* is n...



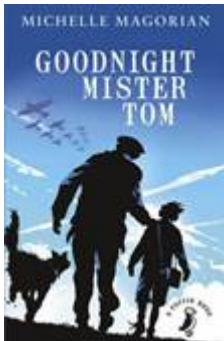
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Author: J K Rowling

Interest level: 8-13

Reading age: 10+

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting ne...



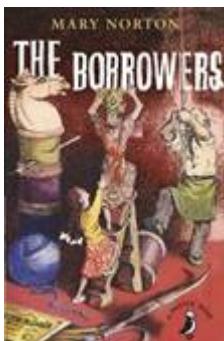
Goodnight Mister Tom

Author: Michelle Magorian

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and find...



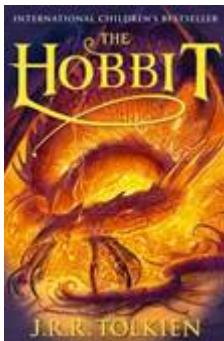
The Borrowers

Author: Mary Norton

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under ...



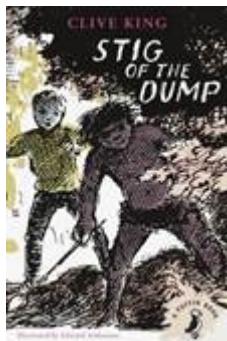
The Hobbit

Author: JRR Tolkein

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 10+

This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.



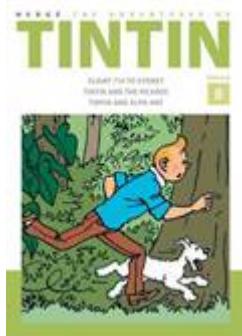
Stig of the Dump

Author: Clive King

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 8+

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.



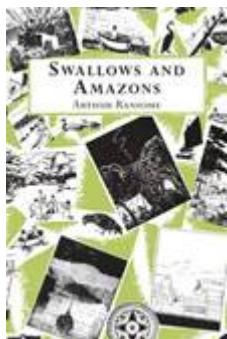
The Adventures of Tintin

Author: Hergé **Translator:** Michael Turner and Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper

Interest level: 7+

Reading age: 9+

Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy...



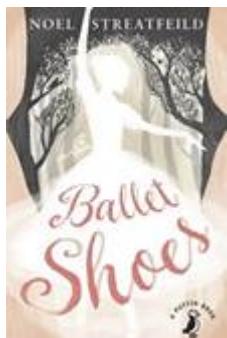
Swallows and Amazons

Author: Arthur Ransome

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 9+

It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.



Ballet Shoes

Author: Noel Streatfeild

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 9+

First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivate...



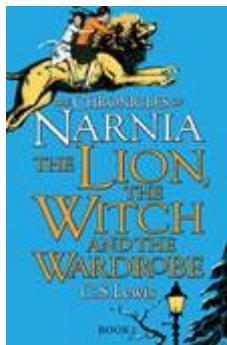
The Little Prince

Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupery **Translator:** Katherine Woods

Interest level: 8+

Reading age: 8+

An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he makes a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series ...



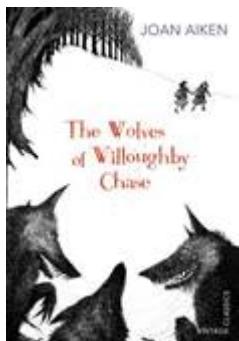
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Author: C S Lewis

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find t...



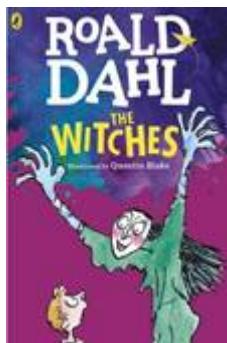
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Author: Joan Aiken

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.



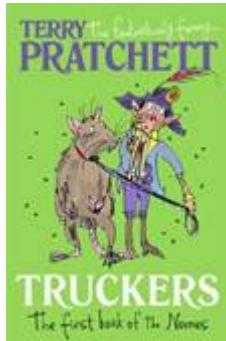
The Witches

Author: Roald Dahl **Illustrator:** Quentin Blake

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they de...



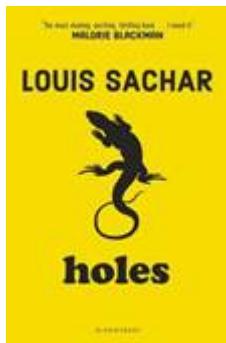
Truckers

Author: Terry Pratchett

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 10+

The first title in the *Bromeliad* trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.



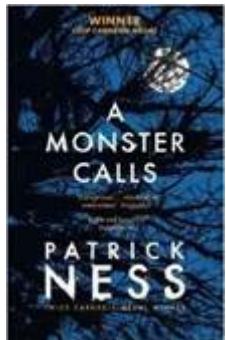
Holes

Author: Louis Sachar

Interest level: 10+

Reading age: 10+

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the ...



A Monster Calls

Author: Patrick Ness **From an idea by:** Siobhan Dowd **Illustrator:** Jim Kay

Interest level: 11+

Reading age: 10+

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute h...