



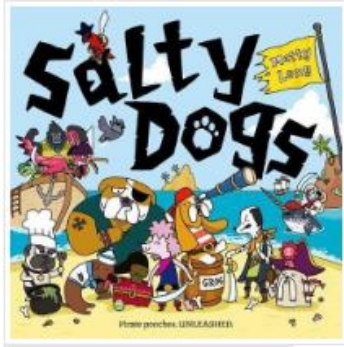
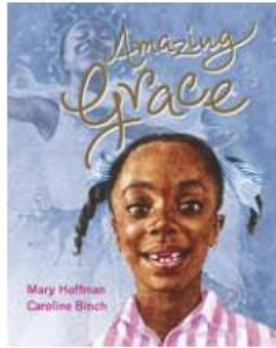
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Warrender Top-Reads



Welcome to the 'Warrender Top-Reads', a selection of recommended books personalised for your year group. You can share with an adult, read-aloud or read alone. For some of the books, we have included ideas for sharing and other fun activities. Don't forget to come and tell us what you thought of it!

There are worlds to be discovered, secrets to be unlocked, journeys to be taken, aliens to meet, exotic foods to be tested, facts to analyse and so much more, when you take a step inside your next book. *Can you read them all?*

Year 2	
	<p>Set sail with the Salty Dogs on an adventure through the Pirate Islands in search of TREASURE. Their journey won't be easy. They must outwit rival pirates, navigate stormy sea, and keep the poop deck clean if they are to become pirate legends. Get ready for an amazing new adventure from the award-winning creator of SUPER HAPPY MAGIC FOREST!</p> <p>A picture book that will appeal to the whole family, with incredibly detailed artwork packed with lots to see with each turn of the page.</p>
	<p>Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform <i>Peter Pan</i>, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black... But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it...</p>



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Mr Smith Recommends!

A wonderful book to unlock with the family...you could begin by finding out a bit about meerkats and the other animals, such as jackals. Together you could draw a map of the story and act it out together using your best meerkat impression!



Featuring 40 trailblazing black women from across the world and throughout history, this educational and inspiring book relates the true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.

From nurse Mary Seacole, to politician Diane Abbott, mathematician Katherine Johnson to singer Shirley Bassey. Readers will find new heroes and role models with these women who did extraordinary things.



Before reading this book it is essential to know the stories of Goldilocks, Rapunzel, Dick Whittington and Cinderella – so you could start by retelling these stories or some of the wit will be lost!

If you were going to fall into a book, a book of fairy tales would probably not be your first choice, because in every story there is always a wicked this, an evil that or a hungry somebody. It could only happen to Herb!



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	<p>Unfortunately, I am unable to give you a summary of this because, of course, I didn't look in it...however I have heard that some children find it gets the better of them and they simply can't put it down!</p>
 <p>★ Mr Wright Recommends!</p>	<p>Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...</p>
 <p>★ Mr Tinney and Mr Blake Recommend!</p>	<p>He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?</p> <p>With your child you could read the pictures carefully, looking for details. Are the adventures real? Who made them up? You could design Traction Man adverts or invent a new superhero or heroine.</p>



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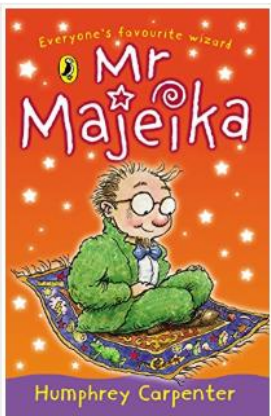
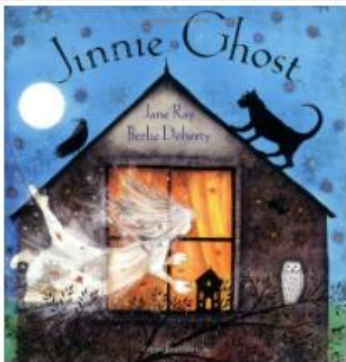
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	<p>Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! If he's not being teased by his big brother Marty, he has to deal with the terrible, three-headed bundle of cuteness that is his three younger brothers. Even worse, his mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. She just doesn't understand! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun and you don't want that - just ask Ugly Frank how he got his nickname!</p>
	<p>As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump.</p> <p>Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog!</p>
	<p>Introducing Jinnie Ghost, thin as the wind, with hair as white as the feathers of owls and eyes like water. Jinnie whispers dreams to children as they sleep. She brings Charlotte's dolls to life, makes Amy's carpet bubble with frogs and toads and conjures up a giant to carry Joe away shoulder-high to his castle in the sky. But the break of dawn takes Jinnie away... and the children wake to a new day, brushing wonder from their eyes. This perfectly-pitched poem takes readers on a thrilling fantasy journey, raising a shiver or two on the way, but returning them safe and sound in the morning.</p>



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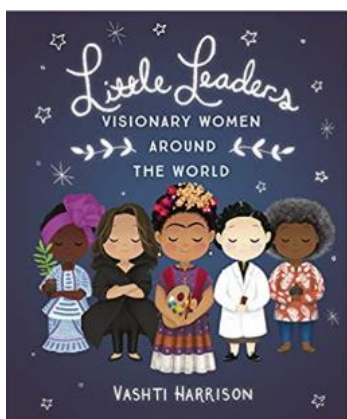
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Mrs Ralfs Recommends!

Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup... until the day Duck wants to do the stirring...

A funny, rhythmical story about friendship and sharing, with fabulous animal characters, illustrated in glowing autumnal colours.

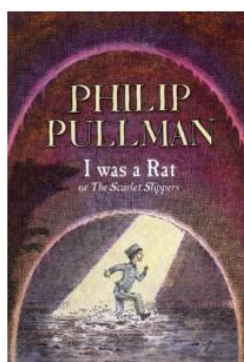


Miss Maylor Recommends!

Meet the little leaders. They're brave. They're bold. They changed the world. Did you know that WIFI was invented by a glamorous Hollywood star? Or that the first computer programmer was a woman born in 1816?

These amazing little leaders have changed the world, all because they were talented, clever, and above all, determined. Discover inspirational heroines like: Zaha, Hadid, Hedy Lamarr, Wangari Maathai, Mary Blair, Chien-Shiung Wu and Frida Kahlo.

With beautiful illustrations and incredible stories, this is the perfect book for every future leader.



Mr Spooner Recommends!

'I WAS A RAT!'

So insists Roger. Maybe it's true. But what is he NOW?

A terrifying monster rampaging in the sewers?
The Daily Scourge is sure of it.

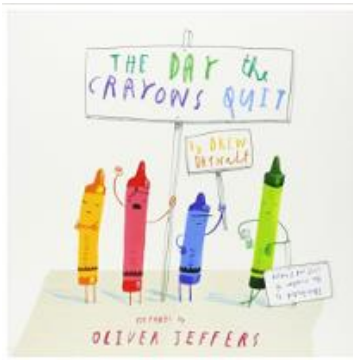
A money-spinning fairground freak?
He is to Mr Tapscrew.

A champion wriggler and a downy card?
That's what Billy hopes.

Or just an ordinary small boy, though a little ratty in his habits? Only three people believe this version of the story. Only one of them knows who Roger really is. And luckily a story about *her* can sell even more newspapers than one about a rat-boy ...



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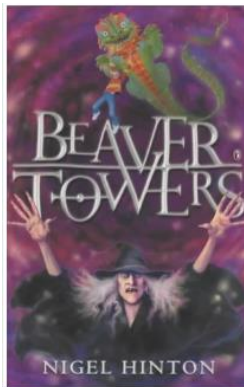


Mrs Morris Recommends!

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit.

Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other.

The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?



The first adventure in the BEAVOR TOWERS series. A magic spell whisks Philip away on his new kite to a far-off island where he meets the beavers - Mr Edgar and his grandson, Baby B. They tell him of the terrible danger that threatens them. The wicked witch Oyin has imprisoned most of the island's inhabitants in Beaver Towers, and when her powers are complete she will put them to death and rule the island. Philip has to get her spell book in order to save them.



The sun is down, the moon is up, and it is past bedtime. But outside the castle there's an awful lot of noise! Will the princess ever get to sleep?



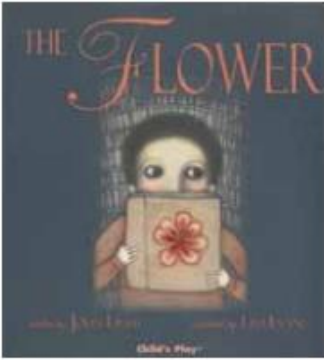
Meet Triangle. He is going to play a sneaky trick on his friend, Square. Or so Triangle thinks... Visually stunning and full of wry humour, here is a perfectly-paced treat that flips the traditional concept book, and approaches it from a whole new angle.

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	<p>Read and enjoy this very funny book. What makes the characters amusing? You could collect some of the strange words that Dr Xargle uses and give them definitions, such as 'eggmangle', 'earthlet', 'hairdo of a sheep'. What other strange things might aliens not understand if they came to earth?</p>
	<p>Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum and other unspeakable things, and Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable. Briggs has created a whole new world in this sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for older children which will entice the most reluctant of readers into books.</p>
	<p>From looking at the cover; what might the book be about? How do the city people feel at the start of the book? Pause on the page in the library and see what the children notice.</p> <p>Why might books be dangerous? Why might a book be labelled 'do not read'?</p>
	<p>Mrs Wobble LOVES her job as a waitress but, oh dear, there's one big problem - she wobbles!! And when she wobbles and wobbles and drops jelly everywhere, it's time for a new job! Luckily, Mr Wobble, and all the Wobble children have a cunning plan . . .</p>



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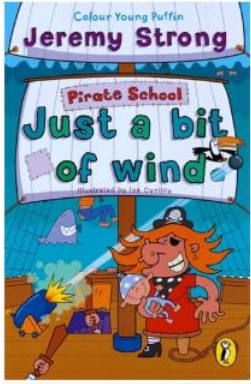

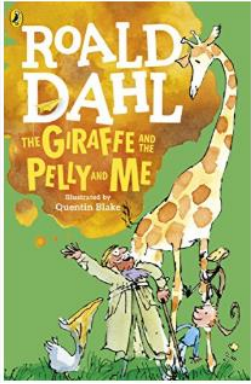


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	<p>Miss Breakbone, the school mistress, hates kids. She shouts, she confiscates, she makes kids cry. But one day she goes too far. She confiscates the one-eyed cat that Junkyard is going to give his mum for her birthday. So the children pool their many weird and wonderful talents to break into Breakbone's house and get Junkyard's cat back for him...</p>
	<p>Grab your favourite cuddly toy and get discussing why they are so important!</p> <p>What's really the matter?</p> <p>A lovely opportunity to open discussions.</p>
	<p>Sam is an ordinary person who wears an ordinary suit and ordinary shoes. He works in an ordinary, neat office writing down figures all day and underlining them. But Sam's mother is definitely not an ordinary woman, Sam's mother is a pirate and she wants to sweep him away to sea...</p>


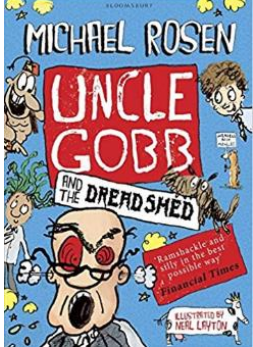
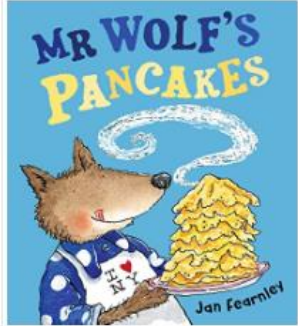


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	<p>It's the first day at PIRATE SCHOOL for Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo and they have lots of new things to contend with. Their headteacher is the scary Patagonia Clasterbottom and they have to take lessons include walking the plank and hand-to-hand fighting. When out on the pirate ship a storm blows up, resulting in the children having to rescue Patagonia when she's swept overboard, and they learn that really Patagonia is not so scary after all!</p>
	<p>Each of the five stories is a little gem. Here are some simple ideas for each tale: Grow seeds: choose stories, poems, songs and play music for the seeds. Bake cookies and discuss the need for 'will power'. List brave characters for stories and discuss what it means to be brave. What does the dream story mean? What do the stories tell us about the different characters of Frog and Toad? Read through and list clues. Why would they make good friends? Which is your favourite story and why?</p>
 <p>★ Miss Gordon Recommends!</p>	<p>This is a meaty read. Begin by finding out a bit about giraffes, pelicans and monkeys.</p> <p>What dreams would you have?</p>

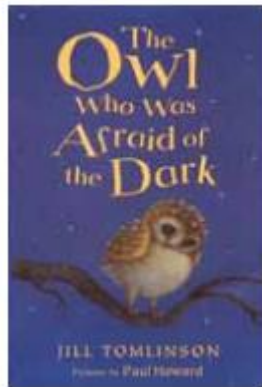


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	<p>Mog's antics have entertained countless children ever since her first appearance in 1970, making this lovable cat one of the most enduringly popular characters in children's books.</p> <p>The stories included are:</p> <p>Mog the Forgetful Cat</p> <p>Mog and Bunny</p> <p>Mog and Baby</p> <p>Mog on Fox Night</p> <p>Mog's Bad Thing</p> <p>Mog's Christmas</p> <p>This wonderful book is perfect for reading at bedtime.</p>
	<p>Malcolm is in all ways an ordinary ten-year-old. This is a perfectly ordinary story featuring one perfectly ordinary ten year old, his very bossy uncle, some baked beans, a school which tries to make interesting things BORING, the famed Italian city of Ponky, and a genie who appears when you rub your nose. It also includes lots of very useful facts, many of which are untrue.</p>
	<p>Join Mr Wolf in the kitchen as he gets into lots of trouble making pancakes in this funny, illustrated picture book from Jan Fearnley, perfect for pancake day or as a bedtime story all year round.</p> <p>A brilliantly funny twist on well-loved fairytale classics such as The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood, this children's picture book is packed full of fun and humour and will have young readers howling with laughter.</p>



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Miss Maylor Recommends!

You could list and discuss fears about the dark, you could role play Plop talking with the different characters.

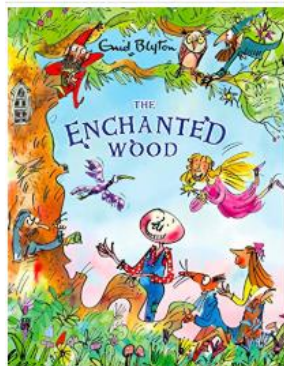
How has Plop changed by the end? You could find out about other nocturnal animals and create constellations.

An audio version is available and read by Bill Oddie - perfect to fall asleep to.



Mrs Mountain Recommends!

Gobbolino by Ursula Moray Williams is the charming tale of a witch's cat who would rather be a kitchen cat. Gobbolino has one white paw and blue eyes and isn't wicked at all, so his mother doesn't like him. He escapes to look for a kitchen home but is distrusted everywhere he goes and blamed for mysterious happenings, such as the farmer's milk turning sour and the orphanage children's gruel turning into chocolate.



The Enchanted Wood is the first magical story in the Faraway Tree series by the world's best-loved children's author, Enid Blyton.

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please?



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	<p>All Clarice Bean wants is a bit of peace and quiet. But that can be hard to find in a house where your little brother is being <i>utterly</i> annoying, your big brother is in the dark tunnel of adolescence and your grandad's pouring soup on his cornflakes . . .</p>
	<p>A road safety must - you could make a list of rules about crossing the road for Max. What advice would you give Max about crossing the road?</p>
	<p>Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle of the wide blue sea with her father, Jack, an iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie and a turtle called Chica. But when Jack disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before. And she needs help from her friends . . .</p>



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	<p>Each night, in the hours between supper and bedtime the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack over her shoulder as she soundlessly steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all of those tears?</p>
	<p>'Dear Uncle Morton. You'd better get on a plane right now and come back here. Your dragon has eaten Jemima.'</p> <p>It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path</p>
<p>★ Miss O'Shea Recommends!</p>	<p>Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?</p> <p>A funny, touching and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees.</p>

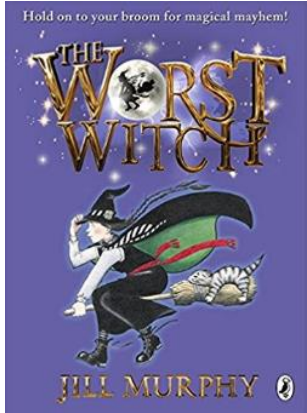
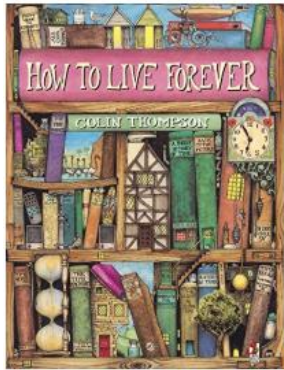
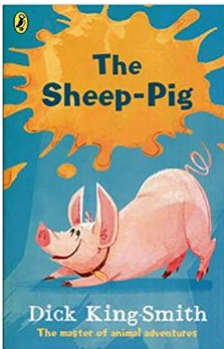


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 <p>by Virginia Ironside illustrations by Frank Rodgers</p>	<p>Wherever Jenny goes, her worries follow her - in a big blue bag. They are with her all the time - at school, at home, when she is watching TV and even in the bathroom! Jenny decides they have to go, but who will help her get rid of them?</p> <p>A funny and reassuring look at dealing with worries and anxiety, to be used as a springboard into important conversations with your child.</p> <p>If you have a child who suffers with anxiety - then this is a must read.</p>
 <p>Illustrated by Janelle Dimmett</p>	<p>Harry The Happy Mouse is a cheerful, traditional story about a mouse called Harry who lives in the beautiful English countryside. Harry helps a Frog, but asks the Frog to repay the kindness to someone else. We follow the good deed as it moves through other characters, who each selflessly help someone else, making themselves feel happy in the process! We learn that a little bit of kindness can go a long way! Harry The Happy Mouse is illustrated by the award winning Janelle Dimmett, bringing the beautiful story to life.</p>
 <p>JEANNE BIRDSALL</p>	<p>The Penderwicks: four sisters, as different as chalk from cheese, yet as close as can be.</p> <p>The four girls and their absent-minded father head off for their summer holidays, but instead of the cosy tumbledown cottage they expect, they find themselves on a huge estate called Arundel, with magnificent gardens ripe for exploring. It isn't long before they become embroiled in all sorts of scrapes with new-found friend, Jeffrey - but his mother, the icy-hearted Mrs Tifton, must be avoided at all costs. Chaotic adventures ensue, and it soon becomes a summer the sisters will never forget...</p>

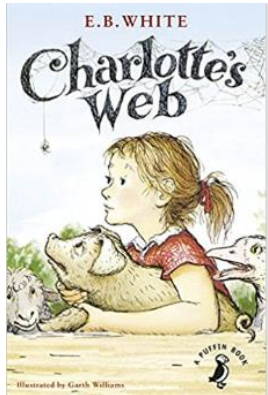


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	<p>Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem!</p> <p>Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...</p>
	<p>Colin Thompson's books are mystical and complex, they will appeal to children and adults alike and demand to be returned to as there is always a new image to see . . . something more to catch the eye. Peter and his family live among the Quinces in the cookery section of a mystical library, and at night, when the library comes to life, Peter ventures out of his home to find a missing volume: How To Live Forever</p>
	<p>When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.</p>

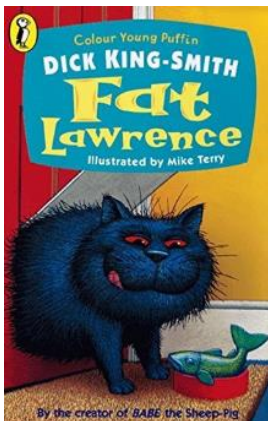


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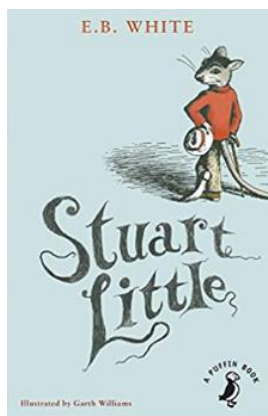


Miss Impey Recommends!

This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. With the unlikely help of Templeton the rat, and a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saves the life of Wilbur, who by this time has grown up to be quite a pig.



Laurence Higgins, an enormously fat black cat, has breakfast with Mrs Higgins, lunch with the Normans, tea with old Mr Mason and supper with the Barclay-Lloyds. None of them know why he is so fat on just one meal a day! Lawrence is happy until he finds the walking from house to house tiring and begins to get indigestion.



Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George and Snowball the cat. He's an adventurous and heroic little mouse. When his best friend, a beautiful little bird called Margalo disappears from her nest, Stuart is determined to track her down.