

# Saint John Wall Catholic School A Catholic School For All

# **Mission Statement**

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

# **New Accelerated Reader & Library Books**



#### The Extraordinary Life of Michelle Obama

This book tells the story of Michelle Obama's life.

Ages: 9 to 13



# The Longest Whale Song

Ella's mother falls into a coma after giving birth to Ella's baby stepbrother. While Ella worries desperately about her mum she bonds with the new baby, helping to care for it. She also learns to get along with her stepfather, Jack - most of the time...

Ages: 9 to 13

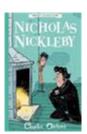


#### Hamlet

This book provides a junior reader's introduction to Shakespeare's story of revenge.

Ages: 9 to 13

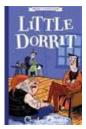
# **The Charles Dickens Children's Collection**



# **Nicholas Nickleby**

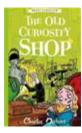
When Kate and Nicholas's father dies and leaves them penniless, they are forced to turn to their horrible uncle for help. But things start to get even worse when Nicholas is sent away to work as a teacher and soon he has to find a way to save his family.

Ages: 9 to 13



# **Little Dorrit**

Amy has spent her life looking after her father who is imprisoned in Marshalsea debtors' prison. When she meets Arthur, her family's situation changes but can she help when Arthur finds himself in trouble?



#### The Old Curiosity Shop

Nell and her grandfather have always been happy with their simple lives, but when money gets tight the pair are thrown out of their beloved shop and into the unknown.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### **Hard Times**

Sissy Jupe arrives in Coketown with the circus, but when her father abandons her she is taken in by Thomas Gradgrind, a man who believes in facts and figures, not fun.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### **Bleak House**

Esther has always lived with her unkind aunt but when she goes away to school and then moves to Bleak House she finally feels happy. The only thing missing from her life is her mother. Will Esther ever meet her and learn the secrets of her past?

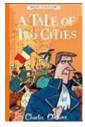
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# **David Copperfield**

David's father is dead and his mother is getting married to the meanest man in the country who sends him away to a terrible school. The only happily ever afters David knows are in his books. Can he rewrite his own ending?

Ages: 9 to 13



# A Tale of Two Cities

When Dr Manette is released from prison and reunited with his daughter, everything seems to finally be getting better. But his daughter's fiancé is keeping some dangerous secrets that lead the family on a deadly adventure.

Ages: 9 to 13



# **Great Expectations**

Pip is just an ordinary boy until he meets a convict in a churchyard and his life starts to change. What will happen when he learns the identity of his mysterious benefactor?

Ages: 9 to 13



#### **Oliver Twist**

In this re-telling of the classic, Oliver Twist is poor. Living in a workhouse means he'll probably always be treated badly. Oliver does not want a life of hard work and measly meals, but he soon learns that it's never safe to ask for more.



#### A Christmas Carol

When three ghosts turn up to take him on an adventure through time, Scrooge soon learns that being cold isn't cool. Can he change his ways before it's too late?

Ages: 9 to 13



#### The Way Past Winter

When Mila discovers her brother, Oskar, and all the village boys have vanished, she must journey into the frozen north to find them.

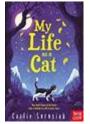
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#### Xanthe & the Ruby Crown

Xanthe's Nani is becoming forgetful, and Xanthe wishes she could help her. When a mysterious cat arrives, it leads Xanthe to clues about Nani's childhood, and the old life she had to escape in Uganda. Contains violence and political bias.

Ages: 9 to 13



# My Life as a Cat

The cat that Olive rescues from a flood has a secret: he's not really a cat at all, but an alien who crashed to Earth. The cat, whom Olive names Leonard, was prepared to visit the planet as a human; but something went wrong.

Ages: 9 to 13



# I, Cosmo

Cosmo, a golden retriever, narrates a hilarious, heart-tugging tale of a dog and his humans as he tries to keep them together while everything around them falls apart.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Asha & the Spirit Bird

Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. When her father stops sending money home, she and her friend Jeevan set out on a quest to find him. But the journey is dangerous; they must cross mountains and face hunger, tiredness and even snow leopards.

Ages: 9 to 13



# The Island at the End of Everything

Ami lives on Culion, an island for people who have leprosy. Her mother is among the infected. But the arrival of a malicious government official changes her world forever: islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Can she find her way back?

Ages: 12 Plus



#### Always, Clementine

Clementine is different from other mice: she can calculate the speed of light and she dreams in Latin. The scientists say she's a genius and put her through test after test. Clementine is proud of being a good lab mouse, but she's lonely.

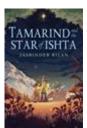
Ages: 9 to 13



#### Aarti and the Blue Gods

Aarti has lived on the island with Aunt for as long as she can remember. One day, Aarti enters a room and begins to suspect that Aunt hasn't been truthful about who Aarti really is. Contains mild violence, gender bias and disturbing imagery.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

Tamarind never knew her Indian mum, who died soon after she was born. So, when she goes to visit her Indian family, she's full of questions. To unravel the mystery of who she is, Tamarind follows a trickle of clues to an overgrown hut and a glowing ring.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Show Us Who You Are

A twelve-year-old girl who is neurodiverse is shown an amazing new technology that gives her another chance to talk to the best friend she has lost. Text includes ableism.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Lie or Die

Contestants on the show Lie or Die must work out who is a murderous agent and who is an innocent player. But when contestants start to turn up dead, Kass realises winning the game is the least of her worries. Book has profanity and violence.

Ages: 14 Plus



# What Magic Is This?

When Sophia's three friends gather to cheer her up, they test whether they are witches. But when long-held secrets are revealed and hard truths start to hit home, their night of bewitching quickly takes an unexpected turn.

Ages: 12 Plus



#### The Ghost of Shadow Vale

In a snowy land, the safety of a people rests on the shoulders of the warrior Grettir. Glam was a monster slayer. But now Glam's ghost roams the land. Can Grettir face down the horror who was once a hero? Text and images contain violence and gore.

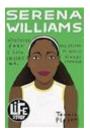
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#### Still Water

Rosie is evacuated from London at the outbreak of war and taken in by Mrs Taylor and her daughter Mary. But Mary resents and bullies Rosie, and Mrs Taylor is hiding a dark secret...

Ages: 12 Plus



Serena Williams: A Life Story

Learn the life story of one of the greatest athletes of all time, Serena Williams.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Kòkú Àkànbí and the Heart of Midnight

Koku is whisked away to his family's homeland of Olori when he accidentally unleashes a demon. Accompanied by two sidekicks, Koku embarks on a mission to save Olori and unlock his own power. Contains mild violence and disturbing imagery.

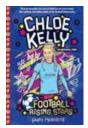
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#### A Kind of Spark

When she discovers that her small Scottish town once burnt people as witches simply because they were different, a neurodivergent girl refuses to let them be forgotten. Themes include ableism and bullying.

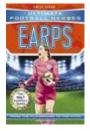
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# **Chloe Kelly**

Learn about the life of Chloe Kelly, who scored the winning goal at Euro 2022.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Earps: From the Playground to the Pitch

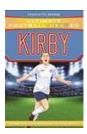
In this book readers will discover how the skill, passion and determination of Mary Earps helped England to victory in the European Championships, and led her to be recognised as the best goalkeeper in the world.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Kai Havertz the Unofficial Story

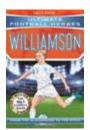
At just 20 years old, Kai Havertz became the youngest player to score thirty Bundesliga goals. The attacking midfielder quickly made a name for himself with German club Bayer 04 Leverkusen, before switching to the Premier League with Chelsea.



#### Kirby: From the Playground to the Pitch

Fran Kirby is the dynamic striker who carries the future of English football on her shoulders. Read how the girl from Reading earned a big move to Chelsea and took on the world with a ball at her feet.

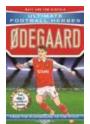
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# Williamson: From the Playground to the Pitch

Born into a footballing family, Leah Williamson joined Arsenal at the age of nine and went on to become captain of the Lionesses. Includes a theme of gender bias.

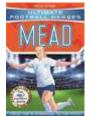
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# Ødegaard: From the Playground to the Pitch

This is the story of a Norwegian prodigy who has stunned the world with his skills and taken the Premier League by storm.

Ages: 9 to 13



# Mead: From the Playground to the Pitch

Readers will discover how this talented forward balanced education, work and football to hone her skills and go on to represent the England national team. Contains gender bias and sexual prejudice.

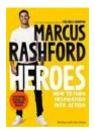
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#### The House in the Woods

When three friends play with a Ouija board in an old abandoned house on Halloween, none of them foresees the horrors they're about to unleash as a distressed spirit follows them home. Contains profanity. Book #1

Ages: 12 Plus



# **Heroes: How to Turn Inspiration Into Action**

Featuring profiles of 10 inspirational people from around the world who have inspired Marcus Rashford, this book is full of advice and top tips.

Ages: 12 Plus



#### The Crossover

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. Told in free verse.



#### Oh Mummy Mia!

Seth, the Egyptian god of war, has kidnapped the sun god, and now Earth is on the brink of total destruction. It's up to Vesper and Aster to go to the Egyptian underworld to find Ra and save the world. Text contains mild violence.

Ages: 9 to 13



# The Fight for the Hidden Realm

Zhi Ging is an outcast. Then she receives an invitation to Hok Woh, an underwater school that offers her the chance to become immortal and finally belong. Book contains bullying and cultural bias.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### What You Never Knew About Selena Gomez

In this book, readers will explore the life and career of Selena Gomez.

Ages: 9 to 13



# What You Never Knew About Beyoncé

In this book, readers will learn about the fascinating life of Beyoncé.

Ages: 9 to 13



# What You Never Knew About Ariana Grande

Go behind the scenes to discover little-known facts about superstar singer and actor Ariana Grande.

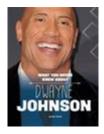
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# What You Never Knew About Cristiano Ronaldo

Cristiano Ronaldo is the world's top soccer player. The reader will find out what happens when he's not scoring on the pitch.

Ages: 9 to 13



# What You Never Knew About Dwayne Johnson

In this book, readers will learn about the fascinating life of Dwayne Johnson.



#### What You Never Knew About Lionel Messi

This book describes the life and career of soccer player Lionel Messi.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### What You Never Knew About Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift went from singing karaoke in a roadhouse as a young teen to being a musical icon by her twenties. Learn what her life is like when the cameras aren't flashing.

Ages: 9 to 13



#### Mockingjay

Katniss has survived, District 13 is plotting to overthrow the Capitol, and the rebellion's success hinges on Katniss's willingness to change the course of the future of Panem. Book has sexual references and violence. Book #3

Ages: 12 Plus



#### The Girl in Question

Nora and her friends plan a backpacking trip in the woods. When Amanda is mistaken for Nora and taken hostage by Raymond, the others must use their skills to save her. Book has strong language and graphic violence.

Ages: 14 Plus



#### King of Nothing

Anton and his friends rule the school. But when Matthew, the biggest loser in school, unexpectedly saves Anton's life, the boys strike up an unlikely friendship. Contains violence, mild profanity, gender bias, criminal activity and bullying.

Ages: 12 Plus





#### **Mansfield Park**

Fanny, a shy and sweet-tempered girl adopted by wealthy relations, is an outsider looking in on an unfamiliar and often inhospitable world. Fanny eventually wins the affection of her benefactors, endearing herself to the Bertram family.

Ages: 14 Plus



#### Sense and Sensibility

Marianne and Elinor Dashwood are complete opposites: Marianne is as open to love as Elinor is guarded and sensible. But what are sisters for if not to support each other? As they struggle through love and loss together, the sisters learn that it's best to mix sense with sensibility to find happiness in a society where status is king.

Ages: 14 Plus





Emma Woodhouse, handsome, clever, and rich, with a comfortable home and a happy disposition...and had lived nearly twenty-one years in the world with very little to distress her. Set in the fictional country village of Highbury and its surrounding estates, Emma involves the relationships among people from a small number of upper class families. It is a novel about youthful hubris and romantic misunderstandings.

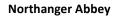
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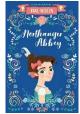




Eight years ago, Anne was persuaded not to marry Captain Wentworth. Now he is back, rich, handsome and still unmarried. While everyone wonders which lucky lady will become his wife, Anne can't help hoping for a second chance. A chance to prove that her mind may have once been changed, but her heart never had.

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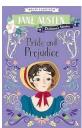




Northanger Abbey" tells the story of a young girl, Catherine Morland who leaves her sheltered, rural home to enter the busy, sophisticated world of Bath in the late 1790s. Austen observes with insight and humour the interaction between Catherine and the various characters whom she meets there, and tracks her growing understanding of the world about her.

Ages: 14 Plus





Mrs Bennet is desperate to find rich husbands for her daughters, so the arrival of a charming new neighbour is welcome indeed. Sadly, the friend he brings with him is not. Mr Darcy seems to have even more pride than money. Nobody likes him - least of all Elizabeth Bennet. But not everyone is who they seem.

Ages: 14 Plus