



New Library Books – Reading List **December 2022**

Key Stage 3



Brain Invaders

Two boys swim out to a fishing boat after seeing strange clouds and purple lightning in the sky.

Ages 9 to 13



Blood Shark

On a school trip, Taylor does something he shouldn't and lives to regret it when he comes face-to-face with a giant shark wanting blood.

Ages 9 to 13



Werewolf Skin

Dad, Travis and Luke go away for the weekend. The boys don't believe Dad when he says that the rug is not made from the skin of a wolf, but a werewolf.

Ages 9 to 13



Poison Pages

A young woman finds a strange book on a bus. After reading a few pages, she becomes trapped inside the book. A mysterious man helps her. But they are both in danger. The letters on the pages were written in poisonous ink!

Ages 9 to 13



Cave of the Bookworms

When a boy wakes from a nightmare, he feels he must ride his bike. On his ride, he discovers a giant worm in a cave. The worm has captured the Librarian, but soon the boy is in danger too.

Ages 9 to 13



Escape from the Pop-Up Prison

A girl follows her father and two strangers into the Library of Doom. When the strangers release prisoners from a book, the Librarian must save the day.

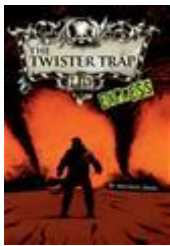
Ages 9 to 13



Attack of the Paper Bats

When a mysterious wind turns the pages of a book into bat-like objects, the Librarian must save a boy under attack.

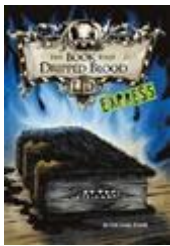
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The Twister Trap

The Page Turners, two powerful books from the Library of Doom, have fallen into the hands of the Spellbinder, an evil magician. He transforms them into two terrible tornadoes, which are meant to destroy the Librarian.

Ages 9 to 13



The Book That Dripped Blood

The old shopkeeper stares at the golden hinges on a strange book. Is that fur on the cover? He looks at the title, Claws. Is that a clue? Why does the book seem hungry? Will the mysterious Librarian come to the rescue before blood is spilled?

Ages 9 to 13



Ooze Is It?

Some friends see a space rock crash-land in the woods when they are on their way to go fishing. The space rock is on the news. They decide to go and investigate it.

Ages 9 to 13



Maze Monster

Ned and Victor sneak into a building that they are not supposed to enter and soon find themselves lost in the mazes within. Will they ever escape?

Ages 9 to 13



The Golden Book of Death

Someone has broken into the Library of Doom! While searching for the intruder, the Librarian is struck down by a flying metal book. When he awakes, a shadowy figure stands above him. It is the Librarian's enemy, the Eraser...

Ages 9 to 13



The Creeping Bookends

One evening, a young boy gets locked inside the library. A pair of creepy lizard bookends begin to glow. Then suddenly, they come alive! The boy watches as the reptiles gobble up stacks of books. Will the Librarian arrive to save the day?

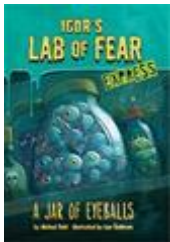
Ages 9 to 13



Lost Skeleton

Teased for being short, Elijah orders a strange tonic that will make him taller.

Ages 9 to 13



A Jar of Eyeballs

Having seen a jar of cows' eyeballs at a fair, Kevin decides to make his own.

Ages 9 to 13



Electric Claw

Visit Igor in his lab of fear and learn why his new toy unicorn has a blood stain on it. Don't be late!

Ages 9 to 13



The Prize

Eve volunteers to go on the trapeze in the Big Top of Horrors, hoping to win a prize.

Ages 9 to 13



The Wheel

When Anna sees the Ringmaster get killed by the knife thrower, she knows she needs to escape the Big Top of Horrors.

Ages 9 to 13



The Top Hat

Chaos ensues when a magician pulls a zombie rabbit out of a hat in the Big Top of Horrors.

Ages 9 to 13



The Clown

A clown in the Big Top of Horrors plans to use audience member Kelly to fulfil his evil plan.

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The Box

Audience member Ash volunteers to take part in one of Jack and Jill's tricks. He climbs inside the box, but doesn't climb back out...

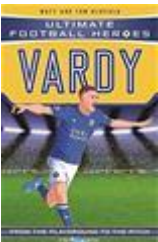
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The Tank

Shazia is bored at the Big Top of Horrors until she is trapped inside the tank as it fills with water, and she has to fight for her life.

Ages 9 to 13



Vardy: From the Playground to the Pitch

From humble beginnings playing for Fleetwood Town in the Conference League in 2012, through to Leicester City's fairy-tale Premier League title win in 2016, this is the story of Jamie Vardy's incredible rise to the top.

Ages 9 to 13



Guardiola

When Josep "Pep" Guardiola was a part of Barcelona's "Dream Team", he knew he wanted to swap the pitch for the touchline. But learning how to handle the pressure, the press and the outrageous talent at the top of football doesn't happen overnight.

Ages 9 to 13



Sancho

As a teenager, Jadon Sancho walked away from one of the world's biggest football clubs. Everyone thought he was crazy, but Jadon is now at the top of one of the world's toughest leagues and at the heart of England's national team.

Ages 9 to 13



Son

A year after signing for Tottenham Hotspur, Heung-min Son asked to leave. Now he's a Spurs legend who's showing no sign of slowing down. Discover the incredible story of this boy from South Korea.

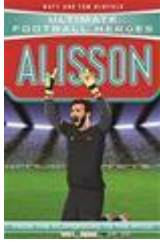
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Kante: From the Playground to the Pitch

N'Golo Kanté is widely regarded as one of the best defensive midfielders in the world, but life hasn't always been easy for the Chelsea superstar.

Ages 9 to 13



Alisson: From the Playground to the Pitch

Alisson Becker is the amazing Brazilian goalkeeper who earned his dream move to Liverpool in 2018. Known for his stunning saves and composure, this is the story of a little boy from Novo Hamburgo with a big dream that took him all the way to Anfield.

Ages 9 to 13



Dele Alli: From the Playground to the Pitch

Progressing through the ranks at MK Dons before signing for Tottenham Hotspur in 2015, Dele Alli is one of England's best young midfielders, known for his skill, scoring prowess and passion on the pitch.

Ages 9 to 13



Haaland: From the Playground to the Pitch

Haaland is one of Europe's rising stars, having smashed Messi, Ronaldo and Kane's record of fastest player to score twenty Champions League goals. Discover how he went from watching Zlatan on TV to becoming a ruthless goalscoring machine of his own.

Ages 9 to 13



Grealish: From the playground to the pitch

Born and bred Brummie, Jack Grealish became captain of his boyhood club Aston Villa at just 23 years old. In this gripping story, discover how Jack battled through many ups and downs, like suffering relegation, and overcame these obstacles at each turn.

Ages 9 to 13



Toto the Ninja Cat and the Legend of the Wildcat

Toto is sent to the Scottish Highlands to investigate a bootcamp for naughty animals, where there is a rumour that a legendary, fearsome, wildcat is on the prowl. Book #5

Ages 9 to 13



When the Sky Falls

War is raging, and Joseph has been sent to the city. There, Joseph lives with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis.

Ages 9 to 13



Escape the Rooms

Trapped in a maze of underground rooms full of traps and puzzles, Jack and Cally must find the keys to unlock each room and find their way home. The illustrator is Anita Mangan.

Ages 9 to 13



The Tide Singer

As a terrible tempest rages through her town, Morwenna is left to take care of a stranger washed ashore and soon realises the stories of the tide singers - legendary sea people able to charm storms with their singing - may be true.

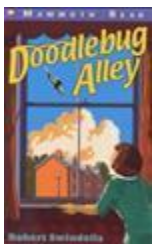
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Fagin's Girl

Orphan Ettie Shaw is penniless and homeless on the streets of London when she is spotted by her older brother Joe. Ettie decides to disguise herself as a boy to get a job with the Fagin alongside Joe.

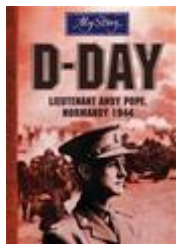
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Doodlebug Alley

It's World War II, and doodlebugs, the deadliest bombs yet, are raining down on London. No one is safe, no street intact. The war is tearing Sandy's family apart. Do they stand any chance in Doodlebug Alley?

Ages 9 to 13



D-Day

A fictional account of the D-Day landings and subsequent battles, as seen through the eyes of a young lieutenant.

Ages 9 to 13



Zara Hossain Is Here

Zara and her family fight for their future when their effort to become US citizens faces a major challenge. Text has profanity and violence. Themes include racism, homophobia, and cultural bias.

Ages 12 Plus



I Know You Did It

On her first day at a new school, Ruby gets a message on her locker: I know you did it. She's terrified that someone knows she caused the death of a little girl years before. But when school pupils start dying, she realises another killer is framing her.

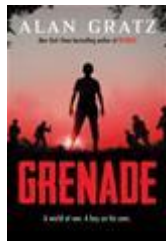
Ages 12 Plus



How to Update Your Parents

When Mum and Dad decide to go on a digital detox, Louis and his little brother, Elliot, are not happy. Louis needs a plan to fight back, and fast! Can his best friend Maddy come to the rescue? Book #4

Ages 9 to 13



Grenade

In April 1945, fourteen-year-old Hideki, who was drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps, is handed two grenades and told to kill American soldiers. He just wants to find his family. **The story includes profanity, slurs, and violence.**

Ages 9 to 13



My Parents Are Driving Me Crazy

Louis's dad is a new stay-at-home dad and is a total disaster at cooking, cleaning and doing the laundry. Worst of all, he has decided that Louis is his new best friend. Louis has to stop him, but how? Book #3

Ages 9 to 13



Kidnap on the California Comet

When the daughter of billionaire entrepreneur August Reza goes missing whilst travelling on the California Comet from Chicago to San Francisco, Hal finds himself with another mystery to solve. Co-author is Sam Sedgman. Book #2

Ages 9 to 13



The Haunting of Aveline Jones

When Aveline Jones has to spend the half-term with her aunt at the dreary coast, she expects nothing but boredom. After finding a book of ghost stories belonging to a missing girl, Aveline decides to investigate. Book #1

Ages 9 to 13



Bruno and Frida

As the Russian army advances further into Germany at the end of WW2, Bruno must flee his home to survive. In the chaos, he finds himself face to face with a dog strapped with explosives, sent into battle and just as scared and alone as he is.

Ages 9 to 13



The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh

Billy dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian but worries his stutter will get in the way. When he starts secondary school, he has a bully to deal with and a talent show to enter. Can he fulfil his dreams and make some new friends along the way?

Ages 9 to 13



Danger at Dead Man's Pass

Hal and Uncle Nat are invited to Germany by an old friend to investigate a deadly family curse, going undercover as distant relatives of the wealthy Kratzenstein family. Co-author is Sam Sedgman. Book #4

Ages 9 to 13



Allies

This work of fiction, based on true events in six different operations in settings across Europe, tells of military and civilian heroes working together on D-Day to defeat the Nazis. **The story contains mild profanity.**

Ages 9 to 13



Murder on the Safari Star

Hal and his Uncle Nat are on the journey of a lifetime on the Safari Star, but things get mysterious when a passenger is found dead inside a locked compartment. Co-author is Sam Sedgman. Illustrated by Elisa Paganelli. Book #3

Ages 9 to 13



The Bewitching of Aveline Jones

Aveline is thrilled to be on holiday with her mum at a cottage in the countryside. When she meets the mysterious Hazel, she thinks she's made a new friend. Will Aveline discover the truth about Hazel, before it's too late? Book #2

Ages 9 to 13



The Highland Falcon Thief

Harrison and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, but when a precious jewel goes missing Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the heart of the investigation. The co-author is Sam Sedgman. Book #1

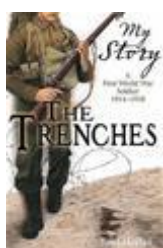
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Battle of Britain

The story of Harry Woods, who was a fighter pilot for the RAF in the second world war.

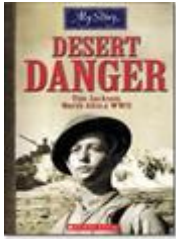
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The Trenches: Billy Stevens, The Western Front 1914-1918

The story of Billy Stevens, who went to fight in the trenches on the Western Front in the First World War.

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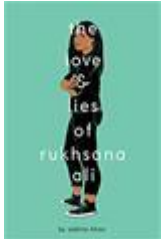


Desert Danger: Tim Jackson, North Africa WWII

Because Tim works as a mechanic, he is chosen to go to North Africa and work at clearing out dangerous enemy land mines, which are right between the battling armies of the British and the Germans.

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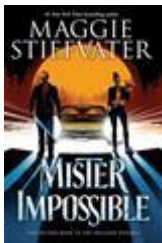
Key Stage 4



The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali

The hardest secret Rukhsana keeps from her parents is her girlfriend Ariana. When she is caught kissing Ariana, her parents send her to Bangladesh where she has to have an arranged marriage. Will she be able to take control of her future?

Ages 14 Plus



Mister Impossible

As Ronan, Hennessy, and Bryde try to make dreamers more powerful, the Moderators are closing in, sure that this power will bring about disaster. **Text contains profanity and violence. Book #2.**

Ages 14 Plus



Call Down the Hawk

While dreamers Ronan Lynch and Jordan Hennessy work to control their powers and stop destructive dreaming, government agent Carmen Farooq-Lane is hunting dreamers to prevent the prophesised apocalypse. **Text contains strong language. Book #1**

Ages 14 Plus



Good Girls Die First

Blackmail lures 16-year-old Ava to a derelict carnival on the pier. She is one of ten teenagers with secrets they intend to protect whatever the cost. When cut off from the mainland, the group turn on each other. **Contains violence and sexual references.**

Ages 14 Plus



Heartbreak Boys

Jack's summer of love just became the summer of dumped. Nate is newly out and broken hearted. Together they're on a mission to prove to the world that they're totally over their exes. But is there a sparkle of something else between them?

Ages 14 Plus



One of Us Is Next

A year after the Bayview four were cleared of Simon Kelleher's death, a new mystery has cropped up. Sequel to One of Us is Lying.

Ages 14 Plus



One of Us Is Lying

When the creator of a school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It is up to them to solve the case. **The plot contains profanity, sexual references, and negative stereotypes.**

Ages 14 Plus