

## LEWIS, GILL

### Run Wild

Intimidated by bullies, Izzy and Asha find their own wild space to practice skateboarding and come across an injured wolf. The wolf becomes an unexpected means of connecting with the bullies and ultimately their families and the wider community. A strong and affecting quick read that celebrates the importance of the natural world.



## RYAN, CHRIS

### Siege

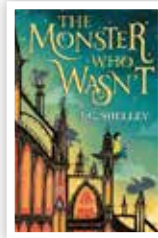
In challenging circumstances Max and his contemporaries are recruited and trained as special agents, their first test is to infiltrate an inner-city school and defuse a siege situation. A compelling and high energy, action thriller.



## SHELLEY, T C

### The Monster Who Wasn't

A monster is born from a human's last sigh, but what is born when a baby's laugh is mixed in with that sigh? And how does that creature fit into either world? This emotive fantasy explores something of what it is to be human.



## STEVENS, ROBIN

### The Guggenheim Mystery

Ted travels to New York; when his Auntie is accused of a high profile art theft he sets out to solve the mystery. After all, his distinctive outlook on life proved effective and insightful when he solved *The London Eye Mystery*. An involved and absorbing mystery-thriller.



## TAYLOR, THOMAS

### The Malamander

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.



Here are just a few ideas of the great books you might like to read before moving on to secondary school.

Many of these books will be available in your school library or you can borrow them, free of charge, from your local public library.

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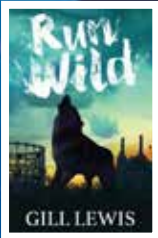
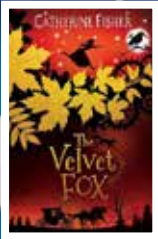
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# Moving On

Great books to read  
before secondary school



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## ANDERSON, SOPHIE

### The Girl who speaks Bear

Yanka is unusually big and strong; feeling isolated and unhappy she flees to the forest where she discovers she can hear what animals say. Somehow her heritage is wrapped up in the Russian folk tales that she has loved since she was small. Can she unravel the facts from the fantasy and find out where she truly belongs?



## BAILEY, LINDA

### Mary and Frankenstein

What does it take to write a heart stopping bestseller at the age of 18? This visually arresting, graphically illustrated account of Mary Shelley's young life draws together the factors that influenced her decision to write *Frankenstein*.



## BELL, ALEX

### A Most Peculiar Toy Factory

Tess Pipp's family farm is under threat and she is forced to get a job at the Old Toy Factory. But chilling rumours about evil teddy bears and toys that come alive surround the Old Toy Factory, are Tess and her siblings brave enough to stay the course?



## CARROLL, EMMA

### Somerset Tsunami

The fortunes of four young people become intertwined and affected by a tragic natural disaster and the pursuit of witch hunting. A brilliantly written and action packed historical novel set in 1615.



## COHEN, SHARON

### Halo Moon

This story is told from the perspectives of 2 characters, an Ethiopian boy, Ageze, and Halo Moon from near Leeds. Ageze has learnt of a disaster which will strike the village where Halo Moon lives, and he travels to the UK to warn her. An incredible read full of kindness and bravery.



## 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.



## EDGE, CHRISTOPHER

### The Longest Night of Charlie Moon

A gripping read following three children who become lost in the woods overnight. Set between the two wars, time has a different meaning in these woods and the children spend the night trying to find their way out as something pursues them. Seriously scary and a great read for anyone interested in codes, time and science.



## FISHER, CATHERINE

### The Velvet Fox

When her newly adopted home and family are, once again, threatened by ancient faery magic, Seren Rhys summons her own enchanted friend to help her. A spooky, spine tingling sequel to *The Clockwork Crow*.



## FORD, MARTYN

### Chester Parsons is not a Gorilla

Chester has an amazing gift, he can mind jump. When his sister discovers his talent, she signs him up to work on her YouTube channel. Things go horribly wrong when he mind jumps into Tito the gorilla, he tries to return to his own body but it's not there.



## GINO, ALEX

### You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!

A moving coming of age story following the life of Jilly whose new baby sister is born deaf. Jilly is a huge fantasy reader and connects with another online fan, Derek, who is deaf. She turns to him for advice on helping her family to adjust to having a deaf person in the family.



## 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.



## GREEN, SOPHIE

### Potkin and Stubbs

A passionate would-be reporter encounters a ghostly boy and sets out to investigate his story. Written in a noir crime thriller style.



## HITCHCOCK, FLEUR

### Fire Bay Adventure

A group of cousins are on a beach holiday when a spate of fires break out. Between them they are determined to solve the mystery of what is causing them.



## JAMES, ANNA

### Tilly and the Book Wanderers

Tilly lives happily with her grandparents in a glorious bookshop. Having met a couple of very familiar characters in the shop, Tilly is astonished to discover that she can enter the pages of some of her favourite books and that 'book wandering' might reveal the truth of why her mother left and who her father might be.



## KIRKPATRICK, LAURA

### And then I turned into a mermaid

Meet Molly: she has just turned 13 and is trying to navigate her way through lots of teenage angst. Add into the mix that also at the age of 13, like her mum and older sisters, she becomes part mermaid you have the first in a funny and quirky new series.

