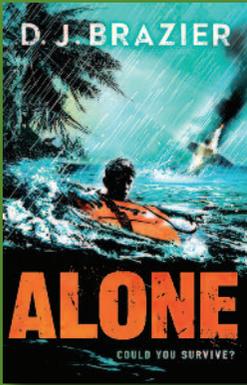


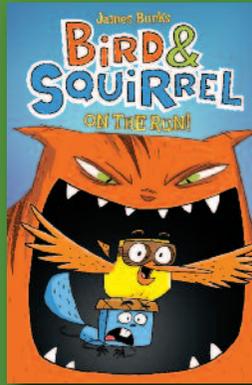
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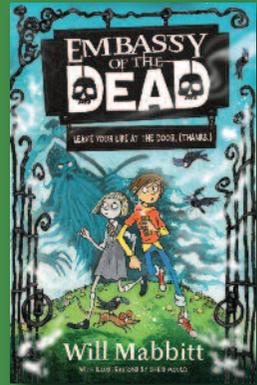
Alone
by D.J. Brazier
Andersen Press Ltd
[Penguin Random House]

A plane crash in the jungle leaves Sam alone and terrified. Sam's spirits are lifted by an otter cub who gives him the strength to keep going. But when disaster strikes, Sam must make the hardest decision of his life.



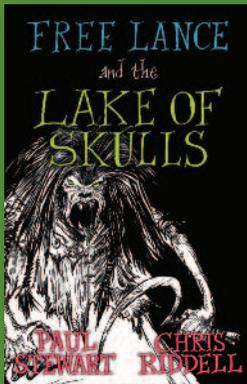
Bird and Squirrel on the Run
by James Burks
Scholastic

Squirrel is afraid of his own shadow. Bird doesn't have a care in the world. Cat wants to eat Bird and Squirrel, but he'll have to catch them first, and that's not going to be easy!



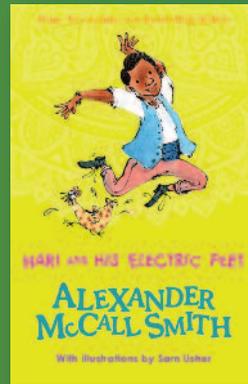
Embassy of the Dead
by Will Mabbitt
Orion Children's Books
[Hachette]

Jack opens a strange box, accidentally summons a grim reaper and is dragged to the Eternal Void. He's running for his life and can see and speak to ghosts! The Embassy of the Dead is his only hope...



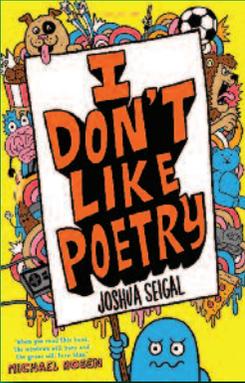
Free Lance and the Lake of Skulls
by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
Barrington Stoke

Free Lance journeys from village to castle competing in tournaments for his keep. Stuck in Lord Big Nose's village he accepts his most dangerous mission yet...



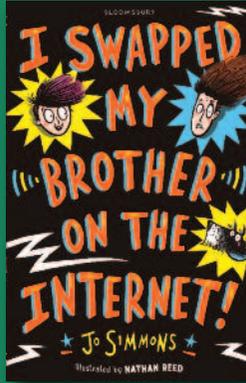
Hari and his Electric Feet
by Alexander McCall Smith
Barrington Stoke

Hari loves Bollywood films. And he can really dance. In fact, he's so good that no one can resist joining in. No matter what they're doing...



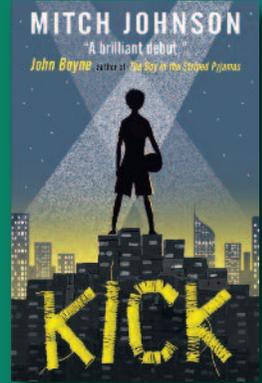
I Don't Like Poetry
by Joshua Seigal
Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

Silly, funny and downright hilarious poems – if you don't like poetry, you'll love this!



I Swapped My Brother on the Internet
by Jo Simmons
Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

Everyone dreams of getting rid of their brother or sister sometime – but for Jonny, the dream is about to become reality with SiblingSwap.com!



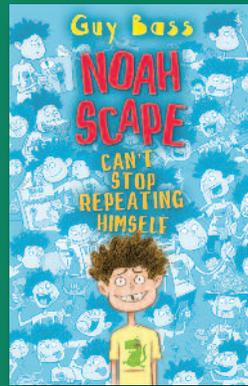
Kick
by Mitch Johnson
Usborne

Budi's plan is simple. He's going to play for the greatest team on earth. But one unlucky kick means Budi owes the Dragon – the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.



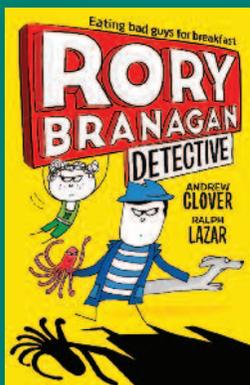
Looshkin
by Jamie Smart
David Fickling Books

You may think your cat's mad, but they've got nothing on Looshkin. A flooded house, train in the living room, even a portal to another dimension. And everything is covered in bees. And there are sirens. Looshkin, what have you done?!



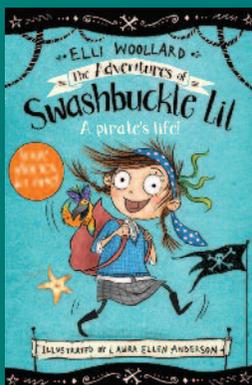
Noah Scape Can't Stop Repeating Himself
by Guy Bass
Barrington Stoke

Noah makes massive mischief when he discovers he can make copies of himself just by wishing. Now he has friends who always do what he wants! Can there ever be too many Noahs?



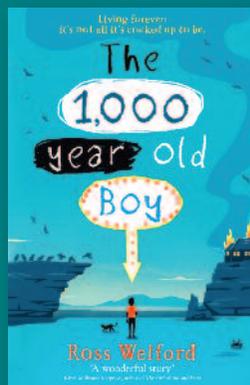
Rory Branagan (Detective)
 by Andrew Clover
 and Ralph Lazar (illus.)
 HarperCollins Children's
 Books

Rory turns detective to find out where his Dad is. But he and his accomplice Cassidy, end up investigating a poisoning instead.



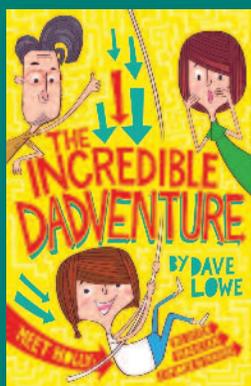
**Swashbuckle Lil:
 The Secret Pirate**
 by Elli Woollard
 Macmillan

Follow schoolgirl and secret pirate Lil, with her trusty parrot Carrot, as they rescue a teacher from the evil pirate Stinkbeard and save sports day with a very hungry crocodile on the loose!



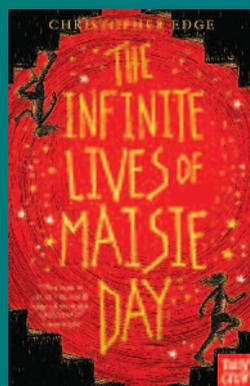
The 1000 year old Boy
 by Ross Welford
 HarperCollins Children's
 Books

People want to live forever, but Alfie wants to stop. He's been 11 since the Vikings were here. There is a way to change using the last 'lifepearl' in the world, but it's dangerous.



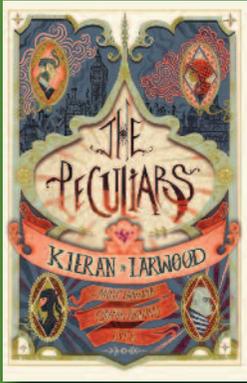
The Incredible Dadventure
 by Dave Lowe
 Piccadilly Press [Bonnie
 Zaffre]

Holly's dad, an amazing explorer, will miss her tenth birthday. To make up for it he's planned a special treasure hunt – ten days to complete ten silly, tricky or plain terrifying tasks!



**The Infinite Lives
 of Maisie Day**
 by Christopher Edge
 Nosy Crow

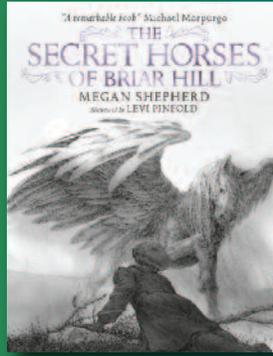
It's Maisie's birthday, but the house is empty and outside is nothing but a terrifying, blackness. Trapped in an ever-shifting reality, Maisie will have to find a way to survive.



The Peculiar
by Kieran Larwood and Karl James Mountford (illus.)

Chicken House

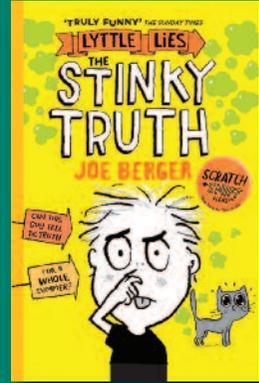
The Peculiar are different. There's Wolfgirl, Sheba; Sister Moon; and Monkey Boy. At night they work in a Victorian sideshow. But by day they solve mysteries.



The Secret Horses of Briar Hill
by Megan Shepherd

Walker Books

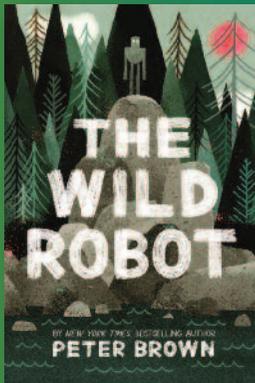
Britain is at war. Emmeline has been evacuated to Briar Hill Hospital. Here she discovers the secret of the winged horses that live in the mirrors. But secrets are hard to keep and danger is near.



The Stinky Truth
by Joe Berger

Simon & Schuster

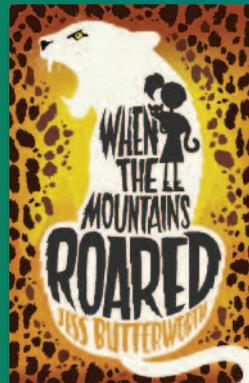
It's the school holidays and Sam and his best friend can't wait to see Cry Wolfe, starring their favourite movie-hero. But Mum says he can only go IF, and only if, he can make it through the entire holiday without telling a single fib.



The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown

Piccadilly Press [Bonnier Zaffre]

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She knows she needs to survive – whether the animals want her to or not!



When the Mountains Roared
by Jess Butterworth

Orion Children's Books [Hachette]

Ever since her Mum died Ruby has felt afraid. But moving to a remote hotel in the mountains of India surrounded by scorpions, bears and leopards gives her other challenges to face.

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