



We recommend these great reads in NEW JUNIOR FICTION

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I Know You're Lying by *Daphne Benedis Grab*

There's been a theft at the middle school! Sasha's bag has been stolen from her locker. The security cameras on the school's front entrance captured four students entering the building early. Each of them has a reason to dislike Sasha. Each has something to hide. But which of them is responsible for the break-in?



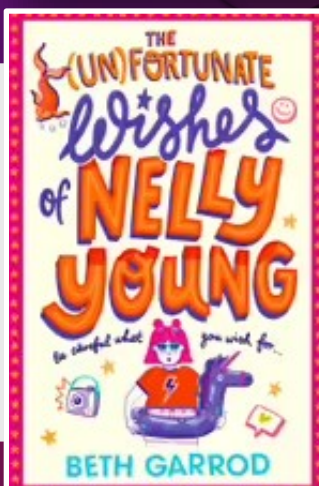
The Tryout [Graphic novel] by *Christina Soontornvat*

When cheerleading tryouts are announced, Christina and her best friend, Megan, literally jump at the chance to join the squad. As two of the only kids of color in the school, they have always yearned to fit in and the middle school cheerleaders are popular and accepted by everyone. But will the girls survive the terrifying tryouts, with their whole grade watching? And will their friendship withstand the pressures of competition?



The After-school Detective Club #3: Mystery in the Marshes by *Mark Dawson*

On a camping weekend, the gang wake one night to see strange lights and a fierce wind blowing through the trees... Trying to find their new friend, Byron, they find his rucksack but no sign of the boy. Has Byron been abducted by a UFO...?



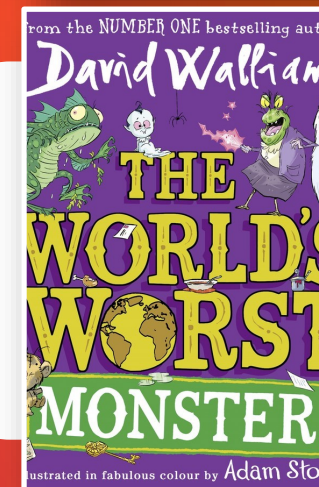
The Unfortunate Wishes of Nelly Young by *Beth Garrod*

Secondary school is ninety-eight days away, which means I'm running out of time to break free from my totally embarrassing nickname Breaking News Nelly . . . Why did it have to be me who tripped playing netball and smashed a TV camera during the live report on our new sports hall opening?! I desperately need a relaunch, but it's hard when you have the worst luck in the world!



The Bad Guys #17 : Let the Games Begin by *Aaron Blabey*

OK. It's time to stop messin' around ... In this episode, The One is going to be reunited with The Others. You are going to actually meet the real dread Overlord Splaargon. And one character is going to change everything you thought you knew. This is the one you've been waiting for ... the Bad Guys Episode 17!



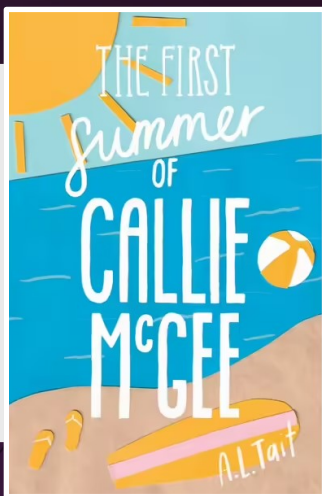
The World's Worst Monsters by *David Walliams*

The beloved World's Worst series has captivated millions of readers. You've met the world's worst children, the world's worst parents, the world's worst teachers and the world's worst pets – but are you ready for the world's worst monsters? If you don't like ghosts, ogres, zombies, vampires, aliens, werewolves or mummies, DO NOT READ THIS BOOK.



Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures [Graphic novel] by *Jason Pammet*

Fitting in can be hard, especially when you're as small as Ember. He's hoping his luck changes when Lua, a kindly sea turtle, escorts him across the ocean to a school for little creatures on a wondrous island. There, Ember learns that first days can also be hard – especially when they involve fantastical cave-dwellers, ferocious storms and classmates that aren't interested in making friends.



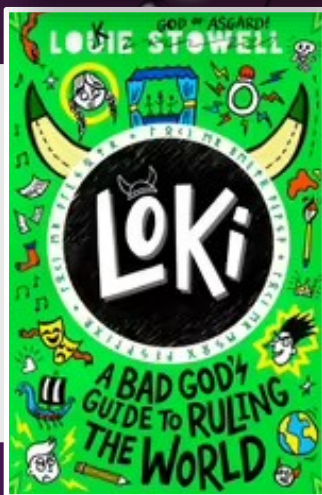
The First Summer of Callie McGee by A.L. Tait

It's the last summer before Callie starts high school and she's been dragged along to yet another 'family friends' holiday. Determined to change her nerdy reputation, Callie sets out to make waves but nothing is quite as she expects. Her usual ally, Sasha, has outgrown Callie; her nemesis, Mitch, has brought his cousin Owen along; and the boring south coast town of Sawyer's Point has been rocked by a series of burglaries. Callie, Owen and Mitch decide to investigate the robberies, bringing them face to face with a local gang ... and a possible ghost.



Rainbow Grey #3: Battle of the Skies by Laura Ellen Anderson

Rainbow Grey may be only ten years old but the future of the whole world depends on her! It's up to Ray to defeat Tornadia Twist – the greatest villain that ever lived .



Loki: A bad god's guide to ruling the world by Louie Stowell

When Heimdall and Hyrrokkin *abandon* their "children" to go on holiday, Odin sends Baldur – Thor's half brother and god of making Loki look bad – to babysit. As Baldur and Thor bond, Loki's attempts to prove he's good start getting a bit desperate. After the drama teacher casts him as the villain in the school play, Loki starts to wonder whether there's any point in being good when everyone seems convinced of his villainy.



Spinetinglers by R.L. Stine.

A boy who hates bugs starts to see them everywhere. A basketball player's skin starts to almost drip off his hands - but no one else can see it. Three friends find a hole in the ground that just gets bigger, and bigger, and bigger ... And each story is introduced by Stine himself, providing a personal touch sure to delight fans.



Xavier in the Meantime by Kate Gordon

Sometimes Xavier wakes up feeling hopeless. Every new doctor ... this will fix it. Removing him from school ... this will fix it. The therapy group ... this will fix it. And his dad moving out. Maybe, this will fix it. His daily affirmations seem to be helping, yet the black dog never really goes away. But Xavier has a plan. Enlisting the help of best friend Aster, he tries to convince his dad to turn the family hogget farm into a therapy retreat for the group session kids. But he is up against decades of tradition, his parents who are on a "break," and the spectre of the black dog. Can Xavier learn to cherish the moments in between the struggles—the moments in the meantime?



Tales of a Seventh-grade Lizard Boy [Graphic novel] by Jonathan Hill

Drawing on the experiences of his Vietnamese American family and his love of '80s sci-fi shows, Jonathan Hill crafts a funny, insightful graphic novel about the immigrant experience and the perils of middle school.



Four eyes [Graphic novel] by Rex Ogle

Sixth grade isn't as great as Rex thought it would be. He's the only kid who hasn't had a growth spurt, and the bullies won't let him forget it. His closest friend is unreliable, at best. And there's a cute girl in his class, who may or may not like him back. With so much going on, everything is a blur -- including Rex's vision So when he discovers that he needs glasses, and his family can only afford the ugliest pair in the store, any hope Rex had of fitting in goes completely out of focus



The Double Life of Danny Day by Mike Thayer

My name is Danny Day, and I live every day twice. The first time, it's a "discard day." It's kind of like a practice run. At the end of the day, I go to bed, wake up, and poof everything gets reset, everything except my memory, that is. The second time, everything is normal, just like it is for everyone else. That's when everything counts and my actions stick.