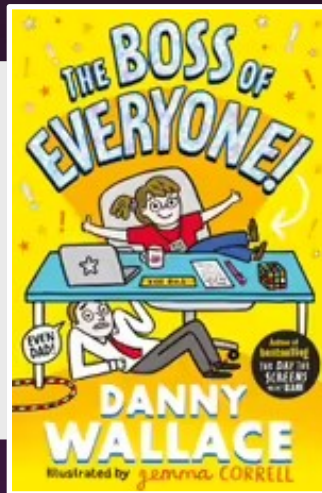




We recommend these great reads in NEW JUNIOR FICTION

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The Boss of Everyone by *Danny Wallace*

Ten-year-old Joss's greatest ambition is to be Class Monitor at school. But she's about to go one step further. It's Take Your Kid to Work Day, and Joss's dad takes her to the games company he works for. When the boss calls a meeting and tells them he's giving his job away to the person with the best idea for a company game-changer . . . Joss sticks her hand up. And the next thing she knows, Joss is the boss. Joss is thrilled. Dad is horrified: he's going to have to be on his best behaviour all the time! As Joss whips everyone into shape, maybe they can all learn a lesson or two . . . even Joss herself.



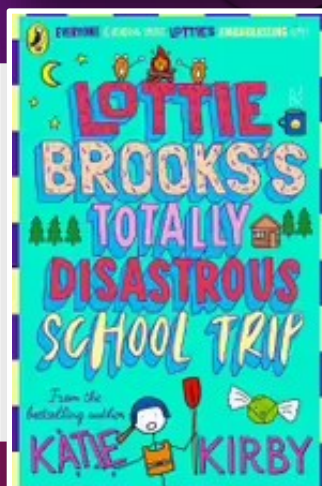
Spellstone by *Ross Montgomery*

Evie is used to not being noticed. But when she meets the mysterious Wainwright, she discovers that going unnoticed might just be what makes her unique. Recruited into a secret magical organization, Evie finds herself at the heart of an ancient and magical battle. Evil is returning to the land, and Evie is the only person who can stop it. But how can she defeat the most dangerous magician in the world, when she doesn't even know her own powers?



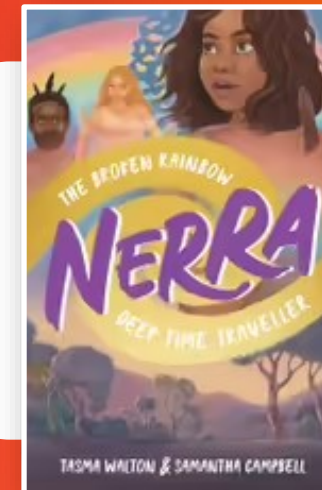
Clementine Fox & the Great Island Adventure [Graphic novel] by *Leigh Luna*

Clementine is supposed to be on her way to school... but why not go out for a day of adventure and exploration instead? She recruits her friends Nubbins Squirrel and Penelope Rabbit and heads to the beach, where Jesse Otter is preparing to take his giant Turtle, Annabella, to a mysterious local island. Clementine's great-aunt Marnie lives there -- far away from math tests and tutors -- so Clementine and her friends hitch a ride to the island as stowaways. What could go wrong?



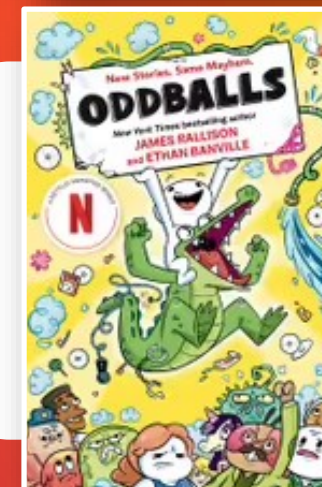
Lottie Brooks's Totally Disastrous School Trip by *Katie Kirby*

After a summer of meeting handsome French boys and getting a tiny bit sunburnt. OK, fine - a lot sunburnt, Lottie's heading off on a week-long residential school trip. A whole week away from embarrassing parents and Toby's tasty air biscuits! But the trip soon turns into a total disaster. The other girls staying at the camp are MEGA-MEAN, best friend Jess is spending all her time with new girl Isha, and Lottie's diary gets stolen!



Nerra, Deep Time Traveller #1 by *Tasma Walton*

"Nerra, you are the next Deep Time Traveller, as your great-grandmother was before you." When Nerra's great-grandmother passes away, she leaves a box of artefacts to Nerra. Nerra is drawn to the clapsticks which glow red hot, and when she picks them up, she is transported back in time. Dreaming is out of balance and a hero needs to help. Bineal and Pirnbial, husband and wife of the rainbow, have been split apart and captured by the evil Devour'ena. With the help of the Keeper of Clean Sand and Clear Water and the cleverman, Bobbinary, can Nerra reunite the rainbow and bring Dreaming back into balance?



Oddballs #1 [Graphic novel] by *James Rallison*

Join James, Max, Echo and all of your favourite Oddballs characters as they get into epic amounts of preventable trouble. In these five exclusive mini stories, James grows sentient bacteria in his mouth, sells his yard, turns the whole town into ASMR zombies, enrages several birthday girls and faces his own impending death. And, of course, he learns nothing.



Alice Miranda and the Christmas Mystery by *Jacqueline Harvey*

Christmas is almost here, and Alice-Miranda and her closest friends are celebrating early at Highton Hall. But it's not all gingerbread, parties and present shopping. There are mysteries to be solved! Why are Christmas decorations disappearing and local stores empty of festive treats? What long-kept family secret does Alice-Miranda discover? More importantly, what will she do about it?



My Name is Sunshine Simpson by G.M

Sunshine Simpson's larger-than-life Grandad is always telling her to get out and find her own adventures, but unfortunately BAD LUCK has a habit of coming her way. Her new friend Evie is fast becoming a FRENEMY, her home haircut is a DISASTER, and the school showcase is so STRESSFUL! Everything seems to be going wrong! Especially with Grandad getting older every week. Sunshine needs to find her voice, but can she break through the clouds to stand tall, stand proud, and show the world she can shine?



Survival of the Furriest by Mo O'Hara

Evil Scientist Summer Camp is almost over!

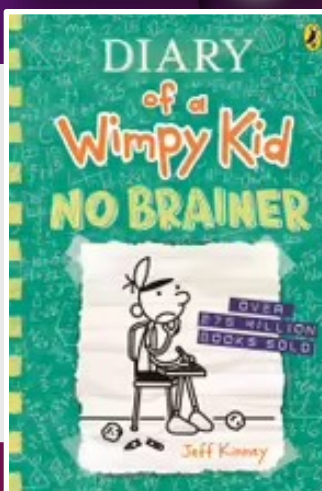
This is my last chance to show my epic evil awesomeness and prove to everyone at Camp Mwaaaa-haa-ha-a-watha that I totally deserve the Evil Emperor of the Week crown! My fierce evil vampire pet Fang and I are gonna impress Dr Cyberbyte so much that he will probably award us two crowns: one giant golden pointy one for me and a kitten-sized one for Fang (with a strap so she can't pull it off). Fang and I are gonna kick some cyber-butt! Mwaaaa-haaa-haa-haaa-haaa!



Marshmallow & Jordan [Graphic novel] by Alina Chau

Alina Chau's *Marshmallow & Jordan* is a graphic novel about a disabled, sports-loving Jordan, and the magical elephant named Marshmallow who she befriends.

Jordan's days as star player for her school's basketball team ended when an accident left her paralyzed from the waist down. Now, she's still the team captain, but her competition days seem to be behind her...until an encounter with a mysterious elephant, who she names Marshmallow, helps Jordan discover a brand new sport.



No Brainer (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #18) by Jeff Kinney

Up until now, middle school hasn't exactly been a joyride for Greg Heffley. So when the town threatens to close the crumbling building, he's not too broken up about it. But when Greg realizes this means he's going to be sent to a different school than his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, he changes his tune. Can Greg and his classmates save their school before it's shuttered for good? Or is this the start of a whole new chapter for Greg?



I am Lenny brown by Dan Freedman

A hopeful and heartwarming story that shows how the most important voice is the one you have inside.

Lenny Brown is eight years old and can't talk. Except to his mum and his dog, Rocky. When Lenny has to move house and start at a new school, it feels like his whole life is changing, and not for the better. Will he be able to make friends and find a way to fit in?

But when Lenny finds a different way to express himself, everyone is in for a big surprise as they find out just how amazing he can be . . .



Squire & Knight [Graphic novel] by Scott Chantler

Squire is brainy, bookish, and terribly under-appreciated by his boss, the brawny, inept knight, Sir Kelton, who somehow always gets all the glory. So, when the two mis-matched heroes find themselves in a cursed village, plagued by a demonic dragon, Kelton rides off to slay it, and Squire stays behind to catch up on some reading. But Squire starts to notice that something isn't quite right about this town . . . can he uncover its strange secrets?



Pixie Magic #1 by Daisy Meadow

An enchanting new series from the creator of *Rainbow Magic*, perfect for children who love stories about friendship, magic and craft.

Best friends Alice and Leo love making things, and they're never happier than when they're working together in Leo's garden shed, which they've turned into an arts and crafts studio. Then one day they are transported to a miniature world where magical creatures - the Pixies and Glitterbugs - use their creative talents to make special objects from items that were once treasured. The Pixies' magic gives these objects the power to solve people's problems!



Infinity's Secret (Dragon Force #1) by Katie & Kevin Tsang

Twelve-year-old Lance Lo, his younger sister Zoe and new friends haven enrolled at Camp Claw to learn all the skills they need to become protectors of the new world. But when the camp is mysteriously attacked and an evil plot exposed, it's up to the latest recruits to prove they've got what it takes to save the day!