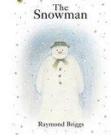
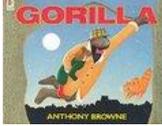
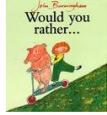
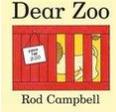
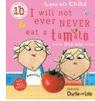
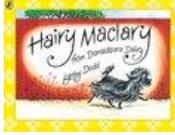
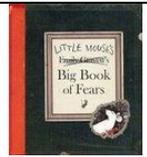
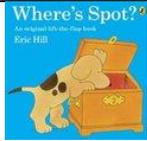
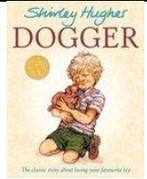
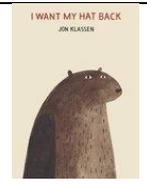
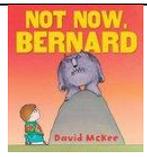
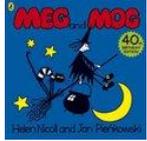
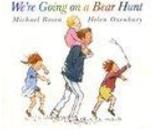
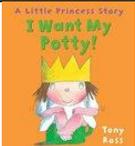
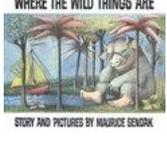
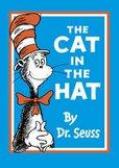
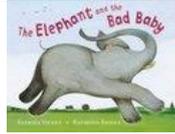
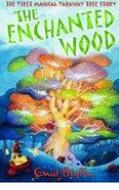
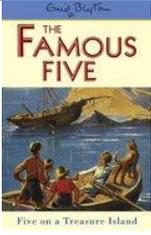
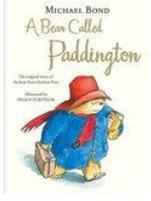
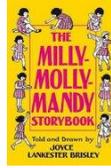
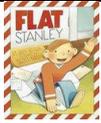
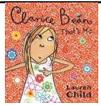
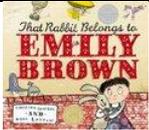
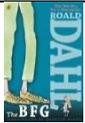
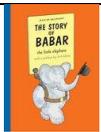
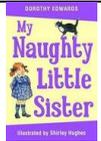
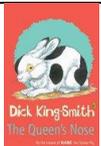
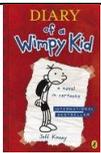


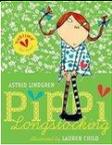
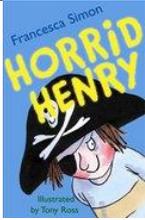
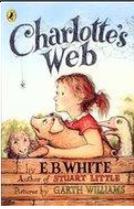
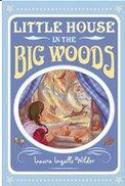
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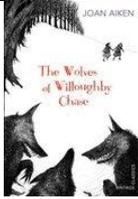
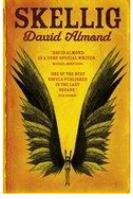
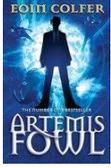
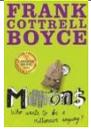
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0 – 5 years of age		
<p>'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Janet & Allan Ahlberg This classic book from author and illustrator team Janet and Allan Ahlberg is a real favourite with families</p>		
<p>'The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters' by Janet & Allan Ahlberg Brilliantly designed with lots of little details to spot, this old favourite will be enjoyed time and time again.</p>		
<p>'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs James builds a snowman in the garden, then wakes up in the night to find that it has come to life.</p>		
<p>'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne Hannah's favourite animals in the whole world are gorillas, but her dad is always too busy to take her to the zoo.</p>		
<p>'Would you Rather?' by John Burningham Would you rather drink snail squash or eat mashed worms? Help a witch make stew? Tickle a monkey?</p>		
<p>'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell This appealing story, in lift-the-flap, board-book format has been a favourite with toddlers ever since it was first published in 1982.</p>		
<p>'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle Eric Carle's <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> deserves its reputation as a much-loved classic.</p>		
<p>'I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato' by Lauren Child Charlie tricks his younger sister, Lola - an extremely fussy eater - into eating all her least favourite foods.</p>		
<p>'Princess Smartypants' by Babette Cole Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. But being a rich and pretty princess means that all the princes want her to become their wife.</p>		
<p>'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy' by Lynley Dodd This hilarious rhyming story follows Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, as he sets off for a walk in town.</p>		

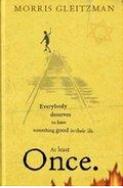
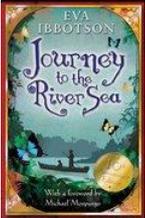
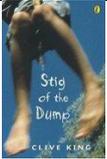
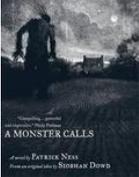
<p>'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler From former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson and long-time collaborator Axel Scheffler comes this much-loved tale about a witch and her gang of friends.</p>		
<p>'Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes' by Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury This charming first book is perfect for new arrivals.</p>		
<p>'Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears' by Emily Gravett Little Mouse is scared of most things, from creepy crawlies and loud noises, to getting lost.</p>		
<p>'Where's Spot?' by Eric Hill This adorable picture book about Spot the dog is the first in the Spot series.</p>		
<p>'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate.</p>		
<p>'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to find his home.</p>		
<p>'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr Sophie and her Mummy are having tea in the kitchen when in walks a hungry tiger who asks to stay to tea.</p>		
<p>'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen A bear sets out in search of his hat - he loves his hat and he wants it back.</p>		
<p>'Not now, Bernard' by David McKee The classic tale of Bernard, whose distracted parents fail to notice that their son has been eaten and replaced by a monster.</p>		
<p>'Meg and Mog' by Helen Nicholl and Jan Pienkowski In this the first story about much-loved characters Meg the witch and Mog her cat, the pair go off to a wild Hallowe'en party with all the other witches.</p>		

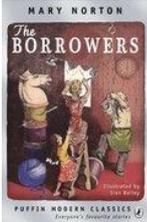
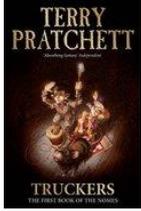
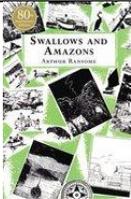
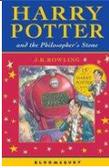
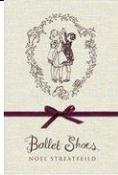
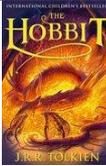
<p>'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury Follow a father and his family as they go out in search of a bear.</p>		
<p>'I Want My Potty!' by Tony Ross The Little Princess hates nappies, and thinks there must be something better.</p>		
<p>'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak First published in 1963, this classic picture book will fascinate both children and adults, evoking the fierce intensity of childhood.</p>		
<p>'The Cat in the Hat' by Dr Seuss When Sally and her brother are left alone on a rainy day, they think they are in for a dull time - but then the Cat in the Hat appears.</p>		
<p>'The Elephant and the Bad Baby' by Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs One day, an elephant offers a baby a ride through the town, and they set off on a great adventure.</p>		
<p>6 – 8 years of age</p>		
<p>'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton When Joe, Beth and Frannie move into a new home, they discover a mysterious wood on their very doorstep.</p>		
<p>'Five Live on a Treasure Island' by Enid Blyton Meet Enid Blyton's most famous characters - Julian, Dick, Anne, George and of course the ever-loyal Timmy the dog.</p>		
<p>'A Bear Called Paddington' by Michael Bond Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and marmalade sandwiches.</p>		
<p>'The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook' by Joyce Lankester Brisley Milly-Molly-Mandy lives with her mother, father, uncle, aunt, grandmother and grandfather in a 'nice white cottage with a thatched roof'.</p>		

<p>'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find he is only half an inch thick.</p>		
<p>'Clarice Bean, That's Me' by Lauren Child Clarice Bean gives us a snapshot of her life and family in the book that launched a bestselling series.</p>		
<p>'That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown' by Cressida Cowell Emily and her toy rabbit, Stanley, love to go on adventures together.</p>		
<p>'The BFG' by Roald Dahl The BFG stands for Big Friendly Giant, who unexpectedly spirits a little girl named Sophie out of bed, and into the land of the child-eating giants.</p>		
<p>'The Story of Babar' by Jean De Brunhoff <i>'In the great forest, a little elephant was born. His name was Babar...'</i></p>		
<p>'My Naughty Little Sister' by Dorothy Edwards This affectionate portrait of family life is the story of a naughty three-year-old sister who is obstinate, inquisitive and full of mischief.</p>		
<p>'Asterix the Gaul' by René Goscinny In a tiny corner of Brittany, one small village of indomitable Gauls hold out against the almighty, all-conquering Romans.</p>		
<p>'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch This classic story clearly communicates an inspiring message that anything is possible.</p>		
<p>'Finn Family Moomintroll' by Tove Jansson Moomintroll is cheerful and chubby and lives in the magical Moominvalley with his mother, Moominmamma, his father, Moominpappa and all of their friends.</p>		
<p>'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith Harmony's Uncle Ginger sends her on a treasure trail - which ends in finding a 50p piece.</p>		
<p>'The Sheep-Pig' by Dick King-Smith When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair, he is amazed that Fly, his sheep-dog, welcomes him as one of her own pups.</p>		
<p>'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney Greg Heffley is a normal American kid, albeit one with a habit of getting into (and out of) trouble.</p>		

<p>'Pippi Longstocking' by Astrid Lindgren Follow Pippi Longstocking on her amazing adventures as she moves into Villa Villekulla with a horse, a monkey, and a big suitcase of gold coins.</p>		
<p>'Winnie-the-Pooh' by A A Milne No child's library could be complete without A A Milne's stories about Pooh, Christopher Robin and their friends in the Hundred Acre Wood.</p>		
<p>'The Worst Witch' by Jill Murphy Long before Harry Potter first went to Hogwarts, trainee witch Mildred Hubble embarked on life at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches...</p>		
<p>'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith What really happened to the three little pigs and the big bad wolf? Find out the truth in this hilarious picture book.</p>		
<p>'Horrid Henry' by Francesca Simon and Tony Ross Stories about naughty characters have been told for centuries, and Horrid Henry is a modern-day rogue in the tradition of Dennis the Menace and Just William.</p>		
<p>'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan In this unusual book, we follow a young man as he packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another country.</p>		
<p>'Charlotte's Web' by E B White This is the tale of how a little girl named Fern - with the help of a friendly talking spider called Charlotte - saved her pig, Wilbur, from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.</p>		
<p>'Little House in the Big Woods' by Laura Ingalls Wilder Inside the little house live the Ingalls family: Ma, Pa, Mary, Laura and baby Carrie.</p>		
<p>'Mister Magnolia' by Quentin Blake Mr Magnolia has many things - but only one boot.</p>		

<p>'Tilly's Promise' by Linda Newbery A touching story by award-winning Linda Newbery about first love, loyalty and the horrors of war, written in dyslexia-friendly language.</p>		
9-11 years of age		
<p>'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase' by Joan Aiken There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.</p>		
<p>'Skellig' by David Almond Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature.</p>		
<p>'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.</p>		
<p>'Artemis Fowl' by Eoin Colfer Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.</p>		
<p>'Millions' by Frank Cottrell Boyce One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.</p>		
<p>'The Witches' by Roald Dahl Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.</p>		
<p>'Matilda' by Roald Dahl This modern fairy-tale with a brilliantly inspiring young heroine is one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories.</p>		
<p>'Flour Babies' by Ann Fine As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty.</p>		

<p>'Once' by Morris Gleitzman Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.</p>		
<p>'The Adventures of Tintin' by Hergé Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series.</p>		
<p>'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon.</p>		
<p>'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.</p>		
<p>'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C S Lewis When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.</p>		
<p>'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.</p>		
<p>'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo Set during World War I, <i>Private Peaceful</i> charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.</p>		
<p>'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute him. And then there is the immense, mythic Monster.</p>		

<p>'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock.</p>		
<p>'Truckers' by Terry Pratchett The first title in the <i>Bromeliad</i> trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.</p>		
<p>'Swallows and Amazons' by Arthur Ransome It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.</p>		
<p>'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J K Rowling After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.</p>		
<p>'Holes' by Louis Sachar Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre.</p>		
<p>'The Little Prince' by Antoine de Saint-Exupery An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he makes a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series of wise and enchanting stories.</p>		
<p>'Ballet Shoes' by Noel Streatfield First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivated children's imaginations for decades.</p>		
<p>'The Hobbit' by J R R Tolkien This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.</p>		
<p>'The Story of Tracy Beaker' by Jacqueline Wilson Tracy lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.</p>		