

Junior

Toto the Ninja Cat by Dermot O'Leary

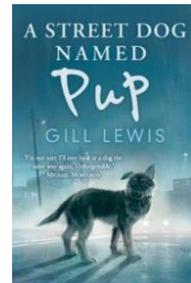


Toto is no ordinary cat, she's a Ninja master! Toto and her friends are due to be looking after the French ambassador on a day of sightseeing, finishing at the Tower of London to see the animal world's crown jewels: a sacred diamond cat collar. But when they arrive, the collar has disappeared!

A Street Dog Named Pup by Gill Lewis

This is a poignant tale of survival, and the lifelong, life changing bonds that can be formed between humans and dogs. Pup and his boy are inseparable.

But both their worlds change forever when Pup is cruelly taken away and abandoned in Dead Dog Alley. With nowhere else to turn, Pup joins a pack of misfit Street Dogs, who help him learn to fight for survival on the streets.



Middle

The Kid who came from Space by Ross Welford



A small village in the wilds of Northumberland is rocked by the disappearance of twelve-year-old Tammy. Only her twin brother, Ethan, knows she is safe – and the extraordinary truth of where she is. It is a secret he must keep, or risk never seeing her again!

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Winner of the Awesome Book Awards

Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy – especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger...



Senior

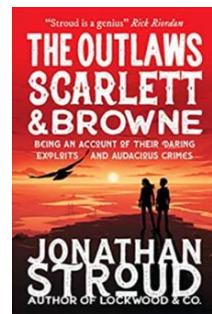
Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo



The series is about a young orphan girl and soldier Alina Starkov who is crossing 'the Fold' with the army when they are suddenly attacked by a sinister darkness teeming with monsters. She defends her best friend and fellow soldier Mal with a magic she did not know that she possessed and is then thrown into a frightening new world of magic, royalty and intense training. This brilliant trilogy by Leigh Bardugo has been made into a series for Netflix and is streaming now.

The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne by Jonathon Stroud

Set in a broken, future England, where gunfights and monsters collide, this is the exciting first title in a new fantasy teen series. England has been radically changed by a series of catastrophes - large cities have disappeared and London has been replaced by a lagoon. The surviving population exists in fortified towns where they cling to traditional ways, while strangely evolved beasts prowl the wilderness beyond. Conformity is rigidly enforced and those who fall foul of the rules are persecuted: some are killed, others are driven out into the wilds. Only a few fight back - and two of these outlaws, Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, display an audacity and talent that makes them legends.



Exhibitions

Curiouser & Curiouser at the V & A, 22 May – 31st Dec 2001

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/alice-curiouser-and-curiouser>

Exploring the origins, adaptations and reinventions of Lewis Carroll's book Alice in Wonderland, which was first published 157 years ago.

Fantastic Beasts: The Wonder of Nature at the Natural History Museum, 17 May – 3 Jan 2022

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/exhibitions/fantastic-beasts-the-wonder-of-nature.html>

This exhibition looks at peculiar and fantastical creatures from our natural world and sees how they might have inspired J K Rowling when she was writing the Harry Potter books and the Fantastic Beasts films.

Story Seekers at the Imperial War Museum, 28th May – 6th June

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/story-seekers-iwm-london>

The Imperial War Museum is looking for inquisitive children with 'a nose for adventure' who will help them uncover some of the museum's greatest wartime stories. During half term there are free activities using props and artefacts which are used to send the children off on learning quests around the museum.

Two wonderful online events hosted by the British Library

Stories of the Windrush Children, with Benjamin Zephaniah, Tuesday 22nd June 2-3pm

<https://www.bl.uk/events/stories-of-the-windrush-children>

Join the British Library in celebrating Windrush Day to commemorate the Windrush generation and their contribution to British History. This is an online event.

Alice Through the Looking Glass with Chris Riddell and Friends, Thursday 1st July 7.30-8.30pm

<https://www.bl.uk/events/alice-through-the-looking-glass-with-chris-riddell-and-friends-1-july>

Join illustrator Chris Riddell for a celebration of this wonderful book. This is an online event hosted on the British Library platform.