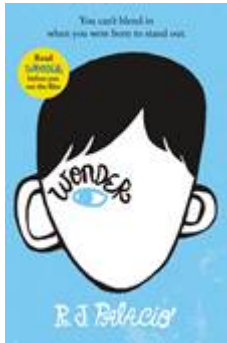


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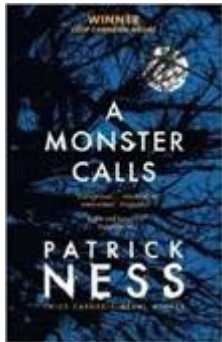


We've put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

The books below are ones suitable for older children aged 12 to 14.

How many have you read?

- See our best books for other age groups
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A Monster Calls

Author: Patrick Ness (From an idea by Siobhan Dowd) **Illustrator:** Jim Kay

Interest level: 11-14

Reading age: 10+

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute h...



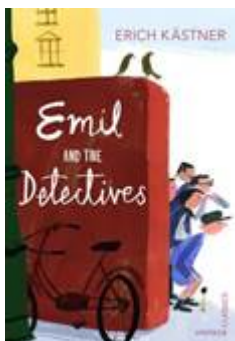
A Wizard of Earthsea

Author: Ursula Le Guin

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 11+

The first in a classic series of fantasy novels, *A Wizard of Earthsea* follows a young boy's development from goat herder...



Emil and the Detectives

Author: Erich Kästner

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

Ten-year-old Emil is excited to be taking the train to Berlin on his own for the first time - but he doesn't like the look of his ...



Liddle Bit

Author: Alex Wheatle

Interest level: 13+

Reading age: 12+

At school Lemar, also known as Liddle Bit due to his height, is like any teenage boy. He's in love with a girl who barely notices ...



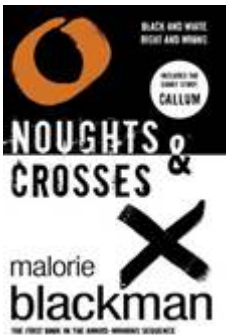
Northern Lights

Author: Philip Pullman

Interest level: 9-14

Reading age: 10+

This extraordinary fantasy is the first book in Philip Pullman's multi-award-winning *His Dark Materials* trilogy



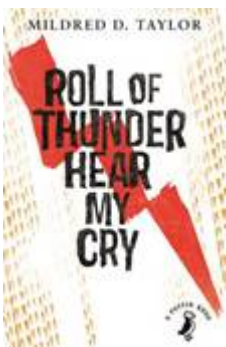
Noughts and Crosses

Author: Malorie Blackman

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 12+

Callum is a Nought but his best friend Sephy is a Cross - the daughter of one of the most influential politicians in the country.



Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Author: Mildred D. Taylor

Interest level: 10-14

Reading age: 9+

In 1930s Mississippi, the Logan family are forced to live their lives in fear simply because they are black. A classic, compelling...



Tall Story

Author: Candy Gourlay

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 8+

Engagingly told in alternate chapters by four-foot, thirteen year-old Andi, in the UK, and her eight-foot, sixteen year-old half b...



Anne Frank: The Diary of A Young Girl

Author: Anne Frank

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 12+

Now widely regarded as one of the most important pieces of historical literature of all time, Anne Frank's diary is a poignant and...



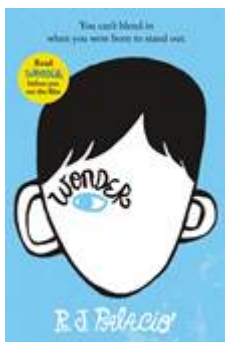
The Owl Service

Author: Alan Garner

Interest level: 12+

Reading age: 12+

When Alison finds a curious dinner service in the attic, the discovery sets off a strange chain of events that look set to affect ...



Wonder

Author: R J Palacio

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

August ('Auggie') Pullman can't help but stand out - he was born with a severe facial deformity. Written in the first person, *Wond...*