



Summer Reading Newsletter 2025



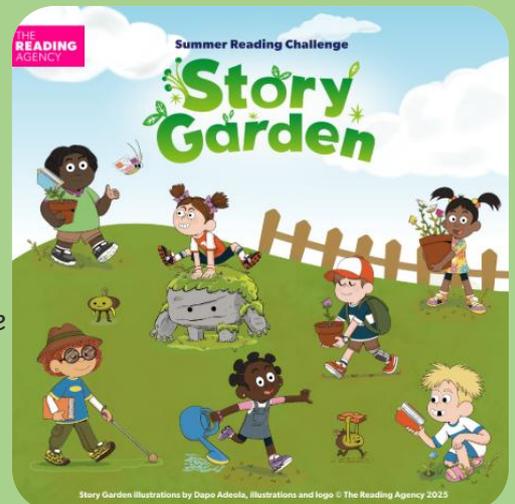
Welcome to the Coppice Academy Summer Reading Newsletter.

I don't know how we're here already getting ready for the Summer holidays once again. It has been a fantastic year full of reading and book-based events and how the children have responded to all the challenges and competitions shows so clearly that Coppice Academy really is a reading school! This edition of our reading newsletter is yet again jam packed full of all the activities we have taken part in this term and lots of fun summer book and reading competitions and challenges.

Solihull Library Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden - this year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about adventures in nature and the Great Outdoors! Story Garden will start on **Saturday 12 July 2025** and you can join in at any time across the summer.

The challenge will be to read six books across the summer holidays and earn yourself a certificate and a medal. Pick up a collector's card from your local library and a set of stickers each time you visit. If you meet the challenge, you can enter our free draw for the chance to win a great prize. Everyone who completes the challenge will also receive 15 Dojo points and a prize for bringing in their certificate and medal in September to share in Reading/Singing Assembly with Miss Wright, Mr. Fowler and Mrs. Green.



The challenge is **free to join** and open to all children aged 4 to 11. It will run throughout the summer holidays and **finishes on Saturday 6th September**.

Look out at your local library for Story Garden linked activities over the summer holidays or check out Solihull Core Events page, and visit the Summer Reading Challenge - Official Website. We will also send out details on Dojo.

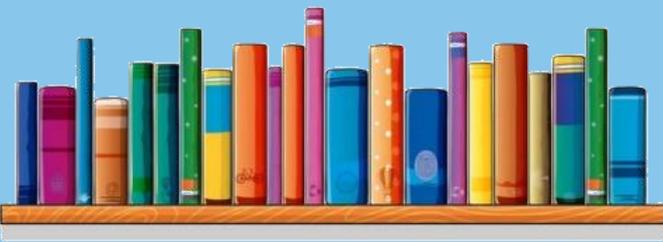
Join the Library...

You are never too young to join the library.

Your local library has stories and information for children and young people of all ages.

All you need is a letter or ID with your address and you will be able to borrow books!





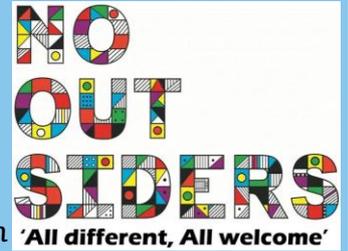
Library Updates...

Our latest update, to our School Library, is the creation of "Calming Corner" where we can showcase books to help us understand our emotions and learn

some tips and tricks to help us all manage our feelings. It is also a quiet corner to learn more about the diversity in our school and world and show how there are no outsiders at Coppice!

We also have a cost free way for you to be able to help us with keeping our libraries across the school well stocked with books. When you are having a

clear out of books that your children may have outgrown or are simply making room for new favourites, we would be very appreciative of any, pre-loved but still in good condition, books that you would be willing to donate to us. Both fiction and non-fiction would be very much appreciated.



As we are so enthusiastic about reading for everyone, not just our pupils, we have been looking for ways to support all of our community. Excitingly, we have been lucky enough to secure funding to create a lending library for our wider school community. So keep an eye out for our dedicated space for people to come and borrow or swap a book that they can enjoy.

We are so passionate about adults reading because all children look to their families as role models and studies have shown that children whose parents read with, and around them, are two to three times more likely to be confident and show higher levels of progress in reading compared to those who don't receive the same support (National Institute for Literacy). This increase also shows that parental involvement in reading activities strengthens emotional bonds, improves concentration, and builds confidence in young readers.



<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

A reminder that as part of ensuring our school remains up to date with best of children's literature, we have a book club through Love Reading.

If you would like to buy books for your child and support us here at Coppice Academy, while doing so, we would greatly appreciate your contribution, especially as every purchase of a book gives us 25% of the price and 15% of the price of any e-books.

When you make your purchase on the site, please select Coppice Academy as your chosen school.



Top 3 Reading Classes in the Summer Term are:

1st Place – **5W**

2nd Place – **5F**

3rd Place – **6D**



Little Wandle

Using the Little Wandle Books with your child at home is incredibly important to ensure that your child makes the best progress possible. However, we know it can be challenging to know what to do to support your child and so that is why there is a specific "For Parents" are on the Little Wandle website. Check it out for more information.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/and Sounds>



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Home Reading Reminder...

Just a quick reminder that in order to maximise the impact our reading curriculum has on your child's progress. **We ask that:**

- **You listen to your child read each evening and sign their planner.** Each day in school your child will get up to 2 ticks – one for having their planner and the other for it being signed to prove they have read. If they manage this at least 3 times a week, they are in with a chance of winning Reading Champion of the Week – where they are gifted a book, to keep and enjoy, from our vending machine!
- **You ensure your child has their home reading book in school every day,** along with their planner, to enable us to ensure that they are being suitably challenged and supported in their reading progress.



***Note :** If your child has finished their Home Reading Book or has accidentally left it at school, please do still hear them read a book of their, or your, choice and still note it in their planner so that teachers can gain an insight into book tastes and interests across the class and school.*



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Summer Request

Over the summer please continue to encourage reading, and reading activities, using some of the Summer Challenges in this newsletter and by visiting your local library, where there are lots of free events happening throughout the summer.



Department
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National Year of Reading 2026

National
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Change your story

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign that will engage new audiences in reading, encourage reading for pleasure and change the nation's reading culture for good.

Reading is central to the Government's Plan for Change: it supports success in school, work and in life, boosts wellbeing, brings people together and expands our knowledge about the world.

In a fast-moving, AI-powered world, the campaign will reimagine what reading means, making it modern, meaningful, and relevant. Reading unlocks potential, boosts wellbeing, builds skills, and brings us together.

There are many multi-sector partners joining forces to get the nation reading. The goal is bold: to inspire thousands of community reading champions, welcome millions of new library members, and help businesses champion reading in their workplaces and communities.

From online influencers and social platforms to teachers, libraries, and colleges, everyone has a role to play. At the heart of this movement is a dynamic, insight-driven campaign powered by national champions and local communities.

Together, we'll build a culture where reading is for everyone, everywhere. Be part of the story and help get the nation reading.

Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson has stated:

As someone whose love of reading was sparked in childhood, I know just how powerful books can be in shaping young lives.

Reading holds the keys to so much of children's education, so the decline in reading for pleasure among young people should sound alarm bells loud and clear.

This can't be just a government mission. It needs to be a national one. So, it's time for all of us to play our part, put our phones down and pick up a book.

When parents take the time to read with their children early on, they lay the foundations for strong literacy skills, helping kids to be school ready. By making reading a daily habit, even just 10 minutes a day, we can help give kids the best start in life, as part of the Plan for Change.

The campaign will be packed full of exciting school and community events and activities supported by a dedicated website, backed by over 30 organisations so far including Premier League, Julia Rausing Trust, Arts Council England, the Very Group and a range of publishers.

At Coppice, we can't wait to dive into the National Year of Reading and all the amazing opportunities that it will offer our pupils. We are already a reading school but this year will give us the chance to share this with our families, with everyone from across the Arden Academy Trust and the local community.

"Reading not only shapes a child's educational journey and future career prospects – it also has a profound impact on their mental wellbeing, building confidence, self-esteem, and a sense of connection to the world around them."



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Reading Genre Focus



Historical

This reading newsletter we are focusing on the historical fiction genre.

How amazing would it be to explore the world during some of the most fascinating times in history?! So find a sunny spot, slather on sunscreen and escape in to the past with one of our recommended reads. Enjoy!

What Should I Read Next?



London, 1922.

A discovery from ancient Egypt . . .

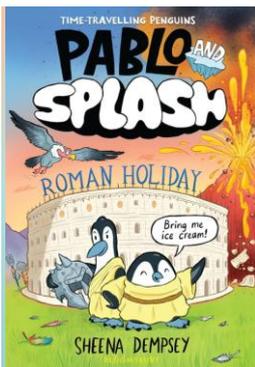
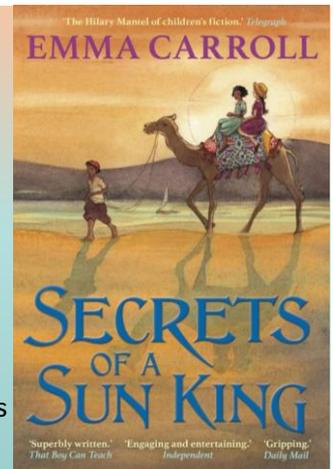
A cursed package . . .

The untold story of a young pharaoh . . .

When Lilian Kaye finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep, she is shocked to see who sent it: a famous Egyptologist, found dead that very morning, according to every newspaper in England!

The mysterious package holds the key to a story . . . about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for.

Lil and her friends must embark on an incredible journey - to return the package to its resting place, to protect those they love, and to break the deadly pharaoh's curse . . .

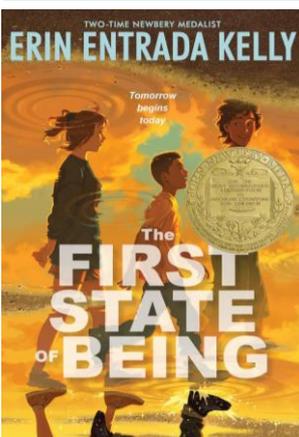
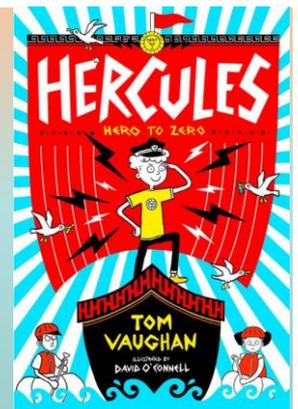


Time-travelling penguins Pablo and Splash must fight gladiators in Ancient Rome in this hilarious full-colour graphic novel, in a British Book Award-shortlisted series. Fans of Bunny vs Monkey or InvestiGATORS will love it.

When their penguin pal Benji won't believe they've travelled through time, Pablo and Splash have a point to prove. The two travel to Ancient Rome, hoping to bring back a centurion helmet as proof of their adventures. But when Pablo and Splash meet an emperor with a passion for collecting exotic birds, only some quick thinking - and emergency time travel - can save them from the fate that awaits them in the Colosseum!

Hercules Braver may seem like a regular kid, but he is (secretly) a Greek hero... His birth dad is Zeus himself! So, Herc's life will no doubt be filled with GLORY. But what about FORTUNE? It's the school holidays and Herc has so many plans... sailing a yacht, going on a cruise, and generally touring the world slaying monsters. But Mum tells him they're struggling to make ends meet, and the best she can manage is to send him to Young Explorers camp with his friend Pav. DISASTER! How can Herc make money? Invent something amazing? Win the lottery? Become a tech billionaire? He's on the case with Pav, Hatty and Natthew. But their schemes take them to some unexpected places... especially when vengeful Zeus finds out that Hercules and Mum might reveal his secret existence!

Soon, Herc is facing the pranks of trickster god Hermes, rafting down a treacherous river, and dressing up as a donkey... Can he get his hands on the fortune he craves, or will he find that true riches lie in unexpected places? And can he and Mum finally get one over on the Greek Gods...?



It's August 1999. For twelve-year-old Michael Rosario, life at Fox Run Apartments in Red Knot, Delaware, is as ordinary as ever—except for the looming Y2K crisis and his overwhelming crush on his sixteen-year-old babysitter, Gibby. But when a disoriented teenage boy named Ridge appears out of nowhere, Michael discovers there is more to life than stockpiling supplies and pining over Gibby.

It turns out that Ridge is carefree, confident, and bold, things Michael wishes he could be. Unlike Michael, however, Ridge isn't where he belongs. When Ridge reveals that he's the world's first time traveller, Michael and Gibby are stunned but curious. As Ridge immerses himself in 1999—fascinated by microwaves, basketballs, and malls—Michael discovers that his new friend has a book that outlines the events of the next twenty years, and his curiosity morphs into something else: focused determination. Michael wants—no, needs—to get his hands on that book. How else can he prepare for the future? But how far is he willing to go to get it?

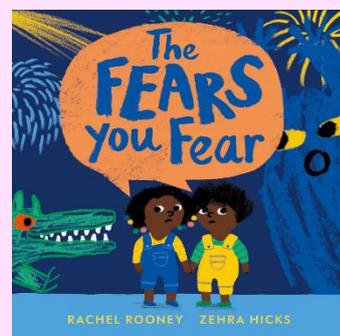


Our recommendation comes from Mrs Didcote.

This is such a fantastically written rhyming picture book that explores what happens when children encounter fear. It helps to show that we're all afraid sometimes – that some fears you see, and some are ones you don't, but it's a feeling we all feel.

It follows different characters throughout the book and shows that there are many ways to send those fears away.

A brilliant read!



The Open University Reading for Pleasure Team are inviting everyone to host their own Booknic this summer. A chance to read, relax, eat and discuss books together, to build reading together memories and offer support for reading. Open University research shows that social reading environments matter. You can have a go at the book quiz on the next page, then, maybe you could create one of your own to complete at your Booknic!

[Welcome to Your First Booknic!](#)

There are also some themed book recommendations for you to have a look through. Remember, if you do read one, make sure to let Miss Wright know if it would be good for our Library!

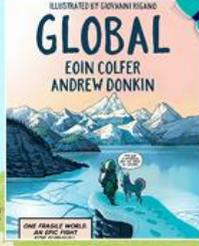
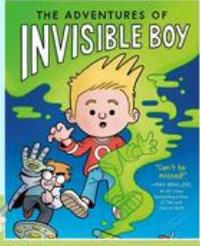
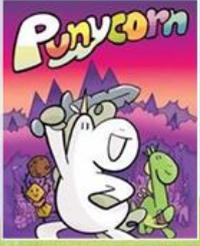
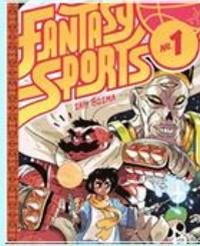
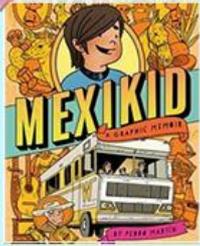
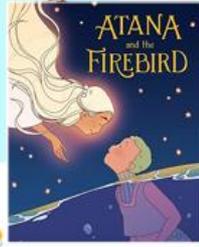
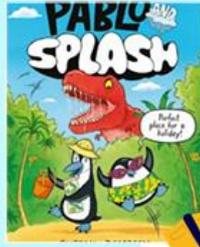


KS2 Character Quiz

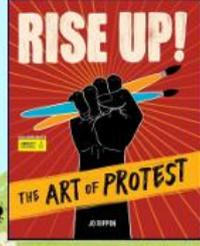
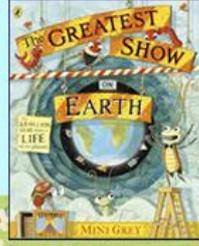
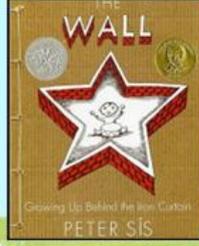
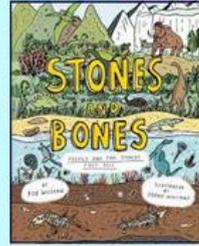
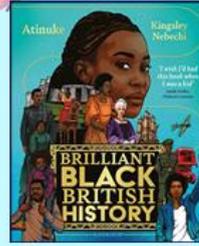
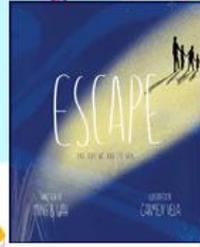


Answers can be found on the last page of the newsletter!

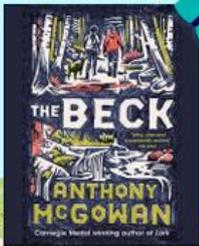
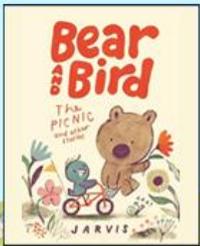
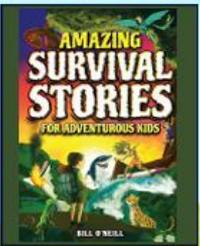
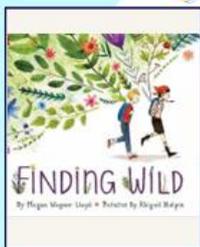
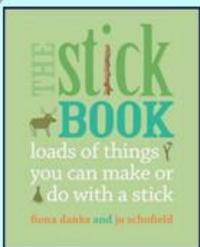
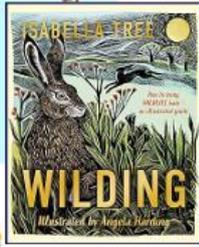
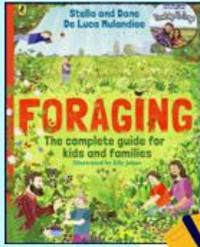
Menu of recommendations: Graphic Novels



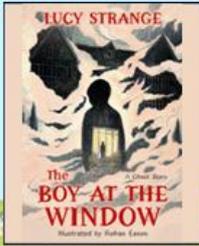
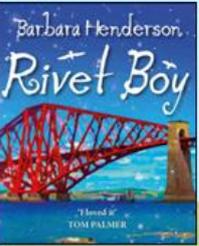
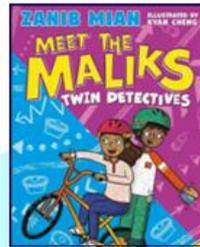
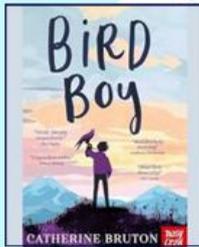
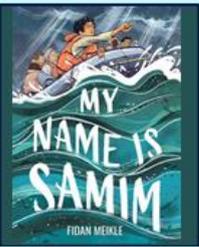
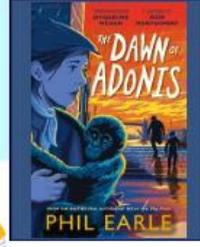
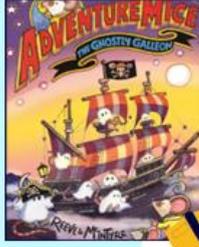
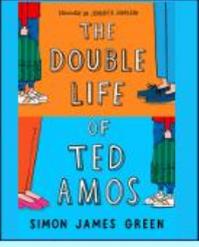
Menu of recommendations: Non Fiction



Menu of recommendations: Outdoor Adventure



Menu of recommendations: KS2 Novel



Summer Puzzles

Literary Characters

Word Search Puzzle



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SUMMER READING BINGO

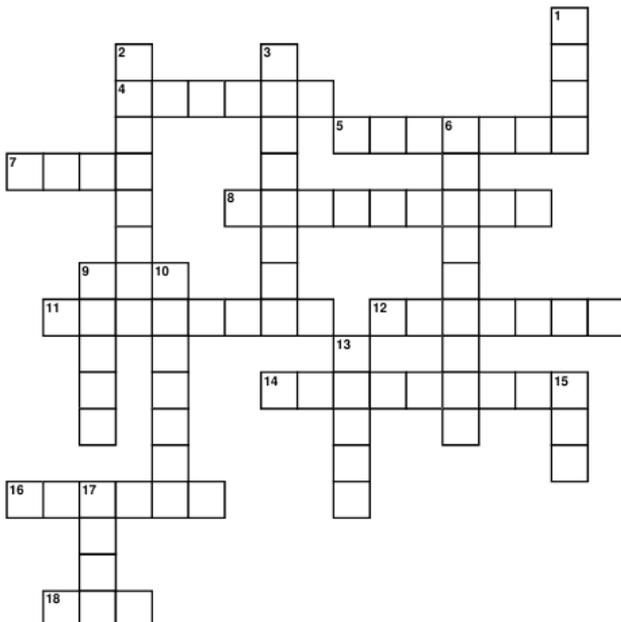
Use each prompt to expand your book ideas!

a recommended book	an easy read	a science-fiction book	a book with a dog on the cover	a book about the wilderness
a book about a hero	a historical book	an autobiography	a new release	a book with an orange cover
a book about the weather	an adventure book		a book with more than 200 pages	a novel
a book with a cool cover	a book based on a true story	a funny book	a book with a one word title	a book set in Africa
a book written by a female author	a mystery book	a book about nature	a bestseller	a book about someone who made a difference in the world



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| ATTICUS FINCH | HARRY POTTER | NANCY DREW |
| BILBO | HERMIONE | PETER PAN |
| CAPTAIN AHAB | HUCK FINN | PONYBOY |
| CRUELLA DE VIL | ICHABOD CRANE | SCOUT FINCH |
| DOROTHY | JANE EYRE | SHERLOCK HOLMES |
| DR. JEKYLL | JO MARCH | TARZAN |
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| GANDALF | MATILDA | WILLY WONKA |

Name that Book...



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- [4] The Very _____ Caterpillar
 [5] Coming to _____
 [7] The _____ Giant
 [8] _____ Mr. Tom
 [11] The _____ Maker's Daughter
 [12] _____ Granny
 [14] Avatar the last _____
 [16] A _____ Full of Plastic
 [18] Charlotte's _____

- Down**
- [1] Frog and _____ are Friends
 [2] Where the Wild _____ Are
 [3] The _____ of Azkaban
 [6] Percy Jackson and the _____ Thief
 [9] The Lion, the _____ and the Wardrobe
 [10] Kensuke's _____
 [13] The Boy Who Wore a _____
 [15] Clifford the Big _____ Dog
 [17] _____ of Green Gables



1. Emily from *The Stonekeeper (Amulet I)* (2017).
 Written and illustrated by Kazu Kibuishi. Scholastic. ISBN-10: 14071039X.
2. Ahmet from *The Boy at the Back of the Class* (2018).
 Written by Orhan Pamuk, illustrated by Pipa Curcio. Orion Children's Books. ASIN: B0791HRV7A.
3. Addie from *A Kind of Spark* (2020).
 By Elm Mitchell. Cover art by Kay Wilson. Knights Of Ltd. ISBN-10: 19331058.
4. Monkey from *Bunny vs Monkey* (2024).
 Written and illustrated by Jamie Smart. David Rickling Books. ISBN-10: 178453069.
5. Ferno the Fire Dragon from *David Quest - Book 1* (2015).
 Written by Adam Blade. Cover art by David Wyatt. Orchard Books. ISBN-10: 184616434.
6. Will from *Bird Boy* (2024).
 Written by Catherine Burton. Cover art by Oriol Vidal Noya Crow. ISBN-10: 1839464490.
7. Nate from *The Final Year* (2023).
 Written by Matt Goodfellow. Illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton. ISBN-10: 1915090413.
8. Skandar from *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* (2023).
 Written by A.F. Steadman. Cover illustration by Two Docs. Simon & Schuster Children's UK. ISBN-10: 1398502731.
9. August from *Wonder* (2013).
 VCC/IO/B. ISBN-10: 052565970.
10. Tracy Beaker from *The Story of Tracy Beaker* (2006).
 Written by Jacqueline Wilson. Illustrated by Nick Sharratt. Yearling. ISBN-10: 9780440866759.
11. Charlotte from *Charlotte's Web* (2014).
 Written by E.B. White. Illustrated by Garth Williams. Puffin Classics. ISBN-10: 0143154828.
12. The Iron Man from *The Iron Man* (2005).
 Written by Ted Hughes. Illustrated by Tom Gauld. Faber. ISBN-10: 057126124.
13. Loki from *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* (2022).
 Written and illustrated by Luke Stowell. Walker Books. ISBN-10: 140639752.
14. Ray Grey from *Rainbow Grey* (2021).
 Written and illustrated by Laura Ellen Anderson. Furthur. ISBN-10: 1405298232.