

Year 5

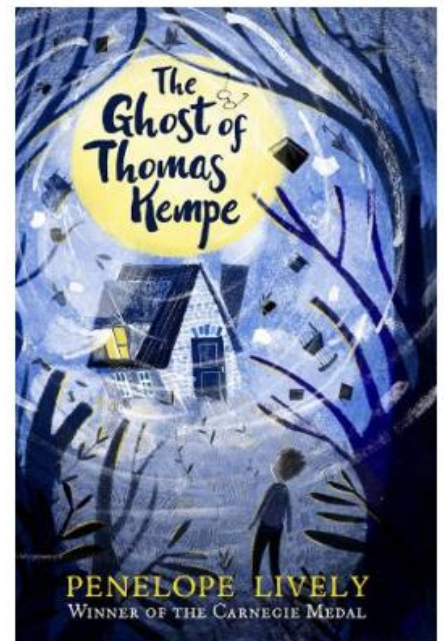
Challenging reads

Have you read these?

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively

James Harrison and his family move into a cottage in Ledsham and from day one they are bothered by a ghost called Thomas Kempe.

Horror



The Thief of Farrowfell by Ravena Guron

In this fast-paced and exciting tale of crime, magic, and intrigue, Jude Ripon strives to prove her worth by stealing a rare piece of magic, unaware that it is guarded by a powerful curse. It's perfect for children seeking excitement and fantasy adventure. [Read our full review.](#)

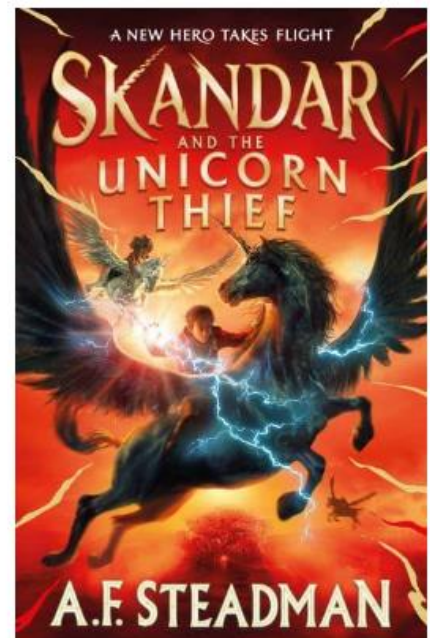
Fantasy | Crime



Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman

400 pages of epic, engaging, and highly absorbing reading will take youngsters to a magical world of unicorns that they will not want to leave.

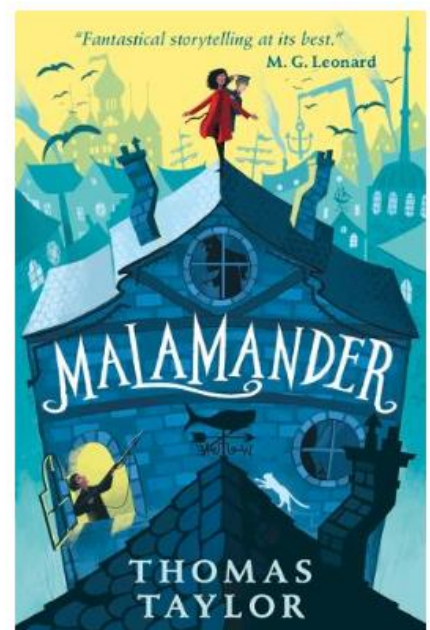
Fantasy | Adventure



Malamander by Thomas Taylor

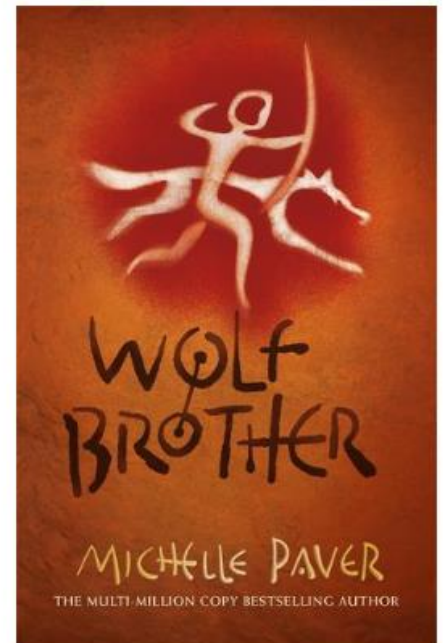
When Violet teams up with Herbie to help her find out what happened to her long-lost parents, little does she realise how her life will become entangled with the Malamander monster of Eerie-on-Sea. A fascinating story that captures a uniquely quirky and fantastical atmosphere. An ideal whole class reading book for year 5 children. The first of a series.

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Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

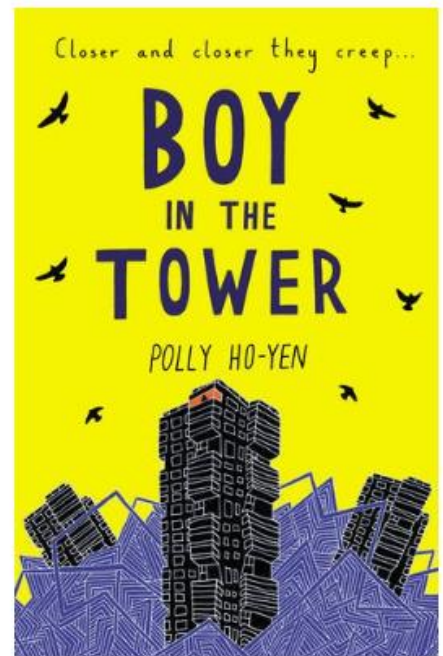
In a dark world set many millennia ago, 12-year-old Torak must take a dangerous journey to the mountain of Wolf Spirit and save the world from a dangerous demon.



Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

A boy who lives in a tower block sees the whole world below him. But one day the tower begins to crumble and fall. The world around him collapses amongst peculiar and menacing plants. Is all hope lost or can he find a way out? This multi-award-winning book with high-quality text is ideal for teaching in year 5 literacy units, and perfect to use when modelling tension, descriptive writing and settings.

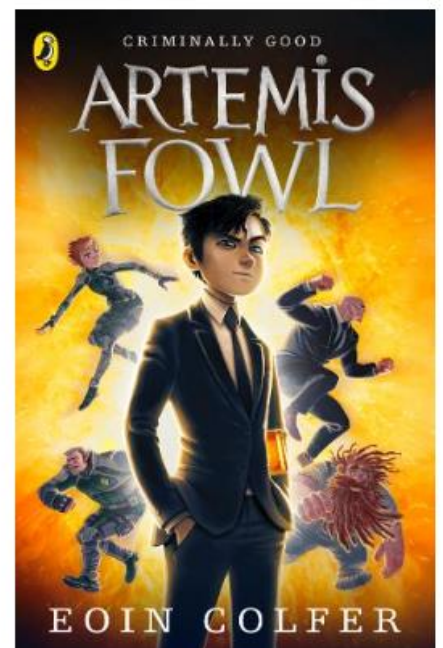
Dystopia | **Diverse**



Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl is the twelve-year-old son of an Irish crime lord. After significant research, Artemis believes that he has confirmed the existence of fairies, and he intends to track them down. A more advanced book for year 5 book clubs.

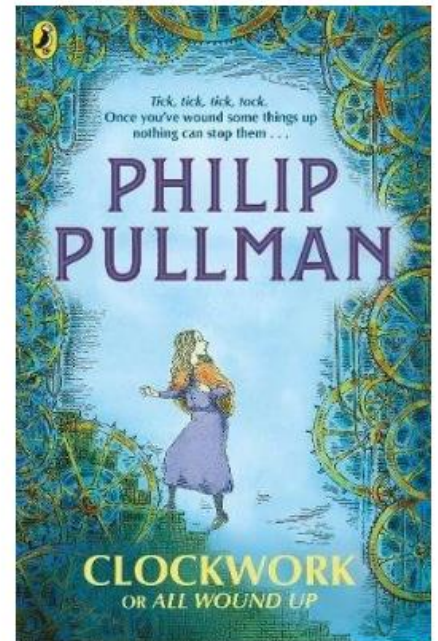
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Clockwork by Philip Pullman

A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour – and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil. A great modern fairy tale, this short chapter book contains sparkling writing, rich figurative language and evocative descriptions.

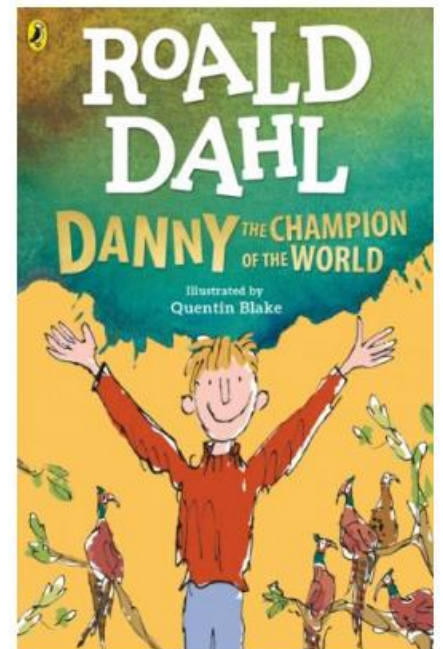
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Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

Danny and his father William live in a Gypsy caravan mending cars for a living, although Danny's father also has a dangerous sideline in poaching pheasants. A gripping and at times visceral story that is peppered with humour and warmth, this is one of the more challenging and thought-provoking children's novels by Roald Dahl.

Family



Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke

A silver dragon named Firedrake, the Brownie Sorrel, and Ben, a boy, search for the mythical mountain range called the Rim of Heaven to escape persecution from humans. Friendship, loyalty and good and evil are some of the key themes in this epic quest. The first in a series of bestselling spellbinding fantasy novels, Dragon Rider will transfix many of the 9-year-olds that read it.

Fantasy

