

Books to read...

A selection of recommended books from different genres that every Dalmain child should read by the end of Lower Key Stage 2!



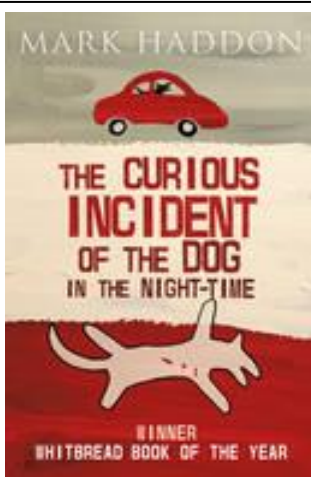
Things you should know before growing your own dragon:

- Dragons are A LOT more trouble than cucumbers.
- It is very hard to keep a dragon secret.
- They may be small and look cute, but they will eat almost anything. I'm not joking.

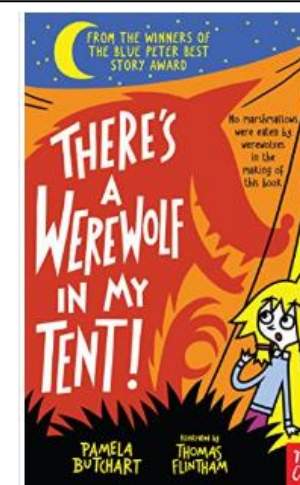
Read on to find out more!



Dax Jones may appear to be a normal schoolboy, but he also happens to be a Shapeshifter employed by the government. These books follow Dax as he discovers and embraces his unique powers, follows his fox-like instincts like never before and joins forces with new friends who have the same kind of abilities.

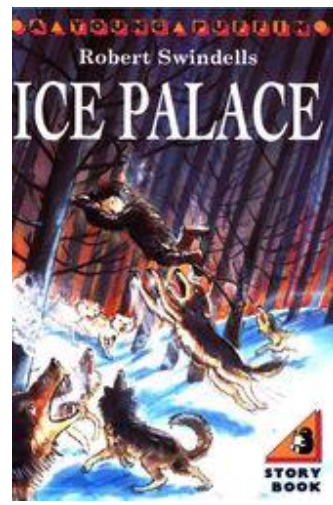


A murder mystery novel like no other. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

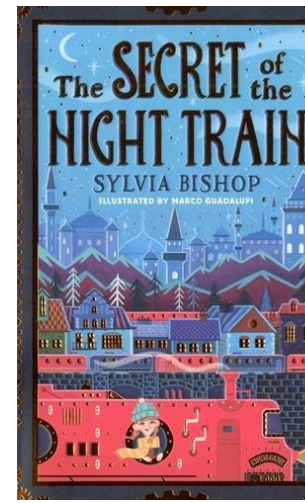


Izzy and her friends are so excited about their school camping trip and think they are fully prepared for survival. But when they hear strange howling at night, find deep scratch marks gouged into the trees, and spot the new teacher's incredibly hairy legs and lust for meat, they realise that something is very wrong...

**...if You
like stories
of
suspense**

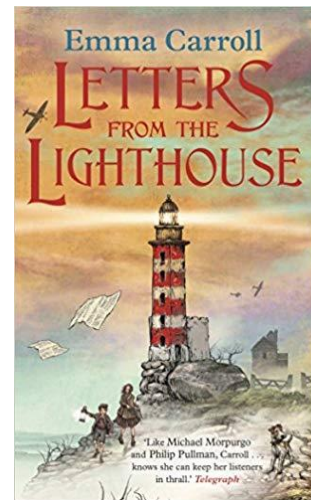


Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him. An extremely fast-paced adventure that won't leave you bored for a second.

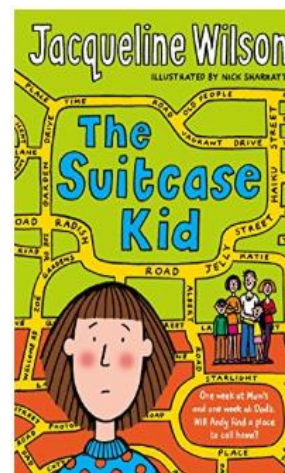


Max is being sent to Istanbul to stay with her boring great aunt. Is this going to be fun? She knows it's going to be an adventure. But she never guesses that the drama will start on her train ride! When the mysterious Heartbreak Diamond is stolen, Max is plunged into a thrilling night-time chase across Europe.

*...if you like
emotional
books*



February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, 12-year-old Olive and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast to stay with the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, she takes on a job which enables her to uncover secrets of her own.

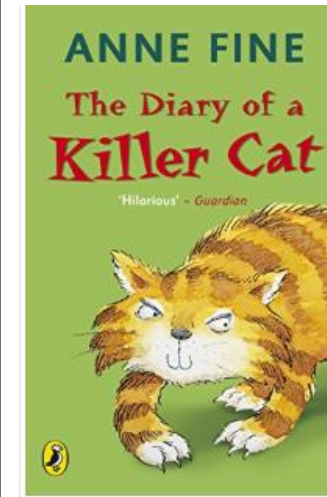


My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's. All I want is to go back to Mulberry Cottage.

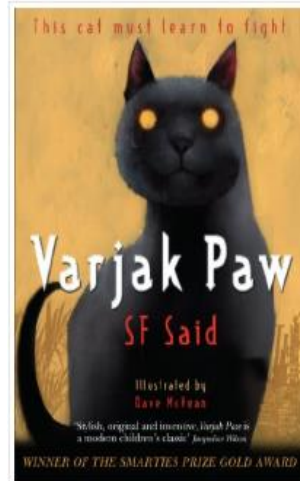
...if you
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about animals



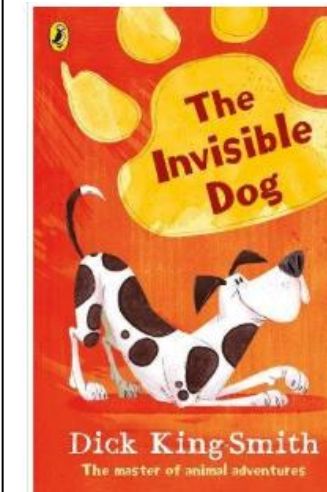
Humphrey lives in Classroom 26. With lots of friends to help, adventures to enjoy, and a cage with a lock-that-doesn't- lock, Humphrey's life is almost perfect. If only the teacher, Mrs. Brisbane, wasn't out to get him!



Poor Ellie is horrified when her cat, Tuffy, drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. Before long, another apparent victim arrives though the cat-door. Can soft-hearted Ellie get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?



Mesopotamian Blue cat, Varjak Paw, has never been Outside before. But he is forced out into the city when the sinister Gentleman and his two menacing cats take over his home. Can he overcome challenges, discover the terrifying secrets behind the Vanishings and save his own family from their fate?



When her parents can't afford a new pet, seven-year-old Janie invents one. Her new pretend dog is Henry, an invisible Great Dane who eats invisible food bought with invisible money. Then some mysterious events-- and perhaps a touch of magic--bring the invisible Henry to life.

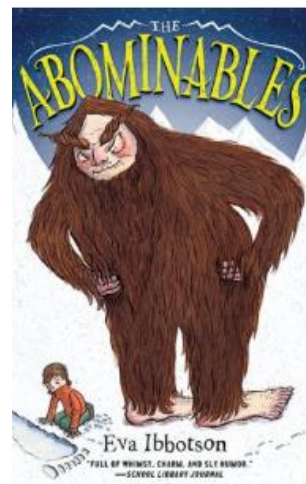
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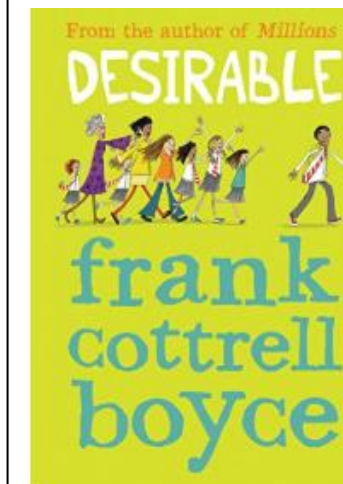
Welcome to The Nothing to See Here Hotel! A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. When a goblin messenger arrives, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest.



Grown-ups have had their turn at running things, and let's face it, they've been rubbish! It's time that a kid was in charge. Where there is grumpiness, may we bring giggles, where there is jelly, may we bring ice-cream, where there are chairs, may we bring whoopee cushions.

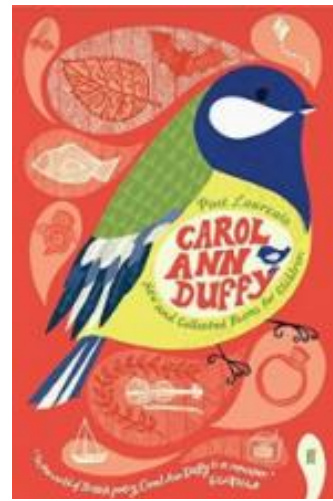


A family of yetis are forced to leave their home in the Himalayas and make their way across Europe to a possible new home. They receive help from the unlikeliest of friends along the way. Through a mountain rescue in the Alps and a bullfight in Spain, the yetis at last find their way to England. But their adventure is far from over...

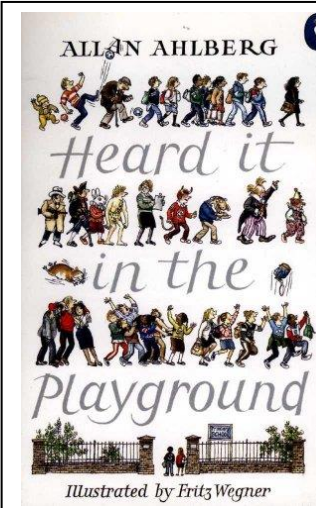


George is a self-confessed social reject who spends more time with his Warhammer figures than actual people - but when he's given a bottle of aftershave called Desirable, women can't resist him! How will he cope with his new-found popularity? And what will happen when the magic wears off?

...IF YOU
LIKE POETRY



A superb collection of a range of poetry from Carol Ann Duffy, the former children's poet laureate. Lots of different poetic styles to be explored and enjoyed.

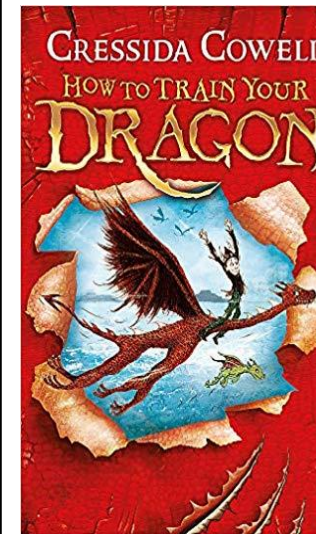


An illustrated collection of amusing poems and songs celebrating primary school life. Meet Billy McBone and the Mad Professor's Daughter, be amazed by the Longest Kiss Contest, shed a tear for the Boy Without a Name and - if you're a stressed teacher - sing the Mrs Butler Blues.

...if you
like magic

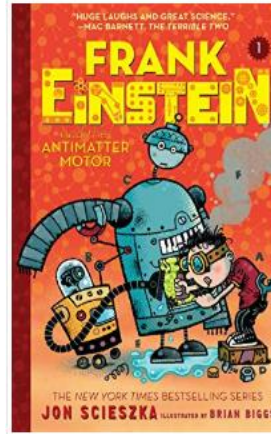


Max is used to spending time alone - it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life... like making awesome replica models. Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.'



Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER! The Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk ... Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?

...if you
like science
fiction



Frank Einstein loves creating unusual household contraptions that are part science and part imagination. After an uneventful experiment in his garage-lab, a lightning storm and flash of electricity bring Frank's inventions—the robots Klink and Klank—to life! They help Frank attempt to perfect his Antimatter Motor . . . until Frank's archnemesi, T. Edison, steals Klink and Klank for his evil doomsday plan!



A sequel to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the book begins right after Wonka and Charlie burst through the roof of the chocolate factory in the Elevator. They pick up Grandma and Grandpa and, through an accident, heads into orbit to rendezvous with the Space Hotel. There, they meet up the Vermicious Knids, who are waiting in the hotel to consume the guests and staff.