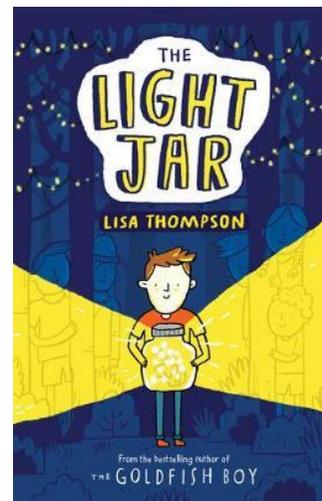


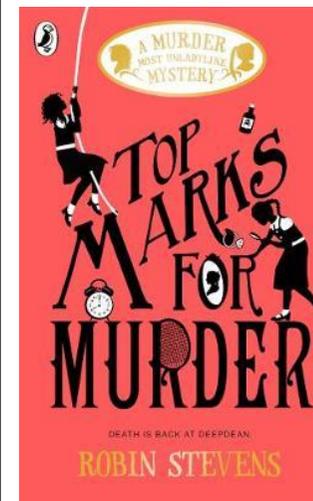
# Books to read...

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

...if you like adventure and mystery

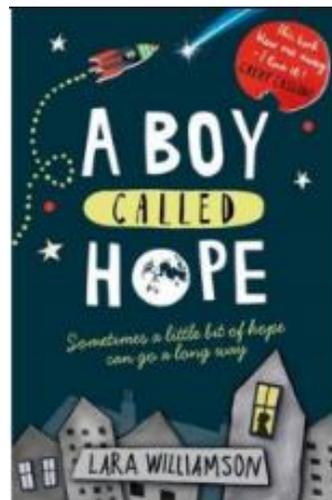


Nate and his mother are running away, hiding out in a tumbledown cottage in the middle of a forest. When Mum heads off for provisions, and then doesn't return, Nate is left alone and afraid, with the dark closing in all around him. But comfort can come from the most unexpected of places...

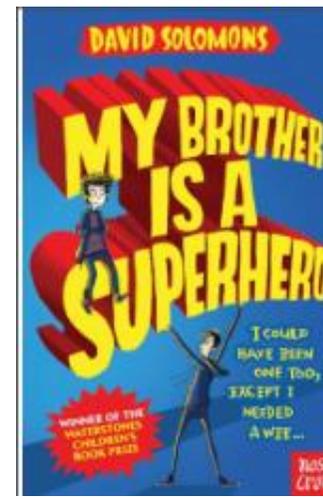


It's the school's fifteenth anniversary celebration at Deepdean, but Daisy and Hazel witness a shocking incident in the woods close by – a crime that they're sure is linked to the Anniversary. Decades-old grudges, rivalries and secrets begin to surface, and soon Deepdean's future is at stake. Can the girls solve the case – and save their home?

...if you like humorous books

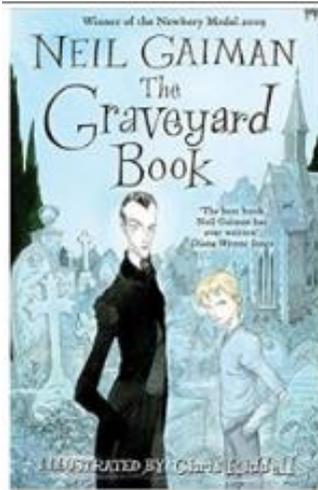


Dan Hope's dad has left home, but he thinks he can track him down. With the help of his older sister, Grace, he learns the importance of family – a warm tale of everyday life.



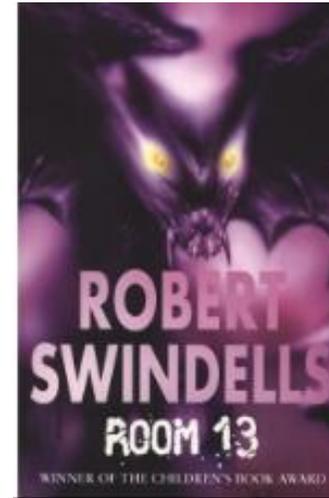
Luke goes for a wee, missing the moment an alien arrives and gives his brother Zach superpowers. When Zach goes missing, Luke must save him in order to save the world!

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



***There was a hand in the darkness, and it held a knife.***

So begins The Graveyard Book, a story that starts with Bod escaping death, growing up with ghosts and wondering about revenge.



Fliss and her class go on a school trip to Whitby, staying in a hotel where there is no room 13. But at midnight, the room next to room 12 seems to come alive - who, or what, is in there?

*...if you like  
emotional  
books*

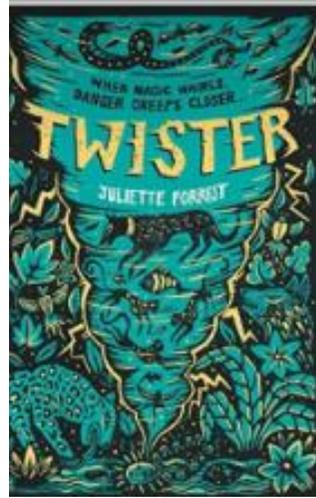


Auggie looks different to everybody else, and is starting school for the first time. The story is written from lots of perspectives, helping Auggie to over-come his difficulties.

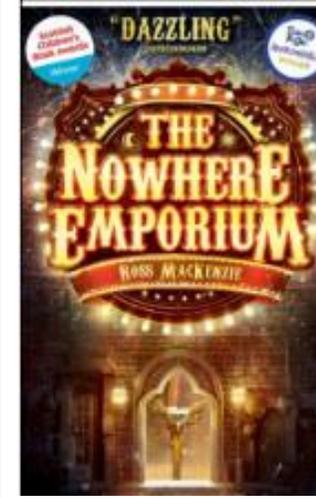


Jewel's younger brother John (Bird) died young, and her grandfather blames himself. When she finds a mysterious boy in her tree, Jewel learns who to trust...

...if you  
like magic

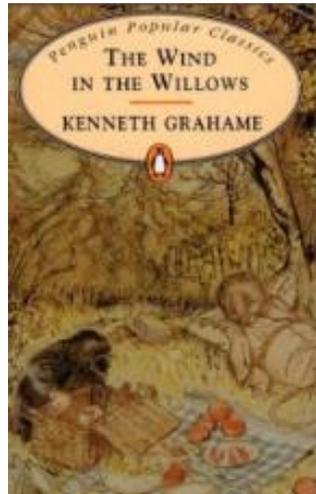


Twister is named after a storm, and she is a force of nature herself. When she searches for her missing dad, she encounters black magic and ghosts, as well as being the target of a violent classmate.

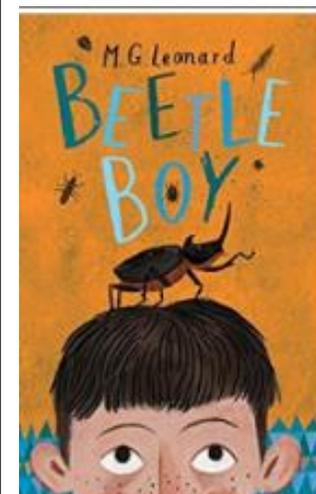


Daniel enters a shop he's never seen before - and realises there is much more to it than meets the eye. Run by a magician, Mr Silver, the shop is the envy of the evil Vindictus Sharpe. Can Daniel help to outrun danger?

...if you  
like stories  
about animals

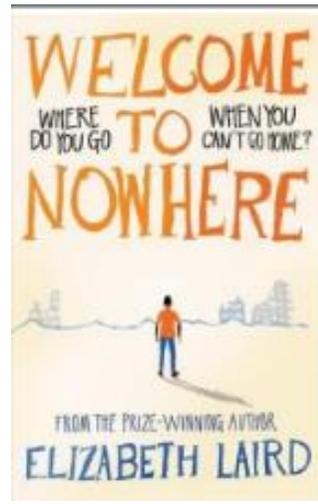


A classic animal story, following the misadventures of Mole, Rat, Toad and Badger. They get into lots of trouble and must learn to work together to protect what they have.



Darkus has to find his missing father, and when a stag beetle crawls up his trouser leg and starts to communicate with him, he is propelled into the adventure of a lifetime.

...if you want  
to travel the  
world

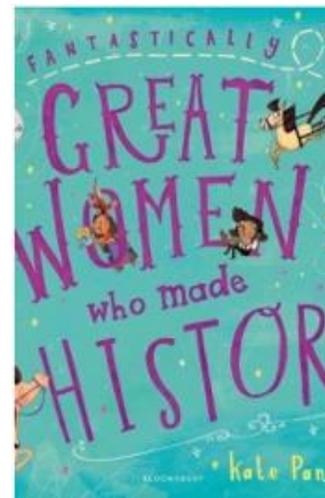


This story follows Omar and his family in the city of Bosra, Syria. When war breaks out, they have no choice but to flee, embarking on a journey fraught with danger - but is anywhere safe?

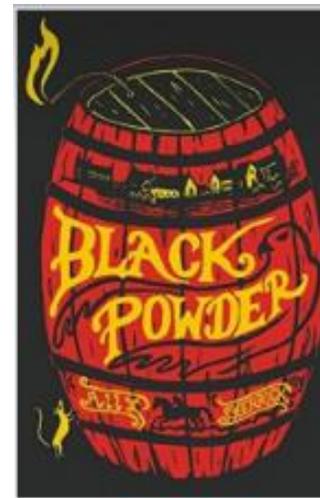


Four children are stranded in the depths of the Amazon jungle, and only have each other's wits to help them survive. That is, until they meet the explorer, a man of mystery, intrigue and a bit of a temper...

...if you enjoy  
history



Read the inspirational stories of women who changed the world we live in: athletes, scientists, mathematicians, authors and much more, all beautifully illustrated.



The story of the Gunpowder Plot, seen through the eyes of 12-year-old Tom. Can he trust the Falcon, a man who promises to help save his father from hanging?

...if you  
like science  
fiction

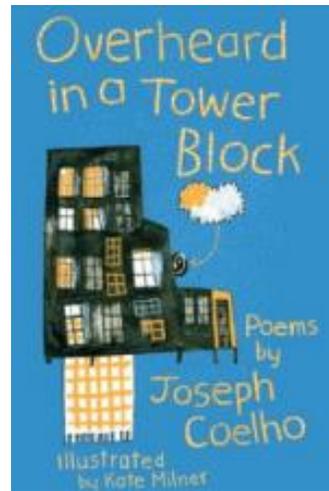


Meg needs to find her scientist father who has mysteriously gone missing. With her little brother Charles and friend Calvin, Meg travels by tesseract, a wrinkle in space-time, on a treacherous journey that leads them into space...



George is swept through space by a scientist, his daughter, and a super-computer named Cosmos. A fast-paced, epic adventure that is full of fascinating information about our universe.

...IF YOU  
LIKE POETRY



A wonderful, thought-provoking collection of poems from Joseph Coelho, using his childhood growing up in a towerblock as inspiration. Illustrated by Kate Milner.

"BOLD! EXPLOSIVE! ... I LOVE THE CROSSOVER EVERYONE WILL!" —NICKY GIOVANNI



Josh, a talented basketball player, is twin to Jordan - together, the boys are brilliant, but when a girl comes between them, it threatens their team. A story told in free verse.