

Summer Reading List

From whirlwind adventures to psychological thrillers and heart-pounding romances – take some time this summer to immerse yourself in the exciting world of fiction...

Brand New

Shaken **I2+**

JOSS STIRLING

Rose Knight has a secret ... she needs to raise millions of dollars to save her father's life. Damien Castle is good at uncovering secrets ... but will he discover Rose's or will he just get distracted?

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An electrifying romantic thriller



Railhead **I2+**

PHILIP REEVE

Zen Starling is a petty thief. A nobody. Destined to ride the rails to nowhere special. That is until Raven, a strange and mysterious figure, enlists him for one small job that might just bring everything to the end of the line.

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A futuristic vision that enthral and chills



Summer Shadows **I3+**

JOSS STIRLING

Summer lives under a shadow, but a high-stakes mission offers an escape. Hal is a soldier, who only wants to win. To protect the Savant community they have to trust each other. But will their secrets let them find a happy ending?

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Heart-pounding romance mixed with thrilling mystery



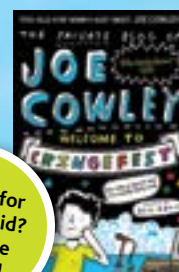
The Private Blog of Joe Cowley: Welcome to Cringefest **I2+**

BEN DAVIS

Joe Cowley is back! And this time it's even more butt-clenchingly embarrassing and excruciating than before.

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Classics

A Study in Scarlet **II+**

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

Dr Watson and Holmes embark on their first case together. A man is found murdered, with no apparent physical wounds. The police are mystified, but the famous pair uncover a story of deceit, love, revenge and murder.

978 019 836791 8 £9.25

Sherlock Holmes makes his debut in this mysterious tale



The Jungle Book **II+**

RUDYARD KIPLING

Whether it's danger, survival or friendship, Mowgli the man-cub has to learn the ways of the jungle... Swing from the trees, fear the pouncing tiger and be captured by the Monkey-People in this adventurous classic.

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An immersive fantasy full of adventure and danger



Treasure Island **II+**

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Join the brave Jim Hawkins as he finds treasure maps, sails a schooner and meets a one-legged man of the sea with a parrot on his shoulder. If you like action-packed adventure, then *Treasure Island* is the story for you!

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A swashbuckling adventure story



The Withered Arm and Other Wessex Tales **I3+**

THOMAS HARDY

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G. R. GEMIN

Growing up on the embattled Bryn Mawr Estate in South Wales, all Gemma sees are burglaries, muggings, and boredom. But after the legendary Cowgirl arrives abruptly in Gemma's life, everything starts to look different.

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A gently funny story of a community coming together

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LOUIS NOWRA

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A captivating story of love, freedom and survival

**Ghost Knight** **11+**

CORNELIA FUNKE

With Jon struggling to adjust to his mother's new partner, he is sent away to boarding school, where he soon finds himself targeted by a pack of ghosts. He summons the ghost of the knight of Longespee as his protector. But on whose side will the ghost knight be fighting?

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A thrilling and spooky adventure

**Soldier Dog** **11+**

SAM ANGUS

After his mother's death, Stanley's relationship with his father is in a state of disarray. Stanley runs away to train as an army messenger dog handler and is soon on his way to the trenches, where he comes to realise his dog is his one true friend. But can he still repair his relationship with his father?

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An emotive story of love, bravery and loyalty

**Wild Boy** **11+**

ROB LLOYD JONES

Covered in hair since birth, Wild Boy is a sideshow in a travelling freak show. He must put his talent for observation and detection to good use when there's a murder and suspicion turns towards himself. With the help of a feisty acrobat he embarks on a manhunt across Victorian London.

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Murder mystery meets carnival flair

**The Prince Who Walked with Lions** **11+**

ELIZABETH LAIRD

Following the breakout of war between his country and Queen Victoria's army, Alamayu finds himself without parents, throne or friends. The British take Alamayu to England to become a 'proper' English gentleman and he is befriended by Queen Victoria herself.

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A sweeping epic based on a true story

**Revolver** **13+**

MARCUS SEDGWICK

Sig sits and watches over his dead father while his sister and stepmother go for help. The peace is shattered by a knock on the door, announcing the arrival of a man demanding the gold he believes to be his. Sig needs to come up with a plan – and quickly.

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A powerful psychological thriller set in a snowy wilderness

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