

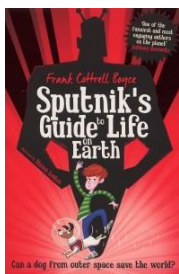
SLS Recommended Reads for Year 5 2017



Bass, Guy – Aidan Abet Teacher's Pet

Aidan Abet knows the key to surviving at school - it's making himself indispensable to the teacher. Unfortunately he discovers that there's something rather odd about his new teacher Miss Vowel and her menagerie of animals. Good humorous story for reluctant readers.

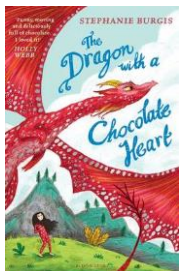
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Boyce, Frank Cottrell – Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth

Prez's foster family is visited by an alien who has disguised himself as a dog, and tells him that the Earth is going to be destroyed unless he can save it. The characterisation and well structured plot make this surreal adventure an enjoyable read. Carnegie 2017 shortlisted title.

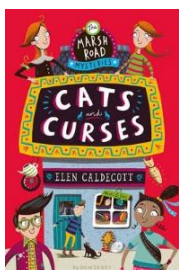
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Burgis, Stephanie - The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart

Aventurine is the fiercest dragon in the mountains, but what happens when such a fierce dragon is tricked into drinking enchanted chocolate and becomes HUMAN? Wonderful fantasy story for upper KS2 dealing with friendship and identity. Also a good fiction support for myths.

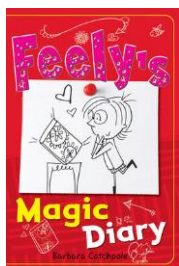
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Caldecott, Elen - Cats and Curses

In this fourth book of the Marsh Road Mysteries, strange things start to occur when a parcel containing a mummified cat arrives at Andrew's house. Join Piotr, Minnie, Andrew, Flora and Sylvie as they solve their next mysterious case. Well written series for upper KS2 with universal appeal.

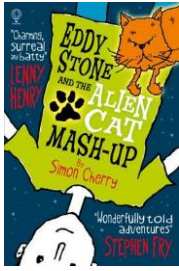
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Catchpole, Barbara – Feely's Magic Diary

Meet 11-year-old Phoebe Dorcas Tonks, a brutally honest, clever young lady, who is permanently annoyed at the world. When Phoebe, or Feely for short, starts a diary after problems with a group of popular girls at school, things start to change. Humorous story dealing with friendship that is ideal for reluctant readers.

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Cherry, Simon – Eddy Stone and the Alien Cat Mash-Up

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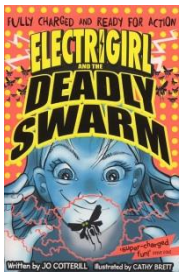
A boring weekend turns into an adventure when Eddy discovers an alien cat determined to destroy Earth. As he shoots off into space with his cousin Milly, he finds himself on a truly out of this world adventure. Full of humour this should have universal appeal.



Cossanteli, Veronica – The Halloweeds

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When their parents do not return from a trip to the jungle, Dan, Martha and baby sister Grub are sent to live with a strange aunt who grows mysterious plants. But why do his aunt and her curious servants all have a finger missing? Could it have something to do with the strange plants in the greenhouse?



Cotterill, Jo – Electrigril and the Deadly Swarm

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Holly Sparkes was just an average 12-year-old until a bolt of lightning crashed into her transforming her into Electrigril. In the second book in the series, Holly and her friends discover a swarm of deadly micro robots. Engaging series by the 2016 Hampshire Book Award winner.



Cossley-Holland, Kevin – Heartsong

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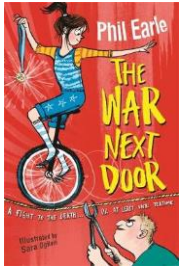
Abandoned at the orphanage in Venice as a baby, Laura is mute. Her life is transformed when the composer Vivaldi unlocks her passion for music. The seasons turn, dark turns to light and miracles happen.



Dodd, Amber Lee – We are Giants

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Nine year old Sydney Goodrow is small for her age and she wants to stay that way. Her mum is only 124cm tall and her dad, when he was alive, wasn't much taller. Despite the challenges it can cause, Sydney knows that being little is special. A well written story for upper KS2 that deals with family relationships and identity told from the perspective of nine year old Sydney. Ideal for ELSA support.



Earle, Phil – The War Next Door

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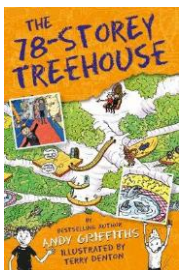
Join Jemima in the third book of the Storey Street series as her family move next door to the local bully who is making everyone's life a misery. Good for series fans.



Farrer, Maria – Me and Mister P

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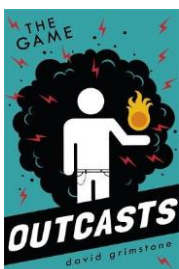
A boy forms an unusual friendship with a polar bear who helps him deal with his feelings about his younger brother who is autistic. Meet Arthur and his brand new friend, Mister P - the world's most helpful polar bear! An engaging story that is told with humour.



Griffiths, Andy – The 78-Storey Treehouse

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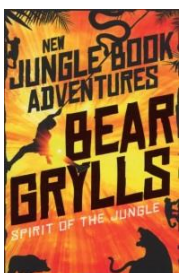
This is the sixth book in Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's wacky treehouse adventures, where the laugh-out-loud story is told through a combination of text and cartoon-style illustrations. Join Andy and Terry as they add 13 new levels to their tree house. Full of fun and madcap ideas and a good addition to the series.



Grimstone, David – The Game – Outcasts

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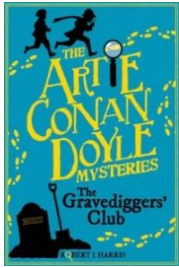
A role playing game in the legendary Pandora's Box has given Jake and his friends powers they never dreamed of and a mysterious organisation will stop at nothing to recover it. Just what have they unleashed on the world - and themselves? First in a new series that would appeal to year 4 and 5 readers. Also good for reluctant readers.



Grylls, Bear – Spirit of the Jungle

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A teenage boy finds himself alone in the heart of the Indian jungle when he is separated from his family during a flash monsoon flood, but the jungle is full of danger - poisonous snakes, cunning monkeys and desperate poachers - and every step Mak takes might be his last. A thrilling adventure story.



Harris, Robert J – Artie Conan Doyle and the Gravediggers Club

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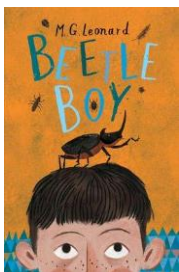
Artie Conan Doyle is a 12-year-old Edinburgh schoolboy with a mystery to solve. While sneaking out to explore a Churchyard by night, Artie and his best friend Ham spot a ghostly lady in grey and discover the footprints of a gigantic hound. Could the two mysteries be connected?



Jones, Rob Lloyd – Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake

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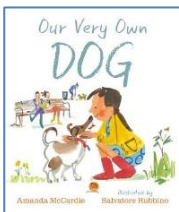
In this first book of a new series, meet Jake Atlas transformed from schoolboy with terrible grades and even worse behaviour into tomb robber and treasure hunter. Jake must now find the lost tomb so that he can save his parents from being turned into mummies by an evil cult.



Leonard, M G – Beetle Boy

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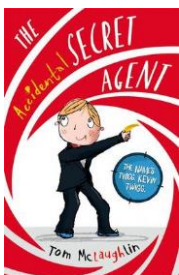
His father has disappeared & Darkus is determined to find him. With the help of his friends & Baxter beetle he must defeat the evil Lucretia Cutter. Excellent characterisation and a thrilling adventure with science and villains a-plenty. Shortlisted for Branford Boase & Waterstones prize 2017



McCardie, Amanda – Our Very Own Dog

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Information about looking after a pet dog is imparted through the story of a family who adopt a Jack Russell from a rescue centre. Smaller caption text gives readers information about feeding and grooming dogs, different dog breeds, communication and training, and how dogs respond to human voices.



McNaughton, Tom – The Accidental Secret Agent

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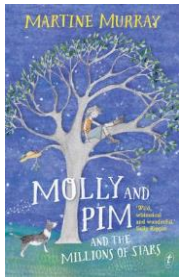
The secret service made a major mix up when they mistook a 13-year-old boy called Kevin for a secret agent. Despite this, it was up to Kevin to save us all from an evil supervillain. It was the most dangerous, daring mission in the history of the secret service, and also its biggest blunder.



Morris, Jackie – The White Fox

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The day the fox came things began to change for Sol. Lost, alone and far away from home, Sol feels a deep connection with the little Arctic fox he discovers down at the Seattle docks. A beautifully written and illustrated story about families and belonging.



Murray, Martine – Molly and Pim and the Millions of Stars

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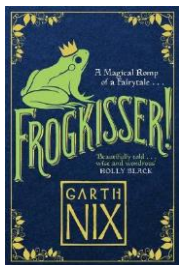
Molly's mother is not like other mothers: she rides a yellow bike and collects herbs and makes potions, but Molly wants to be normal, like her friend Ellen, and watch television and eat food that comes in packets. A magical story about friendship and acceptance.



Murrow, Ethan – The Whale

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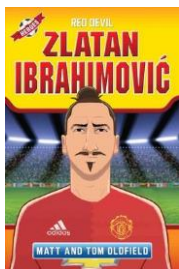
There is a legend that a Great Spotted Whale lives in the ocean and local fishermen still talk of it. This wordless picture book follows two young whale watchers who set out to find the legendary whale.



Nix, Garth – Frogkisser!

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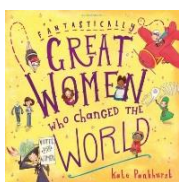
Any the feisty princess is determined to rescue the kingdom from the dastardly Duke Ricard and help reverse the spell that has turned a prince into a frog. Very funny, drawing on conventions of traditional fairy tales.



Oldfield, Matt and Tom – Zlatan Ibrahimovic: Red Devil

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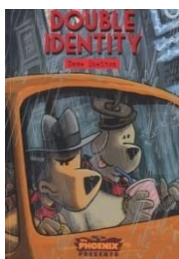
Recounts the life of footballer Zlatan Ibrahimovic and his career playing for top football teams including Manchester United as well as for his native Sweden. One of an accessible series of which includes Gareth Bale and Steven Gerrard amongst others, that is sure to be popular.



Pankhurst, K – Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World

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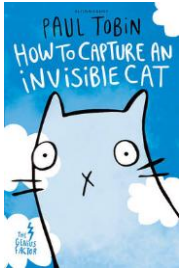
A wonderful way to discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in.



Shelton, Dave – Good Dog, Bad Dog: Double Identity

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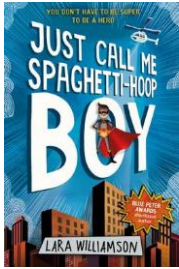
Bergman and McBoo are pedigree police: the finest canine Police in Muttropolis and they're never short of work... The city is full of villains and low-down mongrels who would sell their own mother for a bone. Hilarious graphic novel for upper KS2.



Tobin, Paul – How to Capture an Invisible Cat

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Delphine becomes caught up in eccentric genius Nate's plan to collect parts of a formula from around their town to restore a cat he made giant-sized and invisible before the cat crushes everything and everybody. A fun story about friendship which touches lightly on bullying. Universal interest for Years 4 and 5.



Williamson, Laura – Just Call Me Spaghetti Hoop Boy

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Adam aka Ace is adopted and a class project sets him on the path to find his biological Mother. He is also fascinated by superheroes. This funny, moving family story is full of hope, great characters and well plotted “missions”.

P = Picture Book for Older Readers

CF = Children's Fiction

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