

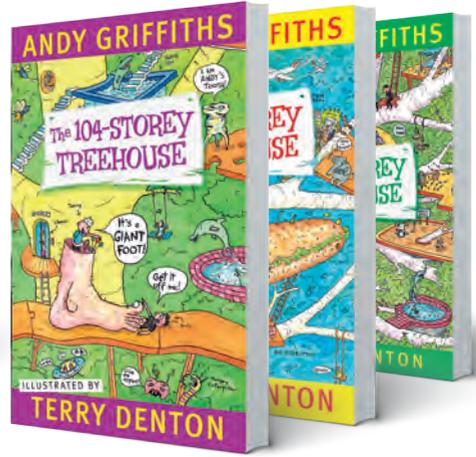
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1 HARRY POTTER SERIES

J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter is number one! New generations are discovering the boy wizard, just as many of his earliest fans are reading them all over again.



2 THE TREEHOUSE SERIES

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

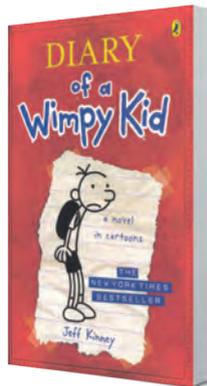
This series of books about an amazing treehouse which just keeps getting bigger and bigger has a real sense of fun and adventure, which explains the massive popularity!



3 DOG MAN SERIES

Dav Pilkey

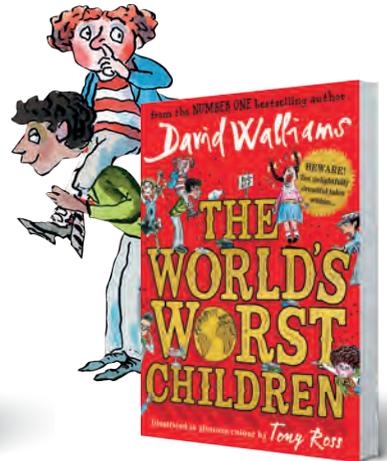
Dog Man is a crime-biting canine who is part dog, part man, and all hero! But can he resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?



4 DIARY OF A WIMPY KID SERIES

Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley keeps a diary about his rotten life, his dysfunctional family, and his best friend Rowley Jefferson - all of which worry him all of the time.



5 THE WORLD'S WORST CHILDREN SERIES

David Walliams

The World's Worst Children series is David Walliams' unique take on the classic cautionary tale. Inspired hilarity!

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CATEGORY KEY

Use the colour coding guide to choose the best book for your reading age.

- 0-3 YEARS
- 3-5 YEARS
- 5-8 YEARS
- 8-10 YEARS
- 10-12 YEARS
- 12+ YEARS

6 HAIRY MACLARY FROM DONALDSON'S DAIRY

Lynley Dodd

Six dogs go out for a walk, but little do they know that Scarface Claw, the toughest tom in town, is lurking round the next corner.



7 WONDER

R.J.Palacio

Auggie's an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary deformity – which makes being the new kid in class even harder than usual. This is a touching, affecting novel.

8 GERONIMO & THEA STILTON SERIES

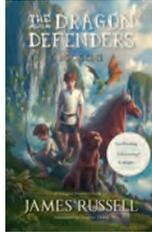
Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton and his younger sister Thea are talking mice who live in New Mouse City on Mouse Island. Their adventures are many, and various.

9 TOM GATES SERIES

Liz Pichon

Tom Gates is a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire – and the bane of Mr Fullerman, his very grumpy teacher's life.



10 THE DRAGON DEFENDERS TRILOGY

James Russell

These books carry on the adventures of Flynn and Paddy from the *Dragon Brothers* series – also on this Top 50.

11 CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS SERIES

Dav Pilkey

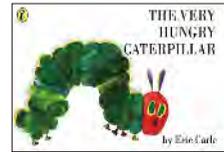
Few things command disrespect like the sight of a man wearing white-tighties. However, the bald and barefoot Captain Underpants happens to be a superhero.



12 BAD DAD

David Walliams

A fast and furious, heart-warming story of a father and son on an adventure – and a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison! Kids adore David Walliams.



13 THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Eric Carle

The classic bestselling story written for the very young. A newly hatched caterpillar eats and eats and eats his way towards becoming a butterfly. Perfect for reading together.

14 THE CAT IN THE HAT

Dr Seuss

The classic tale of the coolest, hippest cat in history! When the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, Sally and her brother are in for a roller-coaster ride of havoc and mayhem! Vintage Dr. Seuss.



15 THE DRAGON BROTHERS TRILOGY

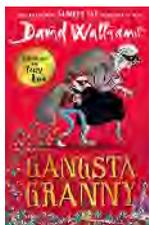
James Russell

A charming, home grown trilogy of picture books about brothers Flynn and Paddy, their dog Coco, and the island on which they live – and their adventures with dragons! These are for younger readers than the *Dragon Defenders* books.

16 THE GRUFFALO

Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

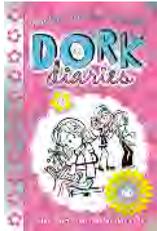
A mouse encounters several dangerous animals – which clearly intend to eat him. Wonderful for sharing and reading aloud.



17 GANGSTA GRANNY

David Williams

Ben hates having to stay with his Granny on Fridays while his parents go off to watch Strictly Stars Dancing. But one day he makes a discovery at her house which suddenly makes Granny far more interesting than he gave her credit for. Who'd have thought she had such an interesting past!



18 DORK DIARIES SERIES

Rachel Renée Russell

This series chronicles the daily life of Nikki Maxwell as she struggles to both fit in and survive middle school. It includes doodles, drawings and some hilarious comic strips.

19 MATILDA

Roald Dahl

Matilda invents a game of punishing her parents when they treat her badly. She soon discovers that she has supernatural powers. Classic Dahl, beloved by millions.

20 GOOD NIGHT STORIES FOR REBEL GIRLS

Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo

This book was a publishing phenomenon and spawned an entirely new genre which has provided many examples of terrific role models for young readers. It features 100 beautifully illustrated stories about talented, fearless, smart and powerful women and girls throughout history, and is inspirational for readers of all ages, not just the young.

21 PERCY JACKSON SERIES

Rick Riordan

Percy is a troubled twelve year old diagnosed with both ADHD and dyslexia. After being attacked at school, he is escorted to Camp Half-Blood, built to train and protect Greek demigods, where he learns that his father is Poseidon, the god of the sea.



22 TU MEKE TŪI

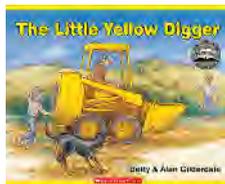
Malcolm Clarke

Tu Meke Tūi is a story of friendship, courage and discovering that sometimes it's our differences which make us truly special. Available in both English and te reo Māori.

23 THE BFG

Roald Dahl

The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) is a kind creature who blows dreams into children's rooms at night while they are asleep. Roald Dahl is as irresistible as ever.



24 THE LITTLE YELLOW DIGGER

Betty & Alan Gilderdale

When the little yellow digger gets stuck in the mud, a range of bigger diggers are sent to finish the job.

25 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Roald Dahl

What child is not fascinated by the prospect of endless amounts of chocolate, and the possibility of winning something very special! This wonderful story about Charlie Bucket – who wins a Golden Ticket – and Willy Wonka and his amazing chocolate factory, has become legendary and should be a part of every child's life.

26 DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE SERIES

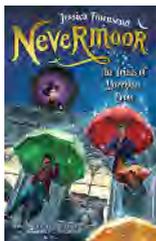
Zack Zombie

Get *Minecraft* fans reading! These are the diaries of an actual, 12 year old *Minecraft* Zombie! It's a peek at what is really going on between the hollow eyes, and dead expressions.....

27 WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Michael Rosen

Simply one of the most charming, and easily repeatable picture books ever written. A copy should be in every single child's library!



32 NEVERMOOR

Jessica Townsend

This is the first book in a planned series of novels about Morrigan Crow, a girl who was born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child's arrival, and is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday. Luckily she manages to escape death and finds herself in a magical world, where she is then tested beyond her wildest imagination. Fans of *Harry Potter* will find much to love here – it's a well constructed world that begs for the next in the series. Wondrous!

33 THE ELLA DIARIES SERIES

Meredith Costain

A series of books about Ella – her friends, school, pets and activities, and her arch enemy Peach Parker – all told through diary entries. She shares everything with her diary, perhaps even more than she shares with her BFF Zoe. There's a lot in here for young readers to relate to.

34 GREEN EGGS & HAM

Dr Seuss

When Sam-I-am persists in pestering a grumpy grouch to eat a plate of green eggs and ham, perseverance wins the day, teaching us all that we cannot know what we like until we have tried it!



35 WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Maurice Sendak

The story of Max's adventures when he sails away to The Land Where The Wild Things Are. A genuine classic of children's books, this is perfect for reading aloud together, and every child should have a copy.



36 KUIWI'S FIRST EGG

Kat Merewether

Kuwi the kiwi has never had an egg before, so she's unsure how to look after it. When the egg gets a crack Kuwi thinks that the egg is broken, but she's in for a surprise. This is a funny and heart-warming story for the young reader.

37 AWFUL AUNTIE

David Walliams

This tells the story of Stella Saxby, the sole heir to Saxby Hall, who is plagued by her awful Aunt Alberta and her giant owl, who have dastardly plans to take her inheritance from her. Fans of the author's wacky humour will love this – easy to read and so much fun!

29 THE MIDNIGHT GANG

David Walliams

Midnight is the time when all children are fast asleep, except for ... the midnight gang. This is a heart-warming, funny story of five children in hospital; and of friendship, magic, and making dreams come true.

30 DEMON DENTIST

David Walliams

The heir apparent to the Roald Dahl crown puts his humour and spin on the tooth fairy story. This is simply irresistible to thousands of young readers.

31 BAD GUYS SERIES

Aaron Blabey

Mr Wolf. Mr Shark. Mr Snake. Mr Piranha. They're bad guys, everybody knows that. However, these guys want to be heroes. And they're going to prove it by doing good deeds... whether YOU want them to or not.



38 I NEED A NEW BUM

Dawn McMillan & Ross Kinnaird

Quirky, slightly rude humour that young kids love - and takes a poke at Dad while it's about it!

39 GRANDPA'S GREAT ESCAPE

David Walliams

A bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa takes readers on an incredible journey in a high octane adventure full of comedy and heart.

40 THE TWITS

Road Dahl

Mr and Mrs Twit are extremely nasty, so the Muggle-Wump monkeys and the Roly-Poly bird hatch an ingenious plan to give them just the ghastly surprise they deserve.

41 THE ELLA AND OLIVIA SERIES

Yvette Poshoglian

Ella and Olivia are sisters who live with their Mum and Dad and little brother Max. These chapter books are perfect for youngsters beginning to read on their own.

42 WEIRDO SERIES

Anh Do

With an unforgettable name, a crazy family and some seriously weird habits, this is the kind of wacky humour that helps make reading fun.

43 ROOM ON THE BROOM

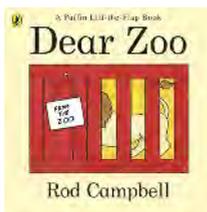
Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler are one of the most magical teams in children's books. Famous for *The Gruffalo* - also on this List - this story about a kind witch - and her cat who are joined on the broom by a variety of animals is full of charming rhyme that bears repeated readings.

44 THE BILLIE B BROWN SERIES

Sally Rippin

Billie is confident, stands up for what she believes in, protects her friends and does it all in her own special way. This series prepares girls for new social situations, and they will recognise their own lives reflected in Billie's 'real world' adventures.



45 DEAR ZOO

Rod Campbell

What kind of pet will be sent by the zoo? Littlies will have great fun lifting the flaps to find out whether any of the zoo animals have what it takes to be the perfect pet. This book is a real winner with children, guaranteed to make them chuckle every time they read it.



46 KIWICORN

Kat Merewether

Who is whimsical, witty and wonderfully weird? Kiwicorn! This is a ridiculously cute and funny story about being unique.

47 BAA BAA SMART SHEEP

Mark & Rowan Sommerset

Little Baa Baa is bored. When Quirky Turkey arrives on the scene, the opportunity to make some mischief proves too hard to resist.

48 THE WARRIOR SERIES

Erin Hunter

Warriors is a fast-paced and suspenseful animal fantasy series which follows the adventures of four clans of wild cats in their forest homes.

49 SCARLET & IVY SERIES

Sophie Cleverly

Twin sisters Scarlet and Ivy are sent to board at Rookwood School. Together they work to solve the mysteries that arise while they live there.

50 LAND OF STORIES SERIES

Chris Colfer

Alex and Conner are twins who through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.