

Page-turners for Year 8



David Almond Class/Guided	Kit's Wilderness Supernatural adventure: strong on sense of place	Hodder	0340727160
Neil Arksey Private reader	MacB Sport (football) with parallels with Shakespeare's play	Puffin	0141304154
Herbie Brennan Private/Guided	Seriously weird true stories Appealing to the X files fans: manageable text chunks	Point NF	0590139738
Melvin Burgess Class/Private	Kite Kes for younger readers: strong characterization	Puffin	0141300418
Eoin Colfer Private reader	Benny and Omar Strong sporting theme; interesting cross-cultural issues	O'Brien	0862785677
Eoin Colfer Private reader	The Wish List Supernatural: adventures in the after-life	O'Brien	0862786584
Eoin Colfer Private reader	Artemis Fowl Quirky humour in a fantasy espionage world	Viking/Penguin	0670899623
Terry Deary Private reader	Rowdy revolutions Horrible histories for those with a sense of humour	Scholastic	0590543768
Terry Deary Private reader	Discovery at Roswell Part fictionalised account with useful reportage of events	Kingfisher	0753400243
Alan Durant (ed) Private reader	Sports stories Extracts/whole stories from the past/present, UK/others	Kingfisher	0753403366
Jack Gantos Private reader	Joey Pigza swallowed the key US school-based issues book: Joey has ADHD	Corgi	044086433
Morris Gleitzman Private reader	The other facts of life Wonderful humour/interesting ideas for serious pre-teens	Puffin	0140368779
Gleitzman, Morris Class reader	Two weeks with the queen Witty and moving Australian perspective on British life.	Puffin	014130300X

Margaret Haddix	Amongst the hidden	Red Fox	0099402939
	Amongst the imposters	Red Fox	0099413469
Class/Guided home)	Sci-fi set in a future of "shadow children"(max 2 per		
Peter Hayden	And Smith must score	Crazy Horse	1871870089
Private reader	Football-related trauma of moving away from home		
Anthony Horowitz	Stormbreaker/Point Blanc	Walker	0744559715
Private reader	Teenage James Bond saves the world (twice, so far)		
Lesley Howarth	Maphead	Walker	0744536472
Private/Guided	Sci-fi adventure of visitors to Earth seeking roots		
Terry Jones 0140388044	The Knight and the Squire	Puffin	
Private	Historical adventure: develops Python interest in knights		
George Layton	The Fib and other stories	Macmillan	033035227X
Guided/private	Dated (but timeless) tales of "Northern childhood"		
Nick Manns	Seed time	Hodder	
Class/guided/priv.	Disillusioned schoolboys discover buried relic of J. Clare		
Nick Manns	Control shift	Hodder	
Class/guided/priv.	Ghostly parallel between modern arms production & WW1		
Naidoo, Beverley	The other side of truth	Puffin	014130476
Class/Guided	*Frightening account of turmoil in Nigeria and "welcome" extended in England. Excellent opportunities for comparison with Refugee boy		
Bill Naughton	The goalkeeper's revenge	Puffin	0140303480
Guided/private	Dated (but timeless) tales of another Northern childhood		
Jenny Nimmo	Milo's wolves	Mammoth	0749736755
Class/guided	Clone or angel? Sci-fi story with a supernatural twist		
Gary Paulsen	Hatchet: the truth	Macmillan	0330483625
Guided/private	Non-fiction exploits in US wilderness: lots of raw meat		
Gary Paulsen	Mr Tucket	Hodder	0340754133
Private	Western: wagons, native raid, raised as mountain man		
Gary Paulsen	Nightjohn	Macmillan	0330336045
Class/guided	Sparse but fascinating narrative of reading in slavery days		

Philip Pullman Private	The Amber Spyglass Final part of lauded Dark Material trilogy: spiritual fantasy	Point	043999358X
Salman Rushdie Private	Haroun & the sea of stories Magical realism for lovers of Arabian Nights tales	Penguin	0140140352
Louis Sachar Class/guided/priv.	Holes Ground-breaking book of life in a US boot camp	Bloomsbury	074754459X
Louis Sachar Class/guided/priv.	There's a boy in the girl's... Disillusioned schoolboy finds friend & counsellor: witty	Bloomsbury	0747552576
Louis Sachar Class/guided/priv.	The boy who lost his face School-based bullying book, exploring identity issues	Bloomsbury	0747555281
P. Stewart/C. Riddell Private:	Beyond the deepwoods "For children who've read HP & want another world to explore" (MoS)	Corgi	0552545929
Robert Swindells Class/guided/priv.	Stone cold A modern classic: driving narrative of life on streets	Hamish Ham	0241134943
Benjamin Zephaniah Guided/private	Face Not brilliantly written but explores important issues	Bloomsbury	074754154X
Benjamin Zephaniah Class/Guided	Refugee boy Better writing and a gripping story for comparison with *	Bloomsbury	0747550867

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