



Rich Read Recommendations



Term 2 Newsletter, 2022-2023

Maggie Blue and the Dark World by Anna Goodall
for ages 9+

Nominee: Costa Book Award

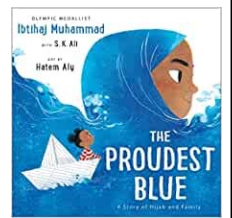
Another book I had the pleasure of reading recently, Maggie Blue and the Dark World is an age old tale but with a modern twist: it felt like Alice in Wonderland meets Crater Lake! I wanted to stop reading because I was terrified Maggie would not survive but I could not put it down for the exact same reason. Maggie's selflessness in risking her own life to save a child who had actually bullied her, was also a big highlight of this story.



Mrs. Riseborough's Recommendation:
The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Ages: 6+

In RE year two are learning about the Muslim religion so I was interested to read this book. The Proudest Blue is a delightful and poignant story about Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab, made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah finds new ways to be strong. This is a story about being proud of who you are.



Mrs Highwood's Recommendation:

Rabbit and Bear by Julian Gough and Jim Field

Ages: 5+

Gorgeously illustrated and with a classic feel, this is a brilliantly funny story of a rabbit and a bear who discover that things are always better when they're shared with a friend. Ideal for readers moving on from picture books.

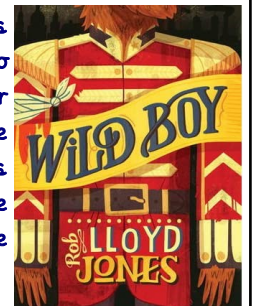


Mrs Dann's Recommendation:

Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd-Jones

Age: 9+

Wild Boy grabs your attention right from the start; you're right there with the main character, willing him to succeed. This book shows us that there is much more to someone than their appearance alone and the clear message that comes across is that everyone should be given their chance to shine.

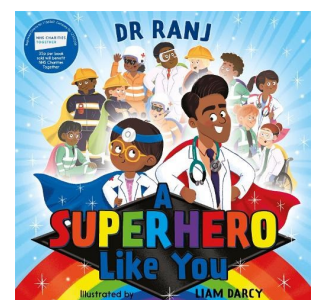


Mrs Evenden's Recommendation:

A Superhero Like You by Dr Ranj

Ages: 2-5

Follow Lily as she explores different jobs that she might want to do when she is older, to help others. Discuss with a friend which of the roles you would like to do and why. Enjoy the vivid illustrations, there is so much to see. What will Lily decide in the end?



Miss Brogan's Book Recommendation:
Zombierella by Joseph Coelho

Age: 7+

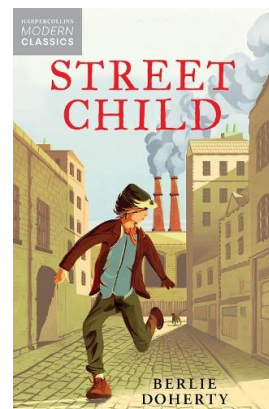
Do you like fairy tales? What happens if a fairy tale goes bad?! When poor Cinderella slips and dies, she comes back to life as Zombierella! This book is a haunting and humorous adventure of an undead girl seeking her happily ever after.



Ms O'Leary's Recommendation:
Street Child by Berlie Doherty

Age: 8+

This book is written about a true story set during the Victorian times. It is about a boy who shows Dr. Barnardo all of the orphans living on the streets. This experience then encourages him to open his first orphanage.



Mrs Wahnson's Recommendation:
Dial a ghost by Eva Ibbotson

Age: 9+

When new owners force the Wilkinson's to leave the home they're haunting, they travel to London and apply to Dial-a-Ghost for a new home. The agency finds the perfect home for the Wilkinsons - a ruin - and tells them they can move in on Friday the 13th...

I am currently reading this with my 9 year old daughter, we really enjoy comedy books, but this also has just the right amount of 'spooky' perfect for Halloween!



Mr Cole's Recommendation:

Mia and the Lightcasters by Janelle McCurdy

Age: 9+

I read this book recently and could not put it down! I was absolutely enthralled by the adventure across her barren planet that Mia had to go on to save not only her family, but her entire way of life. The stand out for me was Mia's determined attitude and how she never compromised her values no matter what problems she came across. A first class read and an incredible debut from young author Janelle McCurdy.



Mrs Oakley's Book Recommendation:
Boot by Shane Hegarty

Age: 7+

Boot is a heart-warming, humorous adventure about a young robot trying to find its way home.

When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyard, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. Boot soon realises its emotions make it different to other robots, who just function and don't think. Boot is scared but tries to be brave, which is hard when its screen keeps showing a wobbly, worried face. Luckily Boot meets Note and Red - other 'advanced' robots who have learned to survive in secret.

With its new friends by its side, Boot is determined to find Beth, and the gang set-off on a dangerous adventure. Everything Boot thought it knew about the world is changing and things aren't as simple as it remembers



Reading Website Recommendation

Are you looking for more recommendations of rich texts to read at home?

I start every year with this because there is nothing better when it comes to recommendations of children's literature!

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

Happy Reading Everyone!