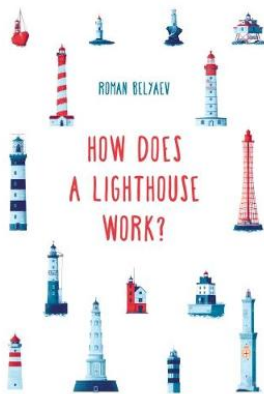


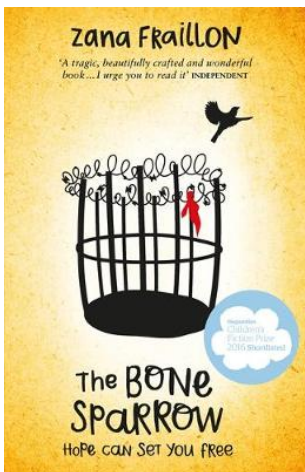
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How Does a Lighthouse Work?

Author: Roman Belyaev **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Join a group of school children on this voyage of discovery and discover the answers to lots of questions as well as fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work. *How Does a Lighthouse Work?* provides a fascinating journey through the science and history of lighthouses around the world. Through history a lighthouse has been an important, in fact essential tool for sailors to navigate safely and this remains so today in order to protect all sailors from the dangerous coastlines and rocky outcrops out to sea that are found all over the world. Modern technology may have changed the way that lighthouses work but still their USP remains the same: to deliver a light as far as possible to forewarn sailors of potential dangers. This a terrific book to share with inquisitive children and the combination of stunning illustrations and interesting text makes this a well worthwhile read both at home and to use in the classroom.

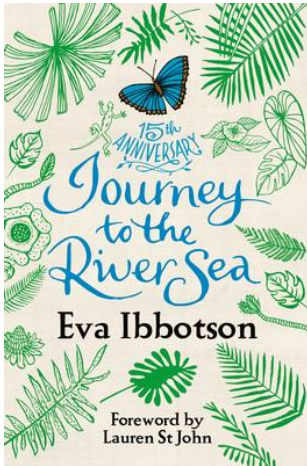


The Bone Sparrow

Author: Zana Fraillon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 12/01/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

Longlisted for the UKLA 2018 Book Award | Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2017 and awarded the Amnesty CILIP Honour | Shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2016. A heartfelt, harrowing insight into life as a Rohingya refugee in an Australian detention centre, told through the unforgettable voice of an unforgettable boy. Subhi is one of the Limbo kids in a permanent Australian detention centre, the first to be born in the camp after his Maá and big sister Queeny fled violent persecution in Burma. While he's only experienced life within the cruel confines of the camp, Subhi's rich imagination has conjured a magical, solace-giving world in which the Night Sea from his Maá's tales brings him treasures from his dad. Stories are Subhi's lifeline. He needs them "to make my memories" and imagines a blanket of stories, a "gigantic blanket big enough to warm everyone". A new story treasure transforms Subhi's world in the form of Jimmie, a local girl who finds her way into the camp. She too knows heartache. She's lost her mum, who used to tell her special tales and gave her a bone sparrow necklace that "carried the souls of all her family". When Jimmie enters Subhi's life, he wonders if she's his guardian angel, though he hadn't expected an angel to have more holes in her clothes than him. And, on meeting Subhi, Jimmie realises that she's "never had a friend she wanted to share everything with before", and so she shares her mum's stories with him, stories he reads to her since she's unable to read them herself. Subhi's unique voice will weave its way into your heart and under your skin. His descriptions of life in the

centre are hauntingly evocative. You feel, for example, the heat of days that get his “skin creeping” and make everything “jangly and loud and scratchy”. Through Subhi, readers experience how it might feel to have no home or voice, and how friendship can lighten the darkest of circumstances. One hopes, as Subhi’s Maá says, that “someday they see we belong.” Both elegant and raw, this is an important and timely novel that bears witness to the risks people take to make their voice heard, and to the resilience of the human spirit.



Journey to the River Sea

Author: Eva Ibbotson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/08/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

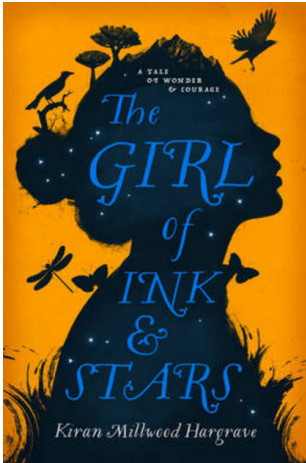
A special 15th anniversary edition of this award-winning classic adventure from Eva Ibbotson in which orphaned Maia travels from England to the Amazon with her governess.



Strange Star

Author: Emma Carroll **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

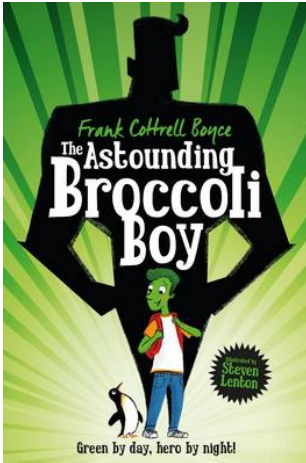
One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Julia Eccleshare's Book of the Month July 2016 Rich in thrilling details, *Strange Star* is a cleverly told story-within-a story that draws together true stories with an original adventure. Italy, 1816, Felix works as a servant to the Lord Byron and soon finds himself intrigued by the exciting and dangerous ideas of Lord Byron’s friends and visitors, the Shelleys. During an evening devoted to the telling of ghost stories, Mary Shelley brings a young girl to life despite her seeming dead on her unexpected arrival. Lizzie Appleby has an incredible and terrifying story to tell which touches, among other things, on the wonders of science which were just being explored at that time. ~ Julia Eccleshare Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for July 2016 *Melric and the Crown* by David McKee *The Hunting of the Snark* by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Chris Riddell *Up, Up and Away* by Tom McLaughlin *Strange Star* by Emma Carroll *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell *Such Stuff: A Story-Maker's Inspiration* by Michael Morpurgo



The Girl of Ink & Stars

Author: Kiran Millwood Hargrave **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/05/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2017 | Winner in the Young Fiction category and the overall Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2017 'Here be dragons' it says on old maps, but Isabella finds creatures even more terrifying in the uncharted lands of Joya, the island that is her home. Joya is a place of limited horizons and hidden stories: the governor has closed its ports and banned travel by sea; half the island is out of bounds to the population. When her friend the governor's daughter gets lost in those Forgotten Territories, Isa accompanies the search party as a cartographer and, unknowing, follows the path of a girl whose brave defence of Joya has long since turned into myth. Map-making and story-telling are linked, says the author, and we all carry the map of our lives on our skin. This is a magical adventure, beautifully told and full of striking ideas on themes of loyalty, courage and redemption. ~ Andrea Reece This will appeal to fans of Katherine Rundell, Frances Hardinge and Philip Womack. The Branford Boase Award Judges' Comments - 'Wonderfully readable'; 'quick without being shallow, some beautiful writing'; 'fresh and different'. Millwood Hargrave told The Bookseller: "The only thing that has been better the past year has been being a reader; to be shortlisted alongside such beautiful books was an honour. Winning at this stage feels unreal, but I'm looking forward to it sinking in and to what the coming year will bring. Thanks to Waterstones." Florentyna Martin, Waterstones children's buyer, said: "The Girl of Ink and Stars is an absolute joy to read. It is always exciting when we see this level of outstanding talent in a new writer and Kiran has crafted a mesmerising world full of myths, magic and adventure that evokes an atmosphere akin to Pullman's His Dark Materials. Our booksellers have assuredly chosen a writer who delivers the whole package: a beautifully written and hugely imaginative story with a strong and loveable protagonist and a page-turning plot." James Daunt, Waterstones managing director, added: "We have a sensationally good winner, a work of imagination and drive that will command a special place on the bookshelves of many generations of readers to come. The overall strength of our shortlist and the category winners reflects the vibrant health of children's publishing which we are delighted to celebrate."

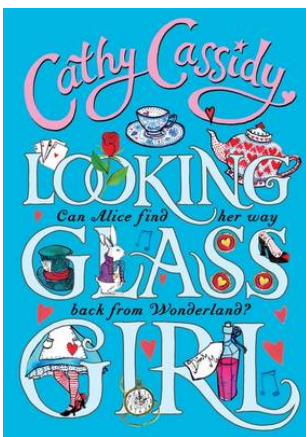


The Astounding Broccoli Boy

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/02/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award 2016 Best Story

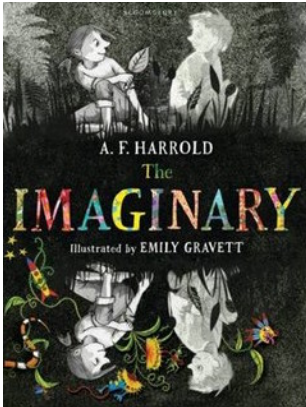
Andrea Reeces's Pick of the Year 2015 This is Frank Cottrell Boyce's first standalone novel since Cosmic in 2008 and it's been well worth the wait. The smallest and weakest boy in his class, Rory Rooney makes an unlikely superhero. But all that seems set to change when he suddenly and inexplicably turns green, surely the markings of a superhero. Stuck in a hospital isolation ward with two other remarkably green children – including his nemesis, school bully Grim Kommissky – Rory discover his superpowers and becomes Astounding. The adventure that follows is by turns hilarious and heart-warming, further proof if it were needed that Cottrell Boyce is one of the wittiest, warmest and most inventive children's authors of today.



Looking-Glass Girl

Author: Cathy Cassidy **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

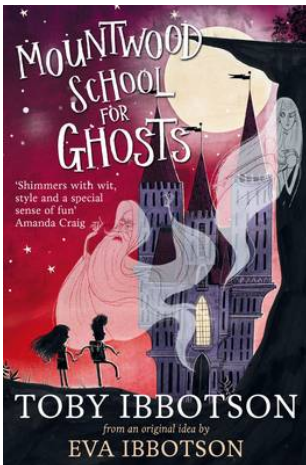
Best-selling Cathy Cassidy weaves the classic story of The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland into this no holds-barred contemporary story of bullying and its impact. Alice accepts an invitation to Savvy's sleepover because she hopes it might be a genuine offer of friendship. Two years into secondary school, Alice has been isolated and bullied by her former friends who are now part of Savvy's gang. But Alice soon finds that things are about to get worse! Alice's accident takes her into a wonderland of her own. How will she get out of it? ~ Julia Eccleshare One of our Books of the Year 2015 Download a letter from Cathy Cassidy to her readers about The Looking-Glass Girl.



The Imaginary

Author: A. F. Harrold **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/11/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

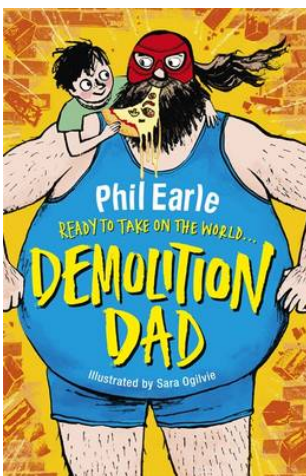
Winner of the UKLA 2016 Book Award in the 7 - 11 year old category. A richly visualised story which explores imaginary friends and the very special role they play in children's lives. Amanda and her imaginary friend Rudger have the best of times playing together. While Amanda's mother accepts the existence of Rudger she can't actually see him. He is only visible to Amanda until the sinister Mr Bunting and the pale girl who travels with him turn up on the doorstep. Mr Bunting is searching out imaginaries with sinister intentions. When Amanda is hit by a car Rudger goes on the run and learns the rules of being an imaginary. Emily Gravett's illustrations capture the hazy world of the imaginaries brilliantly. ~ Julia Eccleshare



Mountwood School for Ghosts

Author: Toby Ibbotson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/09/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Best-loved author Eva Ibbotson had a gift for making magical worlds both come alive and be wonderfully credible. Her hand guides this delightful story of a top-secret school for ghosts where anything and everything unusual can - and does - take place. Despairing at the very low standard of modern day ghosts, the Great Haggas, Fredegonda, Goneril and Drusilla, set up the school to raise standards of haunting. Can they inject some backbone and style into their charges? And can they manage the problems of their two human pupils, Daniel and Charlotte as well? Mountwood School is a riotous place which is making haunting a very serious business! ~ Julia Eccleshare

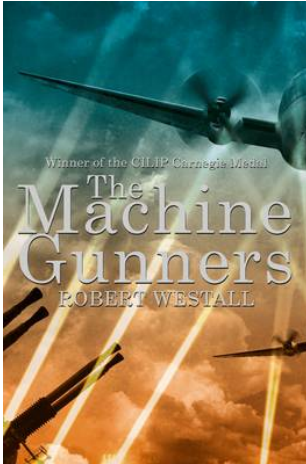


Demolition Dad

Author: Phil Earle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

May 2015 MEGA Book of the Month Jake Biggs's dad works in demolition. All week long he knocks down buildings from the cockpit of his crane, but at weekends he becomes Demolition Man, twenty stone of Man Mountain in a leotard, the best wrestler in town - and Jake couldn't be prouder! There's just one thing that upsets him - his dad wants it kept a secret. But when the opportunity arises to enter his dad into an international wrestling competition, Jake can't resist. While Demolition Dad unashamedly plugs the many delights of wrestling - and could well inspire a whole new army of fans - it is really a book about love, in particular the love between a boy and his dad. A warm, funny and

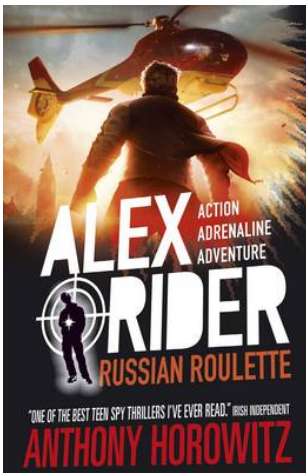
genuinely touching story of family relationships, in a lycra wrapping. ~
Andrea Reece



The Machine Gunners

Author: Robert Westall **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Now with a brilliant new cover look, Robert Westall's gripping first novel for children set during World War Two is celebrating its fortieth anniversary. One of the best war books ever written for children. Completely unputdownable, scary and with incredibly well portrayed characters, it captures the life during World War II brilliantly. The Machine Gunners won the Carnegie Medal in 1975.



Russian Roulette

Author: Anthony Horowitz **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

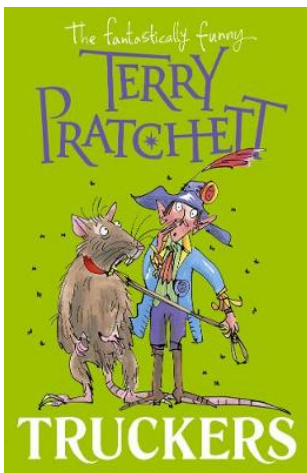
One of our Books of the Year 2014 - One of the Lovereading4kids Readers' Choice Books of the Year 2014 - June 2014 Book of the Month Best-selling Anthony Horowitz doesn't miss a beat in this thrilling new adventure that links back to his favourite hero, Alex Rider through the terrifying and gripping story of Yassen Gregorovich. Gregorovich is ruthless and calculating; he is a contract killer who will do the business. But how did he get to be in that position? And what is his link to Alex Rider? In a story of trickery, cruelty, ruthlessness and all out violence, Anthony Horowitz shows how some terrible choices are made. Anthony Horowitz discussed Russian Roulette in a special live event that was streamed into schools on Monday 16th June. For more information go to www.alexrider.com/horowitzlive or watch it on the window below.



The Accidental Prime Minister

Author: Tom McLaughlin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

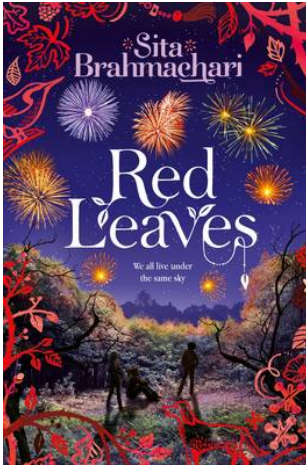
One of our Books of the Year 2015 - April 2015 Debut of the Month We've all thought it: a twelve-year-old boy could do an MP's job at least as well as the present lot, probably better. That's the premise in Tom McLaughlin's debut novel, only the twelve-year-old in question - Joe Perkins - doesn't just get to be an MP, he accidentally becomes Prime Minister. Promising that where there is grumpiness, may he bring giggles and where there is jelly, may he bring ice-cream, Joe sets out to make the country a happier, more relaxed place. It works, at least until his scheming deputy puts a spanner in the works, or a nail in a bouncy castle to be precise. McLaughlin milks all opportunities for situation comedy, and indulges in some terrific fantasy lawmaking while the action scampers along at pace. Beneath the humour there are serious points being made about democracy and government, and this could actually inspire future generations of politicians. ~ Andrea Reece



Truckers The First Book of the Nomes

Author: Terry Pratchett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 12/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A truly wonderful kick of escapism, 'Truckers: The First Book of the Nomes' may be aimed at children, however you don't have to be a kid to read this (adults can get just as much enjoyment, possibly even a little more). These books are also known as the 'The Bromeliad Trilogy', the reason for which will become abundantly clear as you read further into the trilogy. Masklin, Grimma and their rapidly diminishing band of four inch high Nomes (they aren't shrinking in height, but numbers) leave their home in order to survive. They find themselves in a department store, among Nomes who no longer recognise that there are outsiders, or even an outside. When they discover that the department store is closing down and being knocked down, can they persuade the rest of the Nomes that they need to leave? Terry Pratchett has the ability to make words sing together, in such a way, that they make you stop and think. He may excel in fantasy, yet it's fantasy firmly based in fact, and it's fantasy that makes you look at life from a new perspective. 'Truckers' is eye opening, laugh inducing and sometimes jaw dropping stuff and I absolutely loved it. ~ Liz Robinson



Red Leaves

Author: Sita Brahmachari **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/09/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

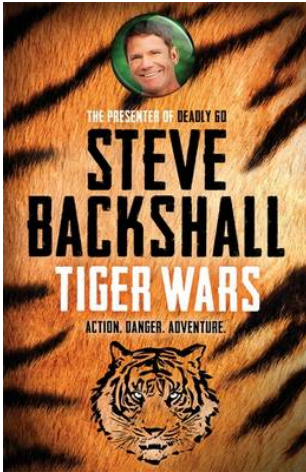
One of our Books of the Year 2014 - October 2014 Book of the Month Award-winning Sita Brahmachari has a great gift of understanding for the confusions and loneliness of adolescents and their need to be gently nurtured and cherished. Three young people are trying to find a way of making sense of their confusing and chaotic lives. Aisha struggles when her beloved foster mother suggests that she might meet a family who could adopt her; Zak longs for the time before his parents' divorce; Iona yearns for a life that is better than living on the streets. When their lives become intertwined by chance in an ancient woodland they are all strengthened by each other and by the strange magic of the place. Endorsed by Amnesty International.



The Dark Wild

Author: Piers Torday **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/09/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

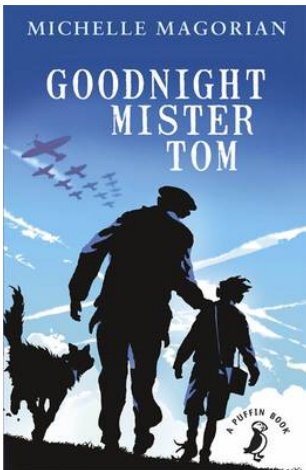
Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Book Award 2014. In *The Dark Wild*, Kester, a twelve year old with a rare gift for understanding animals, thought he had saved the animals from his cruel world where nature has been all but destroyed. But now, buried deep under the bright, shiny and newly built city of Premium, Kester finds a new animal kingdom. Down in their dark wild, these animals are not looking to be loved or cherished by humans, they are looking for revenge. They are poised to bring wholesale destruction unless someone can stop them. Kester loves animals and is sympathetic to them but whatever the wrongs caused by his fellow humans he knows he must do everything he can to prevent this all-out disaster. Guardian Children's Fiction Book Award Judge Katherine Rundell was wowed by: "an adventure boldly imagined and brilliantly executed: full of suspense without ever sacrificing warmth and wit."



Tiger Wars

Author: Steve Backshall **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/05/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Wildlife specialist Steve Backshall, presenter of the Award winning TV show Deadly, brings the threat tigers are under sharply into focus in this thrilling eco-adventure. Saker and Sinter are two teenagers on the run from the Clan, a brotherhood into which they have been recruited, take on the perilous but vital task of saving the majestic but deadly tigers from the tiger farms that profiteer from selling tiger organs for medicines. With enemies hot on their tail, the teenagers need very ounce of courage and cunning to survive and complete their mission. Exciting to read and vividly brought to life in the dramatic backgrounds of India and China, this is also an important story about protecting wild life.



Goodnight Mister Tom

Author: Michelle Magorian **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/03/1983 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A heart breaking and heart warming story of a special friendship that grows between Willie Beech, evacuated to the country to avoid the Blitz on London, and Tom Oakley, the reserved old man who takes him in. Willie has been lonely and neglected all his life as his mother lacks the ability to care for him. Under Mister Tom's patient and kind guidance Willie grows emotionally and physically to become the boy he should have been. But then his mother wants him back home in London. Must Willie loose everything that has made him happy?

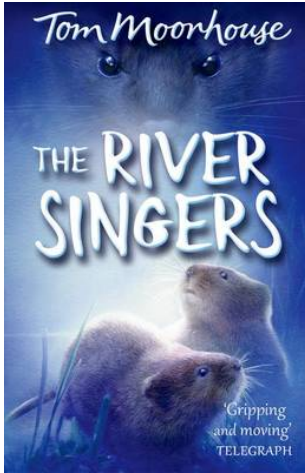


A Wrinkle in Time

Author: Madeleine L'Engle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Caroline Lawrence, July 2012 Guest Editor: "When I was in fourth grade, (Year 4), our teacher Mrs. Eckhardt would give us each a eucalyptus drop (hard candy) and read us this existential sci-fi classic out loud for the last fifteen minutes of the day. This is a story where the fate of the galaxy rests in the hands of a few geeky kids. I remember being enthralled, terrified, amazed and transported. What a teacher! What a book!" Also chosen by November 2011 Guest Editor Steve Cole: "A year before 'Doctor Who' first aired on our screens this lively and satisfying fantasy gave us Mrs Who, the original mysterious alien to travel the universe with a clutch of humans. She's one of three immortal entities (together with Mrs Which and Mrs Whatsit) embroiled in a long struggle against the evil Black Thing, a cosmic cloud of darkness. Three human

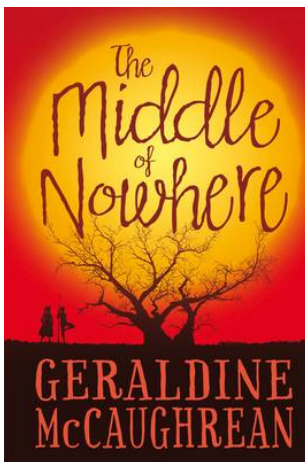
children are recruited to join the battle, traversing the universe via wrinkles in space-time. Compelling and profound, the aliens and strange worlds they encounter still evoke awe and wonder in this reader."



The River Singers

Author: Tom Moorhouse **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/10/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

October 2013 Debut of the Month In the tradition of Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* and Richard Adams's *Watership Down*, *The River Singers* captures the desperate adventures of a family of water voles struggling survive as their habitat changes. Sylvan and his younger siblings are only just prepared for the world of the river when their lives are thrown into confusion following the violent death of their mother. Sylvan knows he must lead his family to a new home. Their journey takes them along the river which must now be their guide but the waters are treacherous and there is great danger all around them from the other animals that live along its banks. A Piece of Passion from Liz Cross, Children's Publisher, Oxford University Press Among all the riches in the children's book world, there are some books that stand out, some books that are truly special and I am delighted that we have found just such a book in *The River Singers*. Lyrical yet gripping... with characters that spring from the page fully-formed. Packed with witty, authentic dialogue, and filled with moments of genuine peril, this is a book to fall in love with.



The Middle of Nowhere

Author: Geraldine McCaughrean **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the 2015 CILIP Carnegie Medal - One of our Books of the Year 2014 - Shortlisted for The Little Rebels Children's Book Award 2014 Award-winning Geraldine McCaughrean captures a far off landscape and a far off time in her fabulously dramatic nineteenth century story interwoven with the magic of the mysterious and stories of the Aboriginal Dreamtime. With its large and flamboyant cast, McCaughrean proves yet again what a dazzling story teller she is. When Comity's mother dies after she is bitten by a tiger snake, Comity is left with her father who is the operator of the remote telegraph station. Apart from the two of them there are a few labourers and Fred, an Aboriginal boy who helps around the station. He is her only friend and, as her father sinks into despair leaving her to do everything - including keeping her mother's relatives at bay - she turns to Fred for support. To comfort her he offers her the stories and magic of his long dead ancestors. When an assistant arrives to help run the station disaster looms. Comity has long held all the threads together but can she continue to do so? Geraldine McCaughrean handles a vast landscape and a varied cast with her usual aplomb. ~ Julia Eccleshare Geraldine

McCaughrean on *The Middle of Nowhere*: "I rather enjoy being alone, but that's because I don't have to be. I have a choice. Reading a snippet about the Overland Telegraph Wire, I wondered at the lonely existence of those telegraphers coaxing Morse messages over the endless miles. To someone like me living on a small, overcrowded island, Australia's empty vastnesses are almost unimaginable. And yet in their determination to stay in touch with each other, people defeated those great distances with the Wire. (We take communications technology for granted these days, but we shouldn't). My first mental image (and there's always a picture at the beginning) was of a knitter sitting with coloured wool stretching out in every direction, knitting a rainbow. That would be my hero, sitting at a telegraph machine, totally isolated but connected to hundreds of lives. Meddling, probably. The difference between loneliness and being alone seemed to be in there somewhere, as a theme. Then I started to read up on my subject. (Goodness I love History: people leading such different lives from now and yet preoccupied with exactly the same things.) And there it all ways - just like now - prejudice, hatred and ignorance dividing people from each other more effectively than any wilderness. Another theme - and the tension necessary to power a story. I never know, until I start writing, quite where a book will take me. So I tend to just jump aboard and go along for the ride: I like surprises. Then it is just a matter of knitting it all into a rainbow, sewing in the loose ends and discovering how it has turned out. Hope it fits."



The Company of Ghosts

Author: Berlie Doherty **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/10/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

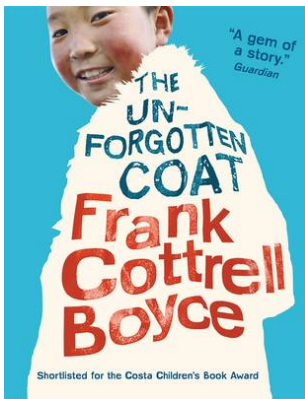
Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Carnegie Medal Award-winning Berlie Doherty tells a mysterious and romantic ghost story set on a wild and uninhabited island. Grieving Ellie is swept off to a special island belonging to a family she hardly knows at a time when she needs a way of resolving her great grief and rage at her parents' divorce. Terrified when she is left alone on the island, Ellie's experiences of nature and of her meeting a ghostly girl who once lived on the island change her perspective and give her space to heal.



Wonder

Author: R. J. Palacio **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2013
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

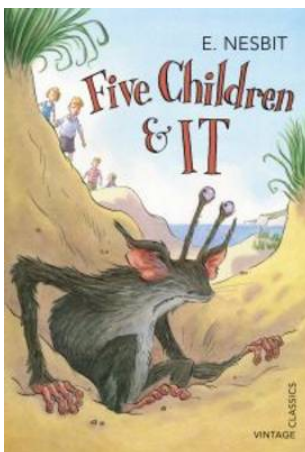
Winner of the 'Best of the Best' children's category at the Independent Bookshop Week Awards 2016. Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Award Best Fiction for 5-12s 2013 and Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2013 January 2013 Debut of the Month Frank, powerful, warm and often heart-breaking, Wonder is a book you'll read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page. This is a wonderful debut from a storyteller with a great future if this book is anything to go by and her characters are intensely likeable. You can discuss what you think of this book on Twitter - #thewonderofwonder.



The Unforgotten Coat

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/10/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Winner of 2012 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize Based on a true story this is an unforgettable and moving account of one girl's vivid memories of two Mongolian brothers briefly at her school.

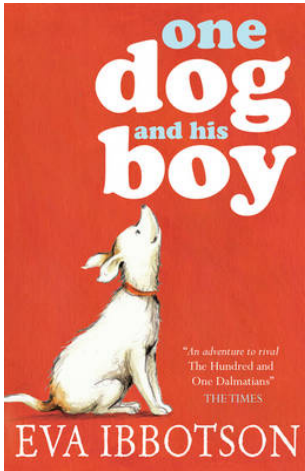


Five Children and it

Author: E. Nesbit **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/08/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Magic and adventure are beautifully combined in this wonderful story about wishes and what ifs? Arriving at the White House for their holiday, Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother set about looking for adventure by digging in the gravel pit. Unearthing a strange creature who tells them it is a Psammead who is able to give them one wish a day, the children find themselves in for some very exciting and magical surprises. This edition is part of the Vintage Children's Classics series which is aimed at and shaped by 8-12 year olds, and the adults in their lives. It is a broad, affordable selection of books that will inspire a life-long love of reading; these stories that have secured a place in the hearts of thousands. They are all unabridged. To view all the Vintage Children's Classics titles click here. They are books to be given as gifts, and passed down the generations. In addition, story hungry children often don't want the adventure to end, so why not take a look at the fully interactive website - World of Stories - which contains lots of extra

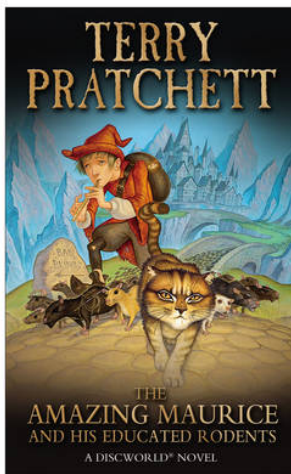
material - the backstory: with quizzes, activities and fascinating facts about the books and their authors.



One Dog and His Boy

Author: Eva Ibbotson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

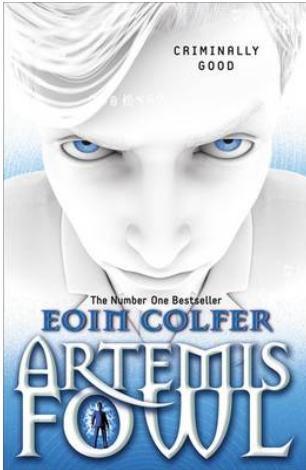
Shortlisted for the Galaxy Children's Book of the Year Award 2011. Award winning Eva Ibbotson's poignant and beautiful last book celebrates a boy's passion for a dog. All Hal has ever wanted is a dog but his parents refuse to contemplate the idea. A dog would mess up their beautiful house and disturb their busy routine. When they discover East Pets, they hire Hal a dog for a weekend thinking that will do the trick. But they don't know Hal! Hal takes matters into his own hands. Soon Hal and all the dogs he has released from Easy Pets are out on the road - with a price on their head. How Hal makes his escape is both thrilling and moving as it marks his growth from sadness to great happiness. ***Eva's son, Toby Ibbotson, is now continuing the tradition of storytelling with his debut novel Mountwood School for Ghosts which is based on an original idea by Eva Ibbotson.



Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents

Author: Terry Pratchett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/05/2011
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

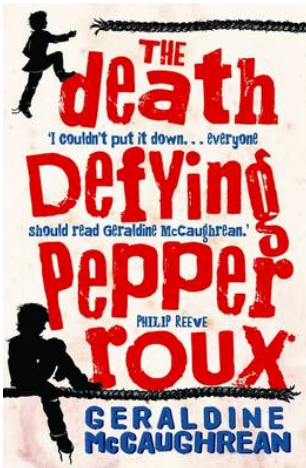
Maurice, a streetwise tomcat, has come up with the perfect scam. Inspired by the Pied Piper tale, cat and kid lead a band of rats from town to town to fake invasions of vermin. The rewards to get the rats out of town are plentiful. It works perfectly - until their little con game is sussed. Ages 8+.



Artemis Fowl: Book 1

Author: Eoin Colfer **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/04/2011
Year Groups: Key Stage 3

Best-selling Artemis Fowl has enchanted and delighted readers for a decade. Half hero, half villain and wholly brainy, although still only a boy, Artemis is a criminal mastermind who has a very daring scheme in mind. Can he steal what he wants from the fairy world and get away with it? Artemis will stop at nothing less...Full of tricks, plots, secret codes and fantastical characters including Holly Short, Mulch Diggums and Foaly and propelled by outrageous cheek sprinkled with the touch of very special magic, Artemis Fowl is a book to love forever. Although only twelve years old, Artemis Fowl is already famous as a criminal master-mind. But, when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the LEPrechaun unit in his ruthless bid to steal the fairy gold, he finds he has gone a step too far. In the headlong adventure that follows, Artemis discovers that fairies are not the creatures that he had been expecting. Fast paced and packed with one joke after another, Artemis fowl is irresistible humour for young readers. John Walsh, author and Independent columnist: "Lively, amoral, wildly imaginative debut (six more followed) about the money-grabbing master-criminal Artemis, 12. The author called it 'Die Hard with fairies'." This title is also available as a Nintendo DS™ FLIPS title - [click here](#)



The Death-defying Pepper Roux

Author: Geraldine McCaughrean **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/06/2010
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2011 A World Book Day 'Recommended Read' for 2011 Prize-winning Geraldine McCaughrean has turned her deft hand to a brilliantly witty and fast moving story about a boy who wants to defy his destiny. Pepper is an unusual name and Pepper Roux is an unusual child especially since, according to her Aunt Mireille, he was destined to die young. Can Pepper avoid that fate by slipping away into another life? Quick readers will be able to follow him as he does everything he can to do so. A piece of passion from the editor who bought the book: Geraldine McCaughrean is an extraordinary author to work with, because each of her books is so different, so surprising, and so jaw-droppingly good. When a new book from her appears, I never know quite what to expect - but I know that whatever it is will be a sheer joy to read. And that definitely goes for The Death Defying Pepper Roux. There's so much to like about this book. It whisks you off from the start on a wonderful chase full of characters you will never forget, ideas so intriguing they will make you gasp, and events so enjoyable that they will make you wriggle with delight. It's clever and intriguing and beautifully written - but most of all it's fun from its startling beginning to its wholly satisfying finish.



Skellig - TV tie in edition

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 19/03/2009
Year Groups: Key Stage 3

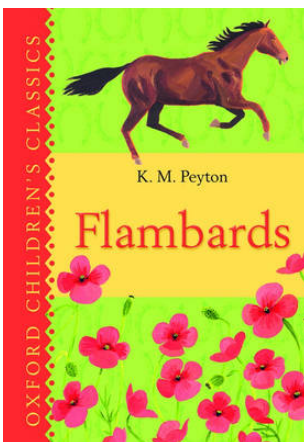
This is a wonderfully eerie and magical story about believing in something extra special and why it may make a difference. It's full of happiness and sadness but ultimately it's incredibly fulfilling. 'Touched with a visionary intensity, this strange life-affirming tale exercises every muscle of the imagination' the Guardian Winner of the Carnegie Medal, the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year as well as a string of international prizes. David Almond novels in order of publication: Skellig, Kit's Wilderness, Heaven Eyes, Counting Stars, Secret Heart, The Fire-Eaters, Clay and most recently Jackdaw Summer.



Midnight Folk

Author: John Masefield **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2008
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

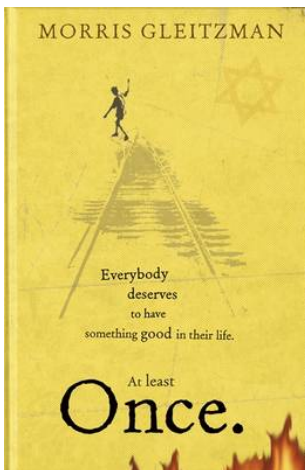
Highly entertaining, these are a pair of fast paced, classic fantasy adventure stories freshly illustrated by Quentin Blake. In The Midnight Folk, Kay Harker is sent to stay with his bad tempered guardian in a big house in the country. Here he has a series of night time adventures after he sets out to find the treasure missing or lost by his great grandfather. Out at night, he is introduced by Nibbins the cat to some unusual and entertaining creatures who are the Midnight Folk of the title. During the nights, the Midnight Folk are engaged in a series of skirmishes and set piece battles against the Seven Witches. The Box of Delights tells Kay, now older but still up for adventure, gets involved in an adventure to stop a service in a cathedral.



Flambards

Author: K. M. Peyton **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/08/2007
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

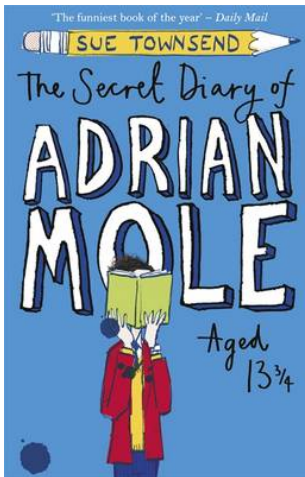
Christina is sent to stay with her terrifying uncle and her cousins at Flambards, a rambling house in the country where riding and hunting are the most prized activities. Everything about the countryside - and her relatives - is new to Christina but she soon finds she loves riding. And, in different ways, she begins to love her cousins. The first volume in a hugely romantic trilogy. Flambards in a nutshell: Orphan girl sent to live with cruel uncle in big country house. Learns to love riding and horses. Three boys in her life - horrid cousin Mark, nice cousin Will and poor, but lovely, groom Dick. Which of these super boys will she end up with? Fantastic preworld war one family saga. Just click here to view our range of Children's Classics.



Once.

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/02/2006 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

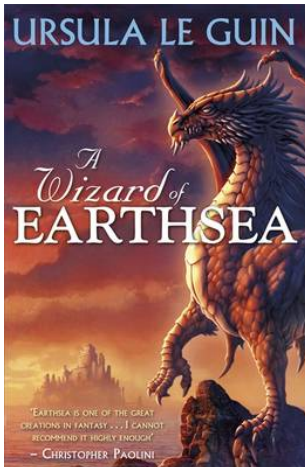
A moving and convincing child-eye view of what happened to the children of Poland after the Germans invaded. Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come and burn the books in the orphanage library, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents who are booksellers and make sure they are safe. Felix's journey is dangerous and desperate but also full of courage and hope in a world where friendships and loyalty are the glue that hold things together. Gleitzman's second novel in this series, Then, is out in January 2009.



The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged Thirteen and Three Quarters

Author: Sue Townsend **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 31/10/2002 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

This book is a favourite of September 2009 Guest Editor Joanna Nadin: Reading The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13³/₄ (at 13 and ³/₄) was the first time I picked up a book and thought, "Oh My God, that is me! That is how dull my life is." It still makes me rock with laughter twenty-five years on. Without Adrian, Rachel Riley simply wouldn't exist, and she certainly wouldn't be studying politics A level. The LoveReading Comment: An '80s publishing sensation that has never gone out of fashion. It's almost impossible not to laugh-out-loud at the brilliant dry humour that bubbles out of Sue Townsend's writing. At thirteen years old, Adrian Mole has more than his fair share of problems - spots, ill-health, parents threatening to divorce, rejection of his poetry and much more - all recorded with brilliant humour in his diary.



The Wizard Of Earthsea

Author: Ursula K Le Guin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/06/1971 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

This tale of wizards and dragons features the character of Sparrowhawk. Tempted by pride to try spells beyond his powers, Sparrowhawk lets loose an evil shadow-beast. Only he can destroy it and so he begins a quest which leads him to all corners of Earthsea. This is the first book in a quartet. November 2010 Guest Editor Jonathan Stroud: I think this is one of the greatest of fantasies, with a very different flavour to Tolkien or C S Lewis. Ursula Le Guin is a master at world-making: from the moment I opened the book as a boy, and saw the map of Earthsea, with its thousands of little islands, each with its own name and character, I was hooked. We follow Ged, a young and ambitious wizard, who finds his route to power is not at all straightforward. He must journey across the oceans, contending with dragons, witches, sinister shadows, speaking stones and (most dangerously of all) with himself. The magic in this book (and the rules that govern it) seem utterly real. The writing is beautiful, austere and restrained, and everything feels drenched with the salt-spray of the endless sea.



Carrie's War

Author: Nina Bawden, Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 09/11/2017

One of the most loved and enduring wartime novels, Carrie's War is a modern classic. WITH A NEW FOREWORD BY MICHAEL MORPURGO AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY ALAN MARKS 'A touching, utterly convincing book' Jacqueline Wilson 'Poignant and realistic . . . Carrie's War captures the true reality of war for a child, and it doesn't sentimentalise war' Shirley Hughes, Guardian 'I did a dreadful thing, the worst thing of my life, when I was twelve and a half years old, and nothing can change it' It is wartime and Carrie and her little brother Nick have been evacuated from their London home to the Welsh hills. In an unfamiliar place, among strangers, the children feel alone and find little comfort with the family they are billeted with: Mr Evans, a bullying shopkeeper and Auntie Lou, his kind but timid sister. When Carrie and Nick visit Albert, another evacuee, they are welcomed into Hepzibah Green's warm kitchen. Hepzibah is rumoured to be a witch, but her cooking is delicious, her stories are enthralling and the children cannot keep away. With Albert, Hepzibah and Mister Johnny, they begin to settle into their new surroundings. But before long, their loyalties are tested: will they be persuaded to betray their new friends? This collection of the best children's literature, curated by Virago, will be coveted by children and adults alike. These are timeless tales with beautiful covers, that will be treasured and shared across the generations. Some titles you will already know; some will be new to you, but there are stories for everyone to love, whatever your age. Our list includes Nina Bawden (Carrie's War, The Peppermint Pig), Rumer Godden (The Dark Horse, An

Episode of Sparrows), Joan Aiken (The Serial Garden, The Gift Giving) E. Nesbit (The Psammead Trilogy, The Bastable Trilogy, The Railway Children), Frances Hodgson Burnett (The Little Princess, The Secret Garden) and Susan Coolidge (The What Katy Did Trilogy). Discover Virago Children's Classics.



The Little Prince

Author: Antoine De Saint-exupery **Format:** Paperback / softback
Release Date: 07/09/2017

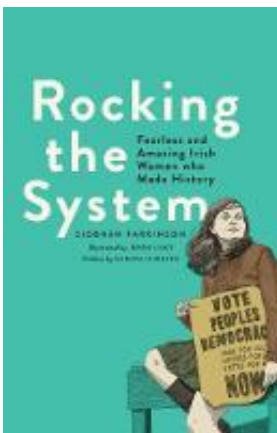
Few books have been as universally cherished by children and adults alike as *The Little Prince*. A beautiful gift edition of this touching and wise classic children's book, with the original translation by Katherine Woods and full-colour illustrations. A pilot stranded in the desert awakes one morning to see the most extraordinary little fellow standing before him. Please, asks the stranger, draw me a sheep. And the pilot realises that when life's events are too difficult to understand, there is no choice but to succumb to their mysteries. He pulls out a pencil and paper . . . and thus begins this wise and enchanting fable that, in teaching the secret of what is really important in life, has changed the world forever for its readers. This stunning new edition of the classic children's book *The Little Prince*, includes the classic English translation by Katherine Woods and original colour illustrations which will capture the hearts of readers of all ages. Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900-1944) was born in Lyons, France. He wrote *The Little Prince* in the United States during a two-year self-imposed exile from occupied France. A year after the book's publication in 1943, Saint-Exupéry disappeared over the Mediterranean while flying a reconnaissance mission for his French air squadron. Best known throughout the world as the author and illustrator of *The Little Prince*, Saint-Exupéry wrote several other books that have also become classics of world literature. Katherine Woods (1886-1968) produced the original English translation of *The Little Prince* in 1943. It was later followed by several other English translations, but her classic translation is treasured by fans and is often considered to be the definitive English translation. Her poetic translation perfectly captures the enchantment and charm of Saint-Exupéry's storytelling.



A Dangerous Crossing

Author: Jane Mitchell **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 23/02/2017

Ghalib doesn't want to leave his home in Syria. But the city has become too dangerous, and his family has no choice but to flee. Together they make their way through Syria to the Turkish border, where Ghalib gets separated from his family. Stricken with grief and fear, fighting cold, pain and hunger, he manages to make it to a refugee camp in Turkey. Ghalib is safe for now, but life in a refugee camp is wretched and hopeless, and this boy's journey in search of safety is far from over. Based on true accounts and real Syrian children, A Dangerous Crossing is the story of one boy's search for refuge.



Rocking the System Fearless and Amazing Irish Women who Made History

Author: Siobhan Parkinson **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/02/2018

Twenty illustrated essays on Irish women, historical and contemporary, who have defied cultural norms around femininity and achieved great things. The subjects include Irish women from Queen Medb to Eileen Gray, from Constance Markievicz to Sonia O'Sullivan, covering stateswomen, artists, writers, activists and rebels of all kinds. Written by multi award-winning author and first Laureate na nOg (Irish Children's Laureate), Siobhan Parkinson. Perfect for use in schools as well as for leisure reading, this collection celebrates the role of women in Ireland's changing society.