

# Best Books for 9-11 year olds



In 2015, we put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

**The books below are ones suitable for children aged 9-11.**

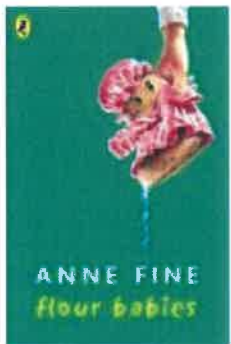
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## Flour Babies

**Author:** Anne Fine

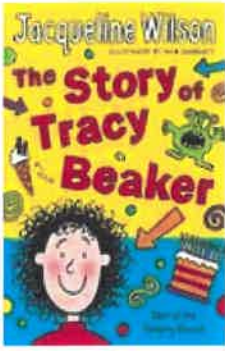
As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after f...



## Private Peaceful

**Author:** Sir Michael Morpurgo

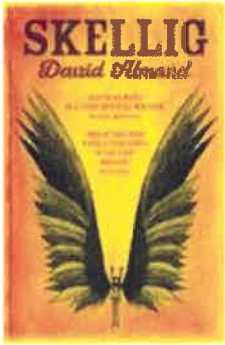
Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.



## The Story of Tracy Beaker

**Author:** Jacqueline Wilson **Illustrator:** Nick Sharratt

Tracy lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.



## Skellig

**Author:** David Almond

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature who needs his help.&nb...



## Artemis Fowl

**Author:** Eoin Colfer

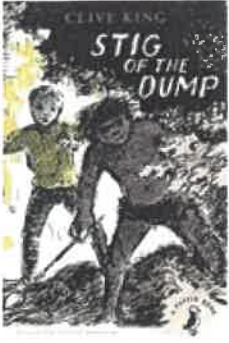
Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.



## Carrie's War

**Author:** Nina Bawden

Inspired by Nina Bawden's own experiences of living as an evacuee in a Welsh mining valley as a child, *Carrie's War* is n...



## **Stig of the Dump**

**Author:** Clive King

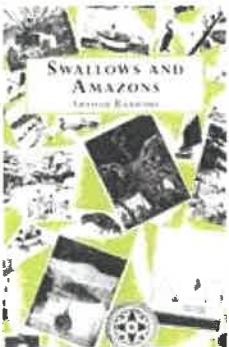
Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.



## **The Adventures of Tintin**

**Author:** Hergé **Translator:** Michael Turner and Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper

Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy...



## **Swallows and Amazons**

**Author:** Arthur Ransome

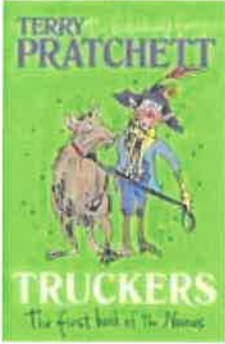
It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.



## **Ballet Shoes**

**Author:** Noel Streatfeild

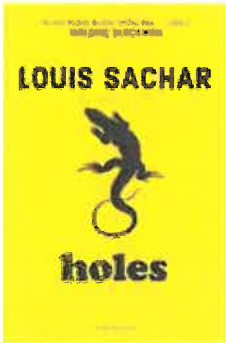
First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivate...



## Truckers

**Author:** Terry Pratchett

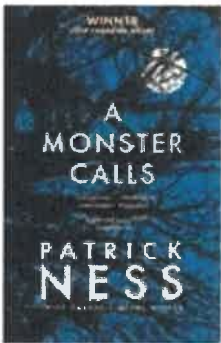
The first title in the *Bromeliad* trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.



## Holes

**Author:** Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the ...



## A Monster Calls

**Author:** Patrick Ness From an idea by Siobhan Dowd **Illustrator:** Jim Kay

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute h...

# Best Books for 12-14 year olds



In 2015, we put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

**The books below are ones suitable for children and teens aged 12-14.**

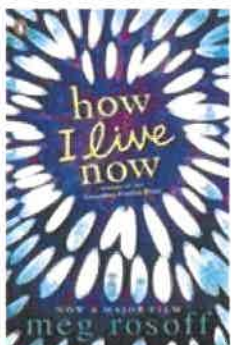
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## How I Live Now

**Author:** Meg Rosoff

Fifteen-year-old New Yorker Daisy is sent to England to spend a summer with her unconventional cousins



## Looking for JJ

**Author:** Anne Cassidy

When a 10-year-old girl kills her best friend, she is convicted of manslaughter and locked away. Seven years later she is released...



## Northern Lights

**Author:** Philip Pullman

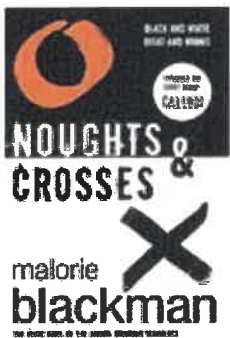
This extraordinary fantasy is the first book in Philip Pullman's multi-award-winning *His Dark Materials* trilogy



## Coram Boy

**Author:** Jamila Gavin

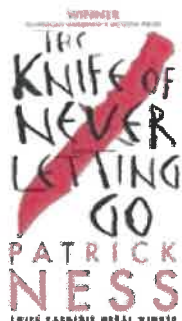
*Coram Boy* is the story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great esta...



## Noughts and Crosses

**Author:** Malorie Blackman

Callum is a Nought but his best friend Sephy is a Cross - the daughter of one of the most influential politicians in the country.



## The Knife of Never Letting Go

**Author:** Patrick Ness

The first in a series, this enthralling sci-fi/fantasy novel grips readers throughout, presenting them with tough questions about ...

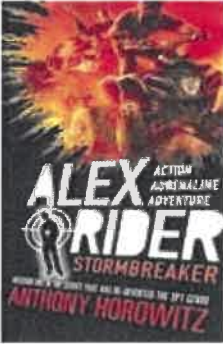




### The Kite Rider

**Author:** Geraldine McCaughrean

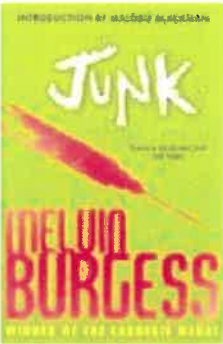
Haoyou feels powerless when the man responsible for his father's death demands to marry his mother. Determined to support her hims...



### Stormbreaker

**Author:** Anthony Horowitz

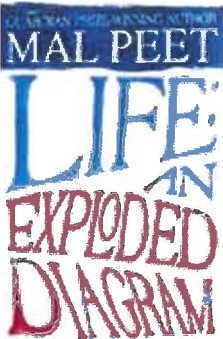
Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, b...



### Junk

**Author:** Melvin Burgess

Tar loves Gemma, but Gemma doesn't want to be tied down to anyone or anything. Gemma wants to fly - but she can't fly forever...



### Life: An Exploded Diagram

**Author:** Mal Peet

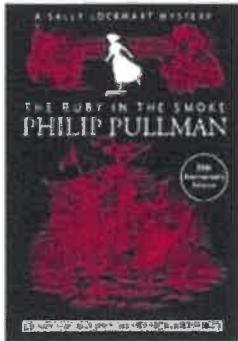
In this intelligent young adult novel, Clem's coming-of-age story of first love and burgeoning sexuality is woven around a tense a...



## **Forever**

**Author:** Judy Blume

Seventeen-year-old Katherine meets Michael at a party. The two of them like each other immediately, and soon fall in love - but ar...



## **The Ruby in the Smoke**

**Author:** Philip Pullman

Determined to discover the truth about her father's tragic death, Sally Lockhart is plunged into a dangerous and terrifying advent...