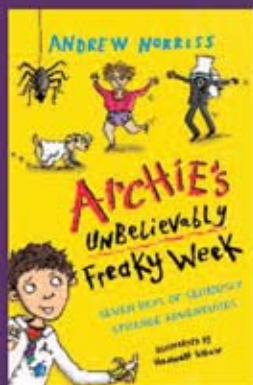


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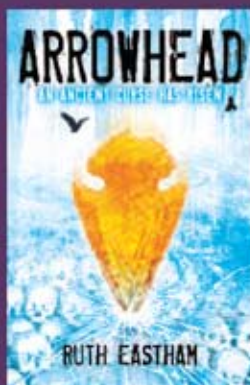
for 9+ year olds





**Archie's Unbelievably
Freaky Week**
by Andrew Norriss
David Fickling Books
(Random House)

Follow accident prone Archie on seven days of seriously strange adventures - you won't believe it!



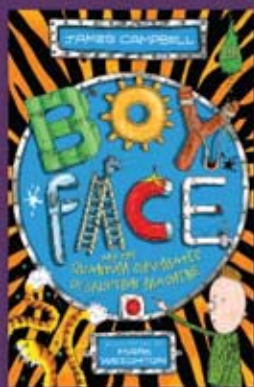
Arrowhead
by Ruth Eastham
Scholastic

At first Jack thinks picking on Skuli is playground bullying, but he soon realises powers ancient and sinister are at work.



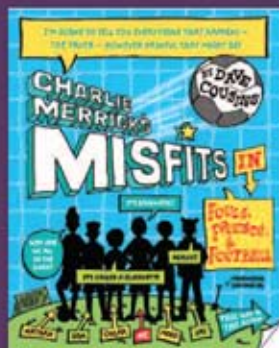
Blamehounds
by Ross Collins
Barrington Stoke

Made a mistake? Wish you hadn't done something? Don't worry; dogs will take the blame.



**Boyface And The Quantum
Chromatic Disruption Machine**
by James Campell
Hodder Children's Books
(Hachette)

10 year old Boyface is left in charge of the stripemongering shop, taking stripes off animals and putting them on something different.



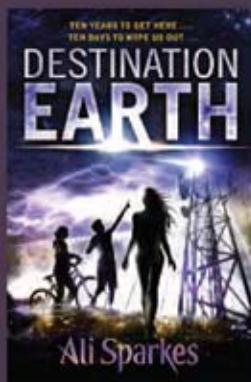
**Charlie Merrick's Misfits In
Fouls, Friends And Football**
by Dave Cousins
OUP

One boy, his team of misfits, and their unlikely journey to football fame.



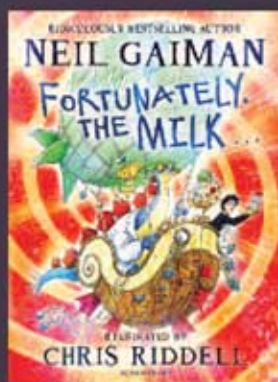
Constable & Toop
by Gareth P Jones
Hot Key Books

Sam Toop can see ghosts. He knows that terrible, painful, scary things are happening to the ghosts that haunt us.



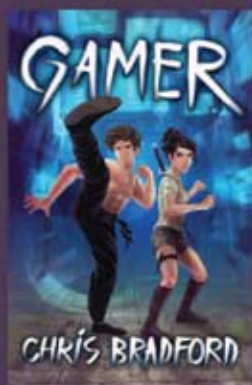
Destination Earth
by Ali Sparkes
OUP

10 years to get here. 10 days to wipe us out. A survivor from another planet reaches earth but a killer alien has hitched a ride too!



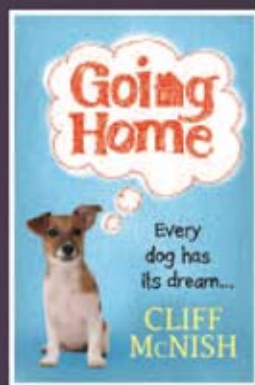
Fortunately The Milk
by Neil Gaiman
Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

Mum's away, Dad's in charge. Nothing can possibly go wrong can it?



Gamer
by Chris Bradford
Barrington Stoke

Virtual Kombar is the most realistic video fight game ever. Street kid Scott is chosen to be a gamer but begins to wonder if it really is just a game?



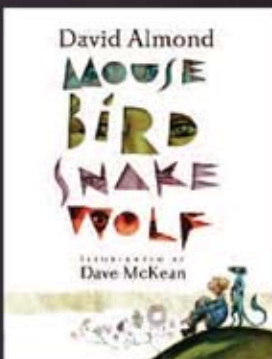
Going Home
by Cliff McNish
Orion

Ralph, Mitch, Bessie and Fred are no-hopers: dogs so difficult or troublesome that no-one will own them. But Ralph is determined that all of them will find a happy home.



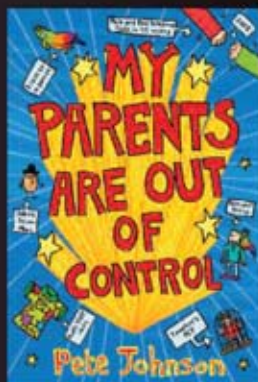
Magic Ink
by Steve Cole
Simon & Schuster
Children's Books

A talking pig cartoon, the real life wizard Merlin and a boy that only wanted to draw comic strips - it's a story that can only get messy.



Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf
by David Almond
Walker Books

Long ago the gods created a wonderful world. Harry, Sue and Little Ben start to fill in the gaps with amazing creatures. Do they dare create the wolf?



My Parents Are Out Of Control
by Pete Johnson
Corgi Yearling
(Random House)

Louis loves a laugh, but it's no joke when your parents start trying to act cool in public.



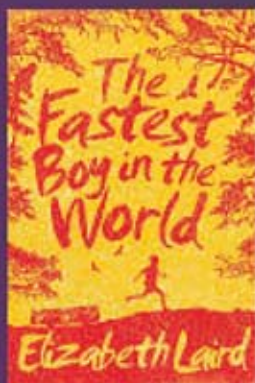
Scarlet Ibis
by Gill Lewis
OUP

Scarlet has a chance of a new life with a new family. But what about her real Mum and the real brother she promised to always be there for?



The Eye Of The Wolf
by Daniel Pennac
Walker

In the zoo the boy and the wolf stand eye to eye staring through the bars. Both have lost much and seen terrible things.



The Fastest Boy In The World
by Elizabeth Laird

Macmillan Children's Books

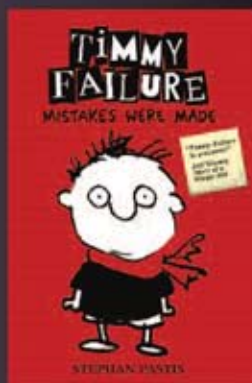
Solomon knows in his heart that he could be a great runner, a champion. But he didn't know anything about his grandfather's secret past.



The Spy Who Loved School Dinners
by Pamela Butchart

Nosy Crow

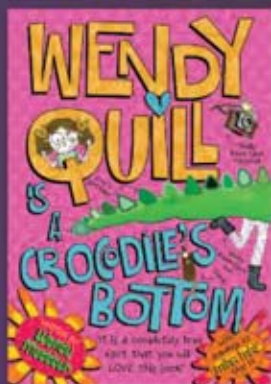
Izzy suspects the new girl Mathilde is a spy. Clue: she loves the poisonous school dinners. Izzy and friends need to stop her before it's too late!



Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made
by Stephan Pastis

Walker

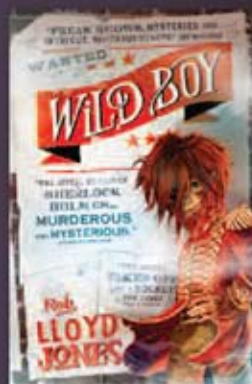
Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the "best" detective agency in town - Total Failure, Inc.



Wendy Quill Is A Crocodile's Bottom
by Wendy Meddour

OUP

Wendy's acting plans don't always work out, but she will be famous, even if it's only for being the crocodile's bottom.



Wild Boy
by Rob Lloyd Jones

Walker Books



Behold the savage spectacle of the wild boy! A boy people call monster. Accused of murder. On the run. Searching for the truth.

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