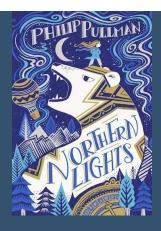






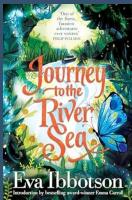
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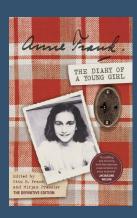
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## Northern Lights– Philip Pullman

Northen Lights is a fantasy novel set in a parallel universe. It follows the journey of Lyra Belacqua to the Arctic in search of her missing friend, Roger Parslow, and her imprisoned uncle, Lord Asriel, who has been conducting experiments with a mysterious substance known as 'dust'.

#### The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time– Mark Haddon

Christopher isn't like other teenagers. He finds it difficult to talk to other people, hates being touched and reacts badly to certain colours. When the neighbour's dog is murdered, he causes chaos trying to find out who did it.

### Skin and other stories- Roald Dahl

A new collection of stories to startle, surprise and satisfy. So where would you hide a diamond where no one else would think of looking for it? And what if you discovered your tattoo was worth a million dollars?

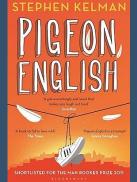
#### Journey to the River Sea- Eva Ibbotson

Maia, an orphan, can't wait to reach her distant relatives a thousand miles up the Amazon. She imagines a loving family with whom she will share great adventures. Instead she finds two spiteful cousins who see the jungle as the enemy and refuse to go outdoors.

#### The Diary of a Young Girl– Anne Frank

The Diary Of A Young Girl is the real diary of a teenage girl that tells the story of her family who live in Frankfurt, Germany and suddenly have to go into hiding as a result of Hitler and the Nazi Party's treatment of Jews in Europe during the Second World War. They escape to Amsterdam where they go into hiding with other Jews.







# Be Resilient– Nicola Morgan

This book provides clear and practical advice on how to develop strategies, mental toughness and life-long skills to deal with the challenges thrown at teens today.

## Pigeon English– Stephen Kelman

Newly arrived from Ghana with his mother and older sister Lydia, Harri absorbs the many strange elements of city life, from the bewildering array of Haribo sweets, to the frightening, fascinating gang of older boys from his school. But his life is changed forever when one of his friends is murdered.

## City of Stolen Magic– Nazneen Ahmed Pathak

Growing up in an isolated village, hot-headed Chompa has never understood why her mother forbids her from using her potent finger-magic - until, one day, Chompa defies Ammi, and casts a spell. Soon after, a group of pale men attack their home and snatch Ammi. In desperate search of her mother, Chompa must travel to another world: to England.



#### Pig Heart Boy– Malorie Blackman

Cameron is thirteen, and all he wants is a 'normal' life friends, swimming, school, family. But his life is far from normal. Not every thirteen-year-old desperately needs a new heart because theirs doesn't work properly.

# **Further Suggestions**

The Indian in the Cupboard– Lynne Reid Banks The Boy at the Back of the Class– Onjali Q Rauf Steady for this– Nathanael Lessore Dogs of the Deadlands– Anthony McGowan A Monster Calls– Patrick Ness



## Challenging reads for more able readers...

Oliver Twist- Charles Dickens Treasure Island– Robert Louis Stevenson Terror Kid– Benjamin Zephaniah Life of Pi– Yann Martel Make Brilliant Work– Rod Judkins



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