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Picture Books

Where's my Teddy by Jez Alborough - 9 copies

Little Eddy has lost his toy bear and goes looking for him in the dark, horrible woods – but he doesn't know he's in for a big surprise!

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell - 4 paperback copies and 10 board books

Young children will love lifting the flaps to discover the animals the zoo has sent a monkey, a lion and even an elephant! But will they ever manage to send the perfect pet? Rod Campbell's classic lift-the-flap book has been a firm favourite with toddlers and parents alike ever since it was first published in 1982. No child's bookcase is complete without a well-worn copy of *Dear Zoo*!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle - 8 copies

A newly hatched caterpillar eats his way through all kinds of food.

The Train Ride by June Crebbin - 10 copies

During a train journey a little girl points out everything she sees to her mother.

Ten in the Bed by Penny Dale - 10 copies

There were ten in the bed and the little one said, "Roll over" – but who were the ten? And what happened to them all after they rolled out of bed? All is revealed in this classic bedtime tale.

This is the Bear by Sarah Hayes - 8 copies

The boy, the bear and the dog are the best of friends. But one day the bear gets lost and has to be searched for high and low.

The Great Paper Caper by Oliver Jeffers - 16 copies

When life in the forest begins to change, when trees mysteriously lose their branches, when whole tree trunks start to disappear, when homes are lost, the only course of action for the forest dwellers is to begin a full-scale investigation. Alibis must be proved, clues must be sought but even so, blame is never far from anyone's thoughts. Who is the perpetrator of this heinous crime? Will justice be done?

The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins - 10 copies

Can you imagine being a male emperor penguin and standing around in the freezing cold with an egg on your feet for two months. Welcome to the story of the world's most devoted dad!

Walking Through the Jungle by Julie Lacome - 9 copies

This picture book finds a small child creeping, running, leaping, swinging and wading through the jungle, accompanied by animal noises.

Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore - 9 copies

Sid has six owners, lives in six houses and has six dinners a day. Life is just about purrfect . . .

Farmer duck by Martin Waddell - 8 copies

There once was a duck who had the bad luck to live with a lazy farmer. While the duck worked, the farmer lay in bed – until one day the other animals decided to take action!

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell - 6 copies

This is the story of three baby owls who, wake up during the night to find their mother gone.

The Pig in the Pond by Martin Waddell - 10 copies

This picture book tells the story of Neligan's pig, who sits by the pond and watches the ducks play in the cool water. As the pig gets hotter and hotter, he does something quite unheard of and jumps in the pond.

O'Brien Pandas (SNR INF – 1st class level)

Strawberry Squirt by Patrice Aggs - 15 copies, 64 pages

Strawberry Squirt is a great game, but the rabbits don't want Short Legs to play. 'You have a big red spot on your back,' they tell him. 'It's against the rules.' Oh dear! What can Short Legs do?

Katie's Cake by Stephanie Dagg - 20 copies, 64 pages

Katie finds that it's not easy to replace icing once you've licked it all off the cake.

The Big Brother by Stephanie Dagg - 15 copies, 64 pages

Dara's mum is going to have a new baby. Being a big brother isn't going to be easy so Dara decides to practise. But what does a big brother do for a little baby? And how can Dara learn?

Katie's Caterpillars by Stephanie Dagg - 14 copies, 64 pages

Katie just loves her pet caterpillars. Then she goes on holiday and can't wait to greet them on her return. To her dismay they have changed! Who wants silly old butterflies as pets? Not our Katie...

Granny's Secret by Brianog Brady Dawson - 17 copies, 64 pages

Danny's back! And he's in trouble with Granny again! This time he has to keep Granny's secret until Mum's birthday, but Danny isn't very good at being good. Can he keep the secret without getting into trouble?

Granny Makes a Mess by Brianog Brady Dawson - 14 copies, 64 pages

Why does everyone blame Danny for the mess, when Granny did it?

Shoestring Soup by Fergus Lyons - 16 copies, 64 pages

The poor man is TIRED of shoestring soup. He tries eating a cookery book sandwich -- yuck! He even tries being a duck -- Quack Quack! -- to get some nice crusts of bread. But nothing works. What can he do?

Conor's Cowboy Suit by Gillian Perdue - 14 copies, 64 pages
When Conor's parents give him a present of a cowboy suit he wants to wear it all the time. At school Conor is teased about his cowboy outfit, but he doesn't care. Then the other children in his class think it's great fun and they want to dress up too.

Conor's Concert by Gillian Perdue - 14 copies, 64 pages

Conor is learning the piano. But the tunes he must practise are boring. Conor wants to play something exciting. He makes up his own very special music. But will it do for the concert?

Usborne Young Reading: Series 1 (SNR INF – 1st class level)

Aladdin and his Magical Lamp	18 copies of each
Hansel and Gretel	19 copies of each
Jack and the Beanstalk	20 copies of each
Puss in Boots	20 copies of each
Rapunzel	20 copies of each
The Emperor's New Clothes	19 copies of each

O'Brien SOS (Irish Language)

Caitín sa Chistin by Stephanie Dagg - 30 copies, 64 pages

Rinne Mamaí cáca milis iontach d'Aintón Síle, agus níorbh fhéidir le Caitín gan an reoán a ithe! Cad a dhéanadh sí anois? Beidh uirthi reoán nua a dhéanamh! Ach conas?

Ca bhfuil Murchú? By Anna O'Donovan - 30 copies, 64 pages

Is cairde maithe iad Ruairí agus Murchú. Ach lá amháin ní raibh Ruairí ábalta Murchú a fháil in áit ar bith... Chuardaigh Mamaí agus Daidí agus Ruairí gach áit. Ach ansin fuair siad glaoch teileafóin: an bhfuil Murchú faighte?

Usborne Young Reading: Series 2 (1st – 2nd class level)

A Little Princess	20 copies
Beauty and the Beast	20 copies
Black Beauty	19 copies
Gulliver's Travels	15 copies
Robinson Crusoe	20 copies
The Railway Children	20 copies
The Story of Football	19 copies
The Story of Heidi	20 copies
Treasure Island	18 copies
The Secret Garden	18 copies
The Wizard of Oz	20 copies

Junior Fiction (2nd-4th class level)

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown - 28 copies, 60 pages

Amazing things always happen to Stanley! Stanley was just an ordinary boy until a notice board fell on him. Now he's as flat as a pancake! Being flat is fantastic! He can be rolled up, get sent in the post and even fly like a kite! But it's not all fun and games – there are thieves in town. Can Flat Stanley be a hero?

A Witch in a Fix by Marian Broderick - 26 copies, 96 pages

A Book of Mischief and Magic! Anna's science teacher really gets on her nerves - but is that a good enough reason to turn her into a giant rat? With a big, angry rat on the loose, Anna soon realises she's made a bad mistake. How will she turn it back into her teacher? And can she do it quickly, before anyone finds out that she's an apprentice witch? Anna can't admit what she's done, so no one can help her with her big, furry problem - or can they? Sometimes even witches need a little help from their friends!

The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World by Eoin Colfer - 36 copies, 85 pages

Will is desperate to win the Giant Jelly Baby competition and be named 'the best boy in the world' but his big brother always beats him. Then one-day Will's wish comes true – he's the best boy in the world at last! Marty is not happy!

Moondial by Helen Cresswell - 26 copies, 292 pages

Minty Cane had always known that she was a witch, or something like it. On night-time jaunts from the house where she's staying while her mother recovers from an accident, Minty stumbles upon a moondial which takes her back in time. She finds Tom, a sickly kitchen boy, and Sarah, a girl with a birthmark who is only allowed out at night because her family think she has the mark of the devil. Can Minty save her friends, or will she get stuck in the past?

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl - 28 copies, 82 pages

Boggis, Bunce and Bean are nasty, mean farmers who hate Mr Fox. They are determined to get him, so they lie in wait outside his hole, each one crouching behind a tree with his gun loaded, ready to shoot, starve or dig him out. But clever, handsome Mr Fox has other plans!

The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl - 25 copies, 80 pages

Every Saturday morning the Greg family goes off to shoot animals and birds. But the girl next door hates hunting. Now it's made her so angry she's put the magic finger on all of them and very strange things have begun to happen....

The Tale of Greyfriars Bobby by Lavinia Derwent - 35 copies, 80 pages

Bobby, a Skye Terrier, adores his master Auld Jock and when the old man dies, Bobby refuses to leave his grave in Greyfriar's Churchyard in Edinburgh. This book is based on a true story.

The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle - 35 copies, 102 pages

Gloriously silly comedy from Booker prize winner Roddy Doyle. If adults are mean to children, they get the Giggler Treatment. It's smelly and squishy and it sticks to your shoe. But sometimes the Gigglers make a mistake... Can Robbie, Kayla, Jimmy and Rover the dog come to Mr Mack's rescue?

Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine - 27 copies, 88 pages

Bill Simpson wakes up to find he's a girl, and worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly pink dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this?

The Angel of Nitshill Road by Anne Fine - 31 copies, 88 pages

Until the angel came, there were three terribly unhappy children at Nitshill Road Primary School. But after Celeste arrives, school will never be the same again.

The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine - 50 copies, 55 pages

Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird and mouse into the house. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild ways before he ends up in trouble? The hilarious antics of Tuffy and his family are told by the killer cat himself.

Seachain an Dineasár! By Patricia Forde – 48 copies, 48 pages

Tá rang Lísín ar bís – tá siad chun cuairt a thabhairt ar an Músaem. Tá dineasár ann atáin ann bogadh! Ceapann Eoin Searlús gur dineasár ceart atá ann, ach deir Múinteoir Sailí nach gá bheith buartha. Ach tar éis tamaillín sa Mhúsaem, tá gach duine an-bhuartha ar fad! An mbeidh Lísín in ann na páistí deasa a thabhairt slán?

On Planet Fruitcake by Anne Fine – 35 copies, 93 pages

Philip has an incredible imagination, and when he lets it run riot in school one day it really gets his classmates thinking. Purple cows....brains in pots...a clever and beautiful chicken...What will they think of next?

Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman - 35 copies, 140 pages

You know what it's like when mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really long list of what he's got to do and the most important thing is don't forget to get milk. Unfortunately, Dad forgets. So the next morning, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very long time to get back. Featuring Professor Steg (a time-travelling dinosaur), some green globby things, the Queen of the

Pirates, the famed jewel that is the Eye of Splod, wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk.

The 52-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths - 35 copies, 336 pages

Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse has thirteen new storeys, including a watermelon-smashing level, a wave machine, a life-size snakes and ladders game (with real ladders and snakes!), a rocket-powered carrot launcher, a Ninja Snail Training Academy and a high-tech detective agency with all the latest high-tech detective technology. Which is lucky, because they have a big mystery to solve - Where is Mr Big Nose?

The 52-Storey Treehouse is the fourth book in Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's wacky treehouse adventures, where the laugh-out-loud story is told through a combination of text and fantastic cartoon-style illustrations.

Diabolic Downloads by Jim Halligan - 30 copies, 96 pages

Free downloads of ringtones and pictures for your phone? Brilliant! Everybody is thrilled when Nicky Nixon from Nixxter Express starts giving away free ringtones. Everybody except Jack Keely, that is. His phone is a wreck and couldn't download so much as a cold. But then, some gifts can come with strings attached. Jack soon finds out just how diabolic a free download can really be...

The Clubhouse Mystery by Erika McGann – 91 copies, 155 pages

Cass and her best friends, Lex and Nicholas, are the Bubble Street Gang! They investigate crimes, solve mysteries and have brilliant adventures. They've even got their own secret clubhouse. After the annoying baby twins demolish the fort Cass has built in the sitting room, she has the great idea of building a proper fort - outdoors - that can be the Bubble Street Gang's clubhouse. Lex's granny suggests the perfect spot at the back of Mr McCall's field and Cass and the gang get to work. The gang settle in quickly and begin planning their next adventure, when they realise someone is using the clubhouse when they're not there. Stuff moves around, cookie crumbs are left behind and the door is left open. Join Cass and the Bubble Street Gang as they investigate The Clubhouse Mystery.

Cool! by Michael Morpurgo - 22 copies, 103 pages

Robbie, football fan and animal lover, runs after his dog Lucky, when he chases a cat and is hit by a car. Unconscious, Robbie lies in hospital, unable to speak, move or eat. But he can hear. He is aware, even though his family and friends don't know this. His friends and family try desperately to reach him – even Zola, his favourite Chelsea footballer, comes to see him. And still Robbie can't „wake up“. One day, against hospital rules, Dad brings Lucky into the hospital. Can Lucky bring Robbie back to life?

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo - 20 copies, 125 pages

Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo - 50 copies, 161 pages

Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water.

Alfie Green and the Magical Gift by Joe O'Brien - 30 copies, 75 pages

A rusty key opens a dusty box hidden in Alfie's granddad's shed. Inside is an old book with magical powers. The book promises Alfie a gift, but first he must take the crystal flower across Sleepy Meadows full of Snapping Dragons to the crooked tree that is guarded by Giant Hogweeds. If Alfie succeeds he will be able to do something he has never done before!

Feile Fever by Joe O'Brien - 28 copies, 206 pages

Danny Wilde and his team-mates are finding the u14s Division tough going. They've lost one of their best goal-scorers to injury and it looks like they'll have no chance of winning the County Feile! Could Todd, the new Australian kid, be the answer to their prayers? It's all to play for in the second book about GAA player Danny Wilde.

Little Croker by Joe O'Brien - 15 copies, 187 pages

Danny Wilde wants one thing more than anything else in the world and that's to get his GAA team, Littlestown Crokes, to the top of the League. But when things go horribly wrong, can they make it after all?

Penny The Athlete by Eileen O'Hely - 24 copies, 224 pages

It is Health Awareness Month in Ralphs school. The new arrival in the pencil case, Baron de Couberpen, is whipping the pencils into shape for the inaugural Pencilympics. But even before the Pencilympic flame is lit, the competition takes a terrible turn when Cheetah the Cheater almost drowns during training for the rowing race. When things start to go wrong in the classroom Penny suspects she knows who is behind the sinister sabotage. She realises that she might have to sacrifice her dreams of Pencilympic glory if she is to defeat her old enemy Black Texta!

Animals Don't Have Ghosts by Siobhan Parkinson - 27 copies, 79 pages

Sinead and Dara, Michelle's country cousins, come up to 'the big smoke' to visit Michelle and her mum. The bright lights and fast life of the big city take her cousins by surprise, but Michelle delights in showing off her cosmopolitan ways! This is a witty and engaging account of a visit to the weird and

wonderful city of Dublin, where Sinead and Dara struggle to understand the curious local customs.

An Owl called Star by Helen Peters - 35 copies, 144 pages

When Jasmine and Tom discover an injured barn owl in the woods, they race to save his life. But as Star recovers, Jasmine realises that this beautiful bird is also a deadly hunter. Has Jasmine taken on more than she can handle?

Witch Wars by Sibeal Pounder - 35 copies, 272 pages

When Fran the Fabulous Fairy turns up in TIGA Whicabim's shed to tell her she's a witch, TIGA doesn't believe her. Or at least not until Fran points out that TIGA WHICABIM is actually an anagram of I AM A BIG WITCH and can compete in "Witch Wars" to crown the next Top Witch of Ritzy City.

You're a Bad Man Mr Gum! by Andy Stanton - 30 copies, 159 pages

Mr Gum is a truly nasty old man. He's absolutely grim. But this book's not just about him. There's also a little girl called Polly, an evil butcher, heroes and sweets and stuff, and Jake the dog, who must be saved from terrible evil.

Beware! Killer Tomatoes by Jeremy Strong - 21 copies, 129 pages

Jack's in trouble. Not only is he in hospital with a leg in traction but he knows the police are coming for him. Because of an accident involving a supermarket pyramid and an old-age pensioner!

Chicken School by Jeremy Strong -31 copies, 144 pages

Tim thinks he has the most boring family in the world. There's no way that the sparkly Sophie in his class is ever going to look at him. School is boring. And then graffiti starts appearing – and it's all about chickens. Who is writing it all? Suddenly, boring seems to be very interesting indeed.

The Hundred Mile-an-Hour-Dog by Jeremy Strong - 26 copies, 122 pages

Streaker is a mixed-up kind of dog...with quite a bit of Ferrari and a large chunk of whirlwind. Streaker is no ordinary dog. She's a rocket on four legs with a woof attached, and Trevor has got until the end of the holidays to train her. If he fails, he'll lose his bet with horrible Charlie Smugg, and something very yucky involving frogspawn will happen.

Highway Robbery by Kate Thompson - 32 copies, 113 pages

'Hold the mare for me, lad. And when I come back I'll give you a golden guinea.' It's more money than the street urchin has ever dreamt of. But who is the rider, and why is there so much interest in his big black horse? And will the boy ever see the money he has been promised? There's highway robbery in the air, but it isn't always entirely clear just who is trying to rob who.

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson - 28 copies, 98 pages
Plop is a beautiful baby barn owl, perfect in almost every way, except for just one thing... Plop is afraid of the dark!

Charlotte's Web by EB White - 32 copies, 184 pages (illustrated)
Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle he realises his life is in even more danger. Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that. *Charlotte's Web* is a classic tale of friendship, bravery and some animal magic.

Monkey Madness by Anna Wilson - 30 copies, 210 pages
Felix is going on safari! Flo, Felix's best friend in the whole world is furious that Felix is going to see so many amazing animals without her. In order for Felix to prove his friendship, she sets him a horribly difficult task: to bring her back a baby monkey! Once in Africa, Felix makes a new friend called Mo, who really reminds him of someone, yet he can't think who. With her brilliant knowledge of African wildlife, Mo will definitely be able to help Felix catch a baby monkey and win back Flo's friendship. After all, when surrounded by amazing animals the middle of the wilderness, what could possibly go wrong?

Senior Fiction (4th-6th class level)

The Rabbit Girl by Mary Arrigan - 30 copies, 210 pages
What is the secret of Mallie's picture? The mystery unfolds as evacuees Tony and Alice escape the terrors of London's Blitz for the Lake District, where they befriend a fascinating and fearless old lady. Many years later, Mallie buys her mum a drawing of a girl with a rabbit. Could this old picture bring the past and present together and change Mallie's life?

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce - 28 copies, 311 pages
Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year old to ever ride the G-force defying Cosmic rollercoaster and to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce - 18 copies, 250 pages
Unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to join the Euro, brothers Anthony and Damien suddenly find themselves with a vast amount of cash and a huge dilemma - how to spend it before it becomes worthless.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne - 38 copies, 215 pages

A story of innocence existing within the most terrible evil, this is the fictional tale of two young boys caught up in Holocaust events beyond their control.

My Brother's name is Jessica by John Boyne – 36 copies, 252 pages

Sam Waver has always idolised his big brother, Jason. Unlike Sam, Jason, seems to have life sorted. He's kind, popular, amazing at football, and girls are falling over themselves to date him. But then one evening Jason calls his family together to tell them that he's been struggling with a secret for a long time. A secret which quickly threatens to tear them all apart. His parents don't want to know and Sam simply doesn't understand. Because what do you do when your brother says he's not your brother at all? That he thinks he's actually your sister?

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

27 copies, 362 pages

Some secrets change the world in a heartbeat. Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends – Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox – Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart.....

Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

29 copies, 274 pages

February 1941. A bomb blast, a chance encounter, her mother's coat. This is all Olive can remember of the night her sister Sukie went missing. With London unsafe, Olive and her brother are evacuated to the Devonshire coast to stay with a mysterious lighthouse keeper. There, Olive must solve a mystery of her own; a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.

Warp: The Reluctant Assassin by Eoin Colfer - 35 copies, 336 pages

Warp: The Reluctant Assassin is by the best-selling author of Artemis Fowl. It all began with the FBI and WARP) (Witness Anonymous Relocation Programme), hiding witnesses in the future until now.....

Fields of home by Marita Conlon-McKenna

34 copies, 189 pages

This the final book in the famine trilogy. For Eily, Michael and Peggy the memory of the famine is still strong. But Mary-Brigid, Eily's first child, has the future to look forward to. What kind of future is it? Ireland is in turmoil, with evictions, burnings, secret meetings, fights over land. Eily and her family may be thrown off their farm. Michael may lose his job in the big house. And Peggy, in America, feels trapped in her role as a maid. Will they ever have

land and a home they can call their own? Eily, Michael and Peggy have once shown great courage. Now this courage is called on again.

Under the Hawthorn Tree by Marita Conlon-McKenna

76 copies, 153 pages

This is the first book in the famine trilogy. Ireland in the 1840s is devastated by famine. When tragedy strikes their family, Eily, Michael and Peggy are left to fend for themselves. Starving and in danger of the dreaded workhouse, they escape. Their one hope is to find the great aunts they have heard about in their mother's stories. With tremendous courage they set out on a journey that will test every reserve of strength, love and loyalty they possess.

Wildflower girl by Marita Conlon-McKenna

37 copies 173 pages

This is the second book in the famine trilogy. At seven Peggy made a terrifying journey through famine-stricken Ireland. Now thirteen, and determined to make a new life for herself, she sets off alone across the Atlantic to America. Will she ever see her family again? This is an extraordinary story of courage, independence and adventure.

The Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech

28 copies, 151 pages

One day a young couple awake to find a boy asleep on their porch. Unable to speak, the boy cannot explain his history. What kind of person would leave their child with a stranger? All they know is that they have been chosen to care for this boy. As their connection to him grows, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family, but how long can their happiness last? Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech weaves together a beautiful story about the surprising connections that bloom when unconditional love and generosity prevail, and finding family when you least expect it.

The Mighty Dynamo by Kieran Crowley

31 copies, 364 pages

Noah longs to be a professional footballer – and playing in the Schools' World Cup qualifiers might be just what he needs to get scouted. But when he's banned from his school team for something he didn't do, all his dreams are in doubt. Determined to live up to his Mighty Dynamo nickname, Noah must find his own way to enter the contest – no matter what it takes! With best friend Stevie on tactics, and the skills of some unlikely new teammates, he's soon ready to take on the world – just as long as no one plays foul!

The Misfits by Kieran Crowley - 35 copies, 304 pages

When Brian, Hannah, and the twins Chris and Sam start their Summer holidays, they know it's the end of an era. The Misfits Club is disbanding and

they still haven't managed to solve any real mysteries. But when they persuade new club member Amelia to go and investigate a spooky old house, they unexpectedly discover some stolen goods. Could this be their chance for one last adventure?

The Santa List by Kieran Crowley – 35 copies, 229 pages

Aisling and Joe are in serious trouble. Mrs Grough, the strictest babysitter ever, has out them on Santa's naughty list. They need to take action – otherwise they might be in for a Christmas with no presents. But as their attempts at changing fate go from bad to worse, the unimaginable happens: Santa's nice list is lost. Have they just ruined Christmas for everyone?

The BFG by Roald Dahl

26 copies, 198 pages

Giants are known for eating children. So when Sophie is snatched from her bed by the BFG, she fears for her life. But luckily he is far more jumbly than his disgusting neighbours. They become good friends and cook up a plan to rid the world of bad giants.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

40 copies, 192 pages

Charlie Bucket can't believe his luck when he finds a Golden Ticket and wins the chance of a lifetime: a magical day witnessing the miraculous creation of the most delectable eatables ever made.

Matilda by Roald Dahl

28 copies, 240 pages

Matilda's parents have called her some terrible things. The truth is, she's a genius and they're the stupid ones. Find out how she gets the better of them and her spiteful headmistress, as well as discovering that she has a very special power.

The Witches by Roald Dahl

24 copies, 199 pages

You could be sitting next to a witch and never know it. They look like ordinary women but are extremely dangerous to children. Luckily for the boy in the story, his grandmother knows what signs to look for, but things don't go as planned.

The Spooks Apprentice by Joseph Delaney - 35 copies, 352 pages

For years, the local Spook has been keeping the County safe from evil. Now his time is coming to an end, but who will take over? Many apprentices have tried. Some floundered, some fled and some failed to stay alive. Just one boy

is left, Thomas Ward. But does he stand a chance against Mother Malkin, the most dangerous witch in the County?

Children of Winter by Berlie Doherty - 35 copies, 192 pages

Catherine and her family set out for her Grandmother's house deep in the Derbyshire hills. Sheltering from a storm in an old barn with her younger siblings, it becomes strangely familiar to her, and she is drawn back to a time when three children sheltered all winter away from a terrible plague that was devastating their village.

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

69 copies, 322 pages

When Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, he turned and waved before getting on. But after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off - and no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? So Ted and his older sister, Kat, become sleuthing partners, since the police are having no luck. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery. This is an spine-tingling thriller - a race against time.

The Storm Keepers Battle by Catherine Doyle - 24 copies, 352 pages

Fionn Boyle, Storm Keeper of Arranmore, is facing the fight of his life. The terrifying all-powerful sorceress Morrigan has been raised from the dead and has sealed off the island from all help.

Fionn is the only thing that stands between her and a dark future. He's got to find a way to defeat her. But there are some terrible choices in store for Fionn as the dark sorcerer begins to take his nearest and dearest for her own. With only two candles left to burn, will Fionn master his powers in time to stop her?

The Storm Keepers Island by Catherine Doyle - 34 copies, 320 pages

When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet. Once in a generation, the Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather to step down. Soon a new keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island's next champion rages a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war.

Greyhound of a Girl by Roddy Doyle

35 copies, 168 pages

12 year old Mary's beloved grandmother is near the end of her life. Letting go is hard - until Granny's long-dead mammy appears. Her ghost has returned to help her dying daughter say goodbye to the ones she loves. But first she needs to take them all on a road trip to the past. A Greyhound of a Girl is a perfectly-pitched funny and tender tale about four generations of an Irish family, and the special bonds between mothers and daughters.

Ó Am Go Ham by Patricia Forde

91 copies, 59 pages

Tá chuile dhuine de mhuintir Aoife gafa leis an stair – chuile dhuine seachas Aoife! Ní thuigeann sí cén fáth a chaitheann a máthair lá i ndiaidh lae ag toraíocht taisce sa seanmhainistir. Nuair a thugann Aoife féin cuairt ar an mainistir i lár na hoíche, faigheann sí amach nach bhfuil cursaí staire chomh leadránach.

The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day by Christopher Edge

35 copies, 155 pages

How do you know you really exist? It's Maisie's birthday and she can't wait to open her presents. She's hoping for the things she needs to build her own nuclear reactor. But she wakes to an empty house and outside the front door is nothing but a terrifying, all-consuming blackness. Trapped in an ever-shifting reality, Maisie knows that she will have to use the laws of the universe and the love of her family to survive. And even that might not be enough... This is a mind-bending mystery for anyone who's ever asked questions.

Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

28 copies, 422 pages

For two years, 13-year-old Anne Frank, her parents, sister and four other people remained hidden in a back room until they were discovered and arrested in 1944. Anne's diary was found by accident and tells the story of her unusual life, as well as the problems of growing up and falling in love.

Friend or Foe by Brian Gallagher

30 copies, 235 pages

When Emer Davey saves her neighbour Jack Madigan from drowning, it seems that they'll be friends forever. But eight months later, the find themselves on opposite sides in a life-or-death struggle, as Dublin is torn apart by the Easter Rising. Like her father, who is a part-time officer in the Irish Volunteers, Emer believes that armed rebellion is the only way for Ireland to gain independence from Britain. Jack meanwhile, follows the rule of law,

just like his da, a sergeant in the Dublin Metropolitan Police. The two young friends find their loyalties tested as the terrifying reality of war sets in – and the Rising hits closer to home than either could ever have imagined.

Spies by Brian Gallagher

30 copies, 256 Pages

Orphan Johnny Dunne has fled Balbriggan, where he spied for the rebels in Ireland's War of Independence. Now he has a new and even more dangerous mission. Rebel leader Michael Collins engages in a cut-throat secret war with British Intelligence: and Johnny, Ireland's youngest spy at only fourteen years of age, finds himself at the centre of the action. In a Dublin full of gunmen, soldiers, police informers and the dreaded Black and Tans, Johnny has to watch his every move.

But it's hard to turn his back on the past, especially on his friendships with Alice Goodman, and with Stella Radcliffe, the daughter of a British officer, who risked her own life to save his.

As the War of Independence grows more lethal, the three friends must decide where their loyalties lie. Then a secret from Johnny's past changes everything...

Taking sides by Brian Gallagher

40 copies, 256 pages

A story of friendship, danger and divided loyalties, set against the backdrop of the Civil War.

Grace by Morris Gleitzman

31 copies, 179 pages

„In the beginning there was me and Mum and Dad and the twins. And talk about happy families, we were bountiful. But it came to pass that I started doing sins. And lo, that's when all our problems began...”

Grace tells the story of a child's troubles from within an unidentified extremist Christian sect, it is both funny and thought-provoking.

Once by Morris Gleitzman

30 copies, 149 pages

For three years and eight months Felix has lived in a convent orphanage high in the mountains in Poland. But Felix is different from the other orphans. He is convinced his parents are still alive and will come back to get him. Escaping

from the orphanage, Felix embarks on a long and dangerous journey through Nazi occupied Poland.

Then by Morris Gleitzman

35 copies, 182 pages

"I had a plan for me and Zelda. Pretend to be someone else. Find new parents. Be safe forever. Then the Nazis came."

This the moving story of two orphans fighting to survive in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Broken Glass by Sally Grindley

26 copies, 274 pages

This is a powerful story of drama and survival on the streets of an Indian city. When Suresh and Sandeep run away from home to escape their abusive and bullying father, they do so with the hope that they are going to find something better. However, soon Sandeep and Suresh find themselves working to collect rubbish (broken glass) in the big city - and their new home is a traffic island in the middle of a busy road. Is this their future forever, or can the brothers change their fates to something much more hopeful?

I am David by Anne Holm

130 copies, 184 pages

This is a story about a young boy's epic journey across Europe, and his budding emotions and sense of the wonder of life. David is a 12 year old boy who has lived all his life in a concentration camp somewhere in eastern Europe. He does not know anything about his parents or where he comes from, or why he is in the camp. All he knows is that he is David. One day, without any explanation, a guard arranges for him to escape. He is utterly alone – who can he trust? What will await him back home. And all the while he knows that they may catch up with him.....

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

35 copies, 292 pages

It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in *Journey to the River Sea*, Eva Ibbotson's highly colourful, joyous adventure.

One Dog and his Boy by Eva Ibbotson

30 copies, 271 pages

Hal's parents refuse to let him have a dog – until they discover the Easy Pets Dog Agency. They don't tell Hal that the clever puppy he chooses is not his for life, but only for the weekend. Hal and Fleck must find a way to be

together. This is a lovely, funny story from the author of the award winning novel *A Journey to the River Sea*.

Boffin Brainchild by Jill Jennings

27 copies, 183 pages

Boffin Brainchild, the world's most advanced free-thinking robot, is bored. He's been programmed to learn like a child, so standing on a plinth in the science museum is no fun. Along comes Tom. Boffin escapes with him (despite Tom's best efforts) on the school coach. What can Tom do? Terrified of being accused of stealing the robot, he disguises Boffin as a real boy. But how long can Tom fool his parents - and his school? Having the world's most valuable robot to stay is the most exciting thing, but definitely the scariest, that Tom's ever known. This collision of robotics and normality sets up a story of constant humour and tense drama, with some thought-provoking questions of science and humanity. Above all, what responsibility should Tom feel for this machine that's wished itself on him and now wants the life of a real boy? "Boffin Brainchild" is a gripping, stimulating tale from first to last.

The Thing with Finn by Tom Kelly

32 copies, 232 pages

Ten-year-old Danny knows he's going somewhere, but he just doesn't know where. But however far or fast he goes, Danny can't outrun the memories that have chased him ever since his identical twin brother died. Where can Danny hide when every day his own face reminds him of Finn? And where can Danny go when everywhere the shadows of his past stretch to forever? This is the poignant story of a bereaved boy who embarks on an emotional journey - and ultimately finds his way home.

Tin by Pdraig Kenny

30 copies, 332 pages

Christopher is 'Proper': a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, loyal and totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed for ever ... What follows is a remarkable adventure, as Christopher discovers who he really is, and what it means to be human.

Stig of The Dump by Clive King - 35 copies, 272 pages

Everybody had told Barney not to play too near the edge of the dump. Today was one of those grey days when there was nothing to do and nowhere to go. And so Barney wanders off, lands in a cave in the middle of the rubbish dump and that's where he meets Stig.

Dialann Dúradáin: Rodrick Abú le Jeff Kinney

29 copies, 217 pages

An dara leabhar sa tsraith i nGaeilge den tsraith leabhar Diary of a Wimpy Kid le Jeff Kinney. Tá Dialann Dúradáin: Rodrick Abú aistrithe go Gaeilge ag Máirín Ní Mhárta agus foilsithe ag Futa Fata. Tá na leabhair seo feiliúnach do léitheoirí óga idir 8 agus 12 bliain d'aois mar leabhair le léamh sa mbaile nó sa seomra ranga.

An cuimhin leat an faitíos a bhí orm anuraidh go bhfeicfeadh amadán éigin mé le "dialann"? Bhuel, sin é díreach an rud a tharla inniu.

Skulduggery Pleasant: Book 1 by Derek Landy

23 copies, 398 pages

Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course).

Oh yeah. And dead.

Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a twelve-year-old girl.

With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...

So you won't keep anything from me again?"

He put his hand to his chest. "Cross my heart and hope to die."

"Okay then. Though you don't actually have a heart," she said.

"I know."

"And technically, you've already died."

"I know that too."

"Just so we're clear."

The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood

30 copies, 282 pages

Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. One day it will be up to him to lead his warren. But for now, he's quite happy annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is attacked. The young rabbits are forced to flee the terrifying Gorm. Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny and defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbit-kind has ever known.

Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard

32 copies, 311 pages

A darkly funny Dahl-esque adventure..a quirky, funny story. Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle – and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively - 35 copies, 256 pages

James is fed up. His family has moved to a new cottage with grounds that are great for excavations, trees that are perfect for climbing and stuff is happening. Stuff that is normally the kind of thing he does. But it's not him who's writing strange things on shopping lists and fences. It's not him who smashes the bottles and pours tea in the Vicar's lap. Thomas Kempe the 17th century apothecary has returned and he wants James to be his apprentice. It's up to James to get rid of him or he'll have no pocket money or pudding ever again.

The Young Rebels by Morgan Llywelyn

26 copies, 224 pages

St Enda's is no ordinary school, and Padraic Pearse is no ordinary headmaster. His pupils are inspired by his vision of freedom and an Irish Republic, and John Joe and his friend Roger see the Easter Rising as their chance to fight for Ireland's freedom. But the two boys are horrified to learn that they are too young to take part. They disobey orders to stay away from the city centre and quickly become caught up in the dramatic events of the Rebellion. Called to be brave and resourceful beyond their years, they witness events that change their lives forever.

Michael Collins (Most Wanted Man)

29 copies, 152 pages

Michael Collins was once the most wanted man in the British Empire. Born in west Cork, he was a farmer's son who changed the course of Irish history. This action-packed biography for young readers follows Michael as he fights in the 1916 Easter Rising, plans the guerrilla war that brought the British government to its knees, and helps to negotiate the treaty that led to the Irish Civil War. In the new Irish state, he became a minister in the first government and Commander-in-Chief of the army. In the end, he was betrayed by his former comrades in a fatal ambush. Discover the gripping story of one of Ireland's most important rebels.

Titanic Tragedy by Vincent McDonnell

29 copies, 150 pages

The Titanic sunk on a cold April night in 1912 and its sinking is the most famous sea tragedy. Why was the ship built? What were the dreams of those who built her? This book traces the voyage from Europe, the collision with the iceberg, and the sinking - focusing on the heroism, bravery or cowardice of both passengers and crew.

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

27 copies, 304 pages

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of WW2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his newfound happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London...

The Ghost of Grania O'Malley by Michael Morpurgo

34 copies, 213 pages

There is gold in the Big Hill on Clare Island. It would make many of the islanders rich. But to claim it would mean destroying the hill forever. Jessie Parsons and her American cousin, Jack, can't bear this to happen. The Big Hill is the heart of the island, special, beautiful, the perfect place. Can they save it before it's too late? Not on their own, maybe. But they have a secret ally...the ghost of Grania O'Malley.

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

30 copies, 185 pages

Heroism or cowardice? A stunning story of the First World War. Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during WW1, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of stunningly researched detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.

Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

40 copies, 347 pages

For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them - things like the death of Will's father. And to begin with, it seems to be just what they both needed. But then Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins acting strangely, shying away from the sea. And that's when the tsunami comes crashing in, and Oona begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Oona just keeps on running. With nothing on his back but a shirt and nothing to sustain him but a bottle of water, Will must learn to survive deep in the jungle. Luckily, though, he's not completely alone. He's got Oona.

Twist of Gold by Michael Morpurgo

64 copies, 300 pages

Sean and Annie have one chance to escape the potato famine in Ireland, but they must leave their dying mother behind. They travel in search of their father, across rough seas, to a new land of hardship: America. It's a long and dangerous trip, but their family's survival depends on it. And the journey there is only the beginning.

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

29 copies, 182 pages

A stunning wartime classic. In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches.

Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.

Trash by Andy Mulligan - 24 copies, 224 pages

Raphel lives on a dumpsite, eking out a living sifting through rubbish. One lucky day, he makes an extraordinary and deadly discovery. Now he and his two friends, Gardo and Rat, are wanted by the corrupt forces that run the city and will stop at nothing to get back what they've lost. From the slums to the mansion of the elite, it's going to take all of their quick-thinking and fast-talking to stay ahead. And to stay alive.

The Easter Rising 1916: Molly's Diary by Patricia Murphy

30 copies, 288 pages

Easter 1916, The Great War rages in Europe with two hundred thousand Irishmen fighting in the British Army. But a small group of Irish nationalists refuse to fight for Britain and strike a blow for Irish freedom. Caught up in the action in Dublin, is twelve year old Molly O'Donovan. Her own family is plunged into danger on both sides of the conflict. Her father, a technical officer with the Post Office, dodges the crossfire as he tries to restore the telegraph lines, while her wayward brother runs messages for the rebels. Molly, a trained first-aider, risks her own safety to help the wounded on both sides. As violence and looting erupts on the streets of Dublin, Molly records it all. The Proclamation at the GPO, the arrival of the British troops, the Battle of Mount Street.

But will Molly's own family survive and will she be able to save her brother? This is her diary....

Wonder by RJ Palacio

95 copies, 313 pages

'My name is August. I won't describe to you what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.' Ten-year-old August Pullman wants to be ordinary. He does ordinary things. He eats ice-cream. He plays on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But Auggie is far from ordinary. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, he has been home-schooled by his parents his entire life, in an attempt to protect him from the cruelty of the outside world. Now, Auggie's parents are sending him to a real school. Can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all? Narrated by Auggie and the people around him whose lives he touches, Wonder is a frank, funny, astonishingly moving debut.

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce - 35 copies, 240 pages

When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the Summer, he resigns himself to weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he listens to the grandfather clock chiming in the hall downstairs. Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and finds, outside the back door, a wonderful garden. Tom's midnight garden is full of magic and adventure, and children too. Are they ghosts? Or is it Tom who is really the ghost?

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

33 copies, 276 pages

Pax and Peter have been inseparable every since Peter rescued him as a cub. But when Peter is forced to return his fox to the wild his world is torn apart. Despite the encroaching war and the 300 miles between them, Peter sets out to find his fox. Meanwhile Pax waits hopefully for his boy. With illustrations by multi-award winning Jon Klassen.

A Bit of a Hero by Gervase Phinn

33 copies, 134 pages

Tom is finding it hard to come to terms with the death of his father and life just gets worse as Mum meets a new man and a bully joins his class at school. Unkind people say that his fire-fighter father ought not to have risked his life in a blaze when he had a family to support, but Tom knows that his father was a true hero. Will he find the same courage within himself to stand up to the bully, and also accept his mother's new friend?

Behind the Walls by Nicola Pierce

31 copies, 358 pages

Derry 1689; the city's largely Protestant inhabitants resist all attempts by the Catholic King James's men to storm their gates. Outside, the Jacobite soldiers resolve to starve the populace into submission ...Inside the city, the Sherrard family are among those divided on whether to risk the lives of their loved ones or surrender the city. Tensions run high and the leaders argue. Mr Sherrard, the father of Robert and Daniel, starts to waver, angering his oldest son, Robert, who was among the 13 boys who closed the city gates in the face of the advancing Catholic army. Meanwhile Daniel, the youngest Sherrard boy, also steps up to protect Derry. As the siege lengthens and the two sides clash in battle, the heavy price of defying the Catholic king becomes clear. People are starving, injured and diseased. Bombardment rains down on the city. Horace, Daniel's beloved dog, is among those sacrificed for food. But the Derry people remain defiant. There will be 'no surrender'.

Spirit of the Titanic by Nicola Pierce

44 copies, 233 pages

Fifteen-year-old Sam plunges to his death whilst building his beloved Titanic. Now as the greatest ship the world has ever seen crosses the Atlantic Sam

finds himself on board - as a ghost. His spirit roams the ship, from the glamour of first class to the party atmosphere of third class. Sam shares the excitement of Jim, Isobel and their children, on their way to a new life in America. Disaster strikes when Titanic hits an iceberg. As Titanic sinks to her icy grave, Jim and his family are trapped behind locked gates...Can Sam's spirit reach out and save them as time runs out...?

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling - 35 copies, 352 pages

The first story in the Harry Potter series. Harry is an orphan brought up by his aunt and uncle because his parents were killed when he was a baby. He is unloved by but everything changes when he is invited to join Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and he finds out he's a wizard.

Knights of the Borrowed Dark by Dave Rudden

27 copies, 337 pages

A story about an orphan who turns out to have extraordinary magical powers. His name is Denizen Hardwick, and he has grown up in an orphanage reading fantasy books. One day, he is summoned to meet a mysterious aunt he never knew he had, and is drawn into a fantastical underworld in which his aunt leads a secret organisation dedicated to fighting magical creatures of darkness. Teaching resources available at daverudden.com

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

31 copies, 402 pages

From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them...

Holes by Louis Sachar

45 copies, 233 pages

Stanley Yelnat's family has a history of bad luck going back generations, so he is not too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre. Nor is he very surprised when he is told that his daily labour at the camp is to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, and report anything that he finds in that hole. The warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth.

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

34 copies, 195 pages

Meet Bradley Chalkers. He's the oldest child in the class. He tells ENORMOUS lies. He picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has 'serious behaviour problems'. And no one likes him ... Except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself. A heartwarming story of isolation, bravery and acceptance from the bestselling author of *Holes*, Louis Sachar.

The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailier - 41 copies, 208 pages The night the Nazis come to take their mother away, three children escape in a terrifying scramble across the rooftops. Alone in the chaos of Warsaw, they have to learn to survive on their own. They meet Jan, a ragged boy with a paperknife, the silver sword that they recognize as belonging to their long-lost father. The sword becomes their symbol of hope as, with Jan, they begin the hazardous journey across war-torn Europe to find their parents.

Shackleton: The Boss by Michael Smith

30 copies, 128 pages

At sixteen, Irishman Ernest Shackleton left school, joined the navy and became a legendary explorer. His extraordinary adventures in the Antarctic have thrilled generations. This inspiring story of Shackleton, whose men called him 'The Boss', involves four expeditions to the snow and ice of Antarctica over 20 years between 1901 and 1922. His adventures included a breathtaking march to within a few miles of the South Pole and the amazing saga of survival on the famous Endurance expedition.

Tom Crean: Fear san Oighear by Michael Smith

28 copies, 116 pages

Ba dhuine as an ghnath e Tom Crean. Cuireann sceal spreaguil a chuid imeachtaí san Antartach an leitheoir ar bior, go hairithe an bealach inar thainig slán san angar eachtach. Shabhalfadh a chomradaithe ona mba i bhfarraigi fuara is dheanfadh roinnt eile a tharthail sa sneachta oighreata. Ae seo le linn do a chuid ceannairí a leanuint, an da thaistealái iomraiteacha chun an Mhoil, an Captaen Scott agus Ernest Shackelton. Arna chumadh ag an te a scriobh beathaisneis Crean, an saothar mor-rachairt An Unsung Hero. Fagfar an lucht leite og faoi dhraiocht ag an chrogacht, ag an neart agus ag an diongbhailteacht ata le brath san insint seo.

Tom Crean: Iceman by Michael Smith

56 copies, 128 pages

Tom Crean was no ordinary man, and his chilling adventures in the Antarctic raise goosebumps in this stirring story of survival in extraordinary conditions. He saved comrades from drowning in frozen waters, and rescued others from freezing snow, whilst following his leaders - Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton, the famous Polar explorers. Written by Crean's biographer who wrote the best-selling "An Unsung Hero", this is a boy's own story of courage, strength and determination sure to thrill any young reader.

17 Martin St by Marilyn Taylor

29 copies, 192 pages

When Hetty's family move to Martin Street near Portobello Bridge in Dublin, they're not sure of their welcome. And next door, Ben's family are not sure about their new Jewish neighbours: it's The Emergency and they are suspicious of strangers. But for Ben, the chance to earn a few pence is too great and secretly he does odd jobs for them. And there's a bigger secret: Renata, a World War Two refugee, is on the run in the city. Hetty is determined to rescue her. The web of secrets begins to unravel and there are lives at risk. Can Hetty and Ben overcome their differences and save Renata, or are they just meddling in things they know too little about?

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D.Taylor

35 copies, 339 pages

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry is the classic story of a girl growing up in the deep South. Set in Mississippi at the height of the American Depression, this is the story of a family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride and independence against the forces of a cruelly racist society. 'We have no choice of what colour we're born or who our parents are or whether we're rich or poor. What we do have is some choice over what we make of our lives once we're here.' The Mississippi of the 1930s was a hard place for a black child to grow up in, but still Cassie didn't understand why farming his own land meant so much to her father. During that year, though, when the night riders were carrying hatred and destruction among her people, she learned about the great differences that divided them, and when it was worth fighting for a principle even if it brought terrible hardships.

Hitler's Canary by Sandi Toksvig

26 copies, 299 pages

It's April 1940 and German troops are pouring onto the streets of Denmark. 12-year-old Bamse is ordered by his father to keep his head down and stay out of trouble. But Bamse and his daring friend Anton can't resist playing the occasional practical joke on the invading soldiers. When it becomes clear that the trouble isn't just going to pass them by, the people of Denmark decide to take action and Bamse and his eccentric family are about to take

part in one of history's most dramatic rescues - smuggling Denmark's Jewish population, across the water to Sweden, and safety.

An Billiúnai Beag le David Walliams

29 copies, 276 pages

Ar smaoinigh tu riamh ar mhilliún euro a bheith agat? No billiún euro? Ceard faoi thrilliún euro? No fiú na múrtha milliún? Sa leabhar seo, buailfidh tú le buachaill a raibh an meid sin ar fad aige....

Billionaire Boy by David Walliams

30 copies, 276 pages

A hilarious, touching and extraordinary new fable from David Walliams, number one bestseller and one of the fastest growing children's author across the globe.

Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact.

You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land.

Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: A friend.

Gangsta Granny by David Walliams - 35 copies, 304 pages

Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. She's the most boring grandma ever. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are things Ben doesn't know about his grandma. She was once an international jewel thief and all her life she has been plotting to steal the Crown Jewels. Now all she needs is Ben's help.

Mr Stink by David Walliams

34 copies, 267 pages

"Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well." It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye or the nose.

Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

30 copies, 391 pages

Al Chaudhury has a chance to save his dad's life – but to do it he must travel to 1984. When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, burglary, and setting his school on fire...all without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...

The Guns of Easter by Gerard Whelan

34 copies, 167 pages

It is 1916 and Europe is at war. From the poverty of the Dublin slums twelve-year-old Jimmy Conway sees it all as glorious, and loves the British Army for which his father is fighting. But when war comes to his own streets Jimmy's loyalties are divided. The rebels occupy the General Post Office and other parts of the city, and Jimmy's uncle is among them. Dublin's streets are destroyed, business comes to a halt. In an attempt to find food for his family, Jimmy crosses the city, avoiding the shooting, weaving through the army patrols, hoping to make it home before curfew. But his quest is not easy and danger threatens at every corner.

War Children by Gerard Whelan - 34 copies, 191 pages

Six stories set in Dublin and in the countryside - about children who get caught up in the War of Independence and suffer dire consequences. Mattie Foley dreams of escaping the harshness of life in the Dublin slums, but her dreams and reality become dangerously entwined with the discovery of a gun. When Statia Mulligan sets off to get feed for the hens, she longs for the peace and quiet of her favourite spot by the stream; she doesn't expect to become part of an ambush. Larry Quinn goes after the cow that has strayed - how could he know that in his absence the Black and Tans would force his mother to reveal all she knows?

A Winter of Spies by Gerard Whelan

34 copies, 191 pages

This is a sequel to "The Guns of Easter" which won the Eilis Dillon Memorial Award and a Bisto Merit Award. This book tells the exciting story of Sarah (Jimmy's young sister) and their family who are involved in the spying activities of Michael Collins during the War of Independence. Sa-rah, a young eleven-year-old, cannot figure out why her family is so neutral towards the war and why everybody is so secretive. A strong rebel herself, she wants to do her bit for Ireland. Then she finds out the terrible truth - and she too carries secrets, which could cost her life.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

30 copies, 292 pages

Annabelle has lived in Wolf Hollow all her life: a quiet place, still scarred by two world wars. But when cruel, manipulative Betty arrives into town, Annabelle's calm world is shattered, along with everything she has ever known about right and wrong. When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on gentle loner Toby. As Wolf Hollow turns against him and tensions quickly mount, Annabelle must do everything in her power to protect Toby - and to find Betty, before it is too late.

Appendix 1

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