# Reading Book Ideas - Year Three

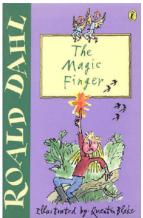
#### <u>Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of</u> <u>Extraordinary Women by Elena Favilli</u>



What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut? What if the jealous step sisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom?

Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.

## The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl

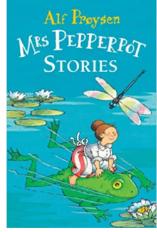


What happens when the hunter becomes the hunted?

To the Gregg family, hunting is just plain fun. To the girl who lives next door, it's just plain horrible. She tries to be polite. She tries to talk them out of it, but the Greggs only laugh at her. Then one day the Greggs go too far, and the little girl turns her Magic Finger on them. When she's very, very angry, the little girl's Magic Finger takes over. She really can't control it, and now it's turned the Greggs into birds! Before they know it, the Greggs are living in a nest, and that's just the beginning of their problems...

One of many wonderful books written by Roald Dahl.

## Mrs Pepperpot Stories by Björn Berg



A compilation of 20 classic Mrs Pepperpot tales.

Mrs Pepperpot can't choose when she will shrink to the size of a pepperpot - it just happens. But whatever she encounters, whether it be a mountain of pancakes, a crafty fox or a monstrous mousetrap, little Mrs Pepperpot will always come out on top.

The Mrs Pepperpot tales are delightful short stories for children, perfect for fans of Dick King Smith and Enid Blyton.

## The Magic Carpet's Guide to Earth's Forbidden Places by Patrick Makin



Where would you go if you had a magic carpet?

Take the journey of a lifetime and explore 19 reallife, off-limits locations... Whether you'd prefer to visit a volcano, do some supernatural sightseeing in Area 51, take a tour of the remotest island on Earth, or plunder the Secret Archives of the Vatican, the magic carpet will cover the four corners of the globe – and reveal hundreds of hidden secrets in between!

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### <u>The Wolf's Secret</u> by Nicholas Digard and Myriam Dahman

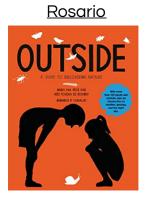


Wolf is a hunter, feared by every creature. But he has a secret: in the middle of the forest lives a girl whose beautiful voice has entranced him ...

The Wolf longs for friendship. But is he prepared to sacrifice his own true nature in order for his wish to come true?

A beautiful and lyrical contemporary fairy tale about difference, trust and the power of friendship to overcome any obstacle.

### Outside: A Guide to Discovering Nature by Maria Ana Peixe Dias and Ines Teixeira do



Who does this footprint belong to? What is this worm up to? What is the name of this tree? Even if we live in the city, nature is still all around us: clouds and stars, trees and flowers, rocks and beaches, birds, reptiles or mammals. What are we waiting for? Let's jump off the couch and begin exploring!

This book aims to arouse your curiosity about fauna, flora and other aspects of the natural world. It includes suggestions for activities and many illustrations to help the whole family get started, leave the house, and go out to discover – or simply admire – the amazing world that exists outdoors.

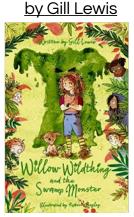
## Space Kids: An Introduction For Young Explorers by Steve Parker



We begin with the enormity of the big bang. And travel from the big and inconceivable - slowly but surely getting smaller and smaller - until we reach the most spectacular thing in the universe: the tiny human who is holding Space Kids

Space Kids: An Introduction for Young Explorers is designed to inspire awe at the great big universe around us. Covering topics such as stars, planets, moons, alongside the basics of gravity and even how astronauts are able to eat and sleep in space; each page takes us through the complexities of the universe with a fresh and original style. This is a space book that not only teaches young explorers about what is out there but also serves as reminder about just how special we are here on planet Earth.

## Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster



When Willow crosses the boundary to the patch of woodland behind her house, something amazing happens: she enters The Wilderness, where magic and nature collide. It holds more than you could possibly imagine: secrets, shadows, a witch. Even a monster. Here she meets the Wild Things, a group of children who have taken on the characteristics of the wild creatures they are named after. For when you are in The Wilderness, the only limit to the world is your imagination.

With beautiful, lyrical storytelling from Gill Lewis, and stunning two-colour illustrations throughout from Rebecca Bagley, this is a joyful celebration of the power of nature and the imagination, encouraging children to explore, be curious, resilient, and adventurous.

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#### The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd



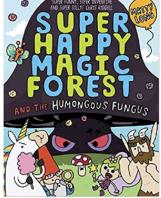
When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragonfruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker ...

Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very ... unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbruth and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial. Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragonfruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons ...

The first book in a sparky new series.

# Super Happy Magic Forest: The Humongous

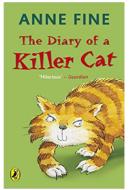




The Super Happy Magic Forest is the friendliest, most frolic-filled place in all the world, but very occasionally some evil-doer likes to come along and disturb the peace. That's when our five brave heroes to step up to save the day-there's Blossom the unicorn, Tinkle the pixie, Herbert the gnome, Hoofius the faun, and a plucky little mushroom called Trevor. Prepare for epic adventures, the odd picnic-break, and plenty of fun-filled frolics!

The most recent book in the 'Super Happy Magic Forest' series.

## The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine



Okay, Okay. So hang me. I killed the bird. For pity's sake, I'm a cat.

Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. 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, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?

The hilarious antics of Tuffy and his family as told by the killer cat himself.

The first book in the 'Killer Cat' series.

### Harriet Versus the Galaxy by Samantha Baines



The intergalactic adventure starts at home with Harriet, who discovers that her hearing-aid can do more than she ever bargained for when she finds an alien in her room. Discovering that her family secretly work for an intergalactic agency, Harriet becomes the Earth's first line of defence as the only one who can understand the invaders. Sure, her hearing aid helps her understand aliens from across the universe, if only she could understand her own feelings.

# Reading Book Ideas - Year Four

#### <u>Glitch by Sarah Grayley</u>



Izzy has an incredible secret -- she can enter the world of her new video game!

She meets Rae, a robot who says Izzy is destined to save Dungeon City from the Big Boss.

How is this possible?! And how can she fight for this virtual world when she's got a whole real life to keep up with: her family (though she could do without her mom's annoying cat), and her best friend, Eric.

Things get even weirder when Izzy loses a life while inside the game, and she starts to worry about what might happen if she gets a Game Over for good. Meanwhile, Eric has been super upset with Izzy since she's been keeping secrets and bailing on their plans. Can Izzy survive Dungeon City and save their friendship?..

### <u>Gut Garden: A Journey into the Wonderful</u> <u>World of Your Microbiome by Katie Brosnan</u>



Within our bodies hides an entire world of organisms called microbes. They digest our food and protect our immune systems, and without them, we would die. Through Katie Brosnan s personable illustrations, we follow the digestive process from the moment the food enters our mouths to the moment the waste leaves our bodies. Along the way we are introduced to a variety of microbes good and bad and gain an insight into the vast ecosystem that exists inside us.

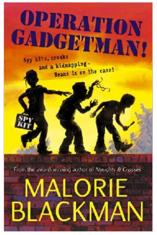
## The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff. Where had he come from? Nobody knows. How was he made? Nobody knows.

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

### Operation Gadgetman! by Malorie Blackman



Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped!With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnappers and rescue her dad. But can she find Gadgetman before he is forced to hand over the details of his invention...?

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#### How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

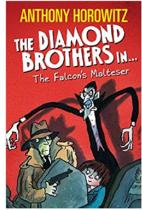


Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero.

In the first How to Train Your Dragon book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER!

But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has NO TEETH? The Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk... Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?

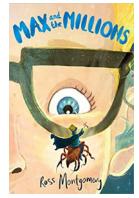
## <u>The Diamond Brothers in The Falcon's</u> <u>Malteser by Anthony Horowitz</u>



When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst privatedetective, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?

The first book in the 'Diamond Brothers Mystery' series.

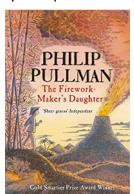
#### Max and the Millions by Ross Montgomery



Max is used to spending time alone - it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life . . . like making awesome, detailed replica models.

Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.' There on the floor he finds a pile of sand . . . and in the sand is Mr Darrow's latest creation . . . a tiny boy, no bigger than a raisin, Luke, Prince of the Blues. And behind the tiny boy . . . millions of others - a thriving, bustling, sprawling civilization!

> <u>The Firework Maker's Daughter</u> by Philip Pullman



What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker!

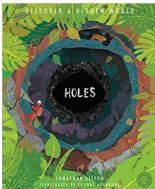
But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend!

Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time?

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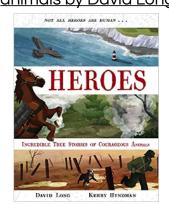
### Holes: Discover a Hidden World

## <u>by Jonathan Litton</u>



Discover a hidden world. Delve into this fascinating book of holes to discover a world of burrows and boreholes, subways and sinkholes. From the mythical and mysterious to household and human holes, find out what makes a hole a hole and how they shape our world.

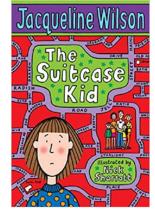
#### Heroes: Incredible true stories of courageous animals by David Long



For as long as there have been wars, animals have been out there saving lives. Courageous dogs, cats, birds, horses, and even a bear have shown courage and devotion, and this book tells you their extraordinary stories.

Includes the story of Jet the Alsatian who became a hero of the Blitz, pulling survivors from burning rubble, night after night. Gallipoli Murphy, the donkey who served as an ambulance. Simon, the cat who saved his crew. And many, many more. These animals help us to remember that not all heroes are human.

## The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson



When my parents split up they didn't know what to do with me . . .

My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my Sylvanian rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's.

It's as easy as A B C. That's what everyone says. But all I want is to go home - back to Mulberry Cottage...

### I, Cosmo by Carlie Sorosiak



The story of one dog's attempt to save his family, become a star, and eat a lot of bacon.

Cosmo's family is falling apart. And it's up to Cosmo to keep them together. He knows exactly what to do. There's only one problem. Cosmo is a Golden Retriever.

Wise, funny, and filled with warmth and heart, this is <u>Charlotte's Web</u> meets Little Miss Sunshine - a moving, beautiful story, with a wonderfully unique hero, from an incredible new voice in middle grade fiction.