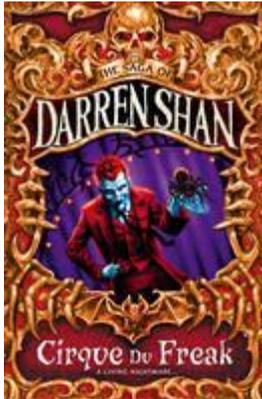


# LoveReading

## KS2 (7 - 11 yrs) - Reluctant Readers

The list below was created from a survey run on LoveReading4schools where we asked Teachers and Parents to recommend books that they have found helpful in encouraging reluctant readers.

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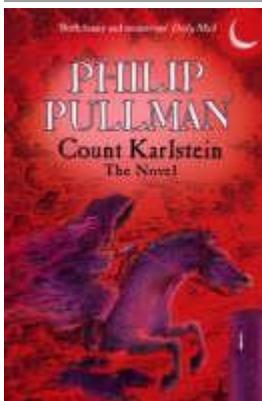


### **Cirque du Freak Darren Shan**

The chilling Saga of Darren Shan, the ordinary schoolboy plunged into the vampire world. Darren goes to a banned freak show with his best mate Steve. It's the wonderfully gothic Cirque Du Freak where weird, frightening half human/half animals appear who interact terrifyingly with the audience. Darren - a spider freak - 'falls in love' with Madam Octa - an enormous tarantula owned by Mr Crepsley. Darren determines to steal the spider so that he can train it to perform amazing deeds. But his daring theft goes horribly wrong and Darren finds himself having to make a bargain with a creature of the night. Something out of the ordinary is set against the background of children's normal lives to chilling effect. Atmospheric, funny, realistic, moving and...terrifying.

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### **Count Karlstein The Novel Philip Pullman**

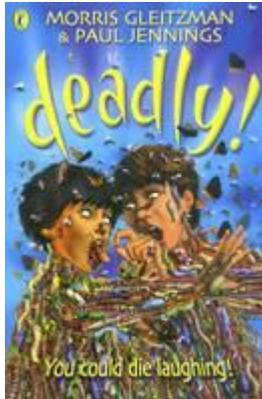
Count Karlstein , or The Ride of the Demon Huntsman , was Philip Pullman's first novel for children, published by Chatto and Windus in 1982. It is a wonderful gothic melodrama which he first wrote as a play for school-children when he was an English teacher. No one in the village of Karlstein dares to leave their home on All Souls Eve - the night Zamiel, the Demon Huntsman comes to claim his prey. But the evil Count Karlstein has struck a terrible bargain with Zamiel, and so the lives of his young nieces, Lucy and Charlotte, are in danger. Their only hope lies with Hildi, a castle maidservant, and her

fearless brother, Peter. Can they save the girls from their dreadful fate? Only one thing is certain - the Demon Huntsman will not return to his dark wood unsatisfied!

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**Deadly!**

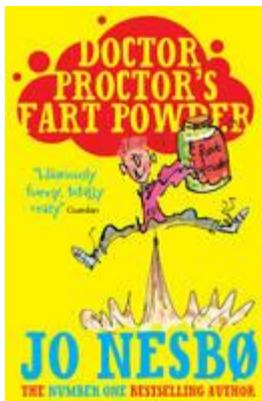
**Morris Gleitzman, Paul Jennings**

When Amy arrives home for her birthday tea, her parents have vanished and in their place is a baby she's never seen before. At around the same time Sprocket wakes up naked on a deserted mountainside and realises that he has lost his memory. Both kids set out on journeys to find the people they belong to, little knowing that they will soon join forces and embark, with the baby, on the deadliest quest of their lives. Morris Gleitzman writes Amy's story and Paul Jennings Sprocket's, with each of them contributing alternate chapters.

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**Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder**

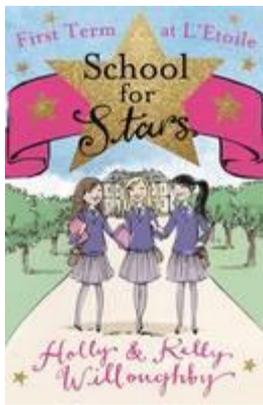
**Jo Nesbo**

Doctor Proctor has finally created something to help him fulfil his dream of becoming a famous inventor - a super-strength fart powder that can propel people into outer space! And with the help of his new neighbour Nilly, and Nilly's friend Lisa, Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder is ready to go worldwide! But ruthless twins Truls and Trym are determined to get hold of the powder for themselves. Their plot to spoil the Doctor's plans sparks a fart-filled adventure involving a firework extravaganza, a trip to prison and an escaped anaconda. Jo Nesbo creates wonderfully weird characters and lets his imagination run wild in this first book of the Doctor Proctor series. A must read for fans of David Walliams and Roald Dahl.

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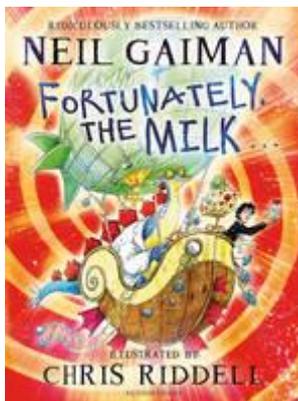
**First Term at L'Etoile**

**Kelly Willoughby, Holly Willoughby, The Bright Agency**

We are the Willoughby sisters and we have a story to share with you about one of the most important things in the world - friendship. On the first day of term at L'Etoile, School for Stars, twins Maria and Molly Fitzfoster meet Pippa Burrows who's won a song-writing scholarship to the school. The talented trio share the same dreams of super-stardom and become best friends. But will their friendship stand up against Lucifette Marciano's plans to wreck their chances and claim fame for herself? A brand new series from two sisters who are well acquainted with stardom. Holly is a celebrity who is also a role model.

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**Fortunately, the Milk ...**

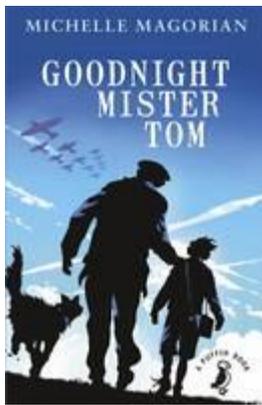
**Neil Gaiman**

You know what it's like when your mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really, really long list of what he's got to do. And the most important thing is DON'T FORGET TO GET THE 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, 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, some wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk. The award-laden, bestselling Neil Gaiman, author of *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, *Stardust*, *Neverwhere*, *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline*, brings his biggest ever publishing year to a spectacular conclusion with this gloriously entertaining novel about time-travel, dinosaurs, milk and dads.

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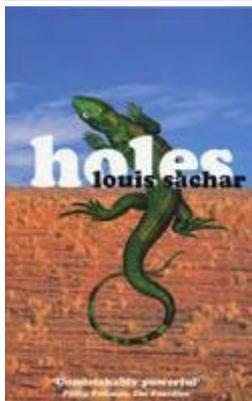
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**Goodnight Mister Tom**  
**Michelle Magorian**

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London ...Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award.

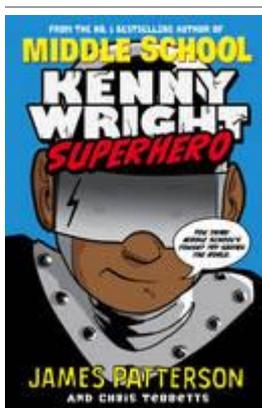
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**Holes**  
**Louis Sachar**

Stanley Yelnats' 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. In this wonderfully inventive, compelling novel that is both serious and funny, Louis Sachar has created a masterpiece that will leave all readers amazed and delighted by the author's narrative flair and brilliantly handled plot.

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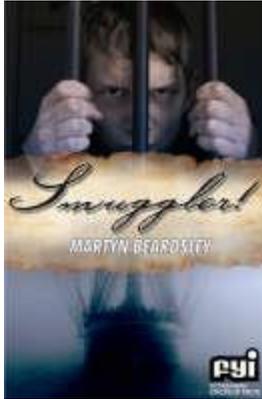


**Kenny Wright Superhero**  
**James Patterson**

Kenny Wright is a sixth grade 'Grandma's Boy' in a tough inner city school, struggling with bullies, schoolwork and keeping his detentions secret from his 'G-ma'. Though in his active imagination he's a world-famous superhero, Stainlezz Steel, who fights crime, saves lives and rescues helpless animals. But now Kenny's neighbourhood need him - can he step up in his real life and help his 'G-ma' save the best School Principal he's ever had?

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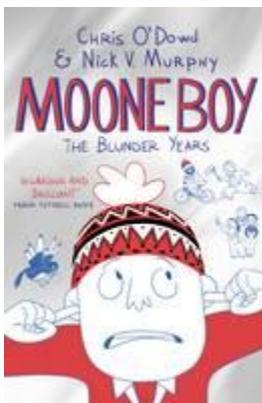
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**Smuggler!**  
**Martyn Beardsley**

Jack finds a secret compartment, and an ancient letter. It takes him back into the dark and dangerous days of 18th-century smugglers - when a boy his age could be hanged for his crimes...Barrington Stoke specialise in books for reluctant, struggling and dyslexic readers.

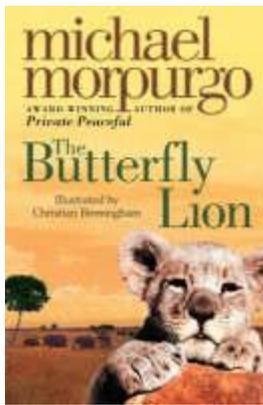
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**The Blunder Years**  
**Chris O'Dowd, Nick Vincent Murphy**

Successful film and TV star, Chris O' Dowd, collaborates with friend and screenwriter Nick Vincent Murphy in Moone Boy: The Blunder Years, the first in this hilarious, illustrated series. Martin Moone is eleven and completely fed up with being the only boy in a family of girls. He's desperate for a decent wingman to help him navigate his idiotic life. So when best mate Padraic suggests Martin get an imaginary friend - or 'IF' for short - he decides to give it a go. His first attempt is Loopy Lou, a hyperactive goofball who loves writing rubbish rap songs. But Martin soon gets fed up with Lou's loopiness and decides to trade in his IF for someone a little less wacky. Enter Sean 'Caution' Murphy, an imaginary office clerk in a bad suit with a passion for laziness and a head full of dodgy jokes. Sean is full of tips and tricks to guide Martin through the perils of the playground, from dealing with his sisters' pranks to beating the bullying Bonner boys. But getting rid of Lou is not that easy, and having TWO imaginary friends is a recipe for trouble!

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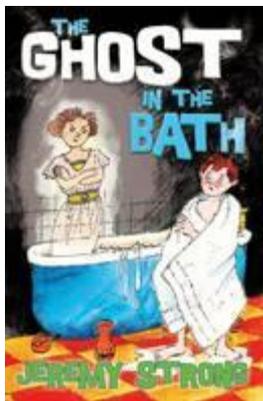
**The Butterfly Lion**  
**Michael, M.B.E. Morpurgo**

ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTIAN BIRMINGHAM. A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion. All my life I'll think you you, I promise I will. I won't ever forget you. 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.

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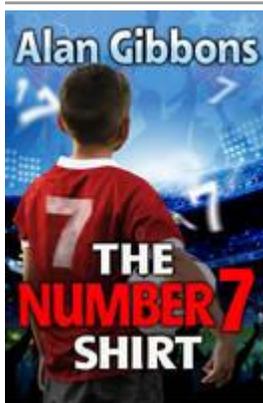
**The Ghost in the Bath**  
**Jeremy Strong**

Brand new comedy from Jeremy Strong. Luke is rather surprised to find a ghost in his bath - and she needs his help! Luke's family has a new member - The Ghost in the Bath! Can Luke help Ellie to find her fiance Charlie AND finish his history project for Mrs Trouble - sorry, Mrs Rubble - before he's really in hot water?

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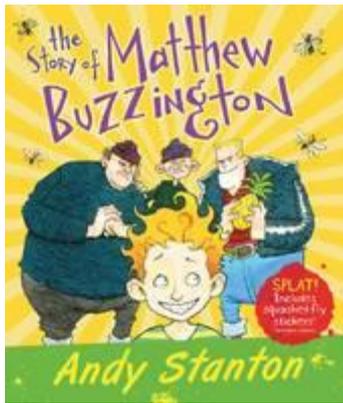


**The Number 7 Shirt**  
**Alan Gibbons**

The story of a boy's journey to becoming a professional footballer. Will the advice of 5 of Manchester United's greats help him achieve his dream? A must for football fans everywhere. Jimmy has always dreamed of becoming a pro footballer and gets one step closer when he's invited to go for a trial for the Man U Academy! But he still has lots to learn. Follow Jimmy's progress with the help of 5 of Man U's heroes, all legends of the number 7 shirt. Fabulous football story featuring facts about Best, Beckham, Cantona, Robson and Ronaldo.

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**The Story of Matthew Buzzington**  
**Andy Stanton**

Hilarious story with trademark Stanton-esque nonsense. Matthew Buzzington has a superpower - he can turn into a fly! It's just that it hasn't happened yet, which is pretty bad timing really because there are robbers and flying pineapples out to get him. Can he make his superpower work? A fun, chunky format including stickers. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 7+

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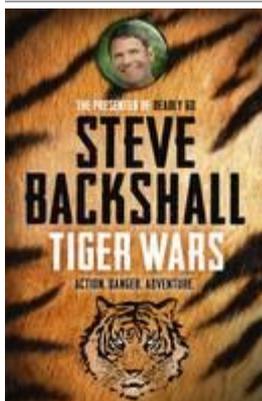


**The Vampire of Croglin**  
**Terry Deary**

The villagers live in fear of noises in the night. The new tenants at the Grange have been attacked. What is the truth behind the legend of the vampire? Barrington Stoke specialise in books for reluctant, struggling and dyslexic readers.

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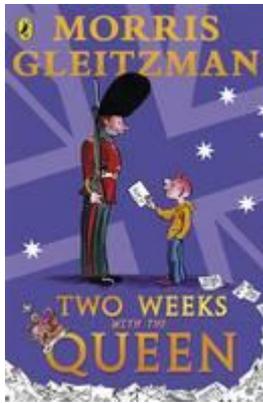
**Tiger Wars**  
**Steve Backshall**

Deadly Adversaries. An Impossible Mission. Tiger Wars. Saker is on the run from the only life he knows. From India to the Himalayas and China he'll be pursued by hunting dogs, mercenaries, spies, thieves and assassins in his quest to set free the most majestic, lethal and valuable of all the predators - the tiger. With him, on every dangerous step of the adventure, is Sinter, a girl who has her own reasons for running away. Gripping adventure fiction from Deadly TV presenter Steve Backshall, perfect for fans of Anthony Horowitz and Charlie Higson. This is the first adventure in the Falcon Chronicles, filled with intrigue, adventure, exotic wildlife and dramatic locations. As Saker and Sinter rescue tigers or mountain gorillas, thwart shark finners and cyanide

fishers, rainforest exploiters and canned hunters, they come face to face with the world's most fascinating, majestic and lethal creatures.

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**Two Weeks with the Queen**

**Morris Gleitzman**

'I need to see the Queen about my sick brother.' Colin Mudford is on a quest. His brother Luke has cancer and the doctors in Australia don't seem to be able to cure him. Sent to London to stay with relatives, Colin is desperate to do something to help Luke. He wants to find the best the doctor in the world. Where better to start than by going to the top? Colin is determined to ask the Queen for her advice. In Morris Gleitzman's trademark style, this very moving story illuminates deeply serious issues about illness and loss with bright moments of humour.

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