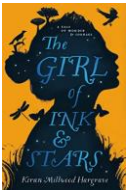
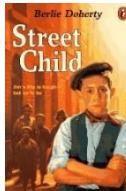


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We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your imagination. This list contains colour-bands and a description of the book so that you are able to choose your favourites according to your book-band level and your personal interests. The 'Lexile rating' included measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher Lexile rating indicates a more difficult text.

Certificates will be awarded as you read books from this list; you will need to record a brief response to a reading task in this reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once you have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10, a gold award will be awarded once you have read 15 and a platinum after 25.

Title	Image	Author	ISBN	Overview	Lexile rating	Book Band	Book Read
The Girl of Ink and Stars		Kiran Millwood Hargrave	9781910027422	Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep.	810	Ruby	
Street Child You could also read 'Far from Home', which is the sequel.		Berlie Doherty	9780140379365	A fictional account of the experiences of Jim Jarvis, a young orphan who escapes the workhouse in 1860's London and survives brutal treatment and desperate circumstances until he is taken in by Dr. Barnardo, founder of a school for the city's "ragged" children.	810	Ruby	
Granny Ting Ting		Patrice Lawrence	9781472967718	Shayla can't wait to see her cousin Michael again. Last time, they had great fun chasing Granny's chickens and playing hide-and-seek in the bamboo by the river. But Michael thinks everything in London is better than in Trinidad where Shayla lives, which makes him better than her, doesn't it? Soon everything's a competition, especially when there's hot pepper sauce involved!	810	Ruby	
You are a Champion		Marcus Rashford	9781529068177	Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an ordinary kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now the nation's favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life	810	Ruby	



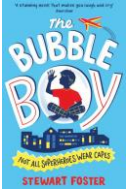


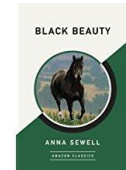
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The Girl who lost a leopard		Nizra Farook	9781839942266	<p>From the author of <i>The Girl Who Stole an Elephant</i> comes another brilliant escapade. The third thrilling adventure set in a fictional Sri Lanka is jam-packed with peril, poachers and an endangered leopard!</p> <p>Selvi is a wild child who loves climbing in the beautiful mountains behind her home. She is often joined by Lokka, a leopard with a beautiful coat and huge golden eyes. When hunters come for Lokka, Selvi is determined to fight</p>	810	Ruby	
Hetty Feather Changed book since last list		Jacqueline Wilson	9780440868354	<p><i>The mega-bestselling tale of fiery, spirited Victorian foundling, Hetty Feather.</i></p> <p>London, 1876. Hetty Feather is just a tiny baby when her mother leaves her at the Foundling Hospital. The Hospital cares for abandoned children - but Hetty must first live with a foster family until she is big enough to go to school.</p>	810	Ruby	
The Secrets of Sam and Sam		Susie Day	9780141375281	<p>Sam likes being a twin. He likes having two mums. He likes cheese sandwiches and his dog and drawing comics with his friend Pea. He does not like humus – or heights . . .</p> <p>His twin sister Sammie likes being a twin too. She knows that she's perfect best friend material for somebody – the girls in her class just haven't realised yet. And she knows that she's the best Sam – Sam A.</p> <p>Both Sam and Sammie – and everybody in their lives seems to be keeping secrets – which ones will come out?</p>	810	Ruby	
The Star outside my window		Onjali Q Rauf	9781510105157	<p>Following the disappearance of her mum, 10-year-old Aniyah suddenly finds herself living in foster care. With her life in disarray, she knows just one thing for sure: her mum isn't gone for ever. Because people with the brightest hearts never truly leave. They become stars.</p>	840	Ruby	
The Boy who made everyone laugh		Helen Rutter	9780702300851	<p>Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream.</p> <p>He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punch-lines</p>	840	Ruby	

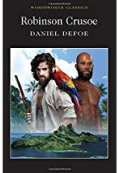
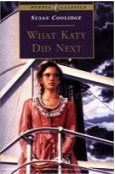
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				<p>and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word.</p> <p>A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?</p>			
Just Call Me Spaghetti Hoop Boy		Lara Williamson	9781474921305	<p>My name is Adam Butters. I live on planet Earth, I like eating spaghetti hoops and I've decided I'm going to be a SUPERHERO.</p> <p>Everyone loves superheroes, they solve problems and make people happy, and that's good because my mum needs cheering up. Also, I've found out that before I was adopted my real mum called me ACE. So now I've just got to prove to the world that's what I am. One mission at a time...</p>	850	Ruby	
Tricks and Transformations		Anthony Horowitz	9780753465455	A collection of five bite-size myths from across the globe, Tricks and Transformations by Anthony Horowitz includes astonishing tales from Greek, Japanese and Chinese mythology.	850	Ruby	
The Railway Children		Edith Nesbitt	9780140366716	The story concerns a family who move to "Three Chimneys", a house near the railway, after the father, who works at the Foreign office, is imprisoned after being falsely accused of spying.	840	Ruby	
Clockwork		Philip Pullman	9780440866381	Tick, tock, tick, tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wend them up, nothing will stop them ...A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil .	900	Ruby	
Oliver Twist		Charles Dickens	9780099582632	Meet the Artful Dodger, as roistering and swaggering a young gentleman as ever stood four foot six. With him, you'll run down the dirty backstreets of London to be entertained by the Respectable Old Gentleman and his brood of thieves and pickpockets.	900	Ruby	
File Under: 13 Suspicious Events		Lemony Snicket	9780316284035	<p>Before the Baudelaires became orphans, before he encountered A Series of Unfortunate Events, even before the invention of Netflix, Lemony Snicket was a boy discovering the mysteries of the world.</p> <p><i>Match wits with Lemony Snicket to solve thirteen mini-mysteries.</i></p>	900	Ruby	


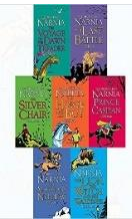
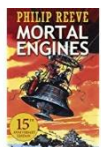
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Time Travelling with a Hamster		Ross Welford	978-0008156312	All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer... Time Travelling With a Hamster is a funny, heart-warming race-against-time – and across generations – adventure that you will won't be able to put down. ... In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life.	900	Ruby	
The distance between me and the cherry tree		Paola Peretti	9781471407550	Mafalda is a nine-year-old girl who knows one thing: some time in the next six months her sight will fail completely. Can Mafalda find a way through a seemingly dark future and still go to school, play football and look after her beloved cat?	900	Sapphire	
The Bubble Boy		Stewart Foster	9781471145407	Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.	900	Sapphire	
Black Light Express		Philip Reeve	9780192744791	There was nothing, and then there was a train. A train with two passengers: a petty thief from a dead-end town, and an android girl who could be more human than the rest of us. Join Zen and Nova as they find out what really lies beyond the end of the universe . . .	910	Sapphire	
Murder is Bad Manners		Robin Stevens	9781481422130	Two friends form a detective agency--and must solve their first murder case--in this "sharp-witted debut" (<i>Publishers Weekly</i> , starred review) that is the first adventure in a brand-new middle grade mystery series set at a 1930s boarding school.	910	Sapphire	
Black Beauty		Anna Sewell	9781542049320	From the meadow of his youth to the crowded, frosty streets of London, Black Beauty tells the story of his life under many masters in Victorian England, among them the kind Squire Gordon, the principled Jeremiah Barker, and the exploitive Nicholas Skinner. No matter the circumstance, Beauty bears joy and hardship with grace, heeding his mother's advice to be good, gentle, and hardworking—always.	910	Sapphire	

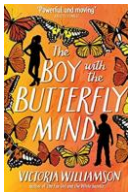
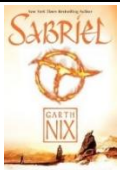
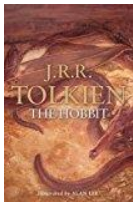
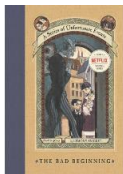
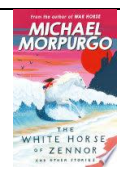
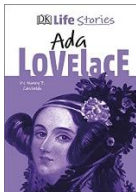
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The Crowstarver		Dick King Smith	9780552546034	Discovered as a foundling in a lambing pen, Spider Sparrow grows up surrounded by animals. From sheep and horses to wild otters and foxes, Spider loves them all, even the crows must scare away the newly sown wheat. Amazingly, every animal who meets Spider implicitly trusts the young boy. This magical rapport is Spider's unique gift, but nothing else in his tough life is so easy.	920	Sapphire	
The Return of the King		J. R. R. Tolkien	9780261103597	Concluding the story begun in The Hobbit, this is the final part of Tolkien's epic masterpiece, The Lord of the Rings. Featuring a striking black cover based on Tolkien's own design, the definitive text, and a detailed map of Middle-earth.	920	Sapphire	
Robinson Crusoe		Daniel Defoe	9781853260452	The novel Robinson Crusoe tells the story of a young and impulsive Englishman that defies his parents' wishes and takes to the seas seeking adventure.	930	Sapphire	
Port of Peril		Ian Livingstone	9781407181295	Are YOU brave enough to face the savage demons of the underworld...? Evil stalks the land as undead hordes rise from their graves to terrorize the living. Embark on an epic quest and ultimately face your worst nightmare... You will need dice to determine the direction you take in this book.	930	Sapphire	
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit		Judith Kerr	9780007443338	Anna was only nine years old in 1933, too busy with her school work and friends to take much notice of Adolf Hitler's face glaring out of political posters all over Berlin.	940	Sapphire	
What Katy Did Next		Susan Coolidge	9780140367577	What Katy Did Next is a children's book by Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, working under the pen name Susan Coolidge. It follows the stories What Katy Did, What Katy Did At School and tells the adventures of Katy Carr as she travels to Europe.	940	Sapphire	
Harry Potter series (books 4-7)		J K Rowling	9781408855669	Harry Potter's summer has included the worst birthday ever, doomy warnings from a house-elf called Dobby, and rescue from the Dursley's by his friend Ron Weasley in a magical flying car! Back at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for his second year, Harry hears strange whispers echo through	950	Sapphire	


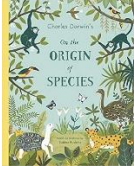
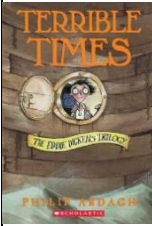

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				empty corridors - and then the attacks start.			
The Diary of Anne Frank		Anne Frank	9780553296983	The Diary of a Young Girl, also known as The Diary of Anne Frank, is a book of the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by Anne Frank while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.	950	Sapphire	
New Girls at Malory Towers		Enid Blyton	9781405269070	Felicity is the new head of the third form at Malory Towers, and what a lot she has to deal with! There are new girls to get to know, mysteries to uncover, and even a concert to put on – not to mention plenty of midnight feasts.	950	Sapphire	
The Chronicles of Narnia series of books		CS Lewis	n/a	Year 5 have the first in the set – you can read any of the others. Each one counts as one piece of evidence. 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'The Magician's Nephew', 'The Horse and His Boy', 'Prince Caspian', 'The Voyage of the Dawn Treader', 'The Silver Chair' and 'The Last Battle'.	970	Sapphire	
Running Wild		Michael Morpurgo	9780007267026	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.	970	Sapphire	
Eldest		Christopher Paolini	9780552552110	Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have just saved the rebel state from destruction by the mighty forces of King Galbatorix, cruel ruler of the Empire. Now Eragon must travel to Ellesméra, land of the elves, for further training in magic and swordsmanship, the vital skills of the Dragon Rider. It is the journey of a lifetime, filled with awe-inspiring new places and people, each day a fresh adventure.	970	Sapphire	
Can you see me?		Libby Scott	9781407195674	Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic.	970	Sapphire	
Mortal Engines		Philip Reeve	9781407152134	The first instalment introduces young apprentice Tom Natsworthy and the murderous Hester Shaw, flung from the fast-moving city of London into heart-stopping adventures in the	990	Sapphire	


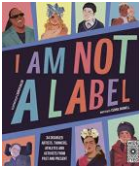
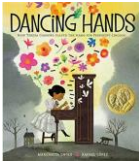
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				wastelands of the Great Hunting Ground.			
The Boy with the Butterfly mind		Victoria Williamson	9781782506447	<p>Jamie Lee wants to be normal. But his ADHD makes him feel like his brain is full of butterflies. Elin Watts wants to be perfect. If she can be, surely her dad will come home.</p> <p>When Jamie and Elin's families blend, the polar opposites of chaotic Jamie and ordered Elin collide. As their lives spiral out of control, Jamie and Elin discover that they're more alike than they'd admit. Maybe there's no such thing as normal, or perfect. And perhaps, just like families, happy-ever-afters come in all shapes and sizes.</p>	1000	Diamond	
Sabriel		Garth Nix	9780061474354	Sabriel is a fantasy novel by Garth Nix and illustrators Leo and Diane Dillon, first published in 1995. It is the first in his Old Kingdom trilogy, followed by Lirael and Abhorsen.	1000	Diamond	
The Hobbit		J. R. R. Tolkien	9780007525492	The classic bestseller, this film tie-in edition features the complete story of Bilbo Baggins' adventures in Middle-earth as shown in the film trilogy, with a striking cover image from Peter Jackson's film adaptation and drawings and maps by J.R.R. Tolkien.	1000	Diamond	
Bad Beginnings: A Series of Unfortunate Events		Lemony Snickett	9781975664213	The unhappy tale of three very unlucky children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives are filled with misery and woe. In this short book alone, the three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune, and cold porridge for breakfast.	1010	Diamond	
White Horse of Zennor		Michael Morpurgo	9781405256759	Set in a church town where men become beats and ghosts roam freely, these are haunting and unforgettable tales where magic lies around every corner.	1020	Diamond	
Life stories: Ada Lovelace		Nancy Castaldo	9781465485403	In this biography, discover the inspiring story of Ada Lovelace, who wrote the world's first computer programme. Ada met mathematician Charles Babbage, inventor of calculating machines. She went on to devise a way of inputting data into Babbage's Analytical Machine, and in doing so became the first ever computer programmer.	1020	Diamond	

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The Fall of Fergal		Philip Ardagh	9780571215218	The McNally children find themselves in The Dell hotel surrounded by a strange assortment of ridiculous characters ranging from Charlie 'Twinkle Toes' Tweedy the house detective, to Mr. Peach, a ventriloquist with a conveniently-large moustache. With young Fergal McNally falling to his death on page one, the only way for the McNallys is up. Expect the unexpected with Philip Ardagh pulling out all the stops that make this fiction so unique and so absurd.	1030	Diamond	
Charles Darwin's: The Origin of the Species		Sabina Radeva	9781984894915	A picture book adaptation of Charles Darwin's ground-breaking 'On the Origin of Species'. A lushly illustrated book told in accessible and engaging easy-to-understand text for young readers.	1050	Diamond	
Terrible Times		Philip Ardagh	9780571216222	In the third installment of the Eddie Dickens saga, our poor hero Eddie finds himself on the way to America aboard the sailing ship Pompous Pig, along with a cargo hold full of left shoes, the world-famous Dog's Bone Diamond, and some of the most dangerous traveling companions anyone might have the misfortune to share a ship with	1070	Diamond	
The Vile Village		Lemony Snicket	9781405266109	There is nothing to be found in Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-selling series to read. But if you insist on discovering the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, then proceed with caution...	1080	Diamond	
The Hostile Hospital		Lemony Snicket	9781405266130	There is nothing to be found in Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-selling series to read. But if you insist on discovering the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, then proceed with caution...	1110	Diamond	
Beowulf		Michael Morpurgo	9781406348873	In fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him.	1180	Diamond	

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Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them		J K Rowling	9781408880715	Scamander's years of travel and research have created a tome of unparalleled importance. Some of the beasts will be familiar to readers of the Harry Potter books - the Hippogriff, the Basilisk, the Hungarian Horntail ... Others will surprise even the most ardent amateur Magizoologist. Dip in to discover the curious habits of magical beasts across five continents .	1200	Diamond	
I am not a label		Cerrie Burnell	9780711263918	Meet 34 artists, thinkers, athletes and activists with disabilities, from past and present. From Frida Kahlo to Stephen Hawking, find out how these iconic figures have overcome obstacles, owned their differences and paved the way for others by making their bodies and minds work for them.	1200	Diamond	
Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno played piano for President Lincoln		Margarita Engle and Rafael Lopez	9781481487405	This is an inspirational story about one little girl's journey to fame. Teresa Carreño was a young girl who loved music and had a special talent for letting her hands dance across the beautiful keys of a piano.	1260	Diamond	

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