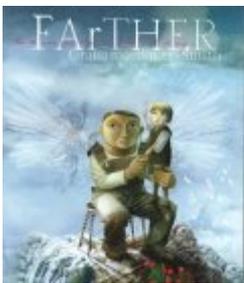


# Reading difficulties and dyslexia

This list aims to provide a range of books that may appeal to young people of seven years plus with reading difficulties. The list includes books that:

- are particularly dyslexia-friendly
- feature characters who struggle with reading
- have a high interest level and low reading age.

Check out these other organisations for further resources: [British Dyslexia Association](#); [Dyslexia Action](#); [Badger reading boxes for schools](#); [Being Dyslexic website](#).



## FATHER

by Grahame Baker-Smith  
Templar Publishing

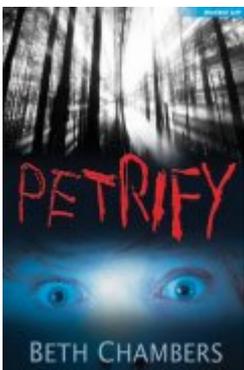
Words and pictures combine beautifully to tell a moving story about fathers and sons



## Young Merlin

by Tony Bradman  
Barrington Stoke

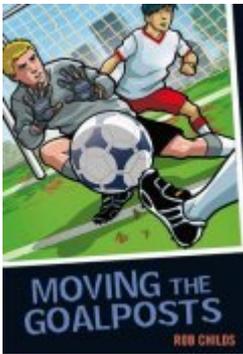
Merlin has always felt different from the other boys, because of his dreadful nightmares full of fighting and death.



## Petrify

by Beth Chambers  
A&C Black

Ella's new next-door neighbour is confident, verging on cocky. He's keen to prove to Ella and her friends that he knows no fear, and when he learns that the local woods are supposed to be haunted, he persuades them to...

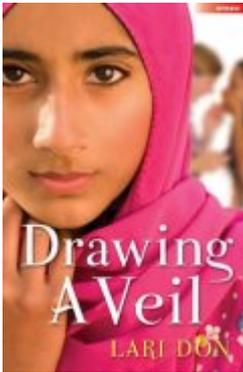


## Moving the Goalposts

by Rob Childs

Bloomsbury

Sam is the hugely successful goalie in his football team...

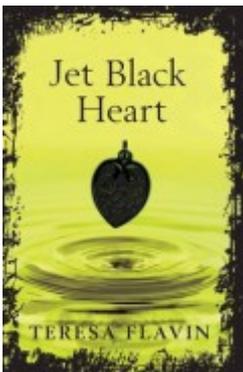


## Drawing a Veil

by Lari Don

A&C Black

When her best friend suddenly turns up at school wearing a black headscarf, Ellie isn't sure what to think

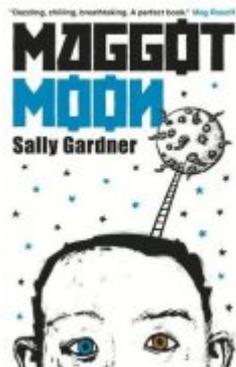


## Jet Black Heart

by Teresa Flavin

Barrington Stoke

A young girl named Dory is pulled back into the past after finding an old note in a letterbox.

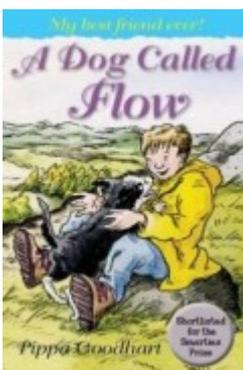


## Maggot Moon

by Sally Gardner

Hot Key Books

Combining conspiracy theory and dystopia, this hugely original novel is set in an alternate 1950s in which Britain is dominated by the ruthlessly oppressive forces of The Motherland.

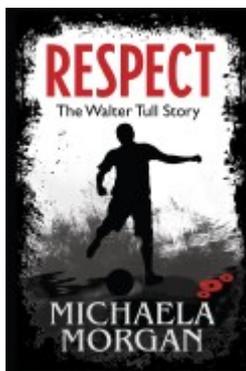


## A Dog Called Flow

by Pippa Goodhart

Troika Books

This is a powerful story that clearly leads its reader through the struggles of dyslexia. But it is also an adventurous tale of a boy and his dog and the powerful friendship between them.



## Respect: The Walter Tull Story

by Michaela Morgan

Find out about Walter Tull - a hero on the football pitch and during World War One.

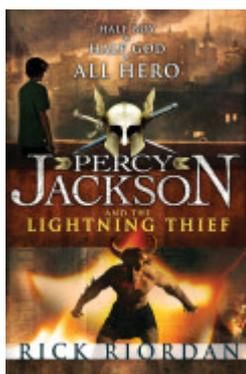


## Ghost Stadium

by Tom Palmer

Barrington Stoke

Tom Palmer's *Ghost Stadium* is a fast-paced and properly spooky ghost story. The book suits reluctant readers and is also dyslexia friendly.

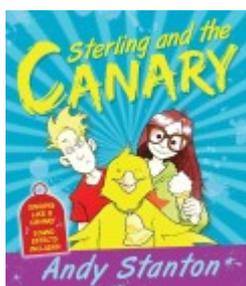


## Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

Puffin

In this leftfield comic fantasy novel, 12-year-old Percy Jackson discovers that the Greek gods of Olympus are alive and living in modern-day New York.

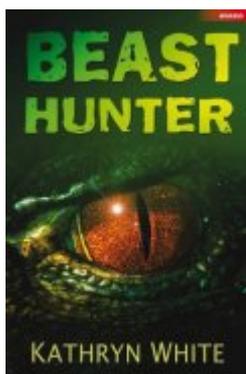


## Sterling and the Canary

by Andy Stanton

Barrington Stoke

Sterling Thaxton is handsome, popular and good at sport...



## Beast Hunter

by Kathryn White

A&C Black

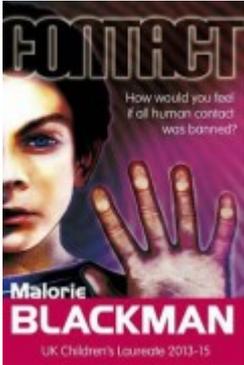
Jacob and his friends spend their summer playing in an old quarry pond, until one day, a boy is killed...



## Pale

by Chris Wooding  
Barrington Stoke

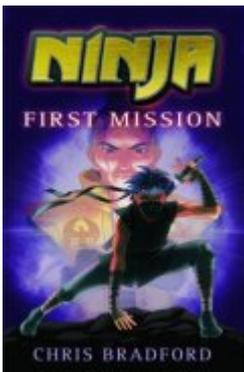
In an eerie futuristic world, society has figured out a way to bring people back from the dead...



## Contact

by Malorie Blackman  
Barrington Stoke

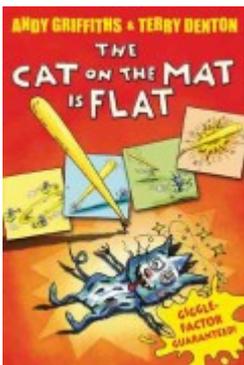
Imagine a future where physical contact between humans is illegal. No hand holding and no hugs to make you feel better when you're feeling sad.



## Ninja: First Mission

by Chris Bradford  
Barrington Stoke

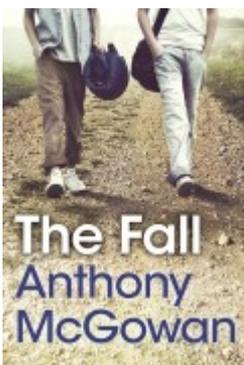
A dyslexia- friendly book with plenty of appeal for action-loving readers



## The Cat on the Mat is Flat

by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton  
Macmillan Children's Books

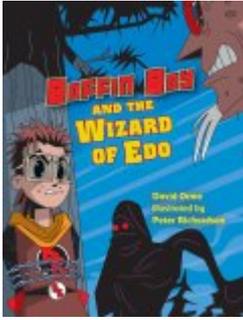
It doesn't get much funnier than these short, snappy and very silly rhymes.



## The Fall

by Anthony McGowan  
Barrington Stoke

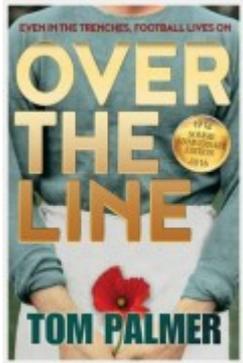
Mog isn't one of the popular crowd, but at least he manages to get by without being troubled much by the bullies...



## Boffin Boy and the Wizard of Edo

by David Orme  
Ransom Publishing

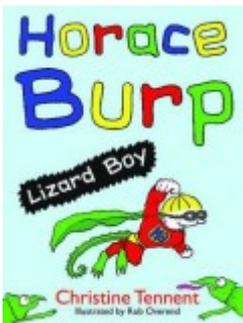
This graphic novel style book is a quick read and perfect for those who don't like too much text.



## Over the Line

by Tom Palmer  
Barrington Stoke

Set during World War I, this book tells the compelling true story of the professional footballers who signed up to fight. It's sure to enthral readers and pique their interest in the period.



## Horace Burp, Lizard Boy

by Christine Tennent  
Horace Burp is an eight year old boy with an unusual name and an even more unusual condition. His skin changes colour like a chameleon along with changes in mood. We join him on the day he first discovers his...