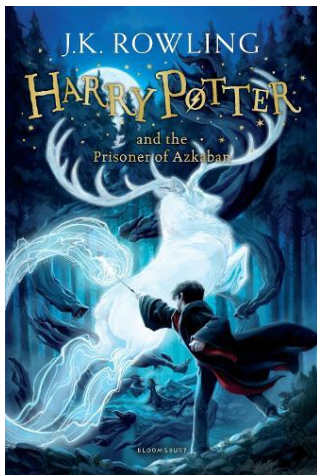
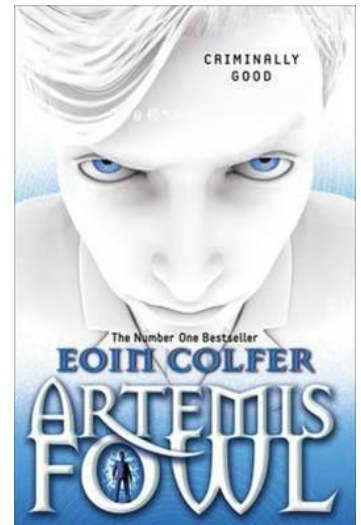


## Recommended Reads for Y6!

### **Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer**

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl, hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land. Although a little dubious about the plan - indeed not even quite believing in the existence of fairies - his trusty bodyguard and companion, Butler, is on hand to help. However, they have not reckoned on Captain Holly Short, who as first female officer in the Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance unit, or LEPrecon, has much to prove.

When she is kidnapped by Artemis, she is determined to stand her ground and protect the fairy secrets



### **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban - JK Rowling**

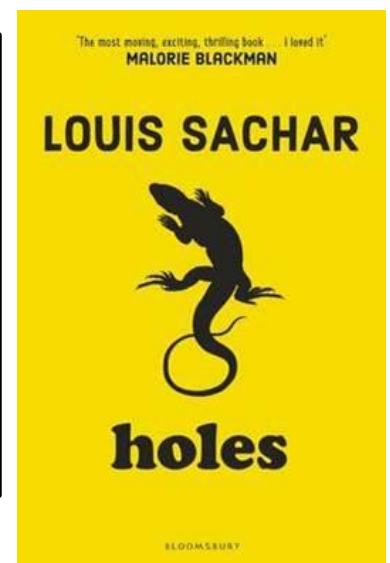
Harry Potter is a wizard.

As our hero Harry returns to Hogwarts School for another term, he finds it guarded by fearsome Dementors, the guards of Azkaban prison. And there is a mass-murderer on the loose – the notorious Sirius Black who, it turns out, is after Harry. The gripping third installment of J. K. Rowling's award-winning series is a treat indeed.

### **Holes- Louis Sachar**

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre in the middle of the Texan desert.

There is in fact no lake there at all and not much green either. Stanley soon discovers that his work at the camp will be to dig a deep hole each day, and to report back about anything he finds there. Stanley gets to work - but he soon discovers there's more to the task he's been given than merely an exercise in character-building.

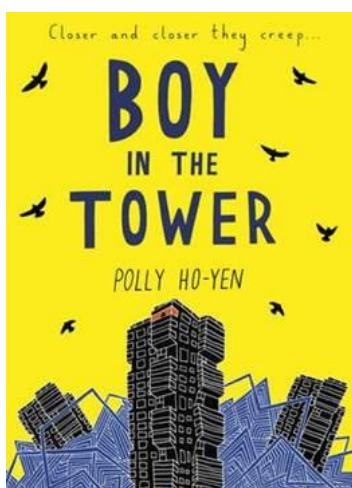
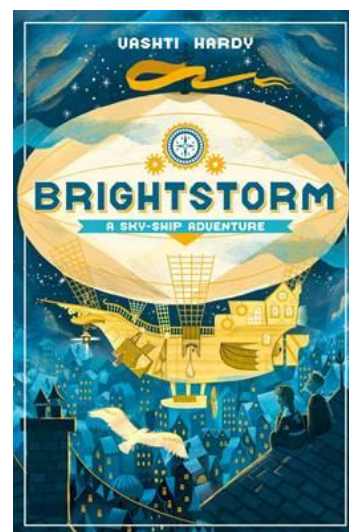


### **Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy**

Twelve-year-old twins Maudie and Arthur's world comes crashing in when their explorer dad is reported dead in his mission to get to South Polaris. Not only that, their family name is tainted when he is accused of stealing another skyship's fuel before he died, which means they are unable to inherit their family home.

The twins are sold to a horrible couple in The Slumps of Lontown, but they soon escape with the noble explorer Captain Harriet Culpepper, on a mission back to South Polaris to restore honour to the Brightstorm name.

This is an unputdownable Victoriana adventure with characters that are vivid and most refreshing in their portrayal of gender roles. Maudie is a serious-minded inventor (who would very probably be best friends with Lemony Snicket's Violet in [A Series of Unfortunate Events](#)) and Arthur is a boy who doesn't quite know who he is, with empathy so deep that he learns to speak with the wonderful "thought wolves", previously seen as vicious, wild beasts. Oh, and we have a new baddie to worry about: the thoroughly evil and ruthless Eudora Vane.



### **Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen**

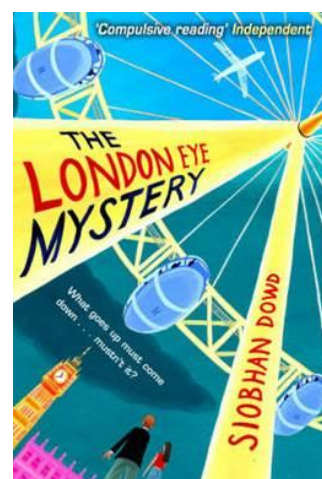
From the seventeenth floor of the tower block where he lives with his mother, Ade watches as the buildings fall around him. The Bluchers - a strange and terrible kind of plant - are taking over the city, and everyone is being forced to evacuate, but his mother is refusing to leave her room. And so, Ade watches alone as the city slowly empties, and the Bluchers creep ever closer.

Are they alone? What should he do?

### **The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd**

Ted likes the weather, he also likes statistics and routine but his life is thrown into disarray when his Aunt Gloria and cousin Salim arrive, like a hurricane, to stay in London en-route to a new life in New York.

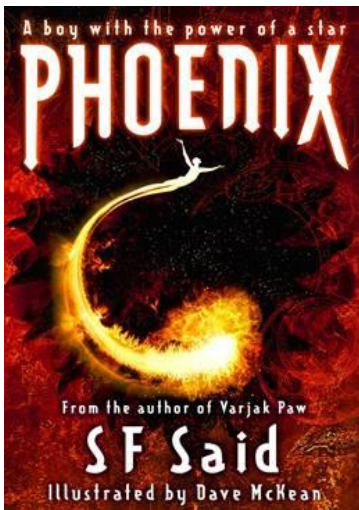
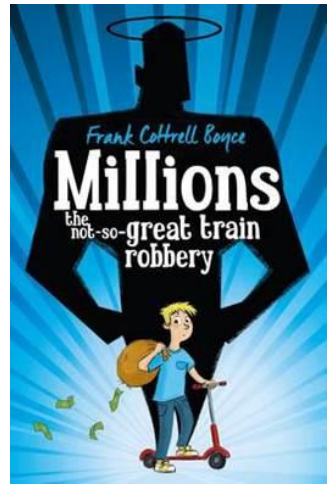
Ted and his older sister Kat arrange to take Salim on the London Eye but although they watch him go up in a pod, he never comes down again. Salim is missing. Ted's analytical mind becomes an asset as he and Kat piece together the information surrounding their cousin's disappearance and begin to unravel the mystery.



### **Millions – Frank Cottrell-Boyce**

Since the death of his mother, Damian has become obsessed by saints. In order to escape the trappings of the material world, he builds a hermitage out of cardboard boxes near the railway line.

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God, and contemplates with his older brother Anthony the best way to spend it. But with only 17 days left before the national currency switches to Euros and the money becomes worthless, this proves to be much more difficult than they had anticipated...



### **Phoenix – SF Said**

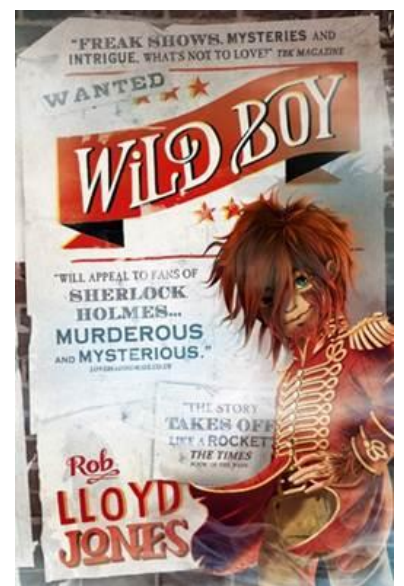
Lucky dreams of the stars quite often, but this night is different. Tonight, they are calling to him, as if they have something to tell him. And then he wakes up, feverishly hot, to discover the top sheet of his bed is burnt. Within minutes, he's on the run with his mother who is determined to get him off the planet.

They join up with a group of aliens - refugees from the ongoing war between aliens and humans - who agree to help Lucky find his father. As Lucky spends more time with the aliens, he begins to understand everything he heard about them wasn't true. But being on the run in a galaxy at war presents its problems, not least of all the rumour that there's a wolf that eats stars. Lucky is now on a mission, to find out what the power is growing inside him, and to discover some of the biggest secrets in the universe.

### **Wild Boy – Rob Lloyd Jones**

Wild Boy leads a miserable life as a spectacle in a travelling freak show. Covered in hair since birth, he's used to being treated as a monster or a savage, excluded from society and abused by his cruel master. Taking refuge in watching the world around him and all the comings and goings of the fair, he develops a Sherlock Holmes-style talent for observation. But when he witnesses the murder of Professor Wollestonecraft, even his detective skills can't help him when the folk of the fair decide that he must be the guilty party.

Soon, Wild Boy is on the run, along with young circus acrobat Clarissa. Together, the pair must use all of their unusual talents to avoid the police, solve the clues and discover the identity of the real killer - the sinister hooded man.

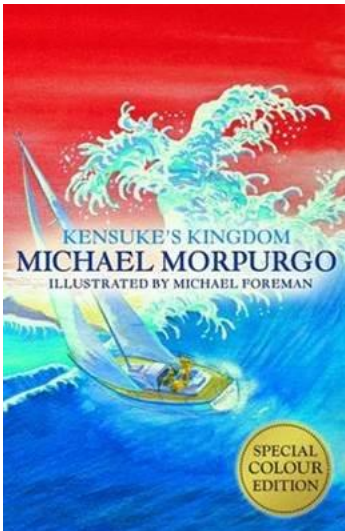
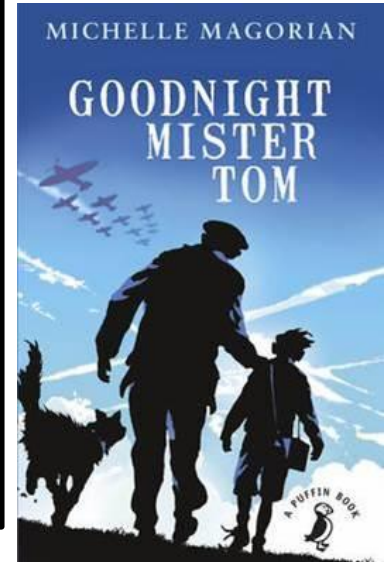




**Goodnight Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian**

Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A lonely and deprived child, he finds himself living with the reclusive, gruff old widower, Thomas Oakley. Although the two find it hard to adjust to their life together at first, they gradually develop a strong, mutual bond. Willie begins to enjoy life and make new friends in the village.

However, everything is thrown into confusion when Willie is suddenly recalled to London by his neglectful and abusive mother. After several weeks with no letter from Willie, Tom Oakley becomes concerned for his welfare and sets out to London in search of him.



**Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo**

Michael is hungry, lonely and scared when he is washed up on a seemingly deserted island. He soon discovers another inhabitant - Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier - who, although initially unfriendly, provides Michael with food and water.

Gradually, a strong bond develops between the two castaways. This is a beautifully written tale of an exceptional friendship which survives beyond the boundaries of culture and language

**Cogheart – Peter Bunzl**

Lily has been in trouble for some time. Her mum is dead and she's been sent to the horrible Miss Octavia Scrimshaw's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies. Now it looks like her father has died too, and silver eyed men are stalking her in league with the Madame Verdigris the housekeeper, who has stepped in as her guardian.

They are after a mysterious something that they think Lily has - and are prepared to kill her for it.

Expect thrills, mayhem and mystery - but in the end this is a heart-warming, enjoyable and unique tale with some deep philosophical messages about what it is to live and be happy.

