


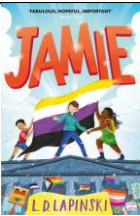



KS2 fiction hot reads, May 2024

Helping you to get the best of the approximately 10,000 new children's books published every year, we read and research as many as possible and pick a selection of the best for each Key Stage.

	<p>Scrap by Guy Bass</p> <p>9781788955973 £7.99 BB: Dark Blue</p> <p>After the war with the robots, humans are not allowed to live on their own planet. K1-NG, who fought for the humans, is living in the piles of robot remains and is found by two young human girls who need his help. Together they risk their safety travelling through the evolved robot world to find an escape.</p> <p>Really imaginative premise, and the sci-fi/western world-building really draws you in. Great science fiction material for top end JF readers.</p>
	<p>The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts by Alex Bell</p> <p>9780571382231 £7.99 BB: Dark Blue</p> <p>A brilliant fantasy adventure set within a world that runs parallel to our own. Family is a key theme, with Eli racing to save his grandmother whilst Raven is searching for a family of her own. Magical beasts and dangerous perils will keep you engaged to the end. Eli is a hilarious main character, and his adventures are filled with enough peril to keep you on the edge of your seat. This story is a homage to heroic librarians and magical books. Joyful.</p>
	<p>The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow</p> <p>9781915659040 £8.99 AR: 5.4 MY</p> <p>Nate is in his last year of primary school and preparing for the change to high school. But his world turns upside-down when his best friend is put into another class, his brother gets sick, and his home life becomes difficult. His teacher, Mr Joshua, shows Nate how to use his love of reading to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?</p> <p>A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.</p>
	<p>Jamie By L D Lapinski</p> <p>9781510110922 £7.99 AR: 5.5 MY BB: Dark Red</p> <p>Jamie Rambeau is a happy 11-year-old non-binary kid who likes nothing better than hanging out with their two best friends, Daisy and Ash. When they find out that in Year Seven they will be separated into one school for boys and another for girls, their friendship suddenly seems at risk. Heartwarming story with plenty of adventure.</p>
	<p>The Swifts by Beth Lincoln</p> <p>9780241536452 £7.99 AR: 6.0 MY BB: Dark Red</p> <p>A murder mystery story with wonderfully eccentric characters and a twisty plot. Shenanigan lives up to her unusual name, and her oddball family show that labels aren't always best adhered to! The reader is carried along with humour and moments of surprise, leading to a satisfying conclusion and a nice lesson about not limiting oneself. An absolute joy that is perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and Lemony Snicket.</p>

	<p>Arkspire 9780241586143 £7.99 by Jamie Littler BB: Dark Blue/ Black When a mysterious stolen relic explodes, Juni and Cinder are pulled into a world of magic. A thoroughly enjoyable fantastical adventure with strong world building and likeable characters to root for. A good challenging read for top juniors.</p>
	<p>Wings of Glory 9781444961638 £7.99 by Dermot O'Leary Can one tiny bird help win a world war? It's 1940 and with the world at war. Linus, a swift, dreams of flying with the Royal Bird Force. He and his sister, Ava, have the opportunity to volunteer but it's a dangerous journey and soon Ava goes missing. Linus now has two missions: help the war effort and find his sister. Featuring courageous loop-the-loops, top secret plans and more than a smattering of bird poo, this wartime tale will make you laugh and cry - and maybe teach you a thing or two as well.</p>
	<p>Marvin and the Book of Magic 9781800902695 £7.99 by Jenny Pearson After being humiliated by a badly behaved squirrel on national television, Marvin has vowed NEVER to perform magic in public again. He then acquires a mysterious book which may show him how to use his gift of magic properly. His best friend Asha persuades him to take part in the school talent show but can he make a comeback? A lighthearted and amusing read, with a nice message about self-belief and friendship and cheery illustrations.</p>
	<p>The Clockwork Conspiracy 9781526665386 £7.99 by Sam Sedgman BB: Dark Red Isaac must solve the mystery of his father's disappearance and foil the plot to take over the world using metric time. An exciting story with intrigue, puzzling clues, and mindboggling science. With likeable characters and an interesting plot this is a great read for lovers of science.</p>
	<p>Attack of the Snailiens! 9781035019748 £7.99 by Alex T Smith BB: Lime Astrid Atomic and her best pals Beryl, Professor Quackers and Zoink, are on a mission to clean up the Milky Way! But when a nearby alien is in trouble and with giant snailiens around, things aren't likely to go to plan! Accessible read for young JF.</p>
	<p>Momo Arishma Steals the Sword of the Wind 9780241637999 £7.99 by Misa Sugiura Momo just wants an ordinary life but discovers that her mother is a Shinto goddess, and the tales of demons and monsters she has told her are all true. Can Momo embrace her identity as half-human, half-goddess to unlock her powers, force the demons back to Yomi - and save the world? Fast paced adventure with a very accessible approach to Shinto legends and culture.</p>
	<p>Quiet Storm 9781803708065 £7.99 by Kimberly Whittam AR: 5.2 MY BB: Dark Blue Storm, a shy and reserved girl, finds she has a talent for running and represents her school at athletics but then struggles with the attention this brings her. Is it time for Storm to speak out? Positive & feel-good story with a really strong, likeable central character.</p>