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Banana	Ed Vere
Belonging	Jeannie Baker
Beware of Boys	Tony Blundell
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Verna Aardema
Changes	Anthony Browne
Chicken Clicking	Jeanne Willis
Claude in the City	Alex T Smith
Cudweed in Outer Space	Marcus Sedgwick
Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish	Michael Foreman
Don't Put Your Finger in the Jelly Nelly	Nick Sharratt
Emily's Legs	Dick King-Smith
Frog and Toad are Friends	Arnold Lobel
Good Little Wolf	Nadia Shireen
Grandpa Green	Lane Smith
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr Seuss
Grendel. A Cautionary Tale about Chocolate	David Lucas
Here Come the Aliens	Colin McNaughton
Hey Crazy Riddle	Trish Cooke
Horrid Henry	Francesca Simon
Horrid Henry's Car Journey	Francesca Simon
I Have the Right to be a Child	Alain Serres
lťs a Book	Lane Smith
John Patrick Norman McHennessey	John Burningham
Knock Knock Who's There?	Sally Grindley
Little Red Hood	Marjolaine Leray
Lizzie Zipmouth	Jacqueline Wilson
Mairi's Mermaid	Michael Morpurgo
Me and You	Anthony Browne
Mixed up Fairy Tales	Hilary Robinson
Morris the Mankiest Monster	Giles Andreae
Mrs Wobble the Waitress	Allan Ahlberg
On the Way Home	Jill Murphy
Rainbow Bird	Eric Maddern
Shhh!	Sally Grindley
Six Dinner Sid	Inga Moore
Slinky Malinki	Lynley Dodd
Sophie's Adventures	Dick King-Smith
Space Race	Malorie Blackman
The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon	Mini Grey
The Best Book in the World	Rilla
The Boy Who Cried Ninja	Alex Latimer

The Boy Who Cried Wolf	Tony Ross
The Cat in the Hat	Dr Seuss
The Cat, the Dog, little Red, the Exploding eggs	Diane, Christyan Fox
The Finger-Eater	Dick King-Smith
The Fish Who Could Wish	John Bush, Korky Paul
The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson
The Three Pigs	David Wiesner
The Troll	Julia Donaldson
The Tunnel	Anthony Browne
Wolves	Emily Gravett
Yo! Yes?	Chris Raschka
You Are (Not) Small	Anna Kang

Literature Collection – Yrs 3/4

A Fairy Tale	Tony Ross
A Hen in the Wardrobe	Wendy Meddour
Aesop's Fables	Beverley Naidoo
Bill's New Frock	Anne Fine
Black Dog	Levi Pinfold
Can You Whistle, Joanna?	Ulf Stark
Charlotte's Web	E B White
Christophe's Story	Nicki Cornwell
Classic Fairy Tales	Berlie Doherty
Danny the Champion of the World	Roald Dahl
Death in a Nut	Eric Maddern
Earwig and the Witch	Diana Wynne Jones
Fairy Tales	Terry Jones
Fly, Eagle, Fly	Christopher Gregorowski
Fortunately the Milk	Neil Gaiman
Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse	Chris Riddell
Grendel. A Cautionary Tale about Chocolate	David Lucas
Greek Myths	Marcia Williams
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch
Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe	Antonia Barber
Hot Like Fire and Other Poems	Valerie Bloom
I was a Rat! or The Scarlet Slippers	Philip Pullman
If You Could See Laughter	Mandy Coe
Into the Forest	Antony Browne
Jemmy Button	Jennifer Uman
Journey	Aaron Becker
Krindlekrax	Philip Ridley
Leon and the Place Between	Angela McAllister

Little Leap Forward. A boy in Beijing	Yue Guo, Clare Farrow
Lob	Linda Newbery
Madame Pamplemousse and the Time Travelling cafe	Rupert Kingfisher
Me and my Cat	Satoshi Kitamori
Moon Man	Tomi Ungerer
Mouse Bird Snake Wolf	David Almond
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	John Steptoe
My Funny Family	Chris Higgins
Oliver and the Seawigs	Philip Reeve
One Dog and his Boy	Eva Ibbotson
Orange Silver Sausage: a collection of poems without rhymes	James Carter, Graham Denton
Pea Boy and Other Stories from Iran	Elizabeth Laird
Pumpkin, Grumpkin	John Agard, Grace Nichols
Ronia the Robber's Daughter	Astrid Lindgren
Seven for a Secret	Laurence Anholt
Sing Me a Story	Grace Hallworth
Small Change for Stuart	Lissa Evans
Storm	Kevin Crossley-Holland
Tales of Hans Christian Anderson	Hans Christian Anderson
Tales of Wisdom and Wonder	Hugh Lipton
Tales Told in Tents. Stories from Central Asia	Sally Pomme Clayton
The BFG	Roald Dahl
The Boy with the Magic Numbers	Sally Gardner
The Children of Winter	Berlie Doherty
The Dancing Bear	Michael Morpurgo
The Day My Father Became a Bush	Joke Van Leeuwen
The Day of Ahmed's Secret	Florence Parry Heide
The Green Ship	Quentin Blake
The Ice Palace	Robert Swindells
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
The Last Polar Bears	Harry Horse
The Lion and the Unicorn	Shirley Hughes
The Little Blue Slipper. An Irish Cinderella Story	Jude Daly
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo
The Naming of Tishkin Silk	Glenda Millard
The Number 1 Car Spotter	Atinuke
The Ogress and the Snake	Elizabeth Laird
The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry	Brian Patten
The True Story of the 3 little Pigs by A. Wolf	Jon Sciezska
The Village that Vanished	Ann Grifalconi
The Wicked Tricks of Till Owlyglass	
	Michael Rosen
The Wolf's Story	Toby Forward

Under the Spell of the Moon: Art for Children from the World's Greatest Illustrators	
Varjak Paw	S F Said
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?	Lauren Child
Window	Jeannie Baker

Information Collection – Yrs 3/4

A Filth of Starlings	Patrick George
A Little Guide to Wild Flowers	Charlotte Voake, Kate Petty
A Walk in London	Salvatore Rubbino
B is for Bangladesh	Urmi Rahman
Barefoot Books World Atlas	Nick Crane
Brother William's Year. A Monk at Westminster Abbey	Jan Pancheri
Can We Save the Tiger?	Martin Jenkins
P is for Poland	Agnieszka Mrowczynska
Poo: a natural history of the unmentionable	Nicola Davies
Professor Astro Cat's Frontier's of Space	Dominic Walliman
Stone Girl Bone Girl. The Story of Mary Anning of Lyme Regis	Laurence Anholt
The Fossil Girl. Mary Anning's Dinosaur Discovery	Catherine Brighton
The Pebble in my Pocket	Meredith Hooper
The Planet Gods	Jacqueline Mitton

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Anancy and Mr Dry-Bone	Fiona French
Artemis Fowl. The Graphic Novel	Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin
Asterix the Gaul	Goscinny
Bananas in My Ears	Michael Rosen
Billionaire Boy	David Walliams
Clown	Quentin Blake
Conker	Michael Morpurgo
Count Karlstein	Philip Pullman
Counting on Leroy	Steve Mills
Daft Jack and the Beanstalk	Laurence Anholt
FArTHER	Graham Baker-Smith
Fungus the Bogeyman	Raymond Briggs
Have You Seen Who's Just Moved in Next Door to Us?	Colin McNaughton
Hiccup: How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell
I Know What You Did Last Wednesday	Anthony Horowitz
Juggling with Gerbils	Brian Patten
Living with Vampires	Jeremy Strong
Piggybook	Anthony Browne
Sam's Sandwich	David Pelham
Snow White in New York	Fiona French
Sterling and the Canary	Andy Stanton
Stormbreaker. The Graphic Novel	Anthony Horowitz
Talking Turkeys	Benjamin Zephaniah
The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish	Neil Gaiman
The Dog Who Could Dig	Jonathan Long
The House That Jack Built	Gavin Bishop
The Many Adventures of Singenpoo	Paul Jennings
The Promise	Nicola Davies
The Rabbits	John Marsden
The Sad Book	Michael Rosen
The Silence Seeker	Ben Morley
The Stepsisters' Story	Kaye Umansky
The Suitcase Kid	Jacqueline Wilson
The Wolves in the Walls	Neil Gaiman
Thirteen Unpredictable Tales	Paul Jennings
Vern and Lettuce	Sarah McIntyre
Voices in the Park	Anthony Browne
Wacky Wednesday	Dr Seuss
War and Peas	Michael Foreman
Where the Forest Meets the Sea	Jeannie Baker
Where's Wally?	Martin Handford

Who's That Banging on the Ceiling?	Colin McNaughton
Willy's Pictures	Anthony Browne
You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!	Andy Stanton

Literature Collection – Yrs 5/6

A Boy and a Bear in a Boat	Dave Shelton
A Greyhound of a Girl	Roddy Doyle
A Thief in the Village	James Berry
A Word in Your Ear	Tony Ross
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
Arthur, High King of Britain	Michael Morpurgo
Arthur. The Seeing Stone	Kevin Crossley-Holland
Artichoke Hearts	Sita Brahmachari
Bird	Crystal Chan
Blackberry Blue	Jamila Gavin
Boy in the Tower	Polly Ho-Yen
Chaucer's Canterbury Tales	Marcia Williams
Classic Poetry	Michael Rosen
Clockwork or All Wound Up	Philip Pullman
Collected Poems for Children	Ted Hughes
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Cosmic Disco	Grace Nicholls
Daughters of TIme	Mary Hoffman
Duck, Death and the Tulip	Wolf Eribruch
Floodland	Marcus Sedgwick
Flush	Carl Hiaasen
Goblins	Philip Reeve
Goggle-Eyes	Anne Fine
Goldilocks on CCTV	John Agard
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	J K Rowling
Hilda and the Bird Parade	Luke Pearson
Howl's Moving Castle	Diana Wynne Jones
Jim's Lion	Russell Hoban
Johnny and the Dead	Terry Pratchett
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson
Michael Rosen's A – Z (best children's poetry…)	Michael Rosen
Moon Pie	Simon Mason
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	Annabel Pitcher
New and Collected Poems for Children	Carol Ann Duffy
Northern Lights. His Dark Materials Book 1	Philip Pullman

Off Road to Everywhere	Philip Gross
1001 Arabian Nights	Geraldine McCaughrean
Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear	Tomi Ungerer
Phoenix	S F Said
Pig-heart Boy	Malorie Blackman
Red Cherry Red	Jackie Kay
Robin Hood and a World of Other Stories	Geraldine McCaughrean
Rose Blanche	Roberto Innocenti
Saffy's Angel	Hilary McKay
Seasons of Splendour	Madhur Jaffrey
Secret Friends	Elizabeth Laird
Sensational! Poems Inspired by the Five Senses	Roger McGough
Shakespeare Stories	Leon Garfield
Sheep Don't Go to School	Andrew Fusek Peters
Short! A Book of Very Short Stories	Kevin Crossley-Holland
Skellig	David Almond
Sky Hawk	Gill Lewis
Sparks	Ally Kennen
Stay Where You Are and Then Leave	John Boyne
Street Child	Berlie Doherty
Tall Story	Candy Gourlay
The Adventures of Odysseus	Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden
The Arrival	Shaun Tan
The Chronicles of Harris Burdick	Chris Van Allsburg
The Dreamfighter and Other Creation Tales	Ted Hughes
The Eye of the Wolf	Daniel Pennac
The Fire-Eaters	David Almond
The Garbage King	Elizabeth Laird
The Graveyard Book	Nail Gaiman
The Highwayman	Alfred Noyes
The Hobbit	J R R Tolkien
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick
The Lady of Shalott	Alfred Tennyson
The Language of Cat and Other Poems	Rachel Rooney
The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd
The Matchbox Diary	Paul Fleischman
The Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick	Chris Van Allsburg
The Other Side of Truth	Beverley Naidoo
The Oxford Book of Story Poems	Michael Harrison
The Princess' Blankets	Carol Ann Duffy
The Red Tree	Shaun Tan
The Savage	David Almond
The Silver Donkey	Sonya Hartnett

The Sleeping Army	Francesca Simon
The Unforgotten Coat	Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Viewer	Gary Crew
The Weight of Water	Sarah Crossan
The Wreck of the Zanzibar	Michael Morpurgo
The Young Inferno	John Agard
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
Treason	Berlie Doherty
Two Weeks with the Queen	Morris Gleitzman
Varmints	Helen Ward
Way Home	Libby Hathorn
Ways to Live Forever	Sally Nicholls
Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver
Wonder	R J Palacio

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A Really Short History of Nearly Everything	Bill Bryson
Archie's War	Marcia Williams
Benjamin Zephaniah (Black Stars)	Verna Wilkins
Book	John Agard
Charles Dickens – Scenes from an Extraordinary Life	Mick Manning
Children's Quick and Easy Cook Book	Angela Wilkes
H.O.U.S.E.	Aleksandra Machowiak
If the World Were a Village	David J Smith
Let's Talk About Where Babies Come From	Robbie H Harris
Line of Fire	Barroux
Long Walk to Freedom	Nelson Mandela
Look! Zoom in on Art	Gillian Wolfe
Mohammed's Journey	Anthony Robinson
My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright	Marcia Williams
Pirate Diary	Richard Platt
Shackleton's Journey	William Grill
Taff in the WAAF	Mick Manning
The Ancient Romans. Their Lives and Their World	Paul Roberts
The Complete Philosophy Files	Stephen Law
The Egyptian Echo	Paul Dowswell
The History of the Steel Band	Verna Wilkins
The Savage Stone Age	Terry Deary
The Stick Book	Jo Schofield, Fiona Danks
The Usborne Children's Book of Art	Rosie Dickens
The Usborne Introduction to Music	Eileen O'Brien

Think of a Number	Johnny Ball
Walter Tull's Scrapbook	Michaela Morgan
War Boy	Michael Foreman
We Are All Born Free. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures	
What Mr Darwin Saw	Mick Manning
Who am I? The Family Tree Explorer	Anthony Adolph