

Books for Middle Readers

Stories that will excite, amuse, challenge, inspire, and entertain – these are the books that make up the Puffin range for children in the upper-primary to lower-secondary readership. These middle readers are seeking quality books on a range of issues that are relevant to their experience – growing up, establishing an identity, dealing with family and friends, coping with school, facing challenges – not to mention having fun!

Middle Readers Best in Show

Then Morris Gleitzman

COOL 2009 (Canberra's Own Outstanding List – ACT, Children's Choice Award)

Fiction for Years 7-9 – Shortlisted

The Guardian (UK) Children's Fiction Prize 2009

Shortlisted

KOALA 2009 (Kids Own Australian Literature Awards Inc. – NSW, Children's Choice Award)

Fiction for Years 7-9 – Shortlisted

YABBA 2009 (Young Australians Best Book Award – Vic, Children's Choice Award)

Fiction for Years 7-9 – Winner

CBC Children's Book of the Year Award
(for books published 2009)

Older readers – Shortlisted

BILBY 2009 (Books I Love Best Yearly – Qld, Children's Choice Award)

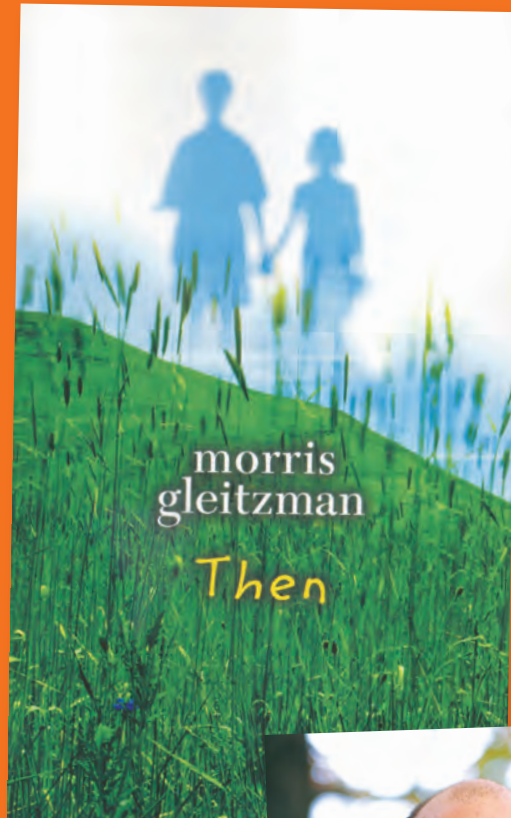
Older readers – Shortlisted

*'Morris Gleitzman's heart-wrenching sequel to **Once**, **Then** is one of the most beautiful and personal novels of his career.'*

Morris explores the atrocities of the Holocaust through the lives of Felix and Zelda during World War II and in doing so, captures the heart of the human spirit, love and enduring hope in what was one of the darkest times in our history.'

Laura Harris

Publishing Director
Books for Children and Young Adults
Penguin Books



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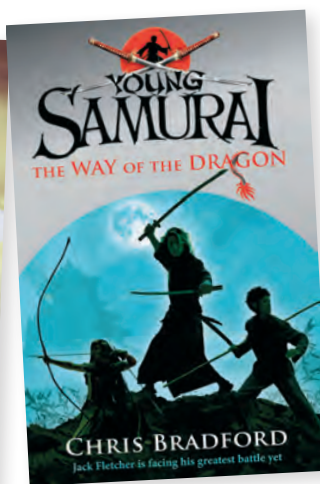
BRADFORD, CHRIS

Young Samurai: The Way of the Dragon

June 1613. Japan is threatened with war and Jack is facing his greatest battle yet.

Samurai are taking sides and, as the blood begins to flow, Jack's warrior training is put to the ultimate test. His survival – and that of his friends – depends upon him mastering the Two Heavens, the secret sword technique of the legendary samurai Masamoto Takeshi. But first Jack must recover his father's prize possession from the deadly ninja Dragon Eye. Can Jack defeat his ruthless enemy? Or will the ninja complete his mission to kill the young samurai...

9+ 320pp 9780141324326 \$16.95



CLARK, SHERRYL

Motormouth*+

Since Chris lost his best mate, cars are all he really cares about. Then Josh Carter moves to town. Josh is the son of a famous racing car driver. He is also a bit of a motormouth, and that's where the trouble begins. Another moving and beautifully crafted verse novel, from the award-winning author of *Sixth Grade Style Queen (Not!)*.

10+ 72pp 9780143304432 \$14.95

COLFER, EOIN

Artemis Fowl and the Atlantis Complex

Another heartstopping adventure from the amazing Eoin Colfer!

9+ ??pp 9780141328041 \$22.95

CORDER, ZIZOU

Halo

Washed ashore as a baby in ancient Greece, Halo is discovered by a family of centaurs. Although her true identity remains a mystery, she is loved as one of their own. But when Halo is dragged away by fishermen, her wild adventure begins...

Halo soon realizes that if she is to survive then she must live in disguise – as a boy. A violent war is threatening to erupt and Halo is at the mercy of the mighty Spartan warriors. And as she battles to hide her secret, Halo never forgets her quest to find out who she is – and where she really came from.

10+ 384pp 9780141331850 \$19.95

D'ATH, JUSTIN

Extreme Adventures: Monkey Mountain*

Sam Fox's class trip to Borneo starts off with a bang – a visit to a real-life volcano! But when Mount Bako erupts, Sam is left stranded with his teacher who's had a heart attack. They make it down the mountain – but there's blood-thirsty sharks in front and a river of lava sizzles behind! Will they leave Monkey Mountain alive?

8+ 156pp 9780143304418 \$14.95

Extreme Adventures: Tiger Trouble*

Sam Fox and his family are in New Delhi watching his big brother Nathan make his international cricketing debut. A pickpocket steals his backpack and Sam gives chase but runs afoul of the boss of the gang, who's also involved in smuggling a pair of tiger cubs through Pakistan to Iran, so Sam sets out to rescue them...

8+ 144pp 9780143304425 \$14.95

GLEITZMAN, MORRIS

Once*+

Once I escaped from an orphanage to find my Mum and Dad.

Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house.

Once I made a Nazi with toothache laugh.

My name is Felix.

This is my story.

10+ 160pp 9780143301950 \$16.95

Then*+

Then is the second story of Felix and Zelda. They escaped from the Nazis, but how long can they now survive when there are so many people ready to hand them over for a reward? Thanks to the courage of a kind, brave woman they are able to hide for a time in the open, but Felix knows he has a distinguishing feature that identifies him as a Jew and that it is only a matter of time before he is discovered, which will mean death for them all. Even though he promised Zelda he would never leave her, he knows he has to, before it is too late...

10+ 192pp 9780670072781 \$19.95

Now*+

Set in the current day, this is the conclusive book in the series that began with *Once*, continued with *Then* and is... *Now*. Felix has achieved much in his life but is burdened by thoughts of the past. When his granddaughter (Zelda) comes to stay she takes on the challenge of entertaining him and helping to lift him from his sad memories.

10+ 192pp 9780670074372 \$19.95

GLEITZMAN, MORRIS & JENNINGS, PAUL

Deadly!* (bind-up)

So incredibly imaginative and so brilliantly plotted, *Deadly!* will leave readers gasping in delight, terror, tears and laughter, as they share the tumultuous journey with Amy and Sprocket, uncovering deadly secret after deadly secret. All six parts are brought together in this one edition with a fresh new cover.

10+ 444pp 9780143300243 \$19.95

HARTNETT, SONYA

The Midnight Zoo*+

Two orphaned gypsy boys are fleeing through war-ravaged countryside during the night. The boys stumble across a town that has been reduced to smoking rubble, and a zoo that is still intact, with all its animals. As the boys shelter there overnight, they and the animals each tell their tales and their desire for freedom.

12+ 150pp 9780670074051 \$24.95

HIGSON, CHARLIE

Danger Society: The Young Bond Dossier

Featuring a brand-new story by Charlie Higson, *The Young Bond Dossier* is the complete and definitive guide to the world and adventures of Young Bond. Packed with information – from in-depth character profiles to the cars, the weapons and the exotic locations, plus facts, stats, photographs, maps, and illustrations by Kev Walker – this book is both a must-have for Young Bond fans and a perfect introduction to the mega-selling series.

9+ 240pp 9780141329048 \$16.95

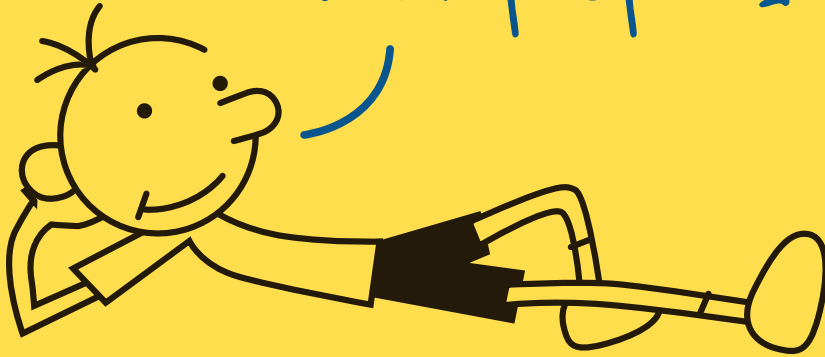
IRVINE, IAN

Runcible Jones and the Backwards Hourglass*

After every defeat Lord Shambles returns stronger than before; more determined to punish humanity. Unfortunately, Earth's leaders refuse to believe that magic exists. Only Runcible Jones and his friends know that Shambles has caused all this havoc. And Runcible knows he will need every bit of his courage and cunning to defend Earth.

10+ 432pp 9780143302964 \$19.95

I'm pretty much one of the best people I know



Greg aka
Wimpy Kid

KINNEY, JEFF

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Being a kid can really stink. And no one knows this better than Greg Heffley, who finds himself thrust into high school where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving.

Luckily Greg has his best friend and sidekick, Rowley. But when Rowley's popularity starts to rise, it kicks off a chain of events that will test their friendship in an hilarious fashion.

10+ 226pp 9780143303831 \$14.95

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules

Whatever you do, don't ask Greg Heffley how he spent his summer holidays, because he definitely doesn't want to talk about it.

As Greg enters the new school year, he's eager to put the past three months behind him... and one event in particular. Unfortunately for Greg, his older brother Rodrick knows all about the incident. And secrets have a way of getting out... especially when a diary is involved.

10+ 226pp 9780143303848 \$14.95

Diary of Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw

Greg Heffley will never change his wimpy ways... somebody just better tell Greg's dad that. Frank Heffley actually thinks he can get his son to toughen up and he enlists Greg in organised sports and other 'manly' endeavours. Thus far, Greg manages to side-step his father's efforts, then comes the threat of military school, and Greg realises he has to shape up or ship out!

10+ 222pp 9780143304555 \$14.95

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days

It's the summer holidays, the weather's great, and all the kids are having fun outside. So where's Greg Heffley? Inside his house, playing video games with the shades drawn.

Greg, a self-confessed 'indoor person' is living out his ultimate summer fantasy: no responsibilities and no rules. But Greg's mum has a different vision for an ideal summer... one packed with outdoor activities and 'family togetherness'.

Whose vision will win out? Or will a new addition to the Heffley family change everything?

10+ 228pp 9780143304951 \$14.95

Diary of a Wimpy Kid 5

What cringe-worthy diary entry are we going to experience with Greg next? He's growing up but not maturing much, like any typical teenage boy, maybe its time he became a bit more of a mentor for his younger brother? Or Maybe he finds a girlfriend? Whatever it is, it's sure to make us laugh out loud; and wince just a little.

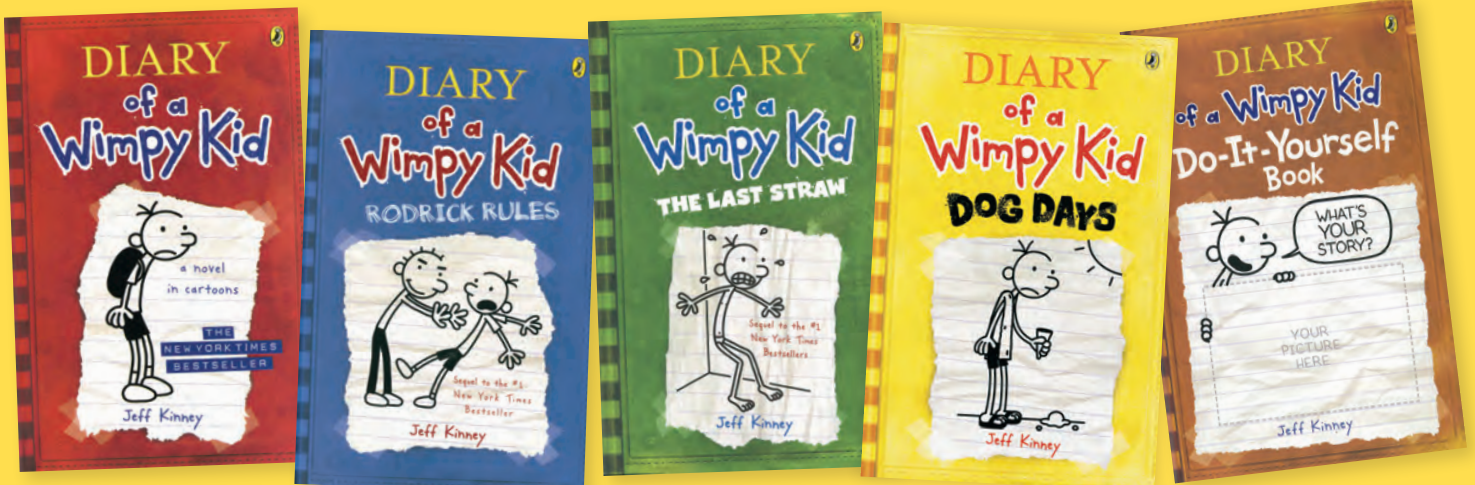
10+ 224pp 9780143304999 \$14.95

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Do-It-Yourself Book

Packed with original material, this Do-It-Yourself Book features ruled pages and empty word balloons so you can create your own stories and comics, list your favourite and least faves, and keep your own daily journal. But whatever you do, make sure you put this book someplace safe after you finish it. Because when you're rich and famous, this thing is going to be worth a fortune.

228pp 9780143304562 \$12.95

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LAFLUER, SUZANNE

Love, Aubrey +

Something heartbreaking had happened. Eleven year-old Aubrey is on Her Own.

She's determined to hide away and take care of herself, because facing the truth is too much to bear.

But with the love of her grandmother and the letters she writes, can Aubrey begin to see that even though she's lost everything – all is not lost?

12+ 276pp 9780141327129 \$16.95

LLOYD, ALISON

Wicked Warriors & Evil Emperors*

A perfect read for anyone who likes their history funny, gruesome, action-packed and thrilling. This is the true page-turning story of a twelve-year-old king who grew up to be a wicked warrior, created an empire, and built the great wall of China.

10+ 180pp 9780143304340 \$16.95

PERSHALL, MARY K.

Ruby Clair: The Trouble with Ghosts*

Ruby Clair is used to weird stuff happening. Like being able to see the lights around people and hearing whispery voices in the dark. But getting a call from her cousin Nicola goes way beyond the weird. It's impossible.

If this is a gift, Ruby's not sure she wants it. Why does the one thing she seems to be good at have to be so spooky?

9+ 144pp 9780143303756 \$14.95

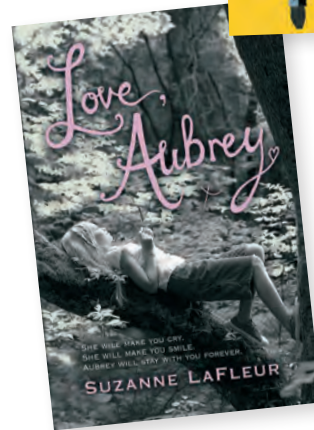
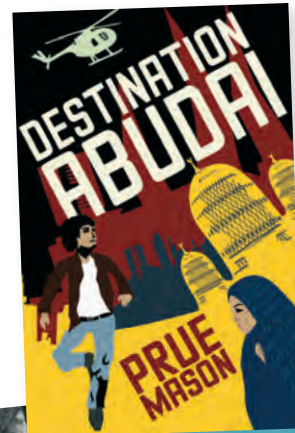
MASON, PRUE

Destination Abudai*+

Life in a small town is kind of predictable for Jaz. The only thing that keeps him challenged is his karate – until one day, everything changes.

At first, going to Abudai seems like a wonderful dream, but Jaz is soon embroiled in dangerous family politics, made even more perilous by his lack of cultural understanding.

12+ 192pp 9780143304029 \$17.95



Ruby Clair: Ghost with a Message*

Ruby knows that her ability to hear and see ghosts is an incredible gift. Even so, sometimes she'd like to go back to being a regular kid. But would that be fair? Should Ruby break through her fear and help another ghost, whoever that might be?

9+ 186pp 9780143304296 \$14.95

Ruby Clair: A Ghost at School*

The much anticipated third book in the *Ruby Clair* series, *Ruby Clair: A Ghost at School* will keep readers guessing with many exciting twists and suspenseful passages. It is also a poignant tale about family and friendships from a young girl's perspective. A perfect combination of supernatural mystery and heartfelt storytelling.

9+ 192pp 9780143304302 \$14.95



Introducing Oliver Phommavanh

Oliver Phommavanh loves to make people laugh, whether it's on the page writing humour for kids or on stage as a stand-up comedian. He also shares his passion for writing with the kids he teaches at a primary school in Western Sydney. As a comedian, Oliver has appeared on stage, and on national TV and radio. He's a die-hard Nintendo fan and cheers for the Wests Tigers! *Thai-riffic!* is his first book.

PHOMMAVANH, OLIVER

Thai-riffic*

It's hard being Thai, especially when you live in Australia, your house is a Thai cultural shrine, your parents run a restaurant called Thai-riffic! and all you really want is some pizza! Oliver Phommavanh, a fresh new voice in children's fiction and rising stand-up comic, will have you laughing out loud at his alter ego's irreverent adventures.

10+ 100pp 9780143304852 \$16.95

RIORDAN, RICK

Percy Jackson: The Demigod Files

In these top-secret files, Rick Riordan, Camp Half-Blood's senior scribe, gives you an inside look at the world of demigods that NO regular human child is allowed to see. These highly classified archives include three of Percy Jackson's most perilous adventures, a *Spotter's Guide to Monsters*, a *Who's Who in Greek Mythology*, *Percy's Summer Camp Report* and much more. So, if you're armed with this book, you'll have everything you need to know to keep you alive in your training. Your own adventures have just begun...

9+ 180pp 9780141329505 \$12.95

Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian

Most people get presents on their sixteenth birthday. I get a prophecy that could save or destroy the world.

That's how it is when you're the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. According to an ancient prophecy, bad things will happen when I turn sixteen – because I'm the one who gets to decide the fate of the entire world. But no pressure.

9+ 384pp 9780141321288 \$16.95

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. That's when things started really going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends and generally trying to stay alive.

This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea.

9+ 384pp 9780141329994 \$16.95



Red Pyramid: Kane Chronicles

Carter and Sadie have nothing in common but their parents: their father Dr Julius Kane, a brilliant Egyptologist, and their mother, a famed archaeologist who died under mysterious circumstances when they were young. The siblings barely know each other, but one night, their father brings them together at the British Museum, promising a 'research experiment' that will set things right for their family.

His plans go horribly wrong.

A brand new, action-packed series from the author of the hugely successful Percy Jackson series.

10+ 384pp 9780141384948 \$19.95

SCARROW, ALEX

Time Riders

Liam O'Connor should have died at sea in 1912.

Maddy Carter should have died on a plane in 2010.

Sal Vikram should have died in a fire in 2029.

Liam, Maddy and Sal are recruited by an agency that no one knows exists, with only one purpose – to fix broken history. Because time travel is here, and there are those who would go back in time and change the past.

10+ 432pp 9780141326924 \$16.95

STORER, JEN

Tensy Farlow and the Home for Mislaid Children* (paperback)

A wonderful gothic adventure story about a horrid orphanage, fallen angels, wicked water spirits, and a gutsy little orphan called Tensy Farlow, who has something that everyone wants ... and are willing to get at all costs.

10+ 300pp 9780143304371 \$14.95



WAGNER, MICHAEL

Eddie Innocent: Destiny's Right Hand*

The first book in this quirky, supernatural series by the author of *The Undys*. Eddie Innocent wants to be a journalist and has an uncanny knack for finding bizarre stories. Enter Destiny, a girl with a transplanted hand that is making her steal things. Can Eddie solve the mystery without losing his job at the *Junior Times* newspaper, and his credibility?

10+ 144pp 9780143304210 14.95

Eddie Innocent: A Rip in Time*

On their camping holiday a family comes across a mystery girl who claims to be part of their family. She knows everything about them, even though they've never met her. When Eddie Innocent gets involved, he begins to suspect that perhaps the girl has come from a parallel world.

10+ 120pp 9780143304227 \$14.95

WANG, GABRIELLE

A Ghost in my Suitcase +*

When 13-year-old Celeste travels to China to visit her grandmother, she uncovers an incredible family secret that brings danger and adventure. If Celeste is to save her family and friends, she must learn to harness her rare and powerful gift ... as a ghost-hunter.

12+ 192pp 9780143303794 \$16.95

WINTON, TIM

Blueback +*

Abel Jackson has lived by the sea at Longboat Bay ever since he could remember. One day he meets Blueback, the biggest and most beautiful fish he's ever seen. As Abel grows up he and his mother fight to protect Blueback and save Longboat Bay. A reissue of award-winning author Tim Winton's beautiful fable about family, belonging and environmental responsibility.

10+ 168pp 9780143304333 \$16.95



Rediscover Puffin Classics

Alice in Wonderland, Black Beauty, Dracula, Gulliver, Huckleberry Finn, Oliver, Pollyana and Tom Sawyer are but a few of the Puffin Classics book characters that have delighted, inspired and entertained children over the years. These characters are so vivid and exciting that they literally jump off the page and into our lives.

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