



Desert Island books

Mr Johnson

*'These are my favourite books and the reasons why I love them so much!'*

Book	Blurb	The reasons I love this book!
<p>Stig of the Dump by Clive King</p> 	<p>Nobody believes Barney when he says he's discovered a boy living wild in the dump. But for Barney, Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learn each other's ways and embark on a series of exciting adventures.</p>	<p>One of the first books that I can remember the teacher reading to me when I was in Primary School, at the time I enjoyed this book because of the funny caveman and his antics. As I grew older the story of friendship across a variety of boundaries stuck with me. This one is a must for all children, I think!</p>
<p>Charlie &amp; the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>Charlie Bucket can't believe his luck when he finds a golden ticket and wins a chance of a lifetime: A magical day witnessing the miraculous creation of the most delectable eatables ever made. Join Charlie in this irresistible, world-famous story, perfectly complemented with illustrations by Quentin Blake</p>	<p>In recent years we may have learned that Dahl was, at best, an unsavoury character, but this is a book is nothing if not sweet! The characters are spellbinding and the story exhilarating. The love of the Bucket family in such challenging circumstances shines throughout, and the depth and complexities of Wonka are fascinating for children to get their teeth into. I must have read this book a hundred times as a child.</p>
<p>The Dirt by Motley Crue</p> 	<p>Confessions of the World's Most Notorious Rock Band is a collaborative autobiography of Mötley Crüe by the band – Tommy Lee, Mick Mars, Vince Neil and Nikki Sixx – and New York Times writer Neil Strauss. First published in 2001, it chronicles the formation of the band, their rise to fame and their highs and low</p>	<p><b>THIS BOOK IS ABSOLUTELY NOT FOR CHILDREN! NOR IS IT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART!</b> The story of legendary hair metal band, Motley Crue, is full of tales of rock n roll and everything that comes with it. Stories told from the point of view of each band member, this book lifts the lid on a world most of us will never see... Which is probably for the best.</p>
<p>Goosebumps by R.L. Stein</p> 	<p>READER BEWARE -- YOU'RE IN FOR TEN SCARES! From an evil baby sister, to a remote control that can control more than just the television set, to a teacher who's obsessed with snakes, to a cute, cuddly, teddy bear gone bad, here are ten creepy, spooky stories guaranteed to give you <b>Goosebumps</b> all night long!</p>	<p>They were the cause of multiple nightmares, but young Mr. Johnson just couldn't put down the Goosebumps series. These books have given me a healthy suspicion of ventriloquist dolls, clowns, mummies, puppets and more. I don't think any childhood is complete without a sleepless night or two caused by a refusal to put one of these down.</p>
<p>Horrible Histories Series</p> 	<p>From Savage Stone Age to Terrifying Twentieth Century, find the bestselling books about every terrible time in history. Horrible Histories has been filling heads with foul facts since 1993. It's <b>history with the nasty bits left in!</b></p>	<p>Imagine my absolute delight on discovering that the Horrible Histories series was not only popular, but also a <i>TV Series</i> when I started my career in teaching some 15 years after putting down my last copy of Horrible Romans. These books started a lifelong fascination with the past and I am thrilled that they are as popular today as they were when I was a kid.</p>
<p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle</p> 	<p>The caterpillar is not only very hungry, but he also has unusual tastes in food, ones that delight children. After popping out of an egg on Sunday, the very hungry caterpillar eats holes through the book's pages as he eats his way through a variety of foods, beginning with one apple on Monday and two pears on Tuesday and ending with five oranges on Friday and 10 different foods on Saturday (chocolate cake, ice cream, a pickle, Swiss cheese, salami, a lollipop, cherry pie, sausage, a cupcake, and watermelon)</p>	<p>What can I say about this one? Literary genius. He was a caterpillar and he really, <i>really</i> hungry. This taught young Mr. Johnson that it is <i>fine</i> to eat a ton as long as it's a Saturday, and that as long as I eat my greens I will likely turn into a beautiful butterfly. I loved this book as a young lad and can remember never wanting to put it down.</p>