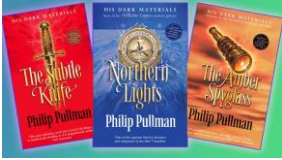
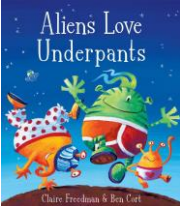
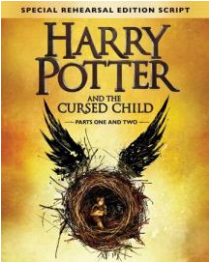
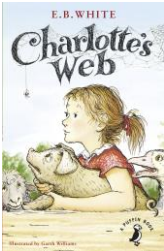
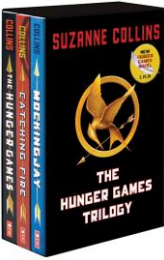



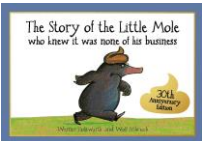




Desert Island books

Mrs Howell

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

Book	Blurb	The reasons I love this book!
<p>His Dark Materials trilogy</p> 	<p>Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world.</p>	<p>Philip Pullman draws you into his alternative universe and you don't want to leave. Lyra is the ultimate heroine – fearless, determined and inspiring. I love the fact that each character has a daemon in the form of an animal. I wonder what my daemon would be...? I also enjoyed reading the prequels.</p>
<p>Aliens Love Underpants</p> 	<p>"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise..." You probably thought aliens came down to Earth with a view to taking over the planet - but, no, they simply want to steal your pants!</p>	<p>This story was one of my children's favourites when they were little. I think I read it every night for at least three years. I can still recite the whole book off by heart!</p>
<p>Harry Potter and the Cursed Child</p> 	<p>It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.</p>	<p>I LOVED the Harry Potter books, so was very intrigued to find out what life was like for Harry as a grown up! I bought this as a gift for my eldest son (but mainly because I wanted to read it!). I was a little worried I wouldn't enjoy it as much as it's written as a playscript...but I wasn't disappointed. I have read it twice and am hoping that one day I will get to the West End to watch the play.</p>
<p>Charlotte's Web</p> 	<p>This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. With the unlikely help of Templeton the rat, and a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saves the life of Wilbur, who by this time has grown up to be quite a pig.</p>	<p>This was my class novel when I was in Year 2. I was so impatient to find out what happened, that I bought my very own copy with my pocket money so that I could read ahead! This book is a wonderful story of friendship. The ending is a bit of a tearjerker though.</p>
<p>The Hunger Games trilogy</p> 	<p>Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place. Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called The Hunger Games. There is only one rule: kill or be killed. When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence. But Katniss has been close to death before. For her, survival is second nature.</p>	<p>May the odds be ever in your favour! This series had me gripped from page one. I devoured each book and became fully immersed in the dystopian future that Suzanne Collins created. Katniss is an absolute legend!</p>
<p>Tom's Midnight Garden</p> 	<p>Tom is sent away to stay with his aunt and uncle for the summer holidays. With no garden or children to play with, he feels lonely and unhappy, until one night he hears the clock striking thirteen and discovers a secret garden where he makes a new friend, Hatty. Yet it soon becomes clear that his new-found friend is living in another time altogether, and</p>	<p>This is a story I read when I was about ten. I loved the idea that Tom was transported into the past. Each night I listened to see if my clock would strike thirteen...but it never did!</p>

	to her, Tom is a sort of ghost. Each time he visits the garden, Hatty has grown older. Finally, on a skating trip up the frozen river in the garden, Hatty and Tom begin to fade and become invisible to each other once more.	
<p>The Story of the Little Mole who knew it was none of his business</p> 	This hilarious picture book tells the tale of a little mole who wakes up one morning only to have one of the other animals 'do its business' on his head. The Little Mole then sets out to track down the culprit to exact his revenge in his own little way.	Poor Mole! I am very relieved that Mole manages to track down the story's dastardly villain (the terrible Basil!). This story never fails to put a smile on my face.
<p>The Magic Faraway Tree</p> 	Join Joe, Beth and Frannie as they take their cousin Rick on a an adventure he'll never forget – up the Magic Faraway Tree! Along with their friends Moon-Face, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy, the children tumble from the fun of the Land of Toys to the thrill of trying to escape the Land of Dreams. Will they ever make it home for tea?	Whenever I see a tall, old, mysterious looking tree, I contemplate climbing it to see if there's a magical world at the top! My dad read this story to me when I was very little – I was desperate to visit the Enchanted Wood and find the Magic Faraway Tree!
<p>Choose Your Own Adventure series</p> 	Choose Your Own Adventure is a series of children's gamebooks where each story is written from a second-person point of view, with the reader assuming the role of the protagonist and making choices that determine the main character's actions and the plot's outcome. ...	This series is perfect for a desert island! You can decide what the outcome is going to be by making decisions about which way the plot will go. Each time you read the book, you can change your decisions and read a totally different story! I loved this series when I was a child.

'I love to read and have read many books over the years. I found it very difficult to narrow the list down, but the stories I've picked are ones that I could read over and over again.'

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