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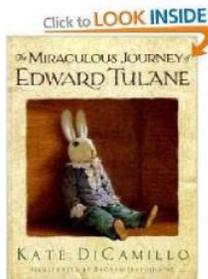
## Challenging reads for confident readers in Year 3 & 4

The following books have been chosen to both challenge and engage our more able readers. We hope you enjoy them!



### ***The Children of Winter* By Berlie Doherty**

A wonderful time slip novel where Catherine and her brother, who are sheltering from the snow while walking in the Derbyshire hills, live the lives of their ancestral counterparts in 1665 who were sent into hiding when the plague hit their village. An accessible historical novel which focuses on the children's struggle for survival.



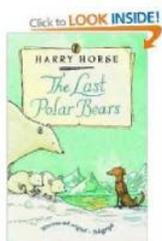
### ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* By Kate DiCamillo**

Edward Tulane is a much loved china rabbit who falls overboard on a sea voyage, and there follows a story of our hero falling into many different hands. Learning to love, as well as be loved along the way.



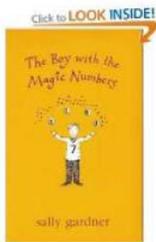
### ***A Bag of Moonshine* By Alan Garner**

Boggarts and gowks, fools and hobgoblins are only some of the strange and wonderful creatures in 'A Bag of Moonshine', Alan Garner's collection of stories chosen from the folklore of England and Wales. Children will be enchanted with these tales – of the Welsh boy who hooked a salmon that pulled him back into the river and demanded to be his sweetheart; of Colloo's baby that bounced out of its cradle and whirled round the kitchen to the tune of Hom Bridson's fiddle.



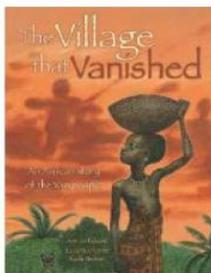
### ***The Last Polar Bears* By Harry Horse**

When Grandfather sees his very first polar bear, it is in a zoo, with not much room and certainly no snow for it to play with. From that moment on he is determined that one day he will get to see a polar bear in its natural habitat, and so he sets off to the North Pole with the faithful Roo (a dog of very strong views, as it happens), on the hunt for polar bears. But is the treacherous journey to Walrus Bay worth the risk?



### ***The Boy with the Magical Numbers By Sally Gardner***

Billy Pickles' dad leaves him and his mum and takes off to New York to fulfil his dreams. When Billy goes there on a visit, the family situation is not what he expects. However, the strange money box dad left him for a gift proves to be the beginning to some surprising adventures for Billy.



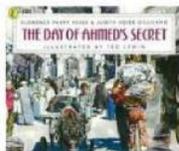
### ***The Village that Vanished By Ann Grifalconi and Kadir Nelson***

This is a fantastic story with wonderful illustrations – a very moving story of how villages were wiped out and their inhabitants taken into slavery, however one little girl and her mother come up with a plan to save everyone.



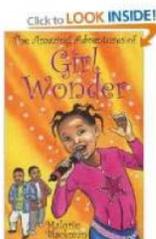
### ***The Changeling By Malachy Doyle and Jac Jones***

A beautifully illustrated Welsh fable about a fairy child exchanged for a baby from the world, and his parents' plan to win him back from their grasp.



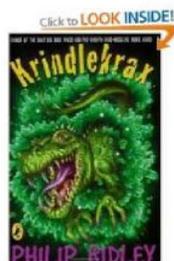
### ***The Day of Ahmed's Secret By Florence Parry Heide***

Ahmed drives his donkey cart through the streets of Cairo, delivering butane gas cylinders to his father's customers. He knows everyone and has a part to play in the life of the city. He is proud to be strong enough to help his family, but most of all he is proud of his precious secret, a secret that he keeps until the end of the day. The book reveals a lot about Ahmed's life, and finally his secret - that he can write his name.



### ***The Amazing Adventures of Girl Wonder By Mallorie Blackman***

*Girl Wonder* is Maxine, whenever there is a problem she will always find a way of dealing with it, even if the solution turns out to be worse than the problem. Living with her resourceful mother and the two terrible twins, Edward and Anthony, Maxine finds life full of fun and event.



### ***Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley***

Ruskin Splinter is small and thin, with knock-knees, thick glasses and a squeaky voice, and the idea of him taming a dragon makes the whole class laugh. Big, strong Elvis is stupid but he looks like a hero. So who is more likely to get the big part in the school play? But when the mysterious beast, Krindlekrax, threatens Lizard Street and everyone who lives there, it is Ruskin who saves the day and proves he is the stuff that heros are made of after all.