

# CHILDREN'S READING INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RECOMMENDED READING LIST





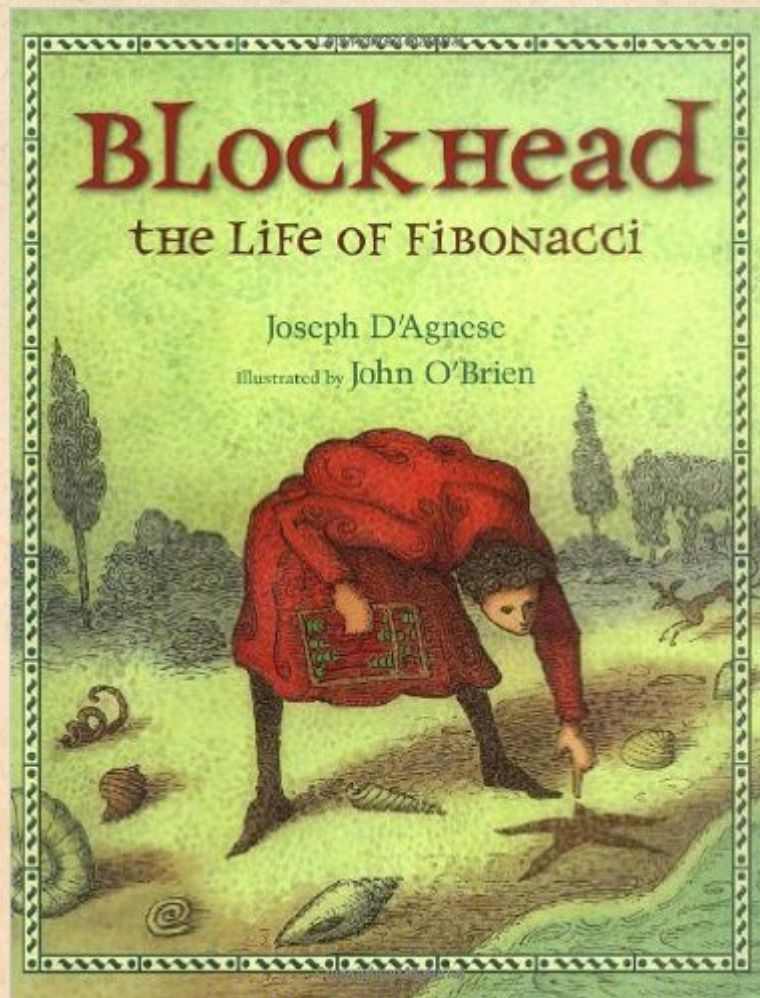
## ***Blockhead – The Life of Fibonacci, Joseph D’Agnese***

An account of the life of Fibonacci as a boy, suitable for ages 7+.

*As a young boy in medieval Italy, Leonardo Fibonacci thought about numbers day and night. He was such a daydreamer that people called him a blockhead.*

*When Leonardo grew up and travelled the world, he was inspired by the numbers used in different countries. Then he realized that many things in nature, from the number of petals on a flower to the spiral of a nautilus shell, seem to follow a certain pattern. The boy who was once teased for being a blockhead had discovered what came to be known as the Fibonacci Sequence!*

*Blockhead* is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.



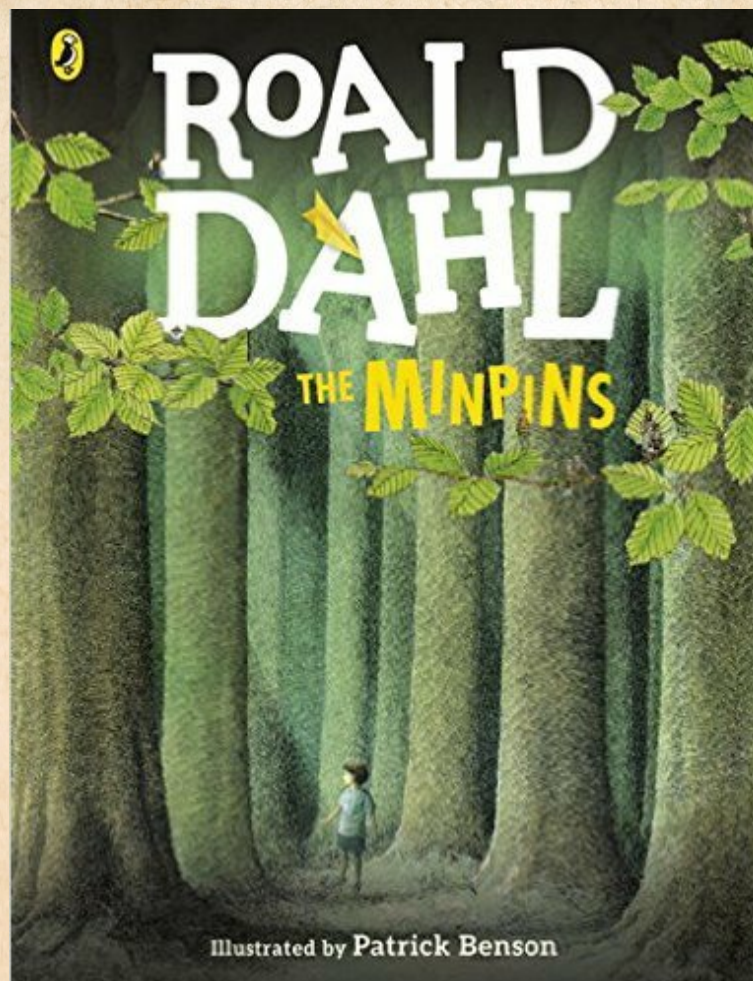


## *The Minpins, Roald Dahl*

A lesser known title from one of the world's most beloved authors, this book is suitable for ages 7+

*Little Billy's mum says he must never go out through the garden gate and explore the dark forest beyond. So, one day, that's exactly what he does.*

*There he meets the Minpins: miniature people who live in the hollow trees. They soon warn Little Billy of the fearsome, galloping Gruncher, who has grunched thousands of Minpins. And it will gobble up Little Billy too - unless he can find a way to defeat the hungry beast, once and for all...*

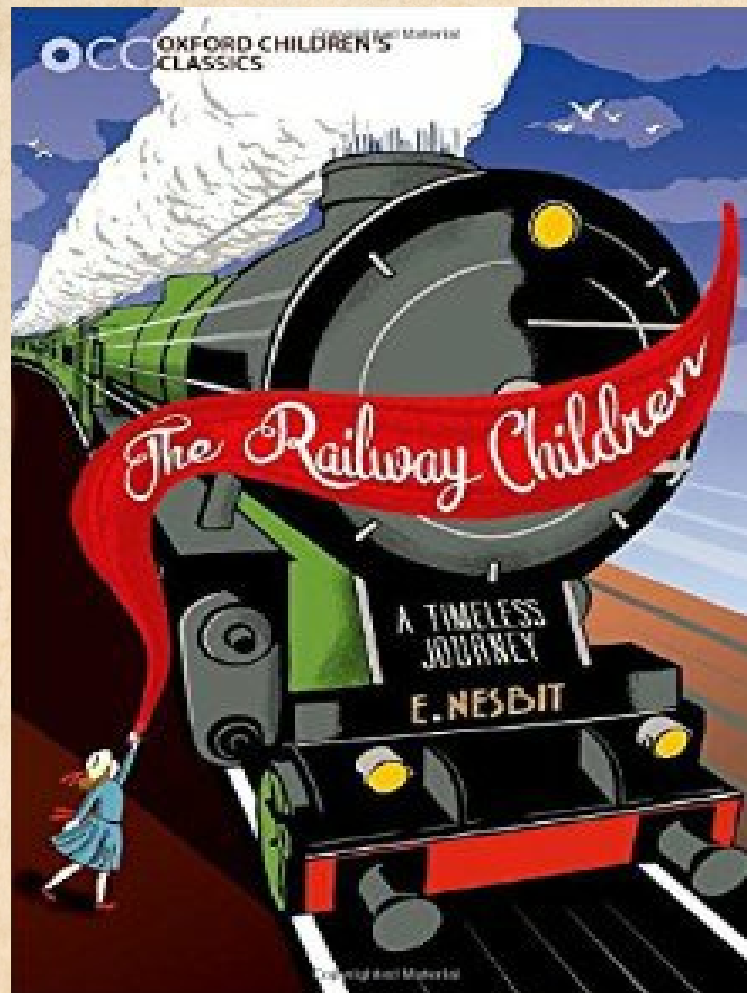




## *The Railway Children, Edith Nesbit*

Family! Friendship! Adventure! Mystery! This book is suitable for ages 8+

*Roberta, Peter, and Phyllis have their lives turned upside down when their father mysteriously has to go away. The railway becomes the centre of their new life, but little do they know what wonders and changes it will bring to them – maybe even the answer to Father's disappearance...*





## *The Secret of Platform 13, Eva Ibbotson*

A fascinating fantasy tale set in the real world. Suitable for ages 8+

*Under Platform 13 at King's Cross Station there is a secret door that leads to a magical island . .*

*It appears only once every nine years. And when it opens, four mysterious figures step into the streets of London. A wizard, an ogre, a fey and a young hag have come to find the prince of their kingdom, stolen as a baby nine years before. But the prince has become a horrible rich boy called Raymond Trottle, who doesn't understand magic and is determined not to be rescued.*



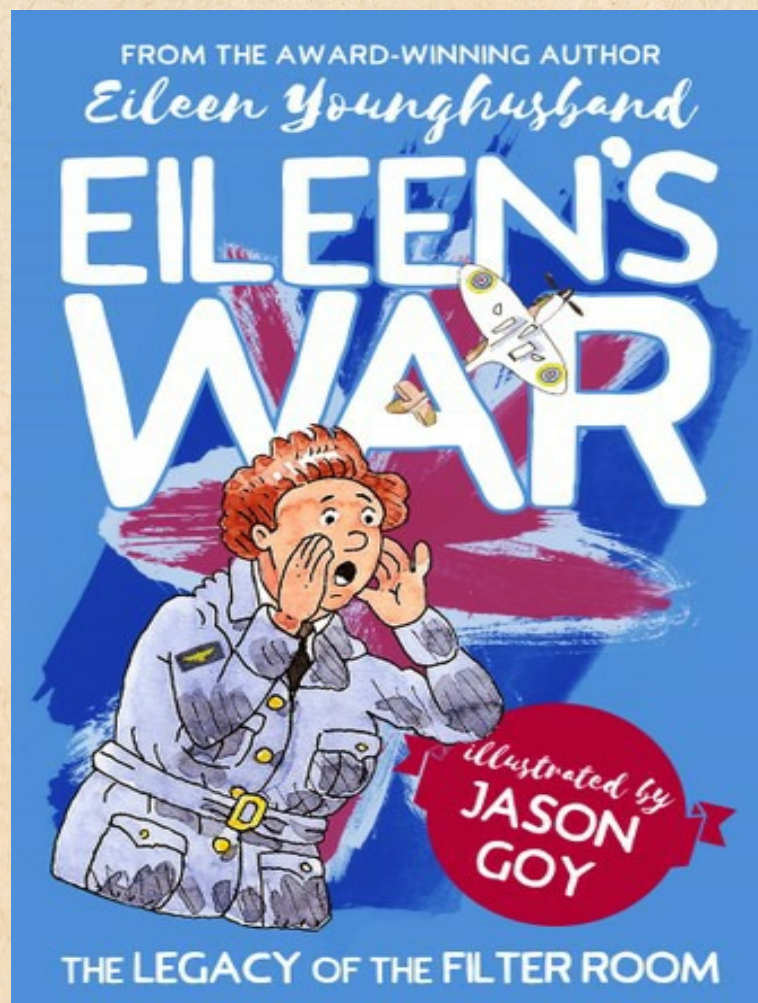


## *Eileen's War, Eileen Younghusband*

A wonderful true story about one of our country's heroes of WWII, suitable for ages 9+

*Eileen le Croisette* was just an ordinary teenage girl. Living with her parents, she spent her days roller skating with friends, studying for exams and daydreaming about travelling the world. But on September 3rd 1939 Britain declared war on Germany and everything changed. With Britain standing alone Eileen was determined to help defend her country. She joined the RAF as a Clerk Special Duties and found herself in the top secret Filter Room – a place so hush-hush she had to sign the Official Secrets Act to work there!

*Eileen's War* tells the remarkable story of living through the Blitz, acting as a guide in a liberated Nazi concentration camp and hunting down V2 rocket launchers! A children's version of the award-winning memoir *One Woman's War*.

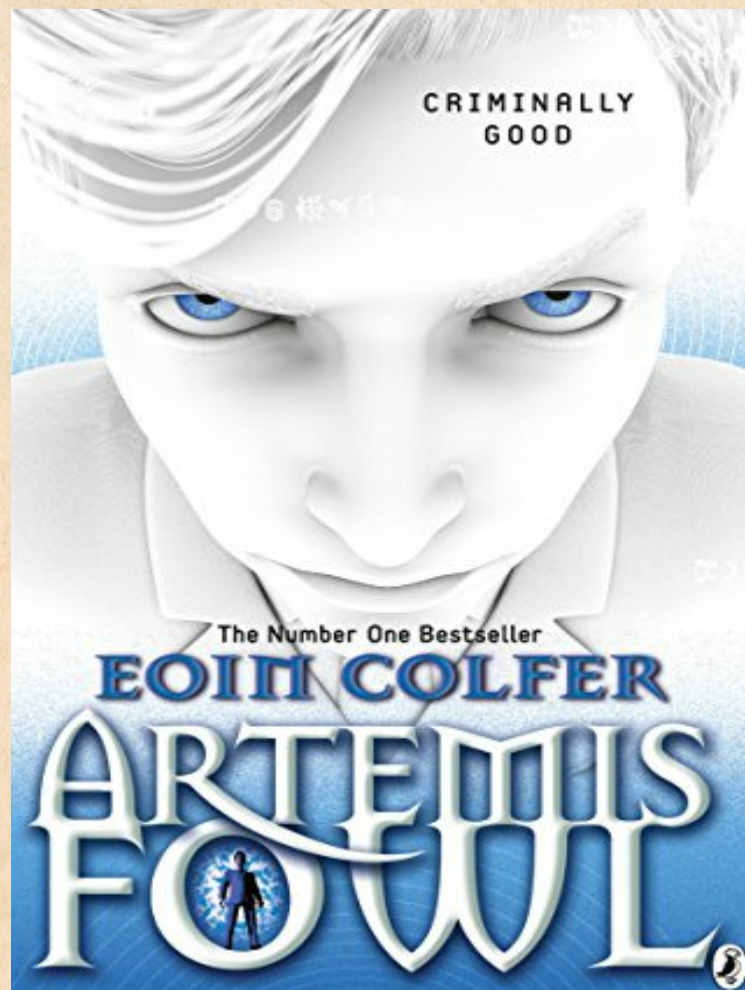




## *Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer*

A gripping fantasy series about a 12 year old boy with a lot to answer for, suitable for ages 9+

*Twelve-year-old villain, Artemis Fowl, is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom. But he's taking on more than he bargained for when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance Unit). For a start, leprechaun technology is more advanced than our own. Add to that the fact that Holly is a true heroine and that her senior officer Commander Root will stop at nothing to get her back and you've got the mother of all sieges brewing!*



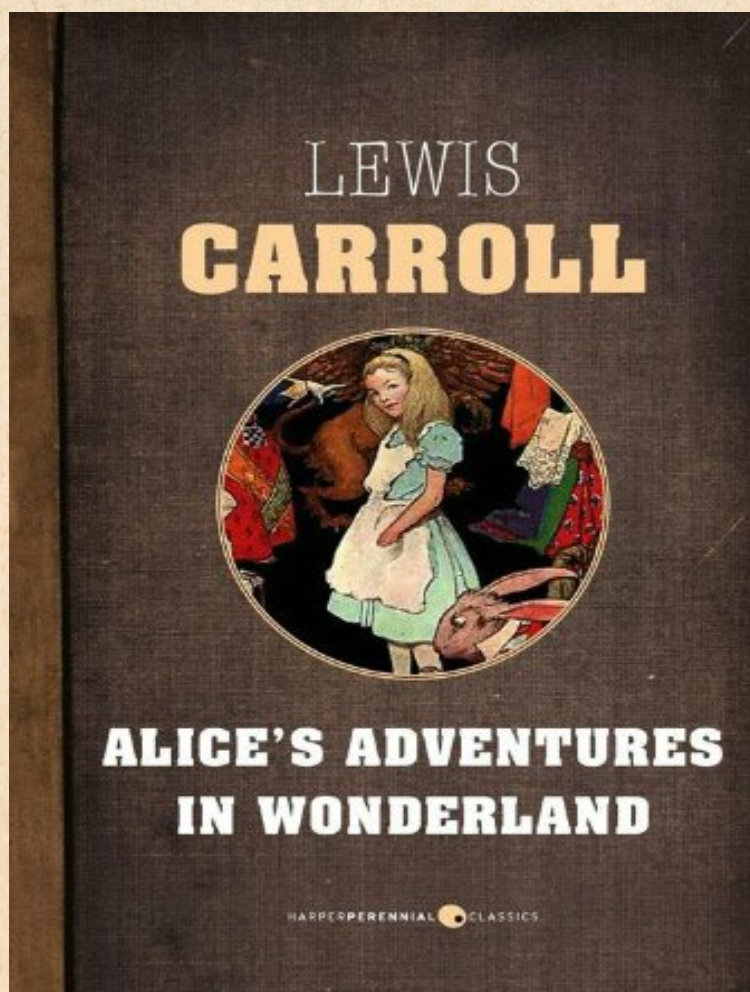


## *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll*

A well-loved and often told tale of a little girl who has fallen down the rabbit-hole, suitable for ages 9+

*Having followed the White Rabbit down his rabbit hole, Alice finds herself in Wonderland, surrounded by curious creatures and with no idea of how to return home. From the Caterpillar to the Cheshire Cat, tea with the March Hare, the Hatter, and the Dormouse to the ultimate croquet match with the Queen of Hearts, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland has enchanted readers since its publication in 1865.*

*Written by Lewis Carroll (born Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) for young Alice Liddell, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was inspired by a boat trip the author took with Alice and her family during which he spun outlandish tales for Alice and her sisters to pass the time.*





# ***Tommy Parker: Destiny Will Find You!***

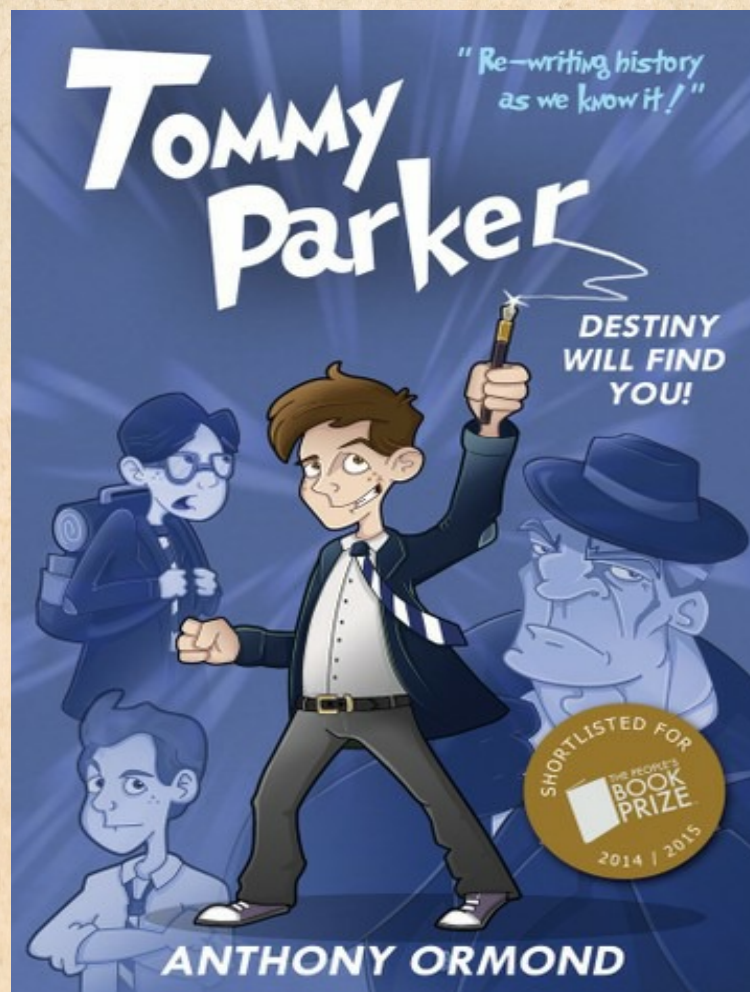
## ***Anthony Ormond***

A lovely book about a time-travelling teenager, suitable for ages 9+

*Whilst the idea of time travel seems like great fun, an innocent trip into the past could have devastating consequences.*

*When Tommy Parker goes to his grandpa's house for the summer he has no idea that his life is about to change forever. But that's exactly what happens when he uncovers a fantastic secret: a pen that lets him travel through his memories and alter the past!*

*This book deals with the everyday problems of time travelling teenagers. It will appeal to fans of Doctor Who, Terry Pratchett and JK Rowling.*

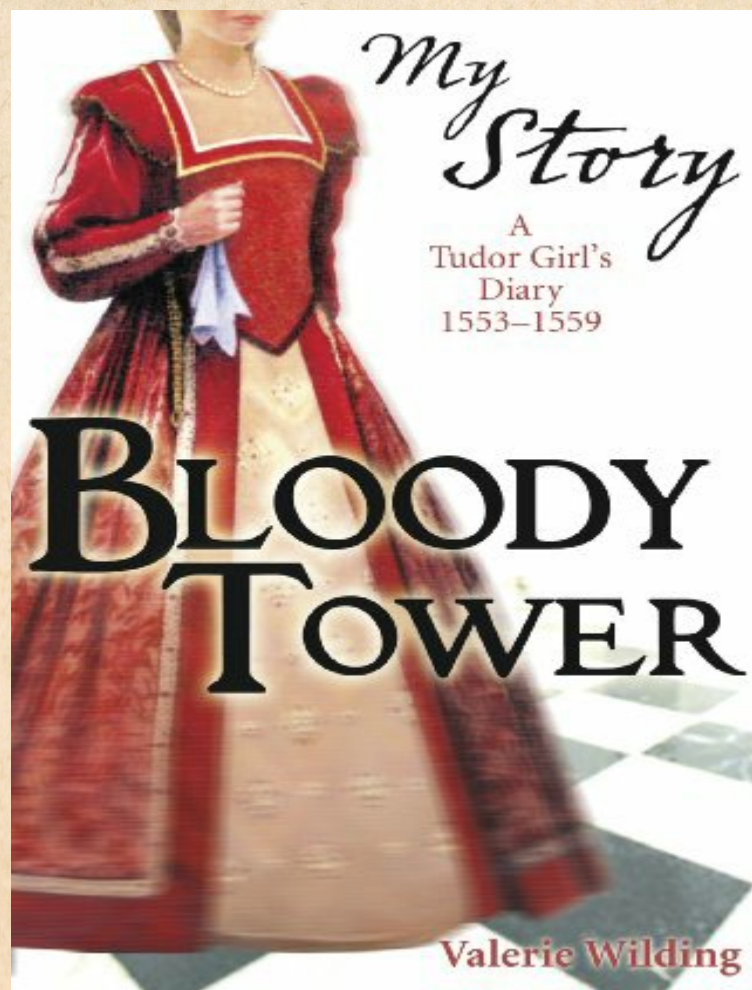




***Bloody Tower: The Diary of Tilly Middleton***  
**Valerie Wilding**

Historical fiction about the people who surrounded Mary I and Elizabeth I, suitable for ages 10+

*The Tower of London is the greatest castle in England. It is a palace and a fortress, but also a prison. And tomorrow, a former Queen will be executed there: Lady Jane Grey, Queen for just nine days, sentenced to a traitor's death at the age of sixteen. Many say she does not deserve to die, but the Bloody Tower will have no mercy on her...*

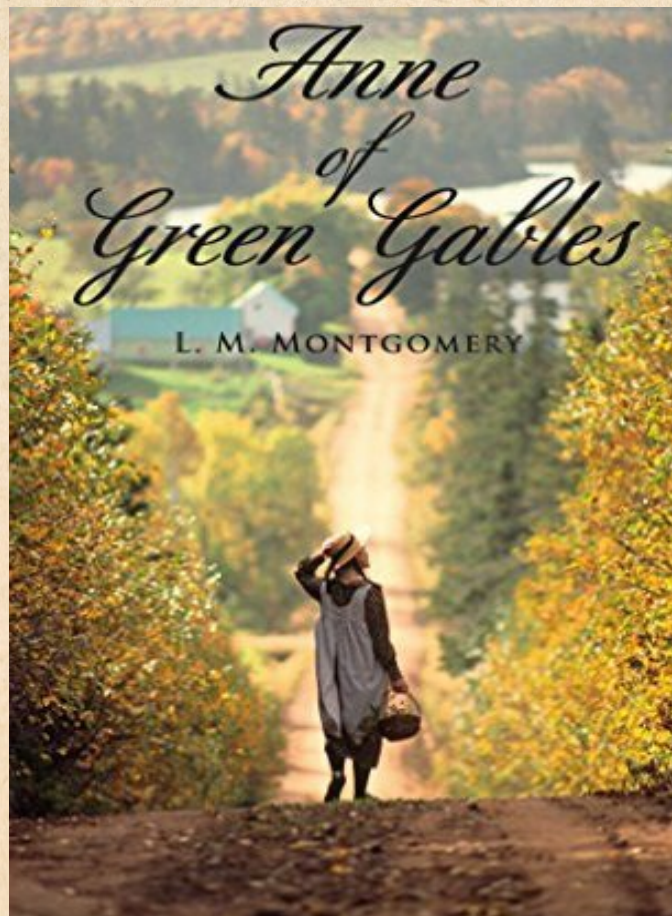




## *Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maud Montgomery*

This classic tale about a kind-hearted and ambitious young girl is suitable for ages 10+

*"The sweetest creation of childlike yet written" - Mark Twain Since it was first published on 1908, Anne of Green Gables has been treasured by millions of readers around the world. Anne Shirley, an orphan, arrives at Green Gables by mistake; the Cuthberts wanted a boy. But for Anne, Green gables is a dream come true. Thanks to her endearing nature, she wins the hearts of the Cuthberts, finds "kindred spirits" and "a bosom friend," and takes a staid island community on a merry ride of adventure and surprise.*

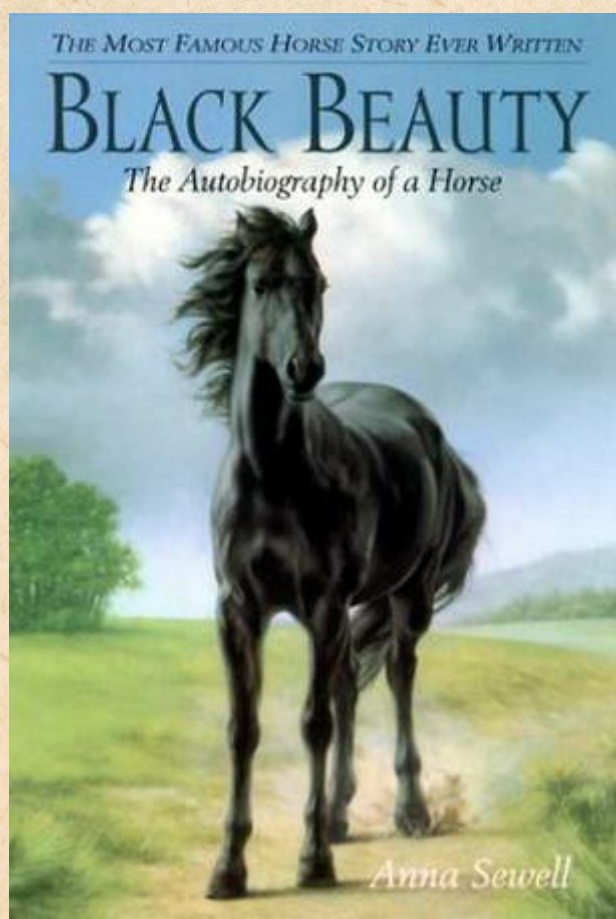




## ***Black Beauty, Anna Sewell***

A much-loved classic, this tale of a beautiful horse is suitable for ages 12+

*Black Beauty is an 1877 novel by English author Anna Sewell. It was composed in the last years of her life, during which she remained in her house as an invalid. The novel became an immediate best-seller, with Sewell dying just five months after its publication, but long enough to see her only novel become a success. With fifty million copies sold, Black Beauty is one of the best-selling books of all time. While forthrightly teaching animal welfare, it also teaches how to treat people with kindness, sympathy, and respect.*

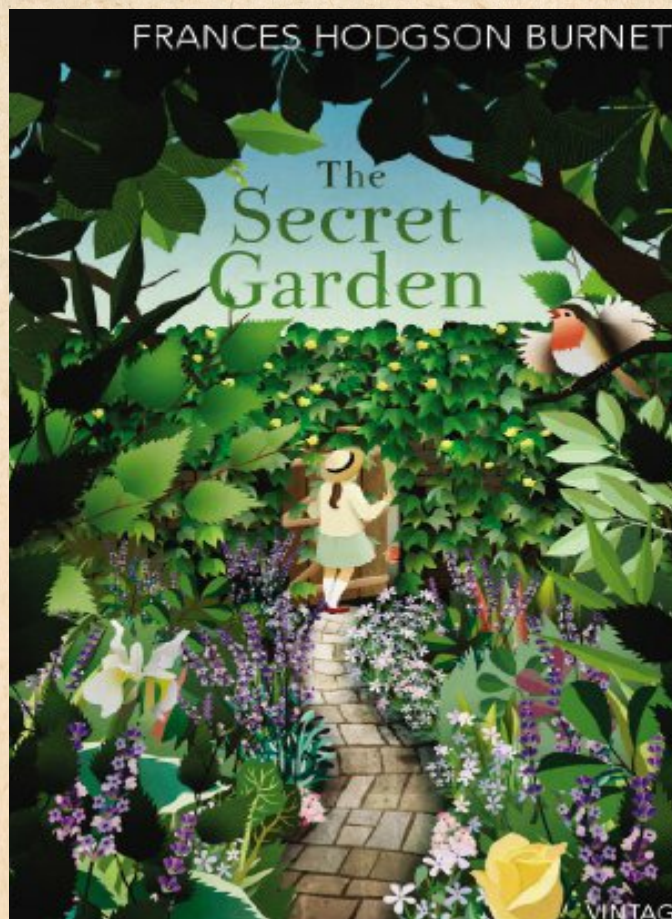




## *The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett*

A sad-yet-heart-warming tale of a young girl in Edwardian Britain, suitable for ages 12+

*When Mary Lennox is sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody says she is the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It is true, too. Mary is pale, spoilt and quite contrary. But she is also horribly lonely. Then one day she hears about a garden in the grounds of the Manor that has been kept locked and hidden for years. And when a friendly robin helps Mary find the key, she discovers the most magical place anyone could imagine...*





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