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Gangsta Granny and other books by David Walliams

RA: 8+ IA: 8+

If your young readers love the outrageously silly David Walliams books, full of fart jokes and daft gags, then they should definitely try *Who Let the Gods Out?* and *Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties*. For readers who really enjoy the funny characters at the heart of Walliams' books, then *The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop* would be a good one to try. For books with the same chaotic adventures, try *The Parent Agency*.

- *Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties* by Henry White and Humza Arshad
- *The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop* by Clare Balding
- *The Parent Agency* by David Baddiel
- *Wed Wabbit* by Lissa Evans
- *Who Let the Gods Out?* by Maz Evans



The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney

RA: 8+ IA: 8+

Jeff Kinney's hilarious, awkward and relatable *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books continue to be immensely popular with young readers. For similar laugh-out-loud silliness, children should try the *Barry Loser* series or the *World of Norm* series. Equally funny but with a different twist are *El Deafo* and *Anisha, Accidental Detective*.

- *Big Nate* by Lincoln Peirce
- The *Barry Loser* series by Jim Smith
- The *World of Norm* series by Jonathan Meres
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Anisha, Accidental Detective* by Serena Patel
- *Shona, Word Detective* by John Agard
- *Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth* by Judd Winick



The *Harry Potter* series by J. K. Rowling

RA: 9+ IA: 9+

The magical world of *Harry Potter* transports children's imaginations as they develop their reading skills. For more magical tales to be entranced by, try Philip Pullman's *Northern Lights* or M. A. Larson's *Pennyroyal Academy* series. For slightly older readers ready for slightly deeper themes, why not try Ursula K. Le Guin's quiet, absorbing *A Wizard of Earthsea*.

- *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger
- The *Pennyroyal Academy* series by M. A. Larson
- *Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman
- *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- The *Percy Jackson* books by Rick Riordan
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi (older readers, 14+)
- The *Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi



The *Series of Unfortunate Events* books by Lemony Snicket

RA: 9+ IA: 9+

Lemony Snicket's witty, alternative and darkly humorous *Series of Unfortunate Events* is an enduringly popular choice among young readers. For more books that capture the same weird and wacky adventures, young readers could try *Malamander* or *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. For readers who especially love the bizarre and clever wordplay running through Snicket's writing, this could be a good chance to try *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

- *Malamander* by Thomas Taylor
- *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- *Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest* by Vashti Hardy
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (adapted by Hope Larson)

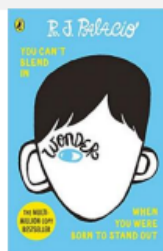


Wonder by R. J. Palacio

RA: 9+ IA: 9+

For more touching, thoughtful reads that celebrate difference, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a fantastic read for reading ages 8+. For superfans of *Wonder* who just want more R. J. Palacio, the short story collection *Auggie and Me* would be a great place to go next. Readers interested in more inspirational figures should try the anthology *The Hero Next Door*.

- *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf
- *The Hero Next Door* by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich (ed.)
- *Auggie and Me: Three Wonder Stories* by R. J. Palacio
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina
- PODCAST: But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids by Vermont Public Radio
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier

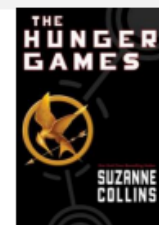


The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

RA: 12+ IA: 12+

If your young readers love the action and adventure of *The Hunger Games*, then *Noughts and Crosses* and *The Explorer* would be great next books to try. For readers who enjoy exploring more thoughtful themes, we recommend *The Girl of Ink & Stars*. You could also suggest they try a piece of classic literature that looks at some of the same themes of identity and growing up, such as *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani
- *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell
- *The Girl of Ink & Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman
- *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman



The Alex Rider books by Anthony Horowitz

RA: 13+ IA: 12+

If your children love the action, adventure and intrigue of Anthony Horowitz's *Alex Rider* books, they should try Robert Muchamore's teen spy thriller series, *Cherub*. For an equally exciting read, but this time set in a dystopian world, they could try Veronica Roth's *Divergent* series.

- The *Cherub* series by Robert Muchamore
- *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer
- *Silverfin* by Charlie Higson
- *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
- PODCAST: The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel by Gen-Z Media

