



# Moat Farm Book Reviews

May 2020



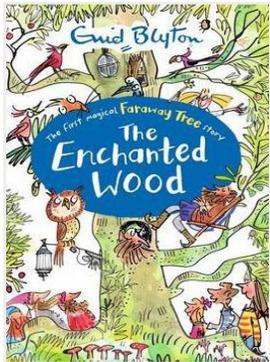


# Teacher recommended reads

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Miss Roberts recommends 'The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton' because...



When Joe, Beth and Frannie move into a new home, they discover a mysterious wood on their very doorstep. Soon, they discover that it's actually an Enchanted Wood, and home to a wonderful Faraway Tree.

Inside the Enchanted Wood, they make all kinds of unusual new friends, including Moonface, Silky the fairy and the hard-of-hearing Saucepan Man, and soon find themselves involved in a host of exciting adventures. Best of all is the discovery that strange new lands can be found in the clouds at the very top of the Faraway Tree itself - from the Land of Spells to the Land of Treats to the Land of Do-As-You-Please.

This delightful story from classic children's author Enid Blyton was first published in 1939 and has delighted children ever since. This new edition has been given a more modern face-lift - but all the fun and magic of Blyton's original has been retained for a new generation of readers.

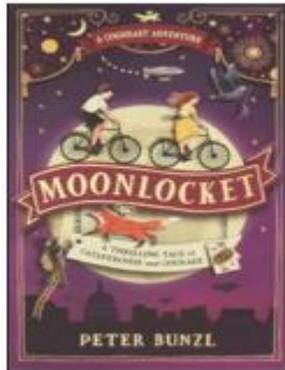


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Miss Millard recommends 'Moonlocket by Peter Bunzl' because...



Another incredible adventure from Peter Bunzl. I was gripped from start to finish again. Having already read Cogheart, I was delighted to be re-united with Lily and Malkin. I couldn't wait to start another adventure with them. I was instantly transported back into the story. This book is wonderful; in this story Lily and Robert go on an extraordinary adventure uncovering the craziness of Robert's past, meet a new friend (Tolly) and a new enemy Jack Door. The action never stops and there are twists and turns as always. I couldn't put the book down. Ready to start book 3!

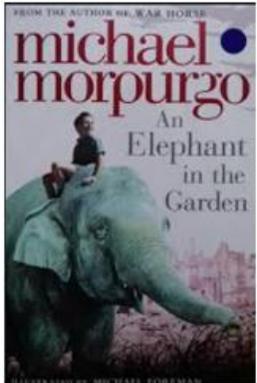


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Mrs Bolton recommends 'An Elephant In The Garden by Michael Morpurgo'



Karl's mother is a nurse working in an old people's nursing home. Sometimes Karl (who is nine) accompanies his mother to work. During a visit to the home, Karl meets Lizzie, a resident and the pair become friends. Soon Lizzie is telling him her story and how there came to be an elephant in her garden many years ago.

A remarkable story of how a family, with the assistance of an unlikely ally, survive the end of WWII in Germany.

Inspired by a true story of an elephant rescued from Belfast zoo. Another great book.

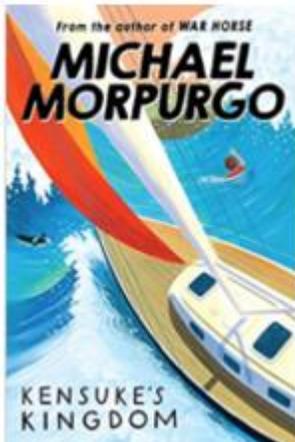


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Mrs Bolton recommends 'Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo' because...



Michael and his parents set sail to explore the world after his father loses his job. On his adventure he sees many fascinating things in many different countries. Whilst at sea, he still has to continue his schoolwork much to his annoyance; however, the life on the ocean more than compensates for this.

It was the night before Michael's twelfth birthday when he disappeared! He wakes up on a beach. Alone. Scared. Lost. Convinced all hope is lost, he resides himself to his fate.

Waking up the next morning, food and water have been left for him. He is not alone!

A great adventure story with plenty of determination, courage and emotions.

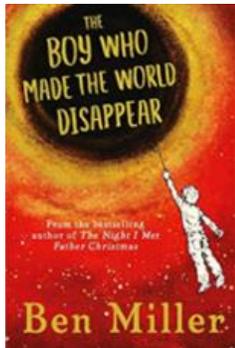


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Mrs Bolton recommends 'The boy who made the world disappear by Ben Miller' because...



<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

I listened to this book on the above website.

For space loving Harrison, attending a friend's space themed party is the thing dreams are made of. The problem is his friend Hector is also quite mean. Whilst trying to stay away from Hector and his elastic band, Harrison gets in trouble with the entertainer for not controlling his temper.

At the end of the party, when the other children are given planet balloons and stars, Harrison is given a black hole. Soon he discovers that he can feed the things he doesn't like into his black hole. However, before long it's not just the things he hates disappearing into the black hole! Sometimes you really should be careful what you wish for.

An out-of-this-world adventure about a boy who learns to use his words to express his emotions instead of getting angry.



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Mrs Scotney recommends 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson ' because...



Hello children! I am so excited to share this book with you. I love reading books that have been recommended to me by friends. Our lovely Mrs Bolton told me about this one and I loved reading it from the first page. I was so sad when it finished, as I wanted to read more. The chapters are lovely and short too (my preference) so I can read it in little chunks if I am having busy days. Yanka, the girl who speaks bear, was found in the wild as a baby and does not know who her parents are. The day after an accident, she wakes up to find that she has grown bear legs! The adventures that follow her search as to who she is, and what is happening to her, are magical, jaw dropping and nerve wracking – all at the same time! She has many gifts and one of them is speaking to animals. Yanka befriends many animals during her adventures and the friendships that they form are amazing. Look out for Mousetrap! My favourite character, alongside Yanka of course.



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Mrs Scotney recommends 'Peter Pan (Harper Design Classics) by J.M.Barrie ' because...

Children, I just had to share this book with you! It has been around for many, many years, it is an absolute classic. Some of you, I guess, have even watched films based on it, such as Hook. What is so beautiful and exciting about this book, as well as its wonderful story about Peter Pan (the boy who flies and never grows up), is that it has been reimaged with new illustrations and removable features throughout. These features have been designed by the studio behind the graphics for the Harry Potter films! I love reading books full of magic, wonder and adventure. I loved rediscovering my favourite book with all its secret features that really helped me imagine Peter's world. 'Clap if you believe in fairies!' is still my favourite part of a book and I have read many. I hope you love this book as much as my boys and I do.



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June.

