

Summer Reading

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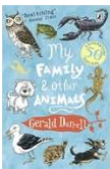
Suitable for all



Song Beneath the Tides by Beverley Birch. This unusual thriller is set during a holiday on the African coast where echoes of the past are haunting the present. Told with a dual narrative, it explores the impact of colonialism and the effects of tourism, while combining mystery and romance.



Ingo by Helen Dunmore. The first in a spellbinding magical series, set in a powerful and exciting undersea world of the Mer people, discovered off the Cornish coast by Saphy and brother Conor.



My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell. First in a trilogy which is an account of the magical real-life childhood on the island of Corfu of the British conservationist and his eccentric family.



Alex in Wonderland by Simon James Green. Set in a run-down seaside amusement arcade, where Alex lands a part-time job, makes some new friends and starts to develop feelings for co-worker Ben.



Deeplight by Frances Hardinge. An underwater adventure as dangerous as the gods of the Myriad themselves. An action-filled fantasy with the friendship between two boys at its heart.



The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Ami is forced to leave her mother on the island of Culion – a place for those touched by leprosy – but is determined to find her way back.



Alone on a Wide Wide Sea by Michael Morpurgo. Separated from his sister when he is shipped to Australia after WWII, Arthur builds a yacht for his daughter Allie designed to carry her back to England in search of his long-lost sibling.



Pirates! by Celia Rees. Two eighteenth-century girls from completely different backgrounds run away together to escape their oppressive lives and as pirates become mixed up in many a heart-quickenning adventure.



Vampirates: Demons of the Ocean by Justin Somper. In the first of a series, twins Grace and Connor are shipwrecked and separated in a storm. Connor is saved by pirates and Grace ends up on an altogether stranger ship.

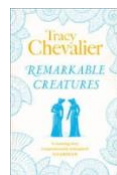


Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick. Thrilling shipwreck story involving the unlikely friendship between a British boy and a Berber girl who work together to survive a world of near death against all the odds.

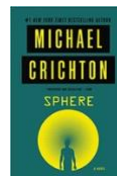
Older readers



Jaws by Peter Benchley. Definitely not for the faint-hearted – a story of a terror from the deep which arrives to prey on unwary holiday makers at a small Atlantic resort.



Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier. Retelling of the true story of Mary Anning who lived in Lyme Regis and from an early age was fascinated by the fossils found on the beach there.



Sphere by Michael Crichton. An alien spacecraft is discovered in the Pacific and a team of scientists are sent to investigate. By the best-selling author of *Jurassic Park*.



The Beach by Alex Garland. Back-packer Richard is in search of paradise. He seems to have found it – but the reader has been warned right at the start that things are not going to end well.