# **Cavan Library Service Classroom Novels**

Cavan Library Service is delighted to offer Primary Schools the opportunity to borrow up to 20 copies of a selected title for use as a classroom novel. Each of the 51 titles below has been carefully chosen by library staff to cater for varying reading abilities and a range of interests.

- A maximum of 20 copies of each title is available.
- The standard block-loan period is 4 weeks.
- Availability of titles is dependent on demand.
- Teachers must be registered through their school with a signed guarantee from the school principal

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## 1. Begone the Raggedy Witches

by Celine Kiernan (Cavan Author)



On the night that Aunty dies the Raggedy Witches come for Mup's mam. When they kidnap Mup's dad, Mup and her mam must leave the mundane world to rescue him. Even if they can save Dad, Mup is not sure anything will ever be the same again...

# 2. The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas

By David Almond



A boy escapes home to seek his own way in the world and mingles with a carnival full of eccentric characters. Will Stan be bold enough to choose his own destiny?

# 4. The Parent Agency

By David Baddiel



A boy travels to an alternate world where kids get to choose their own parents in this zany, internationally bestselling adventure, which combines the be-careful-what-you-wish-for humour with the classic appeal of Roald Dahl.

# 3. Birthday Boy

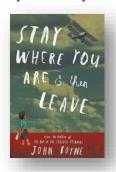
By David Baddiel



Sam Green really loves his birthdays and wishes it was every day. But it's not long before things start to go wrong. Soon, disaster strikes, threatening something Sam loves even more than birthdays.

# 5. Stay Where You Are and Then Leave

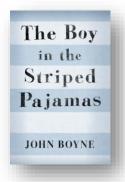
By John Boyne



When the 1st World War broke out, Alfie's father goes away to fight. Alfie doesn't know where his father is but finds out he is in a hospital treating soldiers with an unusual condition. Alfie is determined to rescue his father from this strange, unnerving place . . .

# 6. The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

By John Boyne



Berlin 1942. Bruno must move to a new house far, far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence cuts him off from the strange people he can see in the distance.

While exploring he meets another boy and their friendship has devastating consequences.

#### 7. The Wizard of Once

By Cressida Cowell



A boy wizard and girl warrior have been taught to hate each other like poison. This is a thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide. Perfect for boys and girls who love fantasy adventure ....

#### 8. George's Marvellous Medicine

by Roald Dahl



George's Grandma is grizzly, grumpy and selfish. Four times a day she takes a large spoonful of medicine, but it doesn't seem to do her any good. When George is left to look after her one morning, it's just the chance he needs . . .

#### 10. The Creakers

by Tom Fletcher



One morning, Lucy discovers that all the grown-ups have disappeared! Chaos descends as kids run riot. But Lucy lost her dad not long ago, and she's determined not to lose her mum too. She's going to get her back and nothing is going to stop her!

### 12. Whistling in the Dark

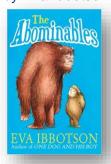
by Shirley Hughes



Liverpool, 1940: thirteenyear-old Joan's home is under threat from the Nazi's terrifying nightly air-raids. An army deserter found lurking near where Joan and best friend Doreen's home. Who is he and why does he think Joan can help him?

#### 14. The Abominables

by Eva Ibbotson



Renowned literary great Eva Ibbotson delivers a final novel in her much-loved style. A previously unpublished work, *The Abominables* follows a family of yetis who are forced, by tourism, to leave their home in the Himalayas and make their way across Europe to a possible new home.

#### 9. Rover and the Big Fat Baby

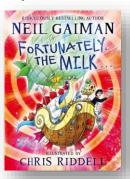
by Roddy Doyle



The BFB (Big Fat Baby) is missing! While Rover and Co. are hot on the trail of the BFB it looks like the Gigglers are about to run out of poo . . . Without an urgent delivery from Rover, how will they be able to give the Giggler Treatment to grumpy adults and help kids all over the country?

#### 11. Fortunately, the Milk

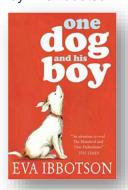
by Neil Gaiman



"I bought the milk," said my father. "I walked out of the corner shop, and heard a noise like this: thummthumm. I looked up and saw a huge silver disc hovering in the air above Marshall Road".... Find out just how odd things get in this hilarious story of time travel and breakfast cereal.

#### 13. One Dog and his Boy

by Eva Ibbotson



On the morning of his10th birthday, Hal is allowed to choose a puppy at Easy Pets, a rent-a-pet agency. But no one tells Hal that Fleck must be returned and when Hal wakes up on Monday morning, Fleck is gone. If dog and boy are to stay together they'll have to run away...

#### 15. Sky Hawk

by Gill Lewis



Callum and friends find Iona on Callum's farm and try to chase her back into the village. Worried for Iona's safety, Callum follows her and finds she is guarding a secret hidden in the forest above the dark waters of the loch. They form a deep bond of friendship and make a promise that will change Callum's world forever.

#### 16. Shadow

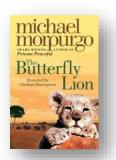
by Michael Morpurgo



A stunning and moving new novel from Michael Morpurgo, the nation's favourite storyteller featuring the bravest dog in all the world! He tackles a current war with the story of a sniffer dog named Shadow and an Afghan boy.

#### 17. The Butterfly Lion

by Michael Morpurgo



Trying to run away from boarding school in England, a boy encounters an old woman who tells him the story of Bertie and his beautiful white lion

#### 18. Clare and her Captain

by Michael Morpurgo



Summer means staying with Aunt Dora in the Devonshire countryside with Mum and Dad arguing all the time. Clare is fed up with it, until she finds friendship with retired horse Captain and his reclusive owner.

### 19. Grandpa's Great Escape

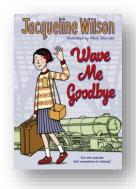
by David Walliams



Jack's Grandpa... wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn't remember Jack's name but he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day... An exquisite portrait of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa.

# 20. Wave Me Goodbye

by Jacqueline Wilson



September, 1939. As war begins, Shirley is sent away. She doesn't know where she's going, or what's going to happen to her. She is billeted in the country, with two boys and their experiences living in the strange, half-empty Red House, with the mysterious Mrs Waverley, will change their lives forever.

#### 21. Clover Moon

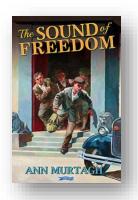
by Jacqueline Wilson



Clover Moon lives in a slum in Victorian England. Her wicked stepmother cares very little for her and beats her given any opportunity. Life in Cripps Alley is grim and when she loses the one person she loves most in the world, her sister Meg she plans to escape Cripps Alley. She runs away to a home for destitute girls, where a new realm of challenges and surprises awaits her.



by Ann Murtagh



It's spring 1919. Ireland's War of Independence has just begun. Thirteen-year-old Colm Conneely longs to join the local Volunteers, smuggles guns, stands up to the RIC during a house raid and raises the tricolour on a lake island. But Colm is also chasing another rainbow - he dreams of a life in America. The arrival in the area of spirited Belfast girl Alice McCluskey is a new development in Colm's life. She speaks Irish, shares his love of Irish music and is also committed to the 'cause'. Will Colm stay in Ireland and join the Volunteers or will he fulfil his dream of working as a musician in America? A long-held family secret comes to light, rocks Colm's world and shows him the way to go.

#### 23. Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator

By Roald Dahl



Now that Charlie has won the chocolate factory, what's next? Even wilder adventures, that's what! Join him, Grandpa Joe, and, of course, Willy Wonka!

#### 25. Albert and the Magician

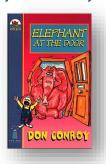
By Leon McAuley



The magician The Great Gazebo is coming to visit and poor Albert is terrified! But when a funny-looking old man turns up at the school gate Albert helps him carry his bags ... and now he has a special interest in Albert!

#### **27**. **Elephant at the Door**

By Don Conroy



What would you do if you made a wish and it came true – that would be fun, wouldn't it? But suppose you wished for something very big and pink, like and elephant, only to discover it was at the front door!

#### 29. Mr. Ape

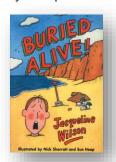
by Dick King Smith



A wealthy old man living alone in his enormous home meets a Gypsy father and son, adopts many animals, and finally learns the true meaning of family.

#### 24. Buried Alive

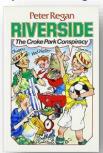
By Jacqueline Wilson



An encounter with two local bully-boys threatens to disrupt Tim and Biscuits' holiday while their friendship is also threatened by the arrival of Tim's ebullient friend, Kelly. Fun illustrated extracts from his and Biscuits' diaries.

#### 26. Riverside Croke Park Conspiracy

by Peter Regan



A soccer adventure. Mad Victor and Brains get involved in an explosive situation and Chippy and Flintstone decide to fight back and, before you know it Riverside U-14s has launched the great Croke Park Conspiracy.

#### 28. Count Karlstein (Only 16 Copies Available)

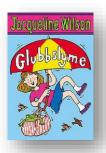
by Phillip Pullman



A gothic melodrama about two young girls in danger: their wicked uncle has made a bargain to hand them over to the terrifying Demon Huntsman, and it's up to a young maidservant called Hildi to rescue them.

# 30. Glubbslyme

by Jacqueline Wilson

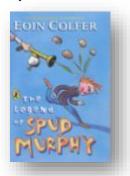


When Rebecca wades into the witch's pond she meets a very unusual new friend - a huge, warty toad! Hundreds of years old, he can talk and best of all - he can work magic!

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# 31. The Legend of Spud Murphy

by Eoin Colfer



Will and his brother Marty are doomed to spend their holidays in the library, but doesn't their mum know that the library is no fun?

#### 32. In Deep Dark Wood

by Marita Conlon-McKenna



A strange new neighbour spirits Mia to a land of legend, and her brother, Rory, faces dragons and danger to rescue her.

#### 33. Blue Horse

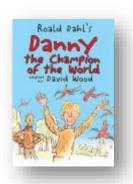
by Marita Conlon-McKenna



The main character in this story is Katie Connors, a traveller girl, whose whole life is turned upside down when her home is destroyed by fire.

# 34. Danny Champion of the World

by Roald Dahl



Roald Dahl's famous story about a 9-year-old boy, his dad and their daring and hilarious pheasant-snatching expedition.

# 35. The London Eye Mystery

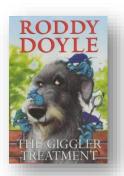
by Siobhán Dowd



The London Eye Mystery tells of how Ted and Kat, try to find out what happened to their cousin Salim, who got onto the London Eye & never got off.

# 36. The Giggler Treatment

by Roddy Doyle



The gigglers are mischievous creatures who take revenge on any adult who mistreats a child.

# 37. When Jessie Came Across the Sea

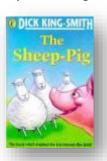
by Amy Hest



The story of a young Jewish girl who leaves her grandmother to emigrate to a new life in America.

# 38. The Sheep Pig

by Dick King-Smith



The story of Babe, the orphaned piglet, who is adopted by Fly the kindhearted sheep dog

#### 39. Skulduggery Pleasant

by Derek Landy



The adventures of Skulduggery Pleasant, a several-hundred-year-old living skeleton working as a freelance detective.

# 40. Farmboy

by Michael Morpurgo



This touching story of the close relationship between grandson and grandfather, and the special secret they share.

# 41. The Ghost of Grania O'Malley

by Michael Morpurgo



The ghost of pirate queen Grania O'Malley appears to Jessie with a mission - to save the Hill from a greedy prospector.

## 42. Moon King

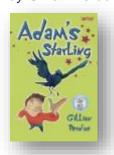
by Siobhán Parkinson



A young boy, who is placed in foster care, creates his own world to try to cope with his traumatic past.

# 43. Adam's Starling

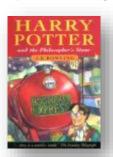
by Gillian Perdue



Adam is a nine-year-old boy who is finding life difficult. A scruffy little starling comes into his life, & becomes his very own secret special friend.

# 44. Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone

by J.K. Rowling



First book in Harry Potter series about Harry Potter & his antics in Hogwarts School of Witchcraft.

#### 45. The Guns of Easter

by Gerald Whelan



The story of Jimmy Conway, a sick and poverty-stricken boy, who traverses the Dublin against the backdrop of the 1916 Rising.

#### 46. Charlotte's Web

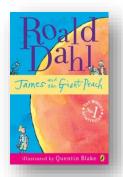
by E.B. White



The tale of how a little girl named Fern, with the help of a friendly spider, saved her pig Wilbur from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.

#### 47. James and the Giant Peach

by Roald Dahl



James Henry goes to live with his two horrible aunts, Spiker and Sponge. Life there is no fun, until James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree. Strange things start to happen and the great adventure begins!

## 48. The Easter Rising 1916: Molly's Diary by Patricia Murphy



Easter 1916. Caught up in the action in Dublin, is twelveyear-old Molly. Her own family is plunged into danger on both sides of the conflict. Will the family survive and will she be able to save her brother? This is her diary.

#### 49. Carries War

by Nina Bawden



Carrie and her younger brother spend World War II as evacuees in a small Welsh village where Carrie, upset by a family feud, commits an act that haunts her for 30 years

# 50. The Supernaturalist

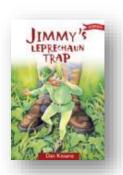
by Eoin Colfer



In a future dystopia orphaned kids are forced to endure product testing and frequently end up injured as a result. 14-year-old orphan Cosmo Hill attempts an escape which nearly proves fatal. He is rescued by the Supernaturalists and joins them in their struggle.

# 51. Jimmy's Leprechaun Trap

by Dan Kissane



Be warned! Leprechauns are nasty little creatures, just waiting for the chance to trick someone and gain power over them. When Jimmy meets up with one of them, very strange things start to happen.

# 52. Cows are Vegetarians

by Siobhan Parkinson



Michelle's country cousin is such a Miss Knowall. Even if vegetarians don't eat meat, that cow still has terrible big teeth. And who has a cow in the garden anyway? When Michelle visits the country she finds life on the farm is not boring after all.