# Adventure/Survival Stories

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<td>Anhar, Nazam</td>
<td>Scrimshaw</td>
<td>Nathan has joined his father for his first-ever voyage by sea - sailing to explore the wilds of the Amazon. But they have not been at sea for long before they are ambushed by pirates. Nathan is taken hostage by the infamous Captain Graham and given a terrible ultimatum: join the murderous pirate crew or face execution.</td>
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<td>Armstrong, Richard</td>
<td>The Mutineers</td>
<td>Mutiny on the high seas: a group of boys hold the captain's crew at gunpoint before escaping in a boat. The paradise island they find is not the place of freedom they imagine it to be. Conflicts build up to an almost unbearable tension, and nothing, it seems, can avert the final catastrophe.</td>
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<td>Arnott, Susan</td>
<td>The Astrolabe: Adventure in the Southern Seas</td>
<td>In 1788, two French ships disappear somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. Nearly forty years pass...In April 1826, the Astrolabe sets sail from France in search of the lost expedition. On its journey, the cabin boy Lucien faces the perils of his first voyage: hurricanes, hunger and the treachery of his fellow crew members.</td>
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<td>Bancks, Tristan</td>
<td>Two Wolves</td>
<td>One afternoon, police officers show up at Ben Silver’s front door. Minutes after they leave, his parents arrive home. Ben and his little sister Olive are bundled into the car and told they’re going on a holiday. But are they?</td>
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<td>Baillie, Alan</td>
<td>Wreck!</td>
<td>Reenie and Ian are stranded on a beach when a cyclone hits. They discover a wrecked freighter while taking shelter in a cave and climb aboard to investigate, which is when their adventures really start!</td>
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<td>Baillie, Allan</td>
<td>The First Voyage</td>
<td>An adventure story set in our very distant past, 30,000 years ago, when the first tribes from Timor braved the ocean on primitive rafts to travel into the unknown, and reached the land mass of what is now Australia.</td>
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<td>Beale, Fleur, Redding, Bill</td>
<td>Red Dog in Bandit Country</td>
<td>The area is frequented by paramilitaries, guerillas and bandits... but danger only fires the blood of Bill (Red Dog) Redding. He flies a perilous delivery to the heart of Colombian bandit country, then takes explosives work with a construction company where 'safety last' seems the motto.</td>
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<td>Beames, Margaret</td>
<td>Josef’s Bear</td>
<td>When Josef's home in Berlin was destroyed during the war, he was rescued by Helga, a farmer's wife, but now Josef is driven from the farm by Helga's husband. With the wooden bear in his pack, he heads for Berlin. In the war-ravaged city, now in the throes of the Russian blockade, survival is a daily struggle....</td>
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<td>Boyd, William</td>
<td>Solo</td>
<td>It's 1969, and James Bond - British special agent 007 - is summoned to headquarters to receive an unusual assignment. Zanzarim, a troubled West African nation, is being ravaged by a bitter civil war, and M directs Bond to quash the rebels threatening the established regime.</td>
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Bradford, Chris  
*Young Samurai: the Way of the Warrior*

August 1611. Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan - his beloved father and the crew lie slaughtered by ninja pirates. Rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi, Jack's only hope is to become a samurai warrior. And so his training begins. But life at the samurai school is a constant fight for survival. Even with his friend Akiko by his side, Jack is singled out by bullies and treated as an outcast.

Breslin, Theresa  
*Prisoner of the Inquisition*

Zarita lives a life of wealth and privilege. Saulo, son of a family reduced by circumstances to begging, witnesses his father wrongfully arrested and dealt with in the most horrifying way. Hauled off to be a slave at sea and pursued by pirates he encounters the ambitious mariner explorer, Christopher Columbus. The formidable and frightening Inquisition arrives in the area, bringing menacing shadows of suspicion with acts of cruel brutality - and ultimately, amid the intrigues of the court of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand in the splendid Moorish city of Grenada, betrayal and revenge.

Buchan, John  
*The Thirty-nine Steps*

This is one of the most exciting adventure stories ever written and comes from the pen of that master of mystery and romance, John Buchan. His hero, Richard Hannay, becomes a secret service agent by mistake at the out set, and his job is to untangle the thick web of lies and deceit.

Carmody, Isobelle  
*The Gathering*

An exciting story about a sinister town and a group of teenagers who together have the power to rid the town of evil if they can unravel the messages from the past.

Carr, Roger Vaughan  
*Firestorm!*

For Ben, his family, and many other people, the bushfires that broke loose on Ash Wednesday could never be forgotten. Neither could the emotions that erupted in the township afterwards.

Carter, Alden R.  
*Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

Mark and his cousin Randy, who is a diabetic, have set off on a trip where they have to canoe, camp and fish their way into manhood, just like their fathers and grandfathers did. Mark is not surprised when they get off to a rocky start. He figures things will get better, but he's wrong. An exciting adventure story.

Chabon, Michael  
*Gentlemen of the Road*

Set in the Kingdom of Arran, in the Caucasus Mountains, between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, A.D. 950, it tells the tale of two wandering adventurers and unlikely soulmates, variously plying their trades as swords for hire, horse thieves and con artists - until fortune entangles them in the myriad schemes and battles that follow a bloody coup in the medieval Jewish empire of the Khazars.

Clark, Joan  
*Wild Man of the Woods*

Stephen's holiday in the Rockies with his country cousin Louie, is marred only by two bullies who are determined to make things unpleasant. But when Stephen meets Angus, a mysterious Indian mask carver, and tries on the masks, he suddenly gains courage to face the troublemakers.

Clarke, Arthur C.  
*Dolphin Island: a Story of the People of the Sea*

Johnny Clinton has stowed away - almost by accident - on an enormous hover ship. But even before his hide-out is discovered, the ‘Santa Anna’ is shipwrecked, and Johnny finds himself at the beginning of an exciting and dangerous adventure.
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<td>In the winter of his eleventh year, Little Hawk goes deep into the forest, where he must endure a three month test of solitude and survival, which will turn him into a man. But outside the woods, the world is changing. English settlers are landing on the shores of the New World, and tensions between native tribes and the invaders are rising. Little Hawk's fate becomes irreversibly entwined with that of John, a young English boy who dares to question intolerance. He is witness to a secret murder - will he now be witness to bloodshed between nations?</td>
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<td><strong>Cornwell, Bernard</strong></td>
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<td>Richard Sharpe, bold, professional and ruthless, goes to war. Once a private, now he leads his men into action in the bloodiest battle of the war. The danger is as great from his enemies on his own side as from those across the battlefield.</td>
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<td><strong>Courtenay, Bryce</strong></td>
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<td>In South Africa in the 1940s, a young boy struggles to realise his individuality in a society divided by racial hatred and conflict. A riveting story filled with unforgettable characters.</td>
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<td><strong>Crane, Stephen</strong></td>
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<td>A young Civil War recruit looks down at the torn, wavering line of battle in terror. Will he be a coward, or will he stay to fight? An American classic story of fear, courage, conflict and death.</td>
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<td><strong>Crew, Gary</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sam Silverthorne Quest</strong></td>
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<td>Set in the 19th century; fourteen-year-old Sam Silverthorne runs away from his home in London and his cruel Aunt Bertha. He embarks on a quest to find his father, who has failed to return from his most recent ornithological expedition in search of the fabled silver Bird of Paradise which lives in the steamy jungles of the Malay Archipelago.</td>
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<td><strong>Crichton, Michael</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sphere</strong></td>
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<td>The sphere rests on the floor of the South Pacific - a spacecraft that had landed 300 years ago. It was made of unknown material. Who had sent it? Was it manned? How do we find out about it?</td>
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<td><strong>Cross, Gillian</strong></td>
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<td>Kidnapped by a terrorist group, Tug finds himself in unfamiliar surroundings with a couple who claim to be his parents. Totally confused, Tug begins to doubt his own identity. A brilliant psychological thriller.</td>
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<td><strong>Cross, Gillian</strong></td>
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<td>What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side.</td>
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<td><strong>Cross, Gillian</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Odyssey</strong></td>
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<td>Homer's great story is retold with simplicity and style by award-winning children's writer Gillian Cross, and vividly brought to life in Neil Packer's stunning illustrations. It charts the ten year epic voyage of Odysseus as he returns from the Trojan War to the island of Ithaca. On his journey he encounters all manner of perils, from the man-eating Cyclops and the evil sorceress Circe, to the deadly lure of the Sirens and the wrath of the sea-god Poseidon.</td>
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Cussler, Clive The Mayan Secrets
Husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo are in Mexico, when they come upon a remarkable
discovery - the skeleton of a man clutching an ancient sealed pot, and within the pot, a Mayan book,
larger than anyone has ever seen. The book contains astonishing information about the Mayans, about
their cities, and about mankind itself. The secrets are so powerful that some people would do anything to
possess them - as the Fargos are about to find out. Before their adventure is done, many men and women
will die for that book - and Sam and Remi may just be among them.

Dashner, James The Eye of Minds
For Michael and the other gamers, the VirtNet can make your wildest fantasies become real. And the
more hacking skills you have, the more fun. Who wants to play by the rules anyway? But some rules
were made for a reason. One gamer has been taking people hostage inside the VirtNet with horrific
consequences.

De Fombelle, Timothee Toby Alone
Toby Lolness is just one and a half millimeters tall, and he's the most wanted person in his world, the
great oak Tree. When Toby's father makes a ground-breaking discovery, tapping into the very heart of
the Tree's energy, he also realises that exploiting it could do permanent damage to their world. Refusing
to reveal the secret of his invention to an enraged community, the family is exiled. But one man is
determined to get hold of the forbidden knowledge, and his plan is to destroy the Tree. Now Toby's
parents have been imprisoned and sentenced to death. Only Toby has managed to escape, but for how
long?

Drake, John Flint and Silver
After pirates stormed his merchant's ship, massacring all around them, they found one opponent who
wouldn't go down: John Silver. And so with six men dead at his hand, Silver is made an offer he can't
refuse: join them or die. On the other side of the world, the legendary Captain Flint is the meanest, most
dangerous bandit on the high seas.

Eaton, Anthony Into White Silence
During the winter of 1922, the exploration vessel, Raven, became trapped in the Antarctic icepack,
entombing twenty-eight men aboard it through the dark polar night. 'Into White Silence' tells their story -
a story of a lost past, of a tragic future, of ice, ambition and madness. It captures the terrible, fascinating
beauty of Antarctica, both as it was then and as it is today.

Ellis, Deborah Shauzia
Imagine that you are alone in a foreign city - to eat, you must scrounge through rubbish, to sleep, you
huddle in doorways. Where do you go? Who do you trust? When Shauzia leaves the relative safety of
the refugee camp, she faces many difficulties.

Falkner, Brian Assault (Recon Team Angel series - Vols 1-3)
It is 2030, and the world is at war with an alien race: the Bzadians. The battleground: Earth. Recon Team
Angel, made up of teenagers from around the world, has been training for years. They have learned
Bzadian languages, learned how to operate their weapons, how to work, eat, and think like them. Now it
is time to act.
George makes a promise to Edie to protect her no matter what. But when George makes his promise he is not aware that high on the rooftops an unseen gargoyle is watching them hungrily, waiting to unfold its stone wings and pounce. Ironhand takes us deeper into the layers of un-London, the place where the good and the bad statues, the spits and the taints, walk and war. George and Edie must repay the debt which they owe the Gunner for his sacrifice. They must face unspeakable danger and doubt if they are to save him.

Horatio Hornblower survives a duel, learns to overcome his seasickness and goes on to risk his life many times over. It is 1793, Britain is at war with France and life on a sailing ship of war is hard and dangerous. But the hardest battles are fought by Hornblower within himself.

Dissident OAS officers hire a mercenary, known by the code-name "Jackal" to assassinate General Charles de Gaulle. The officers hope to cash in on the political chaos that would follow. A thriller in which the suspense is acute.

When Martin's great-grandfather told he could have the farm if he walked the boundaries, he could hardly believe it. When he is almost killed while walking the boundaries, he realises that it may not be a joke.

The night Dargies' stables burn to the ground, Kitty is knocked tumbling as a strange figure flees from the scene. Who is the fire-raiser? Kitty soon has her suspicions, and so do other children in the town. He will strike again - and this time the children will be in terrible danger.

An adventure of ancient myth, monsters, gods, sorcerers, sirens, magic and many evils...the fall of Troy and a desperate chase across the seas in a magical ship. Hero and her three brothers - Mac, Cad and Lycon - go on this exciting and dangerous quest to redeem their murdered father's honour, the betrayal by King Odysseus and the loyalty of their own people to the conquered city of Troy.

Jamal and Bibi have a dream. To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup. But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins. Can Jamal and his family survive their incredible journey and get to Australia?

It's been one year since all the adults disappeared. Gone. Despite the hunger, despite the lies, even despite the plague, the kids of Perdido Beach are determined to survive. Creeping into the tenuous new world they've built, though, is perhaps the worst incarnation yet of the enemy known as the Darkness: fear.

All the heroism, sacrifice and humour of the soldier at war, captured in a superb collection of short stories. 18 stirring tales of fighting men from Kipling, C S Forester, Tolstoy, Monsarrat and many more.
Greatest Escape Stories Ever Told edited by Darren Brown
To reach freedom, the most famous escapers of all time have been willing to endure the most horrific conditions – and the direst consequences if caught. This collection of twenty-five unforgettable tales is gripping as only true life-and –death struggles can be.

Gripping War Stories: Ten Exciting Tales of War collected by Tony Bradman
For Tommy, war is only a game, but for plenty of other young people it’s a grim fight for survival. Dafna is desperate for decent food when Jerusalem is besieged: Anton is caught up in a dangerous Resistance plot in occupied Amsterdam: and Younger Bear, a Cheyenne warrior, prepares for his first battle…. 

Gwynne, Phillip The Debt (Series: Volumes 1 - 6)
One boy. Six tasks. An ancient family debt.

Haggard, H. Rider King Solomon’s Mines
They were diamond mines and chests full of uncut stones, some as large as pigeon's eggs. But it was not for them that the three Englishmen made their perilous expedition to the north of Durban. They went in search of a man.

Herrndorf, Wolfgang Why We took the Car
Mike Klingenberg isn't exactly one of the cool kids at his school. Andre Tschichatschow, aka Tschick is new in school, and unpopular as well, But one day, Tschick shows up at Mike's house and together, they are heading out on a road trip across Germany. No parents, no map, no destination.

Hill, Anthony Soldier Boy
Jim Martin was 14 when he sailed away to war on the troopship Berrima in 1915, bound for Gallipoli. The true story of how an inexperienced and enthusiastic schoolboy became Australia’s youngest known Anzac.

Hill, David Running Hot
The forest is on fire. Garth and five others are trapped. As they flee for their lives with the flames raging after them, he wonders if they will all survive.

Horowitz, Anthony Russian Roulette
An international contract killer has been given his orders. His next target is a fourteen-year-old spy ...Alex Rider. The man's name is Yassen Gregorovich. He knows Alex well. The two of them share a secret from the past. As he considers his next mission, Yassen remembers the forces that turned him from an ordinary schoolboy into a hired assassin. What is it that makes someone choose to do evil? What would it take to make them kill? This thrilling adventure will be the deadliest yet...

Horowitz, Anthony Stormbreaker
When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, 14-year-old Alex Rider finds his world turned upside down. Within days he’s gone from schoolboy to super spy. Forcibly recruited into MI6, Alex has to take part in grueling SAS training exercises. Then armed with his own special set of secret gadgets, he’s off on his first mission.

Jones, David Baboon
Fourteen-year-old Gerry Copeland has mixed feelings about flying back to his parents' research camp in the African savanna. A plane crash. Gerry wakes up thinking a baboon has broken his fall. He's shocked to realize the furry arm is his own.

Kelleher, Victor  
Taronga

Two years after the Last Days, Australia is a dangerous place. Ben, who has a telepathic ability to control animals, comes upon Taronga Zoo, which has been strangely unaffected by the general chaos. Or has it?

Lasenby, Jack  
Because We Were the Travellers

This is Ish's story, a tale of rejection, of survival against the odds, of growing up in an age when much is feared and few can be trusted.

Lerangis, Peter  
Antarctica: Journey to the Pole

In 1909, a famous explorer led a secret American expedition to discover the South Pole. With him were his 16-year-old son and two other teenagers. The voyage south was not easy. Conditions were harsh. Tensions escalated. And when the bottom of the world was reached, things became even worse.

Lloyd, A.R.  
The Last Otter

Once the river teemed with otters. But now Lut is the last survivor. Badly savaged by farm dogs, he is saved by a runaway boy. Together, boy and otter voyage through the misted marshes in search of a mate for Lut. The quest becomes a fight for survival in a mysterious and dangerous world.

London, Jack  
White Fang

White Fang was pure wolf, body and soul. This is the story of how he learnt about the world, and about man - how harsh a man's rule can be but eventually how to build a bond of trust and affection with man.

Maclean, Alistair  
The Guns of Navarone

World War II is being fought, and Germans control the island that guards the approaches to the eastern Mediterranean with big guns. After all other attempts have failed, a five-man British army team is chosen to silence the guns of Navarone.

Manfredi, Valerio  
Odysseus: The Oath

Massimo

As a young boy in Ithaca, Odysseus listens in wonder to his grandfather Autolykos – a ruthless fighter and a man feared by many across the land. He learns of his heritage and a lifelong passion is sparked to become an adventurer and warrior.

Mayo, Catherine  
Murder at Mykenai

Friendship vs. Treachery in Ancient Greece, a decade before the Trojan War. Menelaos, teenage son of the assassinated High King of Greece, is skidding ever deeper into danger. Odysseus, his best friend, tries to help - but Odysseus's great ideas have a tendency to backfire.

Mayo, Catherine  
The Bow

War is coming to Bronze Age Greece. It's time to skill up. And Odysseus's challenges are mounting. Can he find his grandfather's hidden gold? Find the strength to string and shoot the Great Bow of Eurytos, which no man has done for generations? Toughest of all, can her persuade a girl to love him?

McCormick, Patricia  
Never Fall Down
Eleven-year-old Arn is walking through the countryside in Cambodia. His whole town is walking with him. They're walking into one of the most tragic moments of history: the Killing Fields.

McLean, David Name – Given (Riddle-Quest Books vols 1-3) F MCL:D
Four young travellers must venture from their villages on a quest to find their names - Each has a staff, a challenge and a history of riddling to help them on their way - Will they survive the adventures that lie in store ahead of them.

McQuillan, Heather Nest of Lies F MCQ:H
Ashlee is terrified of birds. Everybody in the Citadel is. In their stories birds are blamed for the Plague that destroyed civilization. Ashlee becomes a slave to her wicked stepfamily, but when a yellow hammer bird comes tapping at her window it leads her to a message of hope from her lost brother.

Marsden, John Tomorrow When the War Began F MAR:J
7 teenagers go on a weekend trip to an isolated valley. Upon their return they find their families have disappeared and their country has been invaded by a foreign army. The teenagers take on new maturity when they realise that they must not only survive but try to counteract this foreign invasion.

Mayne, William Drift F MAY:W
A thrilling adventure of a young boy and an Indian girl, stranded on a frozen floating island in the North American wilderness.

McCaughrean, Geraldine The Death Defying Pepper Roux F MCC:G
When Pepper Roux was born his aunt foretold that he would not live past 14 years of age. Pepper wakes up on his 14th birthday he knows this will be the day that he'll die. But as the day wears on, and Pepper finds himself still alive, he decides to set off to sea in an attempt to try and avoid death for as long as possible.

McLean, John The Golden Few F MCL:J
Ten year old Brett Talbot was born a thousand miles inland and, in the normal course of events, would not have become a surfer. But nothing is normal in Central Africa; tragedy and adventure combine to send him to the coast where he sees the ocean for the first time and falls in love with it.

McNab, Andy Last Light F MCN:A
When SAS operator Nick Stone aborts an officially sanctioned assassination attempt at the Houses of Parliament, having realised who the target is, he is given a chilling ultimatum by his bosses; fly to Panama and finish the job, or Kelly, the eleven-year-old orphan in his guardianship, will be killed.

McRobbie, David To Brave the Seas F MCR:D
It is 1940, and war rages. With nothing to keep him at home, fifteen-year-old Adam Chisholm joins Britain's Merchant Navy. His first ship takes him on a stormy Atlantic convoy where he faces seasickness, submarines and shipwreck. In his remarkable sea journeys, Adam meets enemies face to face, and makes friends - some for a lifetime.

Meloy, Maile The Apothecary F MEL:M
A mysterious apothecary. A magic book. A missing scientist. An impossible plan. It's 1952 and the Scott family has moved from Los Angeles to London. Janie feels uncomfortable in her strange new school, until the local apothecary promises her a remedy for homesickness. But the real cure is meeting the apothecary's son Benjamin. Discovering transformative elixirs they never imagined could exist, Janie and Benjamin embark on a dangerous quest to save the apothecary and prevent an impending nuclear disaster.

**Moers, Walter**  
*Rumo & His Miraculous Adventures*  
Rumo is a little Wolperting who will one day become the greatest hero in the history of Zamonia. Armed with Dandelion, his talking sword, he fights his way across Overworld and Netherworld, two very different worlds chock-full of adventures, dangers, and unforgettable characters: including Rala, the beautiful girl Wolperting who cultivates a hazardous relationship with death.

**Morgan, Dave**  
*Ice Journey: a Story of Adventure, Escape and Salvation*  
Ice Journey is the biography of Vietnam veteran Dave Morgan, whose long career in meteorology culminated in a life-changing expedition to Antarctica. Like many of his fellow soldiers, Dave tried to present a 'normal' face to the world while battling Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It was a debilitating struggle that ultimately sparked a personal obsession to escape.

**Motion, Andrew**  
*Silver: Return to Treasure Island*  
July, 1802. In the marshy eastern reaches of the Thames lies the Hispaniola, an inn kept by Jim Hawkins. Young Jim spends his days roaming the mist-shrouded estuaries, listening to his stories in the taproom; tales of adventures on the high seas, of curses, murder and revenge, black spots and buried treasure - and of a man with a wooden leg. Late one night, a mysterious girl named Natty arrives on the river with a request for Jim from her father - Long John Silver. The pirate proposes that Jim and Natty sail to Treasure Island in search of Captain Flint's hidden bounty, the 'beautiful bar silver' left behind many years before. But the thrill of the ocean odyssey gives way to terror as the Nightingale reaches its destination, for it seems that Treasure Island is not as uninhabited as it once was.

**Mowat, Farley**  
*Lost in the Barrens*  
Jamie and Awasin accompany a hunting party into the wilds and discover a mysterious cache of relics. The adventure becomes terror when they are separated from their Indian friends, and with their canoe lost in the rapids, they are faced with months of desperate struggle to survive in the Barrenlands winter...

**Naidoo, Beverley**  
*No Turning Back*  
Escaping from his violent stepfather, twelve-year-old Sipho heads for Johannesburg, where he has heard that gangs of children live on the streets. Surviving hunger and the bitter-cold winter nights is hard enough, but Sipho also has to learn, in the 'new' South Africa, who to trust.

**Napoli, Donna Jo**  
*Stones in Water*  
Life is hard for Roberto and Samuele in the Nazi labour camp - backbreaking work, near starvation and above all Samuele's secret, a secret that, if discovered, will mean death for them both. Escape is Roberto's only chance. But can he survive the brutal winter cold? Can he find his way back home?

**Newsome, Richard**  
*The Billionaire's Curse*
The world's most valuable diamond has been stolen and its police constable guard lies unconscious in the British Museum, two sedative darts protruding from his backside. Not something Gerald Wilkins knows or cares anything about. Not until he opens a bundle of envelopes from his dead great aunt. Was she murdered? Who stole the diamond? And what is the mysterious casket that everyone seems to be looking for?

Paulsen, Gary  
**Hatchet**  
13 year old Brian is flying in a two-seater aircraft across the Canadian outback when the plane crashes, sinking in a lake. Brian survives but is stranded on an uninhabited island, his only resource a hatchet on his belt.

Perham, Mike  
**Sailing the Dream**  
At the age of just 17, Mike Perham became the youngest person to have sailed solo around the world. Sailing the Dream tells the story of that amazing voyage, a nine-month odyssey full of technical and navigational challenges that would stump sailors twice Mike's age.

Pratchett, Terry  
**Nation**  
Finding himself alone on a desert island when everything and everyone he knows and loves has been washed away in a huge storm, Mau is the last surviving member of his nation. He's also completely alone - or so he thinks until he finds the ghost girl. As it happens, they are not alone for long. Other survivors start to arrive to take refuge on the island they all call the Nation and then raiders accompanied by murderous mutineers from the Sweet Judy.

Reilly, Matthew  
**Ice Station**  
At a remote ice station in Antarctica, US scientists make an amazing discovery – something in a 100 million-year-old layer of ice. Something made of METAL. A team of crack US Marines is sent to investigate. They're a tough, fearless unit who would follow their leader into hell. They just did….

Rose, Malcolm  
**Plague**  
A man lies dying in the most horrific pain – he is leaking blood – from a virus. It happened before, in Zaire, but this is Britain. Rev, Lucy and Scott are trapped as the body count piles up in the sealed-off town. Where did the plague come from? Just knowing might help. Then Scott remembers something that leads to a shocking discovery…

Roth, Arthur  
**The Iceberg Hermit**  
When Allan's ship is totally destroyed, he is stranded alone on a giant iceberg. Without food or any warmth, how can he survive? A marvelous story based on fact.

Ryan, Chris  
**Mission: Rat-Catcher**  
Five kids form an elite team of youngsters to battle injustices in the world. Together they join a covert SAS operation in South America, fighting to catch an evil drugs baron. They infiltrate a tight-knit community of street kids then head into the isolated mountains on a terrifying hunt that will test their individual skills to the max.

Schembri, Jim  
**In it up to Here**  
It is the middle of the night. Alex and Nigel are stuck at the bottom of a deep, dark hole and are about to drown in 300 tonnes of industrial strength concrete which is pouring in around them. Nobody knows they are there. This is not exactly what they had in mind for the first week of their school holidays.

Serrailler, Ian  
**The Silver Sword**
This is a war story, based upon fact, about a family in Poland. When the Nazis came, men and women were carried off to prison camps and children left alone, homeless, to fend for themselves.

Shearer, Alex  
**Sky Run**  
In a world where islands float above the sun and Cloud Hunters sail the skies for water, orphans Gemma and Martin live with their 120-year-old great, great, grand aunt Peggy and the sky-cat Botcher on a remote rock, miles from civilisation. When Peggy decides they should visit City Island to register at school, the group embarks on a trip that will take them through uncharted territories, navigating a very dangerous sky.

Spinelli, Jerry  
**Milkweed**  
The incredible memoir of Misha, an orphan living on the streets of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II. Through the eyes of a child who has no past and no identity, we witness the horrors of the invasion and its ramification for the Jewish people Misha befriends in the ghettos.

Sutherland, Robert  
**Mystery at Black Rock Island**  
David's vacation, in the Scottish Hebrides, becomes a life or death struggle when he is caught in a race to stop terrorists from holding the world to ransom.

Tanner, Lian  
**Ice Breaker**  
Petrel lives in the dark corners of an ancient icebreaker, the Oyster. She trusts no one, speaks to no one except two large grey rats, Mister Smoke and Missus Slink. But then a boy is discovered, frozen on an iceberg, and petrel is determined to save him.

Thiele, Colin  
**Blue Fin**  
Snook never seems to be able to do anything right as far as his father is concerned. He is desperate to accompany his father on his tuna clipper, 'Blue Fin'. His chance comes when his father is short of a crew member at Easter.

Westerfeld, Scott  
**Leviathan**  
It is the beginning of the 20th century, 80 years after Darwin established the foundations of modern biology. But in the world of Leviathan these discoveries changed history more dramatically than in our own. In this world, Prince Aleksandar is on the run from those who would deny him his inheritance.

Watkins, Paul  
**Thunder God**  
charts the voyages of Hakon, a fisherman's son who is struck by lightning, kidnapped by raiders, taken to Miklagard, where he becomes part of the Emperor's personal guard, caught up in a raid on the Welsh coast and storm-driven across the Atlantic.

Westall, Robert  
**The Machine Gunners**  
A great adventure story about Newcastle gang rivalry during the Second World War and the theft by boys of a machine gun taken from a crashed aircraft.

Yeldham, Peter  
**Glory Girl**  
Former wartime ace James Harrington has his sights set on being the first person to fly from Britain to Australia in a light aircraft. With so much desert and ocean to cross, he's been told it can't be done. Feisty Australian Sarah Carson can help make his dream a reality, but only on the condition that he takes her with him. So begins the flying adventure of a lifetime.

Zafon, Carlos Ruiz  
**The Prince of Mist**
It’s war time, and the Carver family decides to leave the capital where they live and move to a small coastal village where they've recently bought a home. But from the minute they cross the threshold, strange things begin to happen. In that mysterious house still lurks the spirit of Jacob, the previous owners' son, who died by drowning.