

Register now to take part in the  
**Cumbria Primary  
School Book  
Award 2021**

**Spellbinding**



**Sign up by  
Friday 20  
November**

**Library Services for Schools**

**What's it all about?**

Now in its 14th year, our popular Primary Schools Book Award and reading challenge will run during Spring Term 2021.

From the hundreds of brilliant books published during 2020, we have arrived at a shortlist of 11. It is up to pupils to vote for their favourite to win. The award is aimed at years 5 & 6.

Our aim is to create enthusiasm and excitement about reading and to support the wider reading agenda in school. The book list has been carefully selected to cater for a range of abilities and interests that will appeal to both boys and girls in years 5 & 6.

It's free for all LEA schools and subscribing academies. There is a small admin charge for non-subscribing academies.

**How will it work?**

Each child will be given a passport with a different sticker to collect every time they finish a book.

Schools will need to purchase set(s) of the shortlisted titles. Hills Books are offering a 30% discount with free plastic jackets if you order through us. Cost per set is £55.

Books, passports and stickers will be delivered in early January. Pupils can then start to read as many books from the shortlist as possible.

Children can take part in online discussions about the books via our Spellbinding website. There are also downloadable pupil activities and teachers resources. Visit [spellbindingcumbria.org.uk/primary/](https://spellbindingcumbria.org.uk/primary/) to see last years content. Voting will take place after the Easter holidays.

**So why not sign up today and get your school involved....**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How many children will be taking part? \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ sets of books at £55 per set of 11 titles.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Spellbinding 2021 Shortlist



Fantasy/Adventure

### Lapinski, L.D **Strangeworlds Travel Agency**

Dark Blue

When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a fantastic secret: there are hundreds of other worlds just steps away from ours. All you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase.

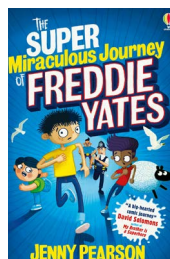


Humour/Adventure

### Wills, Sophie **The Orphans of St Halibut's**

Dark Blue

Unfortunate accidents, fishy villains and a very grumpy goat. Can these crafty kids outsmart the adults and save their home? Stolen cakes, major explosions and an unforgettable cast of characters - dive into this hilarious caper.



Humour/Adventure

### Pearson, Jenny **Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates** AR 4.9 Grey

Freddie Yates loves facts. A fact can't leave you and no one can take it away. But when he learns the surprising fact that his biological dad might be living in Wales, Freddy and his best friends sneak off to find him, unwittingly causing a chain of 'miraculous' events involving an onion-eating contest, superhero scarecrows and life-saving sheep.



Animal

### Elson, Jane **Moon Dog**

Dark Blue

Marcus and Delilah couldn't be more different. He is as big as she is tiny. As angry and lost as she is tremendous and brave. But they share a dream: to own a dog of their own. So when a mystery pup turns up in the empty house next door, Marcus can't believe his luck. He visits him every night and names him Moon Dog. But it's soon clear that Moon Dog is in danger, and when Marcus and Delilah discover a dark secret it will test their bravery and their friendship. Can they work together to save their dream dog?



Sci-Fiction/  
Adventure

### Welford, Ross **Kid who Came from Space**

AR 5.2 Dark Red

A small village in the wilds of Northumberland is rocked by the disappearance of twelve-year-old Tammy. Only her twin brother, Ethan, knows she is safe - and the extraordinary truth of where she is. It is a secret he must keep, or risk never seeing her again. But that doesn't mean he's going to give up. Together with his friend Iggy and the mysterious (and very hairy) Hellyann, Ethan teams up with a spaceship called Philip, and Suzy the trained chicken, for a nail-biting chase to get his sister back... that will take him further than anyone has ever been before.

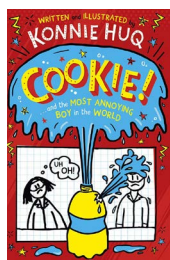


Mystery/Adventure

### Leonard, M.G. **Highland Falcon Thief**

AR 4.7 Dark Blue

Harrison Beck is reluctantly joining his travel-writer Uncle Nate for the last journey of the royal train, The Highland Falcon. But as the train makes its way to Scotland, a priceless brooch goes missing, and things are suddenly a lot more interesting. As suspicions and accusations run high among the passengers, Harrison begins to investigate and uncovers a few surprises along the way. Can he solve the mystery of the jewel thief and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line?



Humour / School

### Huq, Konnie **Cookie! And the most annoying boy in the world** *Dark Blue*

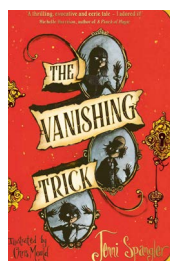
Cookie's life is a disaster! Not only is her best friend moving away, but now the most annoying boy in the world is buying the kitten she has set her heart on! And then he joins her class at school!! And then he moves in next door!!! AAAGGGGHHHH!!!! But there is a glimmer of hope, and Cookie's love of science is about to come in handy.



Fantasy

### Tsang, Katie & Kevin **Dragon Mountain** *Dark Blue*

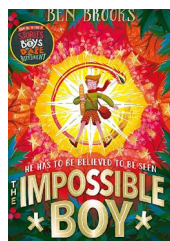
When 12-year-old Billy Chan finds out his parents are sending him to a summer camp in middle-of-nowhere China he doesn't know what to expect. There he meets fellow campers Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei and together they stumble upon an age-old secret: four powerful warrior dragons, hidden deep within the mountain behind the camp. They have been trapped since an epic battle with the Dragon of Death and need the children's help to set them free before terrible evil is unleashed on the earth. Billy and his friends must set off on a dangerous adventure that will take them to the heart of the Dragon Realm. But can they save the dragon and human worlds from destruction?



Fantasy/Magic

### Spangler, Jenni **Vanishing Trick** *Dark Red*

Step into a world of secrets, folklore and illusions ... but is everything as it seems, or is there magic at play? Madame Augustina Pinchbeck, travels the country conjuring the spirits of dearly departed loved ones, for a price. Whilst her "medium" abilities are a game of smoke and mirrors, there is real magic behind this tricks, as the children in her employ know all too well. Through a magical trade, the children have parted with an object they hold dear, in exchange for a promise from Madame Pinchbeck to use her powers to help them. But she has deceived them, instead using her dark magic to turn the children's objects into vanishing cabinets that she can summon them from, and banish them to, at will.

Humour/Fantasy/  
School

### Brooks, Ben **The Impossible Boy** *Dark*

*Blue* When Oleg and Emma invent a new classmate called Sebastian, they are amazed when he appears - very much real - in their secret den. Sebastian isn't like the rest of their classmates. He's never eaten pizza, he's not sure what goose bumps are, and he has a satchel that seems to hold an endless supply of ice cream. But as the trio begin their adventures, more impossible things keep happening. They are soon chased by the mysterious Institute of Unreality, who want to capture and erase Sebastian, to restore order to the world. Can Emma and Oleg protect their new friend and keep the magic of the impossible alive?

Bullying, family,  
Empathy

### Rauf, Onjali Q. **Night Bus Hero** *Dark Red*

Hector is a bully who doesn't really care about anyone and thinks his cringey parents don't care about him. His teachers don't seem to like him (he certainly hates them), he particularly dislikes teacher's pet Mei Lei, and he devotes his time to being mean to other kids and making them give him sweets. He's got so little sympathy for a local homeless man Thomas (who is taking up space in the park, including a bench Hector would like to sit on) that he ends up pushing Thomas's trolley containing his only worldly possessions into the park pond without a single thought of how much hurt that would cause. When a spate of London landmark sculptures are suddenly stolen, including Paddington Bear and the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus, Hector is convinced the crimes have been carried out by homeless people led by Thomas - but no sooner has he reported Thomas to the police than he realises he's got it horribly wrong. With the help of his enemy Mei Lei, Hector must race against time to make sure justice is done - but that's not the only thing he needs to change.