List 1

- 1. Dogger by Shirley Hughes
- 2. Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham
- 3. Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell
- 4. Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- 5. The Bad Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle
- 6. Harry and A Bucket Full of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow
- 7. The Blue Balloon by Mick Inkpen
- 8. Percy's Bumpy Ride by Nick Butterworth
- 9. A Squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson
- 10. Peace at Last by Jill Murphy
- 11. How Many legs? By Kez Gray and Jim Field
- 12. The Squirrels Who Squabbled by Rachel Bright and Jim Field

List 2

- 1. The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss
- 2. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- 3. Avocado Baby by John Burningham
- 4. Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- 5. Can't You Sleep Little Bear? By Martin Waddell
- 6. Beegu by Alexis Deacon
- 7. Cops and Robbers by Alan and Janet Ahlberg
- 8. The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis
- 9. The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield
- 10. Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray
- 11. Be More Bernard by Simon Phillip and Kate Hindley
- 12. The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon by Mini Grey

List 3

- 1. Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith
- 2. The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
- 3. The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton
- 4. The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl
- 5. Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter
- 6. The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
- 7. Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book by Lauren Child
- 8. Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
- 9. Not Now, Bernard by David McKee
- 10. Emily Brown and the Thing by Cressida Cowell
- 11. Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- 12. The 13-storey treehouse by Andy Griffiths

List 4

- 1. The Abominables by Eve Ibbotson
- 2. Evie and the Animals by Matt Haig
- 3. Toto by Michael Morpurgo
- 4. Going Solo by Roald Dahl
- 5. Lucy Willow by Sally Gardner
- 6. The Sheep-Pig by Dick King Smith
- 7. Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne
- 8. Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine
- 9. The Queen's Nose by Dick King Smith
- 10. Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horrowitz
- 11. The Wonder by Faye Hansen
- 12. Ottoline and the Yellow Cat by Chris Riddell

List 5

- 1. The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo
- 2. War Game by Michael Foreman
- 3. The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- 4. The Famous Five by Enid Blyton
- 5. You're A Bad Man Mr Gum by Andy Stanton
- 6. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- 7. The Velvet Fox by Catherine Fisher
- 8. Nevertell by Katharine Orton
- 9. The Stormkeeper's Island by Catherine Doyle
- 10. Small Change for Stuart by Lissa Evans
- 11. Cloudbusting by Malorie Blackman
- 12. Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone

List 6

- 1. Street Child by Berlie Doherty
- 2. When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
- 3. Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
- 4. Tom's Midnight Garden by Phillipa Pearce
- 5. Varjak Paw by SF Said
- 6. FArTHER by Grahame Baker-Smith
- 7. Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans
- 8. Wonder by RJ Palacio
- 9. Trash by Andy Mulligan
- 10. The Lost Magician by Piers Torday
- 11. The Boy At the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf
- 12. Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell

List 7

- 1. Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
- 2. Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford
- 3. The Arrival by Shaun Tan
- 4. Clockwork by Phillip Pullman
- 5. River Boy by Tim Bowler
- 6. Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
- 7. Holes by Louis Sachar
- 8. Once by Moritz Glietzman
- 9. Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahamachari
- 10. A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
- 11. The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
- 12. Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

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