Rights Guide
Pocket Reads

A superb selection of 46 pocket sized readers that will capture children's imagination, from chillers fiction titles to fascinating non-fiction series. Pocket Reads includes four engaging strands which are guaranteed to appeal to all: Pocket Tales, Pocket Chillers, Pocket Worlds and Pocket Facts. The charts displayed at the end of each segment highlight the full range of 106 titles available.

Pocket Tales 4-10
Pocket Chillers 11-17
Pocket Worlds 18-24
Pocket Facts 25-31
The Really Rotten Pirates

Author: Damian Harvey

Damian Harvey lives in North Wales with his family. He has written over fifty books for primary school aged children and is a frequent visitor to schools where he presents interactive talks on design to get children enthused and excited about books and reading.

Description

The Really Rotten Pirates sail on board the Golden Bell. What happens when they come face to face with...the Messy Pirates?

Brave Mouse

Author: Jeremy Strong

Jeremy’s work is characterised by humour and direct child appeal. His ideas come from everywhere - his childhood, his children, over-hearing conversations, something he sees - and he constantly makes notes. He has won many awards as best author of children books.

Description

Brave Mouse has always dreamed of seeing the world. When a beautiful boat is washed ashore, he prepares for a big adventure...
When Charlotte's mum brings home a new plant, things start to disappear! What secret does the new plant hold?

Description

Author: Jill Atkins

No one in Wincey Village knows that the superhero, Feebleman, is Rick Champion (top goal scorer for the school football team). Will Rick keep his secret identity hidden?

Description

Author: Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler

Jan and Sara were already friends when one day they decided they wanted to write children's stories and that it would be more fun to write them together. Since then they've written over 140 books for ages 3-12. As well as trade fiction they have recently been involved in Pearson's Bug Club and OUP's Project X and Oxford Reading Tree.
The Gools

Author: Jean Ure

Description

All of the Gools family are good at scaring people—except Baby Gool. Can he ever be as scary as his elders?

Beast Hunt

Author: Jillian Powell

Description

A beast is roaming the countryside and killing sheep. Can Beevis and Tod track the beast down before it's too late?
Rob Childs is a British author, who has written over eighty books, mainly aimed at young people. Most of the books have a sporting theme, with over fifty being about football. Rob has also written non-sports books based on historical characters.

Description

United keeps getting into trouble... but it’s not his fault - he’s just very unlucky!
Yallery Brown

ISBN: 9780602242992
48 pp
Age Range: 9 - 10
Format: 165X118

Author: Mick Gowar

Since 1980, he has written or edited more than 120 books for children and young people, many of them for major educational series. He has visited schools, libraries, colleges and festivals throughout the UK and abroad to give readings, performances and lead workshops.

Description

When Tom sets Yallery Brown free, Yallery Brown promises to help Tom in return…as long as Tom promises never to thank him!

The Genie of the Bottle Bank

ISBN: 9780602242985
56 pp
Age Range: 9 - 10
Format: 165X118

Author: Sean Taylor

Sean Taylor is the author of many books for children of many different ages. Sean started writing poetry as a teenager. Then, in 1993, he came across a newspaper article which reported that a goat slaughtered by a Muslim cleric in Iran had been found to have teeth made of gold.

Description

When Arthur was granted a wish by a genie, he didn't think there would be so much hanging around for it to come true!
The Fantastic Tale of King Loofah

ISBN: 9780602242923
56 pp
Age Range: 9 - 10
Format: 165X118

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Author: Rhian Baker

Description

King Loofah is the kind ruler of a beautiful island. After one terrible, stormy night, he soon learns that there are many others who would like to rule the island themselves…

The Lost Spaceship

ISBN: 9780602243081
80 pp
Age Range: 10-11
Format: 165X118

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Author: Ann Turnbull

Description

When Matthew finds a spaceship in the old quarry, he doesn’t know how to tell anyone—so he doesn’t. But when his brother starts acting strangely, Matthew realises that this is one secret he can’t hold on to for much longer.
Our Neighbour's a Vampire!

ISBN: 9780602242091
32 pp
Age Range: 6 - 7
Format: 165X118

Author: Adam Guillain

Adam Guillain is a children’s writer and storyteller. He also has great fun facilitating creative writing workshops in schools. Bella Balistica and the African Safari is the latest adventure in the Bella Balistica series.

Description

A strange man moves in next door. Can William prove that his new neighbour is a vampire?

BE PREPARED

ISBN: 9780602242114
32 pp
Age Range: 6 - 7
Format: 165X118

Author: Anne Adeney

She has written many children’s stories, 10 of which have been published in the last five years, mostly for ages 7-11. She has won some prizes for her adult short stories and poetry but she has not yet produced the adult novel people seem to think makes you a 'real' writer.

Description

Tyler thinks there is a vampire ghost in the creepy house next door. Freddy is not so sure. Is he prepared to find out the truth?
**Monster Shock**

**Description**
Sam and Emma are having a great holiday until Jason arrives. Then everyone is in for a monster shock!

**Author:** Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler

Jan and Sara are the authors of Feebleman - Pocket Tales series.

**Description**
“Whose is this then?” asked Emmie.

“It’s bright green,” said Jason. “And it’s got huge pointed teeth and claws like horns.”

“I don’t believe you,” said Sam.

“And when it moves the ground shakes,” said Jason.

“You’re making it up!” said Emmie.

“No I’m not,” said Jason. “I’ll prove it!”

He pointed to a big round hole in the ground.

“See that?” he said. “That’s its footprint!”

“We’re going for a bike ride anyway” declared Sam.

“Don’t!” said Emmie. “If it’s a monster it will eat us!”

Then everyone was in for a monster shock.

**ISBN:** 9780602242107
**32 pp**
**Age Range:** 6 - 7
**Format:** 165X118

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**Rubbed Out**

**Description**
Marcus loves drawing. But he discovers a much more exciting talent when he gets a rubber with special powers from a market stall.

**Author:** Rob Childs

Rob is the author of U.N.Luck-y - Pocket Tales series.

**ISBN:** 9780602242176
**48 pp**
**Age Range:** 7 - 8
**Format:** 165X118
Ghoul School

ISBN: 9780602242145
48 pp
Age Range: 7 - 8
Format: 165X118

Author: Adam Guillain

Adam is the author of Our Neighbour’s a Vampire - Pocket Chillers series.

Description

Arm-wrestling lessons, eye-ball tennis, and a phantom headteacher! Stanley is in for the shock of his life when he starts at Ghoul School…

Ghost Thief

ISBN: 9780602242121
48 pp
Age Range: 7 - 8
Format: 165X118

Author: Kathryn White

Kathryn White is the author of The Gift - Pocket Tales series.

Description

When things go missing from the holiday camp, Amy gets the blame. But she is sure that a ghost is the thief! Can she prove it to Ling?
The Horrible Hands

ISBN: 9780602242152
48 pp
Age Range: 8 - 9
Format: 165X118

The Horrible Hands

Author: Mick Gowar

Since 1980, he has written or edited more than 120 books for children and young people, many of them for major educational series. He has visited schools libraries, colleges and festivals throughout the UK and abroad to give readings, performances and lead workshops.

Description

Long Jem doesn’t believe in the horrible hands that scare all the other villagers… until one cold winter’s night!

Wailing Rock

ISBN: 9780602242138
48 pp
Age Range: 8 - 9
Format: 165X118

Wailing Rock

Author: Damian Harvey

Damian Harvey is the author of The Really Rotten Pirates - Pocket Tales series.

Description

Dylan and Megan can’t wait to explore Wailing Rock. Will they find the truth about the tale of Cut-Throat Bones?
Author: Martyn Beardsley

Martyn Beardsley is a Nottingham author who made his breakthrough with the successful Sir Gadabout series for children. He has written numerous children’s fiction and non-fiction books and is now looking more towards the adult market.

Description

Joe’s friends don’t believe his stories about the terrifying ghost at the Hanging Tree. But when they go to see for themselves, something changes their mind…

Author: Jonny Zucker

He wrote his first full length book - The Revenge of Caprir - when he was 10. He spent 8 years teaching which was when he realised he enjoyed reading stories to his class remembering how much he had loved writing when he was younger.

Description

Rick is flash. He always has the latest gizmos and loves to show them off. But Rick’s friends are not so impressed with his new mobile phone. In fact, they are scared!
Pitch Pond Curse

In 1848 in the village of Holbury, there was a pond so evil that no one ventured near it. Pitch Pond was cursed by a spirit that would steal the souls of its victims. But who would be its next victim?

Chantel and Chris are shocked to find a cavern, deep below the basement in their block of flats. But they are even more shocked to discover the secret of the dying candles.

The Dying Candles

Author: Kathryn White

Kathryn White is the author of Ghost Thief - Pocket Chillers series and The Gift Pocket Tales series.

Description

In 1848 in the village of Holbury, there was a pond so evil that no one ventured near it. Pitch Pond was cursed by a spirit that would steal the souls of its victims. But who would be its next victim?

Chantel and Chris are shocked to find a cavern, deep below the basement in their block of flats. But they are even more shocked to discover the secret of the dying candles.

Author: Jonny Zucker

Jonny Zucker is the author of Mobile Fear - Pocket Chillers Series.

Description

Chantel and Chris are shocked to find a cavern, deep below the basement in their block of flats. But they are even more shocked to discover the secret of the dying candles.
Pocket Chillers Series

Age Range
6 - 7
- Our Neighbours a Vampire!
- Be Prepared
- Monster Shock

Age Range
7 - 8
- Rubbed Out
- Ghoul School
- Ghost Island

Age Range
8 - 9
- Horrible Hands
- Wailing Rock
- Night of the Dragon

Age Range
9 - 10
- The Unkind
- Hairy and the Hairyman
- Horror in the Tower

Age Range
10 - 11
- Mobile Fear
- Pitch Pond Curse
- The Dying Candles

Number of Books: 12
Wild Water

Author: Nicolas Brasch

Nicolas Brasch is the author of more than 300 books for children and young adults. He writes both fiction and factual books for the trade, library and educational market.

Description

Water can be wild - really wild! Sometimes wild water is great fun, but when there are floods, mudslides or tsunamis it’s not fun at all. Then it’s scary and very dangerous!

What on EARTH is it?

Author: Michael McMahon

Michael McMahon is the author of Beware! and High and Mighty - Pocket Worlds Series.

Description

Is it a place where it always rains? Is it a place that is always cold? You’ll need to use the clues in this book to work out what on Earth the hidden places are!
Some animals look very meek and mild, but they are ready to attack at any time! Find out about some of Earth’s creatures that should carry their own warning signs.

Where in the world would you find places called Cow Head, Mosquito and Banana? The world has many places with very strange names. If you travel through these pages you’ll find lots of them!

Author: Michael McMahon

Michael McMahon is the author of What on Earth is it? and High and Mighty - Pocket Worlds Series.

Description

Author: Bill Condon

Bill Condon started to work as a journalist where he was given a one-day trial at the paper, and stayed for ten years. Throughout those years Bill was also writing for children.

Description
Digging up Dinosaurs

Author: Peter Rees

Peter Rees is an established author of children books.

Description

Where on Earth did the dinosaurs live? Who found the first fossils? You can dig up the answers to these questions and many more right now...

No Limits!

Author: Nicolas Brasch

Nicolas Brasch is the author of Wild Water and Fabulous! - Pocket Worlds Series.

Description

Who was the first person to sail non-stop around the world? Who was the youngest person to climb to the peak of Mount Everest? Find out about these incredible feats and many, many more!
I Bet You Don’t Know This!

ISBN: 9780602501921
32 pp
Age Range: 8-9
Format: 165X118

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Simplified (Bilingual Edition)

Author: Bill Condon

Bill Condon is the author of Where in the World is WOOLLOOMOOLOO? - Pocket Worlds Series.

Description

Where can you find giant underwater mountains and rivers that are far too wide to swim across? On Earth! Find out some amazing facts about planet Earth that will astound your friends.

The Green Bug

ISBN: 9780602501976
32 pp
Age Range: 9 - 10
Format: 165X118

Rights Sold: Chinese
Simplified (Bilingual Edition)

Author: Helen Bethune

Helen Bethune is the author of Sound Bites and Read This! - Pocket Worlds Series

Description

Recycle! Reuse! Reduce! That’s what people with the green bug do! Find out how people are using worms, rotten food and even elephant poop to help the environment. Just remember to hold your nose!
Jewellery can make you look fabulous! People have been wearing precious gems for thousands of years. Where do the gems come from and whom makes them into fantastic things to wear?

Treasure can be hidden in a lost city, trapped in a sunken ship or buried underground. There’s plenty of it out there waiting to be discovered and you could be the one who finds it.
The Frozen Continent

Author: Peter Rees

Peter Rees is the author of Treasure Hunting, The Frozen Continent and Animals on the Edge - Pocket Worlds Series.

Description

What is the coldest, windiest and driest place on Earth? It's the most southern continent on Earth - the Antarctic! Check out this frozen land and find out who goes there... and why!

ISBN: 9780602501983
32 pp
Age Range: 10-11
Format: 165X118

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Animals on the Edge

Author: Peter Rees

Peter Rees is the author of Treasure Hunting, The Frozen Continent and Digging Up Dinosaurs - Pocket Worlds Series.

Description

The panda, the tiger and the gorilla are some of Earth’s animals that are in danger. Will they become extinct like the dodo and the dinosaur, or can we save them?

ISBN: 9780602502171
32 pp
Age Range: 10-11
Format: 165X118

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Penguin Parade

ISBN: 9780602241964
24 pp
Age Range: 6 - 7
Format: 165X118

Author: Emma Lynch
Emma Lynch is the author of Super Sharks and Monster Mysteries - Pocket Facts Series.

Description
Would you be able to go without food for nine whole weeks? The stars of this book can!

Mighty Mummies

ISBN: 9780602242572
24 pp
Age Range: 6 - 7
Format: 165X118

Author: Haydn Middleton
British author Haydn Middleton has employed his knowledge of his country’s history, sports, and mythology to write nonfiction books for children and fantasy novels for older readers.

Description
Got 70 years to spare? Why not learn how to make a mummy in four, very easy stages!
Super Sharks

Author: Emma Lynch

Emma Lynch is the author of Penguin Parade and Monster Mysteries - Pocket Facts Series.

Description

What is as large as a three-storey building, has up to 3000 teeth and lives underwater? It's the star of a very scary film…

Body Bugs

Author: Haydn Middleton

Haydn Middleton is the author of Mighty Mummies and Nature’s Nightmares - Pocket Facts series.

Description

Mites that eat your skin, fleas and lice that suck your blood, and gnats that gnaw on you - are you ready for the attack?
Rob Alcraft is a published author and an editor of children’s books and young adult books.

Flap, jump and glide your way through history and meet some of the first flyers in the world! Were they incredibly brave or just ‘plane’ crazy?

Check out some heroes of old! Beowulf fought a monster, Odysseus blinded a Cyclops, and Hercules killed a lion with his bare hands!
Nature’s Nightmares

ISBN: 9780602243029
32 pp
Age Range: 9 - 10
Format: 165X118

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Author: Haydn Middleton
Haydn Middleton is the author of Mighty Mummies and Body Bugs - Pocket Facts series.

Description
For centuries they’ve spread death and destruction across the face of the earth. What are they? Mother Nature’s killer winds, horrific hailstorms and much more!

Monster Mysteries

ISBN: 9780602242039
32 pp
Age Range: 9 - 10
Format: 165X118

Author: Emma Lynch
Emma Lynch is the author of Super Sharks and Penguin Parade - Pocket Facts Series.

Description
Is the Loch Ness Monster really an otter and is Bigfoot really a man wearing a furry suit? Make up your own mind about the monster mysteries.
**Extreme Space Race**

ISBN: 9780602242077
32 pp
Age Range: 10-11
Format: 165X118

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**Author:** Rob Alcraft

Rob Alcraft is the author of Fabulous Flying Machines - Pocket Facts Series.

**Description**

Feel the adrenalin rush as you find out about extreme sports. But remember...you'll need no fear!

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**Space Race**

ISBN: 9780602243166
48 pp
Age Range: 10-11
Format: 165X118

Rights Sold
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**Author:** David Glover

David Glover is the author of Internet Invention - Pocket Facts Series.

**Description**

On your marks, get set, GO! The space race is on! Dogs havejettedintospaceandmanhaswalkedonthemoon! But there's still a long way to go..
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