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The first book in a new series filled with friendship, magic, and laugh-out loud adventure. Welcome to the sleepy island of Penfurzy, where nothing exciting ever really happens. OR DOES IT? Adventure awaits Demelza and her new best friend in the whole world, Nessa, as they explore the island and uncover the mysteries of the Penfurzy Knights. With a honking pet goose sidekick, quirky islanders and a legendary treasure to find, it's up to Nessa and Demelza to ride their bikes, solve the puzzles before them, and face down danger with frisbees, water-

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balloons, feathers and a toilet plunger. THEIR FRIENDSHIP WILL WARM YOUR HEART. THEIR BRAVERY WILL MAKE THEM LEGENDS.

Unlock the more straightforward side of Kensuke's Kingdom with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, an exciting adventure novel in which a young boy named Michael is swept overboard during a storm while sailing around the world with his family, and left stranded on a desert island with his pet dog. However, he soon crosses paths with the island's only

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other inhabitant: an irascible Japanese man named Kensuke. Despite the many differences between them, Michael and Kensuke soon become fast friends, but both of them will have to choose between their peaceful life on the island and the uncertainty of returning to civilisation... Michael Morpurgo is one of Britain's most popular and prolific writers of children's fiction, and served as the Children's Laureate between 2003 and 2005. Find out everything you need to know about Kensuke's Kingdom in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

- A complete plot

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summary • Character studies •
Key themes and symbols •
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An Elephant in the Garden is Simon Reade's new adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's best-selling children's novel. 1945.

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Dresden, Germany. Lizzie, her mother – and an elephant from the zoo, flee the Allied fire-bombing in the end-game of the Second World War. Escaping the Allies' advance from the West – and also the advancing Russian armies from the East – this extraordinary trio of refugees meet: a downed RAF officer, cowering in a barn; a homeless school choir on the run and their Countess saviour, harbouring them from the Nazis; and the mechanised American cavalry, appearing over the horizon. It is Lizzie's story – but Marlene, the elephant, is the heroine. Plodding, obdurate, opportunistic, loadbearing,

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indestructible, cheering – Marlene embodies the stubbornness of the human will and how it will do everything to survive.

Athan Wilde dreams of flight. When his friend, Mr Chen, is murdered, Athan must rescue the flying machine they were building together and stop it falling into the wrong hands. But keeping the machine safe puts his family in terrible danger. What will Athan choose - flight or family? From the acclaimed author of *Murder In Midwinter*, Fleur Hitchcock's *The Boy Who Flew* is a thrilling, murderous tale set among the steep rooftops and slippery characters of

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Athan's intricately imagined world. Perfect for fans of Philip Pullman, Peter Bunzl and Emma Carroll. "It's a spirited suspenseful adventure yarn, and its breathless action scenes and multicultural characters present a very un-Austen-like vision of Bath." - James Lovegrove, The Financial Times "Hitchcock's readers expect a white-knuckle ride, and her latest novel set in 19th-century Bath and filled with Gothic skylines and dastardly villains will not disappoint [and] readers...will be swept along by the cliffhanger chapters and simple, suspenseful prose" - The Telegraph "The Boy Who Flew is an unputdownable, heart-

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stopping, white knuckle ride of a book. There's murder, science, friendship and family. It's in the best tradition of the undisputed master of historical adventures, Leon Garfield, and will knock your socks off!" - Catherine Johnson, author of Sawbones

"An utterly brilliant story and one that is close my heart as I met Athan long ago when he was learning to fly. So many wonderful rich characters. Athan will fly high." - Gill Lewis, author of Sky Hawk The Boy Who Flew

is a cracker of a story: dastardly villains, a fast-moving plot, richly atmospheric scene setting and a host of lovable children at its core. A tribute to underdogs and

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ingenious kids from a brilliant storyteller." - Abi Elphinstone, author of Sky Song

Alphabet Under Construction

Wolfwalkers: The Graphic Novel

The Tulip Touch

I Believe in Unicorns

Read & Respond has been fully updated with new content. Itprovi teachers with a wealth of resources to teach Kensuke's Kingdom. Notes and activities reflect the changes in the new 2014 Curriculum for England and include shared texts, guided reading notes, reading activities, speaking and listening activities, writing projects and assessment guidance. The CD-ROM contains interactive activities. Michael Morpurgo's vivid castaway story, Kensuke's Kingdom, explores powerful themes of love, loss, hope and redemption.

Five years have passed since David Rain,

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now a cult author, disappeared mysteriously in the Arctic. Life in Wayward Crescent has settled to relative normality. But as the weather grows wild and the ice caps melt, all eyes turn north, where bears and the souls of the Inuit dead are combining to produce a spectacular solution... A solution with its focus on David's child, Alexa - if the agents of evil don't reach her first.

I heard the wind above me in the sails. I remember thinking, this is silly, you haven't got your safety harness on, you haven't got your lifejacket on. You shouldn't be doing this. Then the boat veered violently and I was thrown sideways. I had no time to grab the guard-rail. I was in the cold of the sea before I could even open my mouth to scream. Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. He can't find food, he can't find water. In the end he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of

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fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone

The life of Michael Morpurgo, as a biography, and autobiographical stories. Activities Based on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

On Angel Wings

Kensuke's Kingdom, Michael Morpurgo
Enid Blyton's much-loved classic series, packed full of adventure and mystery. Philip, Dinah, Lucy-Ann and Jack escape their tutor for a lovely holiday in Cornwall, right by the sea. They can see the sinister Isle of Gloom from their window, covered in mist and harbouring strange secrets. Are they

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prepared for the dangerous adventure that awaits them there? First published in 1944, this edition contains the original text and is unillustrated.

Living with a ghost can have its difficulties I discovered, even if he is your friend. Remember Sir Walter Raleigh who laid his cloak in a puddle so Queen Elizabeth the first could walk across? Well, Bess meets his ghost and finds out his her ancestor. How will Bess explain Sir Walter to her family? Especially when he breaks her brothers

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fishing rod,steals a horse and smokes cigars in her room.

This series will offer an interactive approach to teaching with the most popular of the Read and Respond titles. It will cover some of the new framework requirements for speaking and listening as well as reading on-screen texts

Nobody wants Tulip in their gang. She skives off school, cheeks the teachers and makes herself unpopular with her classmates by telling awful lies. None of this

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matters to Natalie who finds Tulip exciting. At first she doesn't care that other people are upset and unnerved by Tulip's bizarre games, but as the games become increasingly sinister and dangerous, Natalie realises that Tulip is going too far. Much too far. Racing, in fact, to the novel's shocking ending.

The Butterfly Lion

The Island of Adventure

Book 4

Son of Gulliver

Based on a true story, All of the Above is the delightful and suspenseful story

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of four inner city students and their quest to build the world's largest tetrahedron. Weaving together the different personal stories of the kids, their teacher, and the community that surrounds them, award-winning author Shelley Pearsall has written a vividly engaging story about the math, life and good-tasting barbecue. Filled with unexpected humor, poignant characters and quiet brilliance, *All of the Above* is a surprising gem. A stunning new story of hope, humanity and high-seas adventure for children and adults everywhere from Sir Michael Morpurgo, the nation's favourite storyteller and multi-million copy bestselling author of *WAR HORSE*. "We were the truth of our own story. Me, and the two tiny people

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on my shoulder, in the middle of the sea..." War has forced Omar and his mother to leave their home in Afghanistan and venture across the sea to Europe. When their boat sinks, and Omar finds himself alone, with no hope of rescue, it seems as if his story has come to an end. But it is only just beginning. Because in the end, a little hope makes a big difference... A thrilling adventure inspired by the classic story of Gulliver's Travels, this is also a gripping modern narrative of rescue and refuge, from a writer at the height of his powers. A book about breaking down walls, at a time when many are trying to build them. And a timeless reminder of humanity's infinite capacity for good... even when those

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humans are very small indeed. Perfect for fans of David Walliams, Michelle Magorian and Katherine Rundell! "Fast-paced, smart, and action-packed...a real page-burner." —Chris Grabenstein, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Mr. Lemoncello's Library series From New York Times bestselling author Stuart Gibbs comes the first novel in a thrilling new series about the world's youngest and smartest genius who's forced to use her unbelievable code-breaking skills to outsmart Einstein. Charlie Thorne is a genius. Charlie Thorne is a thief. Charlie Thorne isn't old enough to drive. And now it's up to her to save the world... Decades ago, Albert Einstein devised an equation that could benefit all life

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on earth—or destroy it. Fearing what would happen if the equation fell into the wrong hands, he hid it. But now, a diabolical group known as the Furies are closing in on its location. In desperation, a team of CIA agents drags Charlie into the hunt, needing her brilliance to find it first—even though this means placing her life in grave danger. In a breakneck adventure that spans the globe, Charlie must crack a complex code created by Einstein himself, struggle to survive in a world where no one can be trusted, and fight to keep the last equation safe once and for all. A concise, engaging, practical overview of children's literature that keeps the focus on the books children read. This brief introduction to

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children's literature genres leaves time to actually read children's books. Written on the assumption that the focus of a children's literature course should be on the actual books that children read, the authors first wrote this book in 1996 as a "textbook for people who don't like children's literature textbooks." Today it serves as an overview to shed light on the essentials of children's literature and how to use it effectively with young readers, from PreK to 8th grade. The authors use an enjoyable, conversational style to achieve their goal of providing a practical overview of children's books that offers a framework and background information, while keeping the spotlight on the books themselves.

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Detailed Summary, Analysis and Reading Guide

Kensuke's Kingdom Classroom Questions

Kaspar: Prince of Cats

The Wreck of the Zanzibar

A gripping children ' s story from

Britain ' s best-loved children ' s

author and the man behind War

Horse, Michael Morpurgo. " We all knew what was going to happen.

We ' d seen it before. A ship about to

founder staggers before she falls. A

huge wave broke over her stern and

she did not come upright again. "

Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak

and full of hardship. Laura ' s twin

brother, Billy, disappears, and then a

storm devastates everything. It seems

there ' s little hope. But then the

Zanzibar is wrecked on the island ' s

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rocks, and everything changes . . .
Former Children ' s Laureate and award-winning author of War Horse, Michael Morpurgo, again demonstrates why he is considered to be the master story teller with one of his most dramatic children ' s stories . . . The Wreck of the Zanzibar.

Tag and his friends are on a quest to find Blaze's family, the long-lost firehawks. Using only three golden feathers as clues, they must work together to find the magical Cloud Kingdom. But Cloud Kingdom isn't on any map. How will they find this hidden land?

In World War II-era England, Michael learns about his black British Army soldier grandfather, a World War I officer who risked his life to save wounded men but who did not receive special commendations

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because of his race.

A cat's nine lives are full of adventure and excitement and none more so than Montezuma, the farmyard cat. From a young kitten to a grand old cat, he is cunning and proud while establishing his kingdom, but to Matthew, he's always loving and adorable. This collection of feline tales from master storyteller, Michael Morpurgo, is the perfect gift for any animal lover.

Boy Giant

Michael Morpurgo

Kensuke's Kingdom

The Abominables

Biography of the sixteenth century

Portuguese captain credited with being the first discoverer to circle the globe.

Kensuke's Kingdom Classroom

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Questions contains summaries of each chapter of Michael Morpurgo's classic novel. There are also 237 questions, divided by chapter, to keep students engaged and actively thinking about the novel.

Renowned literary great Eva Ibbotson delivers a final novel in her classic, much-loved style. A previously unpublished work from this favorite author, *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. Siblings Con and Ellen shepherd the yetis along their eventful journey, with the help of Perry, a good-natured

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truck driver. Through a mountain rescue in the Alps and a bullfight in Spain, the yetis at last find their way to an ancestral estate in England—only to come upon a club of voracious hunters who have set their sights on the most exotic prey of all: the Abominable Snowmen. Briskly funny and full of incident, *The Abominables* is vintage Ibbotson. With unforgettable characters and thoughtful messages about the environment and advocacy, it ' s a generous last gift to her many devoted fans. Praise for *The Abominables* **STARRED REVIEWS** "A satiric farewell from a favorite author." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "A memorable finale

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to a treasured body of work."

--Publishers Weekly, starred review
"The novel is full of whimsy, charm, and sly humor. The yetis will tug at readers' heartstrings and make them laugh. The writing is lean, witty, and subtle. Ibbotson manages to touch on ethical messages of human rights, advocacy, and environmentalism without being obvious." --School Library Journal
"The writing is skillful, precise, and frequently funny, and it offers an effective counterbalance to some of the story's more serious social criticism..." --Bulletin of The Center for Children's Books
"Readers will enjoy Ibbotson's final book."
--Library Media Connection

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When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.

The Nine Lives of Montezuma

Knights and Bikes

An Elephant in the Garden

Waiting for Anya

This full-color graphic novel from the award-winning studio that created *The Secret of Kells* allows fans to immerse themselves in the rich storytelling and beautifully hand-crafted art of *Wolfwalkers*, just in time for the film, released in fall 2020. In a time of superstition and magic, an apprentice hunter named Robyn Goodfellow travels to Kilkenny, Ireland with her father. Wolves are seen as dangerous

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and wild beasts, which need to be tamed, and Robyn and her father have traveled to wipe out the very last pack. But when Robyn saves a wild girl named Mebh, their friendship leads her to discover the world of the Wolfwalkers and transform her into the very thing her father is tasked to destroy. Featuring full-color original art from the film as well as never-before-seen images from the studio, this graphic novel will make a perfect gift for fans of all ages. This title will be simultaneously available in paperback.

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Every night for two years Peter searches in the library for the lost book on how to live forever, and when he finds it, he makes an important decision.

When the shepherds are invited to follow the star to visit the Christ child,

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a young boy is left behind to watch the flock until the Angel Gabriel returns for him so that he can be the first to witness a true Christmas miracle.

Newbery Honor author Rodman Philbrick sends readers rushing down a raging river on a life-or-death adventure when a white water rafting trip goes terribly wrong! Daniel Redmayne is fast asleep on the first night of a white water rafting trip, when he's awoken by screams. The dam has failed. The river is surging, and their camp will be under water in a matter of moments. As the shrieking roar of the river rushes closer, the kids scramble to higher ground. They make it; their counselors do not. Now they're on their own, with barely any food or supplies, in the middle of the Montana wilderness. Do Daniel and his four classmates have what it takes to stay

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alive until they can get rescued? Alone in the wild, they forge powerful bonds -- but develop dangerous disagreements. If nature doesn't break them, they might just destroy each other. This gripping survival story from the Newbery Honor author of *Wildfire* is filled with adrenaline-pumping adventure and moments of true bravery.

Murder In Midwinter

All of the Above

Who was Ferdinand Magellan?

Children's Literature, Briefly

I disappeared on the night before my twelfth birthday. Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own.

With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit,

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and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone . . . From the author of the internationally acclaimed *War Horse*, this is a spellbinding adventure story about friendship and survival. *Kensuke's Kingdom* was shortlisted for the Whitbread Prize and won the FCB Award. 'A dazzling adventure' – *The Times* Back by popular demand, for a second magical West End season, this intimate show is set in a library full of books that hold more than stories within their pages. It is a tale of the power of books, and the bravery of a young boy called Tomas. Tomas loves playing in the mountains where he lives and hates reading and school, but his world is turned upside down the

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day he meets the Unicorn Lady in his local library... An enchanting and interactive show, I Believe in Unicorns sparks the imagination of both young and old. You too will believe in unicorns after joining Tomas's spellbinding journey! Suitable for a family audience and children aged 6+ A gripping historical adventure by a much-loved and award winning author. Soon to be a major motion picture, starring Stranger Things' Noah Schnapp. It is World War II and Jo stumbles on a dangerous secret: Jewish children are being smuggled away from the Nazis, close to his mountain village in Spain. Now, German soldiers have been stationed at the border. Jo

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must get word to his friends that the children are trapped. The slightest mistake could cost them their lives. Michael's parents buy a yacht, and take him off to sail round the world. Washed overboard in a fierce storm, Michael finds himself on the shore of a remote island - and soon discovers he's not alone. Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier, survived the war and the bombing of Hiroshima, but his family perished. As an extraordinary bond forms between the two, Kensuke faces a heart-breaking choice: can he give up the secluded life he's built for himself to help reunite Michael with his parents? Knowing the pain of losing his own family, Kensuke knows which way he has to

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decide...

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation

Wild River

How to Live Forever

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo (Book Analysis)

Sitting on the top deck of a bus days before Christmas, Maya sees a couple arguing violently in the middle of a crowded Regent Street. They see her watching, she looks away, and the woman disappears. Maya goes to the police, who shrug and send her away. Then a body turns up... Now convinced she is a vital witness to a crime, the police send Maya

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into hiding in rural Wales. She resolves to get to the bottom of the mystery.

Then the snow comes and no one can get out. But what if someone can still get in? From the author of Dear Scarlet and Saving Sophia.

Discover the beautiful stories of Michael Morpurgo, author of Warhorse and the nation's favourite storyteller A heart-warming novel about Kaspar the Savoy cat, from the award-winning author of Born to Run and The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips

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A mouse works his way through the alphabet as he folds the "F," measures the "M," and rolls the "R."

When the Japanese invade the isolated Alaskan outpost where he lives and take all the men prisoners, a twelve-year-old boy helps an Army spy gather information on the enemy.

***The Boy Who Flew
The Cloud Kingdom
The Children's War
My Friend Walter***

Celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the stunning, classic story of an unforgettable friendship with a glorious colour gift edition, fully illustrated by Christian Birmingham.

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War Child to War Horse

A Medal for Leroy

The Fire Eternal