Booklist

Denmark, Hotherskolen:

*The shamers daughter by Lene Kaaberbøl.*

Age Range: 10 - 14 years
Grade Level: 6 - 9
ISBN-10: 0805081119

Dina has unwillingly inherited her mother's gift: the ability to elicit shamed confessions simply by looking into someone's eyes. To Dina, however, these powers are not a gift but a curse. Surrounded by fear and hostility, she longs for simple friendship.

But when her mother is called to Dunark Castle to uncover the truth about a bloody triple murder, Dina must come to terms with her power—or let her mother fall prey to the vicious and revolting dragons of Dunark.
The little mermaid by H.C. Andersen.

Age Range: All ages
Grade level: 6 - 9


The boys from Skt. Petri by Bjarne Reuter

Age Range: 12-16
Grade level: 7 - 9
ISBN-10: 0140379940

In 1942, a group of young men begin a series of increasingly dangerous protests against the German invaders of their Danish homeland.
Ferenc Molnár: The Paul street boys

Age Range: 11 - 99 years
Grade Level: 6 - 9
ISBN: 9789631359527

The novel is about schoolboys in Józsefváros neighbourhood of Budapest and set in 1889. The Paul Street Boys spend their free time at the grund, an empty lot that they regard as their "Fatherland". The story has two main protagonists, János Boka (the honourable leader of the Paul Street Boys) and Ernő Nemecsek (the smallest member of the group).

When the "Redshirts"—another gang of boys, led by Feri Áts, who gather at the nearby botanical gardens—attempt to take over the grund, the Paul Street Boys are forced to defend themselves in military fashion.

Although the Paul Street Boys win the war, and little Nemecsek repeatedly demonstrates that his bravery and loyalty surpasses his size, the book ends in tragedy.

Ferenc Molnár (1878-1952) is perhaps best known in the world for his brilliant drawing room comedies such as The Swan and The Guardsman. But in Hungary it was his novel for young people, The Paul Street Boys (1907), which insured his lasting popularity. Translated into English in 1927

"At the time Ferenc Molnár wrote The Paul Street Boys, Cooper's Indian war-stories were extremely popular in Hungary and there is the flavour of their morality in this book," writes Mátyás Sárközi, Molnár's grandson, in his Preface to the present edition. "There are examples of good cameraderie, loyalty, idealism, but Molnár always manages to save himself from being just a shade too sentimental. Like Mark Twain he has the wit and the good writer's sense to mix the grotesque with the pathetic." A true world classic of its kind, The Paul Street Boys, which has been out of print for decades, is a juvenile classic that has lost none of its magic.
Ivan Gorchev, the precipitated sailor of the freighter „Rangoon”, wins the Nobel Prize of Physics from one of his partners (Prof. Noah Bertinus, Sweden) in the prohibited cardgame called „macao”.

What is a twenty-one-year old boy going to do with such a big amount of money?

Of course, he tries to spend the whole money with the help of a friend.

During this „important activity” Ivan falls in love with a beautiful girl, but the girl’s father is very strict, so Ivan has to do everything in order to win the girl’s hand.

His love and some events around a fourteen-carat Alfa Romeo takes him into lots of adventures not only among the French legionnaires, but among the harbor robbers, too. With his „personal secretary”, Mr. Vanek, Ivan even gets involved into political fights in a small African country.

But finally Ivan ………..

You will know it, if you read this fantastic room.

Many contradictory opinions were written or told about Rejtő’s books. His word structures or humorous grammar forms were attacked by his critics, but his life work is still maintained as an amount of amusing, relaxing readings.
Looking-Glass Kate - Hungarian Folktales by Ferenc Móra

Age Range: 10 - 13 years
Grade Level: 6 - 9
ISBN: 9789631358650
ISBN: 9789631360134

There are short fairy tales by Ferenc Móra. For example about Kate who loved looking herself in the glass not noticing the beautiful things around her. What happens at her? Read the tale.

Ferenc Móra's books are good to read: the reader is delighted, sometimes excited by the heroes while smiling but feeling the tragedy in his stories. His short tales and stories are very popular among the young readers. They are easy to read and understand and often present a real picture about the lifes of countryside, poor people or children.

Germany, Holderbergschule

1. Wolfgang Herrndorf: Why we took the car (Tschick)

Andersen Press Ltd. (6. Februar 2014)
ISBN-10: 1783440317
age: 12 - 15
Price: 8,49€

also available in Spanish (title: Goodbye Berlin)
Mike doesn't get why people think he's boring. Sure, he doesn't have many friends. (OK, zero friends.) And everyone laughs at him when he reads his essays out loud in class. And he's never invited to parties.

But one day Tschick, the odd new boy at school, shows up at Mike's house out of the blue. He dares him to go on a road trip with him. No parents, no map, no destination. Will they get hopelessly lost in the middle of nowhere? Probably. Will they meet crazy people and get into serious trouble? Definitely. But will they ever be called boring again?

Winner of the German Teen Literature Prize

2. *Cornelia Funke: Reckless I*

![Reckless Cover](image)

Mirrorworld (28. September 2016)
ISBN-10: 1782691243
Price: 8,99€

Jacob has uncovered the doorway to another world, hidden behind a mirror. It is a place of dark magic and enchanted objects, scheming dwarves and fearsome ogres, fairies born from water and men born from stone. Here, he hunts for treasure and seeks adventure in the company of Fox - a beautiful, shape-shifting girl, who guides and guards him. But now Jacob's younger brother has followed him into the mirrored world, and all that was freedom has turned to fear. Because a deadly curse has been spoken; and Jacob must risk his life to reverse it, before his brother is turned to stone forever...

also available in Spanish (Reckless. Carne de piedra) (Las Tres Edades / Biblioteca Funke)
also available in Catalan (Reckless. Carn de pedra (L'illa Del Temps)

Reckless II: Living Shadows (Mirrorworld)
Reckless III: The Golden Yarn (Mirrorworld)
3. *Kerstin Gier: Ruby Red*

Gwyneth Shepherd's sophisticated, beautiful cousin Charlotte has been prepared her entire life for traveling through time. But unexpectedly, it is Gwyneth who in the middle of class takes a sudden spin to a different era! Gwyneth must now unearth the mystery of why her mother would lie about her birth date to ward off suspicion about her ability, brush up on her history, and work with Gideon—the time traveler from a similarly gifted family that passes the gene through its male line, and whose presence becomes, in time, less insufferable and more essential. Together, Gwyneth and Gideon journey through time to discover who, in the 18th century and in contemporary London, they can trust.

*Kerstin Gier's Ruby Red* is young adult novel full of fantasy and romance.
Spain, Escola Bon Pastor

No Word from Gurb, by Eduardo Mendoza

Age Range: 13- adults
Grade level: 8 - 9

The story is about an alien who is lost in Barcelona whilst in search of his friend Gurb. Through taking on the appearances of various people, including the famous Spanish singer Marta Sánchez, he explores the city observing human life. The book is in the style of a diary, so the reader is taken day by day along the same journey with the alien, as he discovers more and more about the human race.

The story begins with the narrator talking about his ideas and aims of travelling to Earth and adapting to the lifestyle there. Through writing this book, Mendoza captures an image of Barcelona as it is preparing for the Olympics in 1992. The atmosphere at that time, along with the chaos and absurdities of modern human life, are among the subjects that are focused on in this satirical novel. As a parody, "No Word from Gurb" depicts the day-to-day life of the city from the perspective of an alien. The author focuses in particular on portraying the urban lifestyle of humans; using Barcelona as a great example of a big city. Parody is a feature that is present throughout the book, an example of which is when the alien describes the composition of water as "hydrogen, oxygen and poo."

Throughout his search for his friend Gurb, the alien criticises the behaviour of human beings and realises that there are many differences between his culture and that of humans. For example, although he doesn't understand why, he notes that there are class divisions on Earth: there are rich and poor areas of Barcelona, like San Cosme and Pedralbes. Furthermore, he criticises the chaos regarding the upcoming Olympic Games at the time. In reality, there was a lot of public criticism due to the reported lack of organisation when planning and preparing for the international event. Mendoza again describes the disorganisation of the city as a parody.
Translations of the novel are available in English, French, German, Italian, Danish, Romanian, Polish and Bulgarian.

Marina
by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

A gothic tale for readers of all ages from the author of the bestselling "The Shadow of the Wind.

In May 1980, fifteen-year-old Oscar Drai suddenly vanishes from his boarding school in the old quarter of Barcelona. For seven days and nights no one knows his whereabouts. . . .

His story begins in the heart of old Barcelona, when he meets Marina and her father Germán Blau, a portrait painter. Marina takes Oscar to a cemetery to watch a macabre ritual that occurs on the fourth Sunday of each month. At 10 a.m. precisely a coach pulled by black horses appears. From it descends a woman dressed in black, her face shrouded, wearing gloves, holding a single rose. She walks over to a gravestone that bears no name, only the mysterious emblem of a black butterfly with open wings.

When Oscar and Marina decide to follow her they begin a journey that will take them to the heights of a forgotten, post-war Barcelona, a world of aristocrats and actresses, inventors and tycoons; and a dark secret that lies waiting in the mysterious labyrinth beneath the city streets.

Carlos Ruiz Zafon was born in Barcelona. He is one of the world's most read and best-loved writers. His work has been translated into more than forty languages, garnering numerous international prizes and reaching millions of readers. "Marina" was first published in Spanish in 1999. It is translated into English, German, Czech and Hungarian among other languages.

https://www.goodreads.com/work/editions/1882717-marina
Set in Calcutta in the 1930s, THE MIDNIGHT PALACE begins on a dark night when an English lieutenant fights to save newborn twins Ben and Sheere from an unthinkable threat. Despite monsoon-force rains and terrible danger around every street corner, the young lieutenant manages to get them to safety, but not without losing his own life.

Years later, on the eve of Ben and Sheere’s sixteenth birthday, the mysterious threat reenters their lives. This time, it may be impossible to escape. With the help of their brave friends, the twins will have to take a stand against the terror that watches them in the shadows of the night --- and face the most frightening creature in the history of the City of Palaces.

- **Publication Date:** April 10, 2012
- **Genres:** Fantasy, Fiction, Horror
- **Publisher:** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
- **ISBN-10:** 0316044741
- **ISBN-13:** 9780316044745
“War with the Newts (1936)” is Karel Capek’s darkly humorous allegory of early twentieth-century Czech politics. Captain van Toch discovers a colony of newts in Sumatra which can not only be taught to trade and use tools, but also to speak. As the rest of the world learns of the creatures and their wonderful capabilities, it is clear that this new species is ripe for exploitation - they can be traded in their thousands, will do the work no human wants to do, and can fight - but the humans have given no thought to the terrible consequences of their actions.

Petr Sís - Tři zlaté klíče - The Three Golden Keys

Man lost during violent storm lands with his air balloon in Prague, at the place he used to live before. A black cat with eyes of fire leads him through Prague’s silent streets and monuments in search of the three golden keys that will open the door of his boyhood home and restore the city to life. Sís recaptures the wonder of his own lost childhood in Prague and celebrates the city’s wonderful cultural heritage, reborn after forty-five years of Communist rule.
The book describes a fascinating life of an extraordinary man in short. The book is full of beautiful illustrations of Renata Fučíková. The text is simple enough to be read without big problems, but still challenging enough to fulfill the needs of a more advanced reader.