

Top 10 of books for boys!

Come to Lunchtime Book Club- We have them all...

[Alex Rider](#) Anthony Horowitz's series about a 14-year-old boy recruited by the British secret service has proved phenomenally popular: there are nine novels, from 2000's Stormbreaker to Scorpius Rising, released last March, suitable for readers aged around 10 and over; a number of spinoff short-story collections; a film; and a video game.

[Harry Potter](#) No list would be complete without JK Rowling's much-loved novels about a teenage wizard battling the evil Voldemort, while getting to grips with Quidditch, strange spells and first love. Their addictive qualities are likely to have young boys (and girls, of course) wanting to devour all seven in a row, quickly putting them ahead in the competition.

[Young Bond](#) Covering similar ground to Alex Rider, Charlie Higson's books - suitable for ages 10 and over - act as a compelling prequel to Ian Fleming's Bond series: here, we meet Bond as a 13-year-old at Eton in the 1930s.

[Horrid Henry](#) Younger boys will love [Francesca Simon's series](#) about a perpetually naughty young boy and his butter-wouldn't-melt brother, Perfect Peter.

[Flat Stanley](#) [This classic children's book](#), written in 1964 by Jeff Brown, tells the decidedly surreal tale of a boy named Stanley Lambchop who is flattened in the night by a collapsed pin-board. He makes the best of the situation by using his newly flattened state to slide into locked rooms, be used as a kite, and even posted in a letterbox.

[Artemis Fowl](#) The anti-hero of Irish author [Eoin Colfer's seven novels](#) (the last is due out this summer) is like the Blofeld to Higson's Bond: a teenage criminal mastermind named Artemis Fowl II.

<p><i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> Boys aged seven and up will relate to American author Jeff Kinney's tales about a hopelessly uncool boy named Gregory.</p>	<p><i>Captain Underpants</i> In Dav Pilkey's series of amusingly illustrated novels, two primary-school boys accidentally hypnotise their headteacher, turning him into the eponymous superhero. Exuberant fun for younger boys.</p>
<p><i>The Cherub series</i> Bestselling author Robert Muchamore became the subject of controversy last October, when a north London junior school cancelled his scheduled visit, citing a number of complaints from parents about the challenging subject matter of his books about a group of orphaned teenage spies</p>	<p><i>Holes</i> Louis Sachar's award-winning 1998 novel about a 13-year-old boy named Stanley Yelnats, sent to the juvenile detention centre Camp Green Lake after being wrongly accused of stealing a pair of shoes, will appeal to boys of 10 and over.</p>