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Below are UK booksellers' Top 10 Adult and Top 12 Children's titles, published between January and June 2011. To vote for your winners (one for each list) just complete and hand back into the bookshop where you picked up this leaflet before the 30th August 2011. Winners of the **Independent Booksellers' Book Prize** will be announced during September. Competition winners will be announced by the end of September.

SHORTLISTED ADULT TITLES

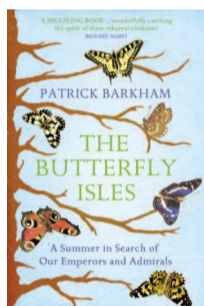


The Betrayal

Helen Dunmore

(Fig Tree)

A gripping and deeply moving portrait of life in Stalin's post war Leningrad, where Andrei, a young hospital doctor, and Anna a nursery school teacher, are forging a life together, *The Betrayal* brilliantly shows the epic struggle of ordinary people to survive in a time of violence and terror.



The Butterfly Isles

Patrick Barkham

(Granta Books)

Butterflies animate our summers but the fifty-nine species found in the British Isles can be surprisingly elusive. Some bask unseen at the top of trees in London parks; others lurk at the bottom of damp bogs in Scotland. A few survive for months while other ephemeral creatures only fly for three days. Several are virtually extinct.

This bewitching book charts Patrick Barkham's quest to find each of them – from the Adonis Blue to the Dingy Skipper – in one unforgettable summer.

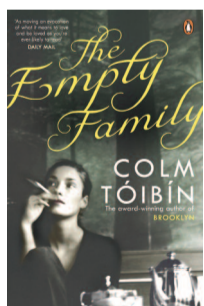


Empire of the Clouds

James Hamilton-Paterson

(Faber)

In 1945 Britain was the world's leading pioneer and builder of jet aircraft. Design geniuses dreamt up astonishing new planes and test pilots were the rock stars of their age. James Hamilton-Paterson captures that season of glory in a magnificent account of post-war British aviation.



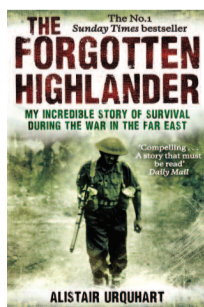
The Empty Family

Colm Tóibín

(Penguin)

From the Irish woman returning to Dublin and discovering a city that refuses to acknowledge her long absence, to the young Pakistani man who seeks some kind of permanence in a strange town, each of the stories in *The Empty Family* miraculously contains whole worlds.

In his new book Colm Tóibín delineates with a tender and unique sensibility lives of unspoken or unconscious longing, of individuals, often willingly, cast adrift from their history.

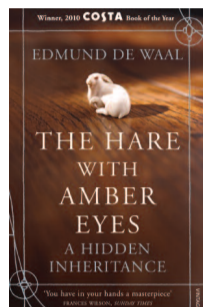


The Forgotten Highlander

Alistair Urquhart

(Abacus)

Alistair Urquhart was a soldier in the Gordon Highlanders captured by the Japanese in Singapore. He not only survived working on the notorious Bridge on the River Kwai, but he was subsequently taken on one of the Japanese 'hellships' which was torpedoed. Nearly everyone else on board died and Urquhart spent 5 days alone on a raft in the South China Sea before being rescued by a whaling ship. He was taken to Japan and then forced to work in a mine near Nagasaki. Two months later a nuclear bomb dropped just ten miles away...



The Hare With Amber Eyes

Edmund de Waal

(Vintage Books)

A highly distinctive, elegant family memoir by acclaimed potter Edmund de Waal, taking as its starting point the collection of 264 netsuke – wood and ivory carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox – that he inherited from his Great Uncle Iggy. We follow the collection as it is passed from generation to generation, crosses

continents and escapes destruction. A word-of-mouth success, and a modern masterpiece.



The Man in the Wooden Hat

Jane Gardam

(Abacus)

Filth (Failed In London, Try Hong Kong) is a successful lawyer when he marries Elisabeth in Hong Kong soon after the War. Reserved, immaculate and courteous, Filth finds it hard to demonstrate his emotions. But Elisabeth is different – a free spirit. She was brought up in the Japanese Internment Camps, which killed both her parents, but left her with a lust for survival and an affinity with the Far East. No wonder she is attracted to Filth's hated rival at the Bar – the brash, forceful Veneering. Veneering has a Chinese wife and an adored son – and no difficulty whatsoever in demonstrating his emotions...



Peter Pan's First XI

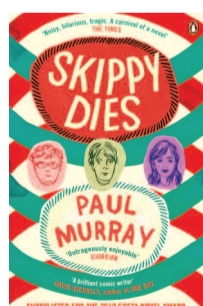
Kevin Telfer

(Sceptre)

The creator of Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie, was a hugely enthusiastic cricketer of very little talent. That didn't stop him from leading perhaps the most extraordinary amateur cricket team ever to have taken the field. Some of the twentieth century's most famous writers including A. A. Milne,

P. G. Wodehouse and Jerome K. Jerome, regularly turned out for Barrie's team between 1890 and 1913. This very Edwardian vision of village cricket was only brought to an end by the First World War.

In *Peter Pan's First XI*, Kevin Telfer weaves together cricket, literature, history, humour and biography to create an entertaining account of this little-known band of cricketing Peter Pans – and the age in which they lived.



Skippy Dies

Paul Murray

(Hamish Hamilton)

Skippy Dies explores the lives, loves, mistakes and triumphs of overweight maths-whiz Ruprecht Van Doren and his roommate Daniel 'Skippy' Juster. Set in and around Dublin's Seabrook College for Boys, it features doughnut-eating contests, first love, Carl (the official school psychopath) – and the very deepest mysteries of the human heart.



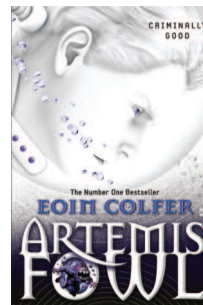
The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet

David Mitchell

(Sceptre)

In the dying days of the 18th century, a young Dutch clerk arrives on a tiny, man-made island in the bay of Nagasaki. He comes to make his fortune, but instead loses his heart. Two cultures converge on the streets of Dejima amid the traders, spies and concubines, in this tale of integrity, passion and power.

Children's Shortlist...

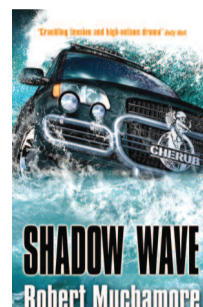


Artemis Fowl and the Atlantis Complex

Eoin Colfer (Puffin)

The seventh book in the multi-million selling Artemis Fowl series.

Young Artemis has frequently used high-tech fairy magic to mastermind the most devious criminal activity of the new century. Now, at a conference in Iceland, Artemis has gathered the fairies to present his latest idea to save the world from global warming. But Artemis is behaving strangely – he seems different. Something terrible has happened to him... Artemis Fowl has become nice.



Cherub: Shadow Wave

Robert Muchamore

(Hodder Children's)

After a tsunami causes massive devastation to a tropical island, its governor sends in the bulldozers to knock down villages, replacing them with luxury hotels.

Guarding the corrupt governor's family isn't James Adams' idea of the perfect mission and then retired colleague Kyle Blueman comes up with a dangerous plan of his own. James must choose between loyalty to CHERUB, and his oldest friend.



The Dead

Charlie Higson (Puffin)

The Enemy is back – the second heart-stopping, mind-blowing book in this killer series – now in paperback.

A terrible disease is striking everyone over the age of fourteen. Death walks the streets. Nowhere is safe.

Maxie, Blue and the rest of the Holloway crew aren't the only kids trying to escape the ferocious adults who prey on them. Jack and Ed are best friends, but their battle to stay alive tests their friendship to the limit as they go on the run with a mismatched group of other kids – nerds, fighters, misfits. And one adult. Greg, a butcher, who claims he's immune to the disease. They must work together if they want to make it in this terrifying new world. But as a fresh disaster threatens to overwhelm London, they realise they won't all survive...



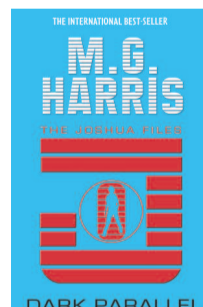
An Imaginary Menagerie

Roger McGough

(Frances Lincoln)

From the anaconda in a Honda (don't ask him for a ride, you might end up inside), to the zonk (good for nothing and very rude), from the useful caterpillar and the reliable teapot to the newt who plays the flute, and the wordfish – who's a swordfish in a state of undress, this is an A-Z of animal

poems with a difference! Choose your own favourite from Roger McGough's witty and wicked menagerie of rare breeds real and imaginary.



The Joshua Files: Dark Parallel

M.G. Harris

(Scholastic Children's Books)

An ancient civilization is awakening. An ancient Mayan prophecy is unfolding. One boy – Joshua – holds the key. When his archaeologist father goes missing in Mexico, Josh suspects alien abduction. But when he realises his dad was murdered,

Josh is caught in a race to find the legendary 'Ix Codex' – a lost Mayan prophecy which predicts the end of the world.



The Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid

Rick Riordan (Puffin)

Percy Jackson fought Greek Gods. Now the Gods of Egypt are waking in the modern world...

Carter and Sadie Kane's dad is a brilliant Egyptologist with a secret plan that goes horribly wrong. An explosion shatters the ancient Rosetta stone and unleashes Set, the evil god of chaos... The pharaohs of ancient Egypt are far from dead and buried. And so, unfortunately, are their gods...