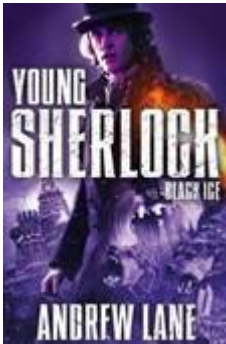


# Reimagining children's classics



Taking inspiration from some favourite stories and characters, these authors have all put a new spin on classic novels.

Catering to a range of ages and reading abilities, there is something on this list for everyone.



## Young Sherlock Holmes: Black Ice

**Author:** Andrew Lane

**Interest level:** 10+

**Reading age:** 10+

An exciting, fast-paced adventure, which paints a vivid picture of mid-nineteenth century Britain and Russia



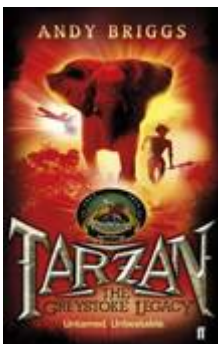
## Wishing for Tomorrow

**Author:** Hilary McKay **Illustrator:** Nick Maland

**Interest level:** 9+

**Reading age:** 8+

Evocatively illustrated, this is a warm and humorous sequel to Frances Hodgson Burnett's *A Little Princess*.



## Tarzan: The Greystoke Legacy

**Author:** Andy Briggs

**Interest level:** 11+

**Reading age:** 11+

A classic with a 21st century twist, this riveting adventure overflows with suspense, danger, brutality and beauty



## Chasing the Stars

**Author:** Malorie Blackman

**Interest level:** 14+

**Reading age:** 14+

Blackman's skilful retelling of Shakespeare's *Othello* in a futuristic space setting is thrilling and romantic. The characters are ...



## Mister Creecher

**Author:** Chris Priestley

**Interest level:** 12+

**Reading age:** 11+

Friendship, trust and betrayal combine to form a dangerous liaison in this moving and frightening new book from Chris Priestley



## Oliver Twisted

**Author:** J D Sharpe

**Interest level:** 12+

**Reading age:** 10+

'Can I have some gore?' *Oliver Twist* is given a supernatural spin in this vivid reimagining of Dickens' novel.



## Ash

**Author:** Malinda Lo

**Interest level:** 13+

**Reading age:** 12+

In this bewitching and sophisticated re-interpretation of the Cinderella story, lonely orphan Ash falls in love not with a handsom...



## Four Children and It

**Author:** Jacqueline Wilson

**Interest level:** 9+

**Reading age:** 9+

Jacqueline Wilson pays tribute to her 'all-time favourite classic children's author' E. Nesbit in this contemporary reimagining of...



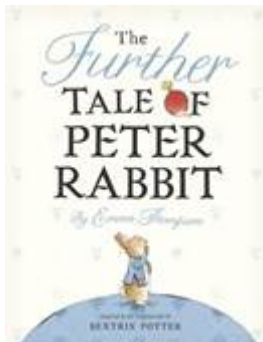
## Barefoot on the Wind

**Author:** Zoe Marriott

**Interest level:** 12+

**Reading age:** 12+

This stylish reworking of Beauty and the Beast unfolds in mythical Japan. Beautiful visual imagery, viscerally brutal action and d...



## The Further Tale of Peter Rabbit

**Author:** Emma Thompson **Illustrator:** Eleanor Taylor

**Interest level:** 2+

**Reading age:** 6+

Oscar-winning actress and screenwriter Emma Thompson has turned her hand to children's books in this new continuation of Peter Rab...



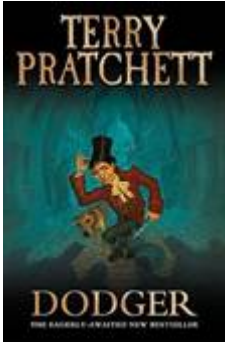
## Interstellar Cinderella

**Author:** Deborah Underwood **Illustrator:** Meg Hunt

**Interest level:** 5-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Told in amusing rhyming verse with bold illustrations, this is a fresh, enjoyable revamp of a traditional tale.



## Dodger

**Author:** Terry Pratchett

**Interest level:** 14+

**Reading age:** 14+

Terry Pratchett once again proves himself a master storyteller in this tribute to one of Charles Dickens' best-known characters, t...



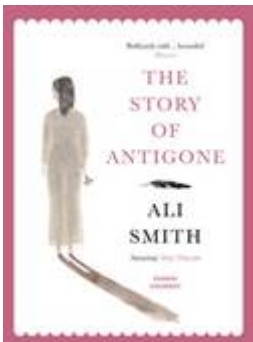
## Lydia: the wild girl of Pride and Prejudice

**Author:** Natasha Farrant

**Interest level:** 11-16

**Reading age:** 11+

A spirited reimagining of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, told from the perspective of Lydia, the youngest Bennet sister. It is...



## The Story of Antigone

**Author:** Ali Smith **Illustrator:** Laura Paoletti

**Interest level:** 9+

**Reading age:** 9+

Ali Smith's wonderfully presented adaptation of Sophocles's play opens on a battlefield with a crow contemplating which bit of a f...



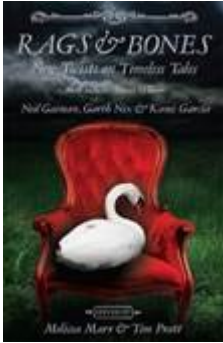
## Thicker Than Water

**Author:** Anne Cassidy

**Interest level:** 13-16

**Reading age:** 8+

A confident retelling of Steinbeck's classic *Of Mice and Men*, updated for a modern audience and presented in a super readable/dysle...



## Rags & Bones

**Author:** Various **Editor:** Melissa Marr & Tim Pratt

**Interest level:** 13+

**Reading age:** 13+

This anthology collects re-workings of classic stories by a number of well-known (and less-well-known) fantasy and science fiction...



## Finding Black Beauty

**Author:** Lou Kuenzler

**Interest level:** 11+

**Reading age:** 9+

This is a lovely reimagining of *Black Beauty* - in this case, told from the point of view of 'Jo', the inexperienced...



## Hansel & Gretel

**Author:** Neil Gaiman **Illustrator:** Lorenzo Mattotti

**Interest level:** 10+

**Reading age:** 9+

Neil Gaiman has created a chilling and dark retelling of the story of Hansel and Gretel.



## Nobody Saw No One

**Author:** Steve Tasane

**Interest level:** 12-17

**Reading age:** 10+

This witty, gritty and disturbing dual narrative story of abuse and exploitation starts as a modernised retelling of *Oliver Twist* ...





## **A Pilgrim's Progress**

**Author:** Geraldine McCaughrean (retold from John Bunyan's original story)

**Illustrator:** Jason Cockroft

**Interest level:** 9-11

**Reading age:** 9+

This retelling of John Bunyan's classic story is filled with drama, excitement and adventure