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## **New Booked Up titles revealed for fifth year of programme** [www.bookedup.org.uk](http://www.bookedup.org.uk)

The 17 book titles that will be on offer to all Year 7 pupils in England from September 2011 have been revealed. Booked Up, which is celebrating its fifth year, will deliver 650,000 free books from a list that includes winners of the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize and the Blue Peter Book Award. The bookgifting programme is run by the national literature charity Booktrust, with the aim of encouraging reading for pleasure and independent reading choice.

Booked Up allows each Year 7 pupil to make their own choice of book from a selection of 17 titles that include fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The programme is designed so that there is a book that will appeal to every child, whatever their ability or needs. Its purpose is to encourage independent reading and support reading for pleasure as children make the sometimes difficult transition from primary to secondary education.

### **The 2011 Booked Up book list:**

- Pumpkin Grumpkin*** by John Agard & Grace Nichols (Walker Books)
- The Name of This Book is Secret*** by Pseudonymous Bosch (Usborne)
- Artichoke Hearts*** by Sita Brahmachari (Macmillan)
- How to Train Your Dragon*** by Cressida Cowell (Hodder Children's Books)
- The Ghost Box*** by Catherine Fisher (Barrington Stoke)
- The Kick Off*** by Dan Freedman (Scholastic)
- Mortlock*** by Jon Mayhew (Bloomsbury)
- Why is Snot Green?*** by Glenn Murphy (Macmillan)
- Big Nate – The Boy with the Biggest Head in the World*** by Lincoln Peirce (HarperCollins)
- Dead Man's Cove*** by Lauren St John (Orion)



***Frankie Foster: Fizzy Pop*** by Jean Ure (HarperCollins)

***The Truth About Leo*** by David Yelland (Penguin Children's Books)

***Boffin Boy and the Wizard of Edo*** by David Orme & Peter Richardson (Ransom)

***Little Bo Peep has Knickers That Bleep*** by Laurence Anholt & Arthur Robins (Orchard Books)

***The Dragon Machine*** by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson (Templar)

***You Choose*** by Pippa Goodhart & Nick Sharratt (Random House Children's Books)

***Don't You Dare, Dragon!*** by Annie Kubler (Child's Play)

All information about Booked Up can be found on the website [www.bookedup.org.uk](http://www.bookedup.org.uk)

**Secondary schools can register for Booked Up by visiting the Booked Up website.**

**Michelle Pauli, Guardian Children's Books Website Editor and Chair of the 2011 selection panel comments:**

'Selecting the books for this year's Booked Up programme has been a tremendously enjoyable and inspiring process. Whittling down the choice from nearly 100 potential titles to the final selection proved what a wealth of great reads there are for this age group, from fantasy and friendship books to football tales and adventure stories. We are sure that among the Booked Up list there will be something to spark the interest of every reader, and we can't wait to hear their feedback!'

**Viv Bird, Chief Executive of Booktrust comments:**

'At Booktrust, we're extremely proud of Booked Up, which supports independent reading by giving every Year 7 child in the country the opportunity to choose and keep their own book to read for pleasure. As Booked Up enters its fifth year, we are delighted to be announcing the titles on this year's list, and are very grateful for the support of children's publishers who help us to put these engaging and vibrant books into the hands of 11 year olds across the country.'



A Booktrust panel – including school librarians, a journalist, a teacher and a children’s book author – selected the books, which are intended to stimulate reading for pleasure, and reflect a diverse range of interest and styles.

This year’s selection panel comprised: **Michelle Pauli** (chair), editor of The Guardian’s children’s book website; **Lucy Reynolds**, Head of English at Wakefield City Academy; **Angela Russell**, Learning Resource Centre Manager at St Cuthbert’s Business and Enterprise College in Rochdale; **Kevin Sheehan**, Chartered Librarian at Offerton School in Stockport and 2010 School Library Association Librarian of the Year; **Steve Voake**, children’s author and Senior Lecturer in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University.

**\*\*\*Interviews and images are available**

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