

## **FREE ONLINE / AUDIO FICTION TITLES**

<https://yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Edinburgh City Libraries has lots of e-books and audio books to borrow free of charge through Overdrive, Borrowbox etc. There are sections for kids, teens & adults and there are magazines as well as books.

(If you're not already a member see 'join the library', which states 'New members under 16 years can join by emailing [informationdigital@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:informationdigital@edinburgh.gov.uk) and providing their name, date of birth, home address and parent/guardian's name and email address.

When you join online you will receive a temporary library number and PIN allowing you to borrow up to 3 books straight away. This number will be valid for 6 months. )

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/most-popular-books/free-books-to-enjoy-6084>

Good choice of teenage fiction, as well as fiction for younger readers.

Titles include 'Kid Normal' , 'Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone'

Free audio / download : access via sign up to free 30 day trial, which can be cancelled at any time

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

Free audio books – general fiction, Chris Ryan etc

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

Free audio books, available in Spanish, Italian etc as well as English. Titles include series such as Harry Potter, Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children ; classic tales such as Jungle Book, Anne of Green Gables etc

<https://usborne.com/browse-books/features/feature-subject-areas/ebooks/>

These are not free, but until the end of May 2020, Usborne are selling a lot of their non-fiction and teenage fiction titles for 99p

<https://www.gutenberg.org/>

Huge library of free e-books -over 60,000 titles. Most are older titles, classics etc

<http://www.14stories14days.co.uk/>

stories, activities, videos etc

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/>

The British Library offers a range of activities and reads on its 'Discovering Children's Books' page. There are drawing and writing tasks and lots of books extract to reads.

Some stories can be read in full – eg. Fairy tales and Folktales ( go to 'read fairy tales & folktales – read more – themed book list fairy tales & folktales – click on picture of book you'd like to read. The example ' Cinderella, view images (60)' means there are 60 pages to be read on screen).

## **Recommendations**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPUlqIJM0aieXdq-LxKDvWA/featured>

The National Shelf Service is run by professional library organisations and gives daily video-clip recommendations of reading materials for children and young adults. The books mentioned can usually be borrowed free of charge as e-books from public libraries. Great for inspiration if you're looking for something new to read !

## **Comic Books**

<https://www.readdc.com/DC-Essential-Reads/page/23690>

Free access to some DC Comics, until 8 June

<https://www.comicextra.com> and <https://comicscene.org/free-comics/>

Free access to comics for older readers – eg Superman, Batman , Sabrina the Teenage Witch

<https://www.goodcomics.co.uk/post/download-the-free-good-comics-good-bundle>

5 free comics for older readers.; includes short stories about parenting, baseball .

<https://dekkocomics.com/issue-list-home>

Educational comic stories to help with subjects such as Maths, English, science, history, Geography & PSE. Dyslexia-friendly. Aimed at ages 9-12yrs

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## **Corona Virus stories**

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

This is a simple book, illustrated by Axel Scheffler ('The Gruffalo' ) . Titled ' Coronavirus Book for Children' & aimed at primary level.

<https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/downloads-shop/beating-the-virus>

*Beating the virus* is the latest title from Beyond Words, and is available to download free-of-charge:

“In the story, we meet Kali again (some of you might recognise her from *Belonging*) when she starts to feel poorly with a cough and a temperature. Our short wordless story will help people to understand what to do if you have Coronavirus (COVID-19) to keep yourself and those you care about safe. The story also shows how you can safely help others who may be self-isolating.

Supplementary text at the end of the story gives information on where people can seek help if they are unwell and signposts to other useful resources.

In terms of the series:

“There are 60 wordless (and therefore non-language dependent) stories in the Books Beyond Words series, all co-created with people with learning disabilities and autistic people. All the stories are available as paperbacks and eBooks via the Beyond Words website:[www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk](http://www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk).”

### **Book-based extracts/ activities**

<https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/take-part/shadowing-2020-digital-access/>

Trailers, interviews, performances relating to books nominated for this year's Carnegie & Kate Greenaway medals . Free resources, no free books

<https://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/literacy-resources/>

Tom writes historical fiction, based around WW1 & WW2 , as well as football and rugby stories. This link summarises the plots & gives access to powerpoints / photocopiable resources for all Tom's books . The resources will encourage reading and writing for pleasure.

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