



Stories of Spirited Children

***What Katy Did* by Susan Coolidge (1872)**

Twelve-year-old Katy has lots of brothers and sisters. Though she is the eldest child and her father would like her to set an example to the younger children, she is determined and headstrong and sometimes bends the rules! One day, she ends up in her worst scrape ever! (Age 9-12).

***Just William* stories by Richmal Crompton (1922-1970)**

William aspires to be leader of the "Outlaws," prefers scowling to smiling, and doesn't care if he looks untidy. But he has a great imagination and loves starting projects. Check these books out to learn more about his adventures! (Age 10+).

***The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (1950)**

Edmund doesn't always get on with his brothers and sisters. One day, his youngest sister discovers a magical world in the wardrobe called Narnia. When she shows this world to the others, Edmund wanders off, straight to the evil White Witch. Will Edmund do the right thing and warn his brothers and sisters? Read the book to find out! (Age 8-12).

***George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake (1981)**

George doesn't get on well with his grandmother. When George's parents go shopping and leave his Gran in charge, George decides to make a nasty-tasting medicine for her out of lots of things he finds around the house. Can you guess what happens next? (Age 6-10).

***The Story of Tracy Beaker* by Jacqueline Wilson, illustrated by Nick Sharratt (1991)**

Tracy Beaker lives in a children's residential home. She is high-spirited and loud, and gets into lots of arguments with her enemy, Justine Littlewood. Tracy usually means well, and what she really dreams of is becoming a successful writer. Will her dreams come true? (Age 9-11).

***Lady Lollipop* by Dick-King Smith, illustrated by Jill Barton.**

Princess Penelope is used to getting her own way. She demands a pig for her 8th birthday but when the pig Lollipop comes to the palace, Penelope discovers that she cannot make an animal do as she pleases! A great book that shows it is much better to ask, than to tell people what to do! (Age 7-9).

***Horrid Henry* series by Francesca Simon, illustrated by Tony Ross (1994- present).**

Henry is tired of his little brother, Peter, being so perfect all the time. He often pulls pranks on his brother and his arch-enemy "Moody" Margaret - though they don't usually go to plan! (Age 5-8).

***The World's Worst Children* by David Walliams, illustrated by Tony Ross (2016)**

If you prefer reading short stories, this is the book for you! This series of stories features lots of quirky characters, each taking part in a tale about how not to behave! (Age 7+).