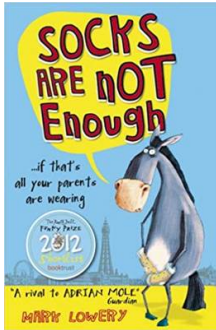
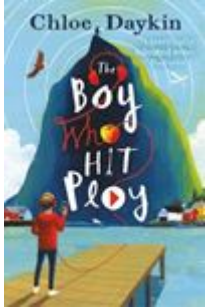

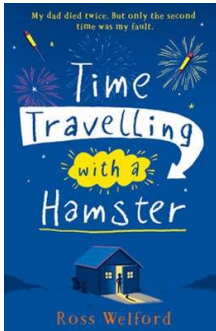
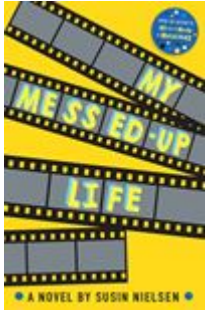

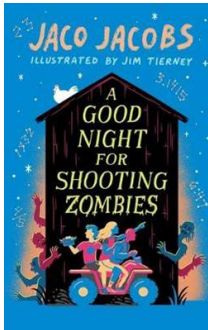
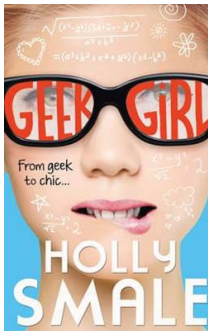


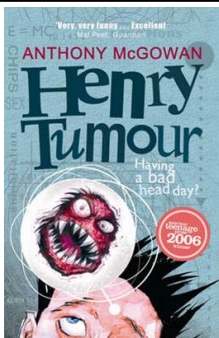
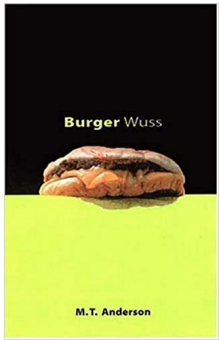
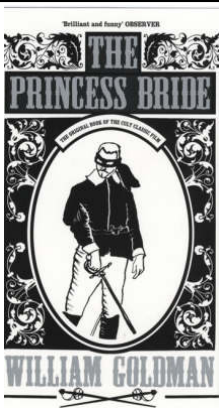
Books that will make you laugh

<p>Socks Are Not Enough by Mark Lowery</p>		<p>11+</p>	<p>Mike Swarbrick's life couldn't get any worse. His pervy best friend gets him embroiled in a scandal involving the girls' changing rooms, his idiot of an older brother is snogging the girl of his dreams and he's just come home early from school to discover his parents are secret nudists... but they're ready to go public!</p>
<p>The Boy Who Hit Play by Chloe Daykin</p>		<p>11+</p>	<p>A funny, life-affirming quest for identity that sees 12-year old Elvis Crampton Lucas and his adoptive dad racing across Norway, pursued by a shadowy villain. Captivating and thought-provoking.</p>
<p>Angus, Thongs and Full-Fronted Snogging by Louise Rennison</p>		<p>11+</p>	<p>Welcome to the world of Georgia Nicolson - an angst-ridden teenage girl who keeps a diary to record the rollercoaster of emotions and experiences she faces every day. Parents, boyfriends, bullies and hair-bleaching disasters are all part of Georgia's eventful life, which she relates with tremendous verve, wit and humour.</p>
<p>Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford</p>		<p>9+</p>	<p>When 12-year-old Al Chaudry learns there is a time machine, made by his father, sitting in the garage of his old house, he has to go and get it - doesn't he? Then he can travel back in time and save his father's life.</p> <p>With his pet hamster Alan Shearer for company, Al is determined to follow his dad's instructions. But time travel can be tricky and there are strict rules. Can Al race against time to change the past and the future, while keeping hold of Alan Shearer and not arousing suspicion?</p>

<p>Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad and Henry White</p>		<p>10+</p>	<p>Humza's (aka Little Badman) great ambition is to be a super cool rapper and he devotes most of his time and energy on pursuing this goal.</p> <p>Something weird is happening at school though: teachers are disappearing and being replaced by food-obsessed Aunties intent on fattening everyone up! When his music teacher vanishes, putting a halt to Humza's rapper dreams, he's determined to figure out what's going on - and then things start to get really crazy...</p>
<p>You Must be Layla by Yassmin Abdel-Magied</p>		<p>9+</p>	<p>13 year-old Layla is clever, ambitious and funny. She's left her comfortable Islamic school in Brisbane, Australia and is starting a scholarship at a private school where she is the first (and only) child to wear a Muslim headscarf.</p> <p>This is a laugh out loud story about making friends, carving your own in the world and having the confidence to do things your way.</p>
<p>My Best Friend and Other Enemies by Catherine Wilkins</p>		<p>11+</p>	<p>What happens when best friends become worst enemies? 11-year-old Jessica loves cartoons and hanging out with her best friend Ntalie. But when new girl Amelia turns up at school, everything changes.</p>
<p>My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons</p>		<p>10+</p>	<p>It should have been Luke - superhero expert and comic-lover - who was given superpowers and instructed to save two universes. But LUke nips away for a wee, and returns to find it's his nerdy homework-loving brother, Zach, who's been transformed into Star Lad (despite refusing to wear a cape!)</p>

My Messed-Up Life by Susin Nielson		12+	<p>Now Violet's dad has moved to Los Angeles with his new wife, her mum keeps going on dates with truly awful men - so she takes matters into her own hands and decides it's time to make George Clooney a new stepdad.</p>
To be Perfectly Honest by Jess Vallance		12+	<p>When Gracie takes a pledge to be totally honest for 50 days, whatever the consequences, she isn't quite prepared for either the hilarious, or the hurtful, results. An ideal book for teens and young adults looking for a lighthearted yet worthwhile read.</p>
A Good Night for Shooting Zombies by Jaco Jacobs		11+	<p>Martin, also called Clucky, spends most of his time with his chickens after his dad dies, as well as thinking a lot about maths. His mother has withdrawn in her grief and his sister spends all her time with her boyfriend. He meets his neighbour Vusi and the two bond over Vusi's love for horror films. Vusi's ambition is to create a zombie movie, and as Martin helps realise Vusi's vision, he begins to step out of his comfort zone and discover his potential.</p>
Geek Girl by Holly Smale		12+	<p>Everyone at school knows Harriet Manners is a geek – she's always spouting random facts, has zero fashion sense and can often be found in a tangled heap on the floor after falling over. But Harriet just can't see why this means everyone seems to hate her. Her nemesis Alexa goes out of her way to trip her up, point out her flaws and make her life miserable. At least she has best friend Nat to keep her sane. But when the class takes a trip to the Clothes Show Live and Nat is desperate to get spotted as a model – only Harriet does instead – she has to choose between the reinvention she believes will change her life at school, and stealing her best friend's dream...</p>

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce		9+	One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God. But with only 17 days before the national currency switches to Euros and the money becomes worthless, he needs to figure out the best way to spend it.
The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier		10+	Jack Sullivan is 42 days into the monster zombie apocalypse and has survived pretty well on his own, despite the occasional monster attack. A fast-paced, funny story with lots of action.
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend		12+	Through Adrian's diary, we hear him speak openly about spots, girls, school and a troubling family life: all the time, convinced that he is a genius and that nobody in the world can possibly understand him.
The Donut Diaries by Anthony McGowan		9+	Dermot Milligan's got problems. He's overweight and hooked on donuts. He has a pushy, over-achieving mother, and a father who spends all his time hiding in the loo. His sisters, Ruby and Ella attack him relentlessly from the opposite directions of Chav and Goth. And now, he's being sent to a nutritionist, Doctor Morlock, who looks like a Dementor from <i>Harry Potter</i> .
Jelly by Jo Cotterill		11+	Angelica - Jelly for short - is the 'Funny One' at school, known for her clever impressions and comedy sketches. But being funny is a fine line and behind all the humour, Jelly's hiding anxieties about her weight. If they're laughing with her, they're not laughing at her, right? And she has another secret too, a secret hobby: writing poetry.

<p>Hitch-hikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams</p>		<p>13+</p>	<p>It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace bypass and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed with the big, friendly words: DON'T PANIC.</p>
<p>Henry Tumour by Anthony McGowan</p>		<p>13+</p>	<p>Hector Brunty is a boy with a problem: he has a brain tumour. But that's just the beginning, as Hector's tumour, christened Henry, talks.</p> <p>Not only that, Henry starts to take control of Hector, running his life for him, which is fine when he is advising him on hair styles and girls, but not so good when he makes Hector swear loudly in Tourette's syndrome fashion.</p>
<p>Burger Wuss by MT Anderson</p>		<p>13+</p>	<p>Anthony has never been able to stand up for himself that is, not until his girlfriend Diana, is in someone else's arms. Then Anthony vows revenge and devises The Plan. It begins with getting a job in that fast-food restaurant where Turner (a.k.a. The guy who stole his girlfriend) happens to be a star employee.</p>
<p>The Princess Bride by William Goldman</p>		<p>13+</p>	<p>When the beautiful Buttercup learns that her only love Westley's ship has been captured by the terrible Dread Pirate Roberts, she is devastated.</p> <p>Around the corner, however, is heir to the throne Prince Humperdink, utterly smitten by Buttercup. Before their marriage can be consummated, however, Buttercup is kidnapped by a trio of masked men, pursued by a mysterious masked man in black.</p>