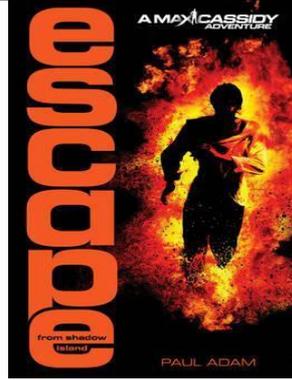


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Year 8 Great Reads

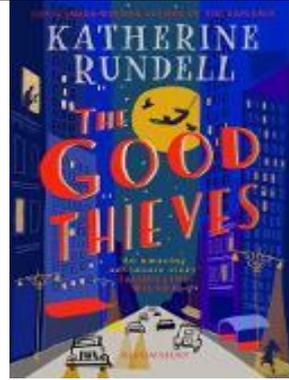
Adventure / Survival



Paul Adam: Max Cassidy series

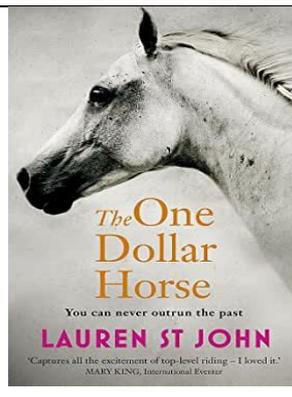
Max Cassidy is a teenage escapologist. His father went missing two years ago and his mother is serving a life sentence for his murder. Max's mission to learn the truth takes him to central America, to the horrors of the terrifying Shadow Island.

Book#1



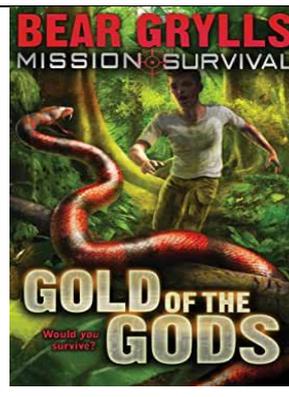
Katherine Rundell: The Good Thieves

Desperate to help her beloved grandfather, Vita and her mother go to New York. She has one goal: to break into Hudson Hall and retrieve the jewels that the sinister Victor Sorrotore stole from her family. With her new friends, she plans a scary heist.



Lauren St John: The One Dollar Horse series

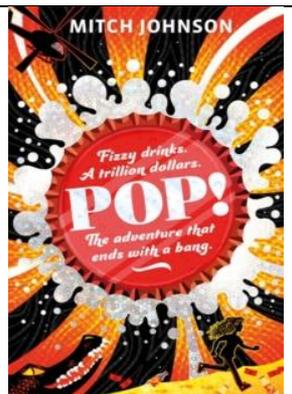
Casey Blue volunteers at a local riding school, but her dream is to win the Badminton Horse Trials. She rescues a starving, half-wild horse, but she has reckoned without her father's criminal record, or the boy with melty, dark eyes, with whom she refuses to fall in love.



Bear Grylls: Mission Survival series

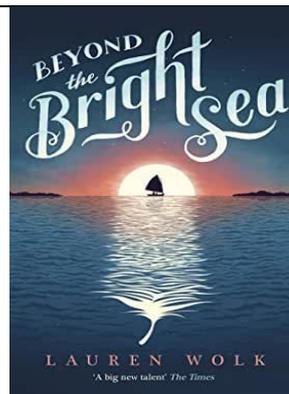
Beck is in Colombia. His uncle and Don Rafael know where the lost city is, but they are both kidnapped. Beck must set off into the wilds of Colombia, build a raft, negotiate wild river rapids, make camp, and defend his friends from wild animals in the jungle.

Book#1



Mitch Johnson: Pop!

When the recipe to the world's most popular drink - thought to be lost forever - washes up at her feet, Queenie's life instantly changes. Everyone wants it, and with a \$10 million bounty on her head, Queenie's soon on the run. Can she and her friend Todd do something to fix this crazy, messed up world?



Lauren Wolk: Beyond the Bright Sea

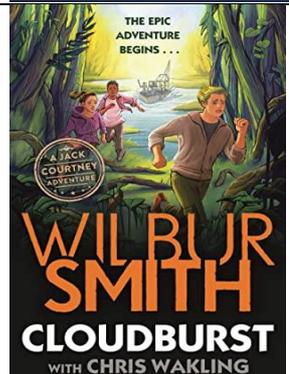
Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, a chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.



Peter Bunzl: Cogheart series

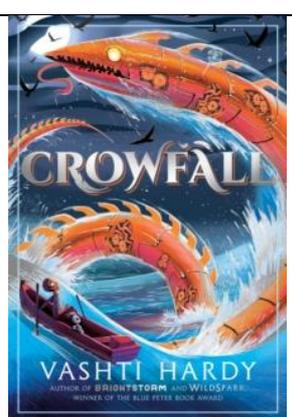
Lily's father is missing, and now silver-eyed men stalk her. With her friends—Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox—Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world of murder, mayhem and mystery set in this gripping Victorian steam punk adventure.

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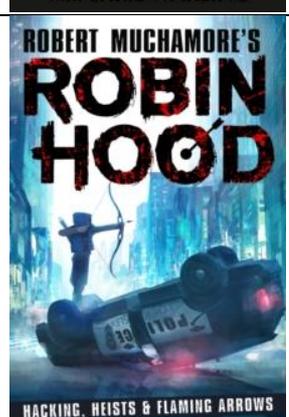
Wilbur Smith: Cloudburst

The classic tale of a boy from a Mississippi River town. He recounts his adventures as he travels down the river with a runaway slave, encountering a family involved in a feud, two scoundrels pretending to be royalty, and Tom Sawyer's aunt.



Vashti Hardy: Crowfall

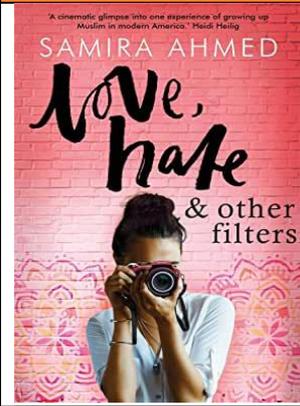
Ironhold is an orderly place but when Orin Crowfall, a lowly servant boy, learns the island itself is in danger, this knowledge makes him a target. He narrowly escapes on a boat, fights for survival with his robot friend, Cody, pursued by a sea monster. Orin will need to dig deep for courage and trust. **fantasy adventure.**



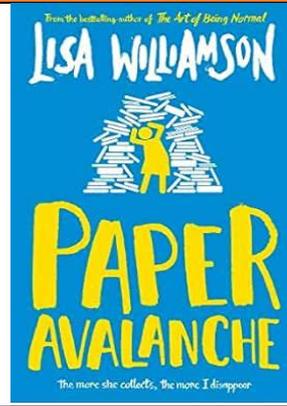
Robert Muchamore: Robin Hood series

After Locksley's car plants shut down, the prosperous town has become a toxic land. The Sheriff of Nottingham and Guy Gisborne control the council. When Robin's dad is framed for a robbery, he and Little John must survive in Sherwood forest, sheltering the free spirits and outlaws. But Robin has plans. **Book#1**

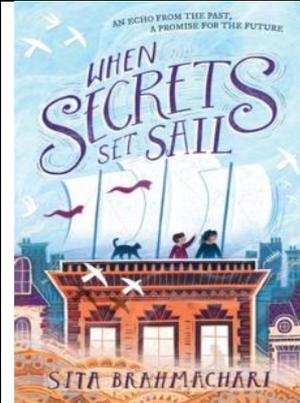
Real Life



Samira Ahmed: Love, Hate and Other Filters
 Maya -an Indian American Muslim teen confronts Islamophobia and a reality she can neither explain nor escape. She is torn between two worlds. But in the aftermath of a horrific crime, her life is turned upside down by fear, bigotry, and hatred.



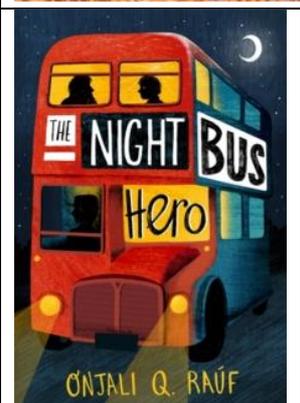
Lisa Williamson: Paper Avalanche
 When it comes to flying under the radar, Ro Snow is an expert: No friends, No boys, No parties, and strictly NO VISITORS. Then Tanvi Shah, the girl who almost died, comes back into her life, and Ro finds herself losing control of her lies.



Sita Brahmachari: When Secrets Set Sail
 Usha is devastated when her grandmother Kali Ma dies. When her new adoptive sister Imtiaz arrives, they clash instantly. They both feel lost. Kali Ma's ghost appears with a task for them: to go on a quest through London. If they can set the secrets of generations free, will they be in time to save their home?



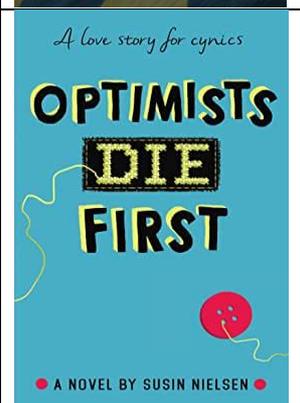
Elizabeth Acevedo: The Poet X
 Xiomara feels unheard in her Harlem neighbourhood. She discovers slam poetry to understand her place in the world. She joins a school slam poetry club and can't stop thinking about her poems. Because though the world might not want to hear, Xiomara refuses to be silent.



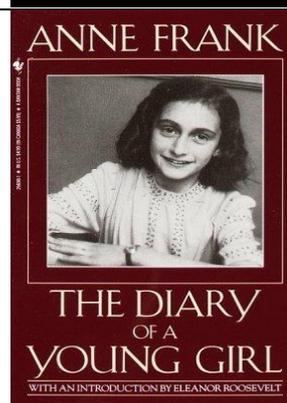
Onjali Rauf: The Night Bus Hero
 I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Recently no one believes me about anything - even when I'm telling the truth! It's worse since I played a prank on the old man in the park. Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong. Bullying and homelessness themes.



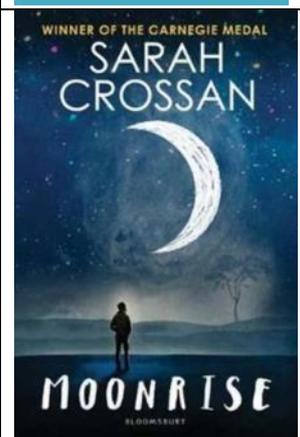
Penny Joelsen: Things the Eye Can't See
 The day that the boy gives her a secret note to deliver changes everything. Then, the boy goes missing, and no one - except Libby and her new friend Kyle - thinks there is anything to worry about. Libby is visually impaired but with Samson, her guide dog, she wishes she could be more independent.



Nielsen: Optimists Die First
 Petula has shut herself off from the world after a tragedy. Now she sees danger in everything. She goes to art therapy class, though she has nothing in common with these teenage misfits, who all carry their own guilt. When she is forced to do a project with Jacob, he helps her to face her fears, until a hidden truth threatens to derail everything.



Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
 Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

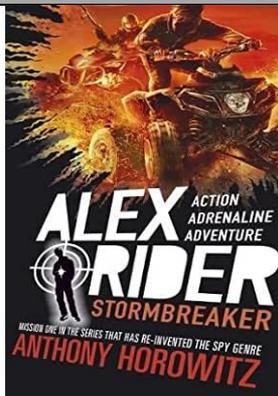


Sarah Crossan: Moonrise
 Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years, because Ed is on death row. His date for execution has been set, and Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with him, no matter what other people think. This poignant, stirring, novel asks big questions. What value do you place on life? What can you forgive? And just how do you say goodbye?



Angie Thomas: Concrete Rose
 The story of Maverick Carter, Starr's father, set seventeen years before The Hate U Give. With his King Lord dad in prison and his mom working two jobs, Maverick helps the only way he knows how: slinging drugs. Life's not perfect, but it's under control. then he finds out he's a father! It's not easy to deal drugs and finish school with a baby dependent on him.

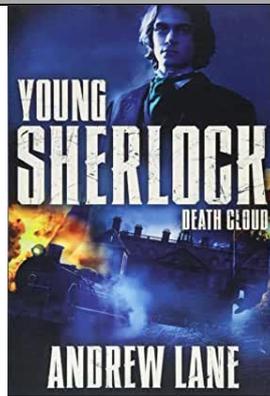
Crime, Mystery, Thrillers and Spies



Anthony Horowitz: Alex Rider series

Fourteen-year-old Alex is recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering Stormbreaker computers to every school. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

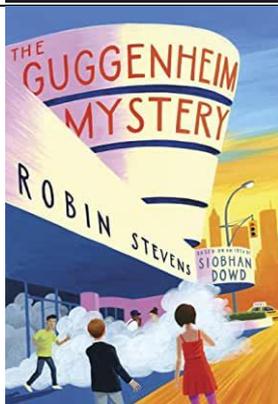
Book#1



Andrew Lane: Young Sherlock Holmes series

When Sherlock Holmes is fourteen - on a break from boarding school, he stays with his uncle and aunt. When two local people die from a plague, Holmes begins to investigate what really killed them, helped by his new tutor, an American named Amyus Crowe.

Book#1



Robin Stevens: The Guggenheim Mystery

A painting is stolen but I did not see what the problem was, even if it was worth £9.8 million. Perhaps that's because of my very unusual brain. But when Aunt Gloria was blamed for the theft, I had to find the painting, and discover who took it.



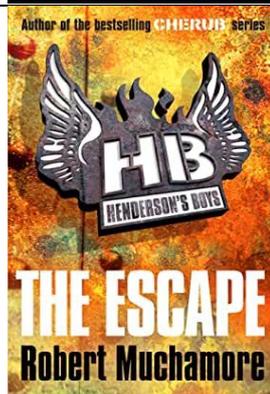
Chris Ryan: Agent 21 series

Agent 21-first in an action-packed adventure series by a real-life SAS hero. When Zak Darke's parents die in a mass murder he's alone in the world, until he's sought out by a mysterious man from a government agency. 'Zak becomes Agent 21. What happened to the 20 agents before him he'll never know. What he does know is that his life is about to change.



Katherine Woodfine: The Clockwork Sparrow

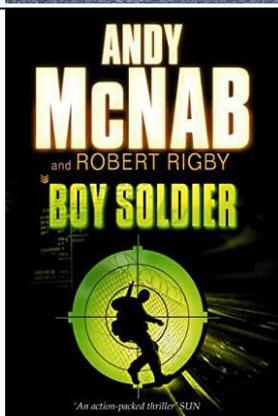
In a world of mysteries, the daring theft of the clockwork sparrow takes place! The most dastardly criminals in London enact their wicked plans! Our bold heroines, Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose, crack codes, devour ice-buns and vow to bring the villains to justice...



Robert Muchamore: The Henderson Boys and Rock War series

In World War Two, the British secret service is about to discover that kids working undercover will help to win the war. For official purposes, these children do not exist.

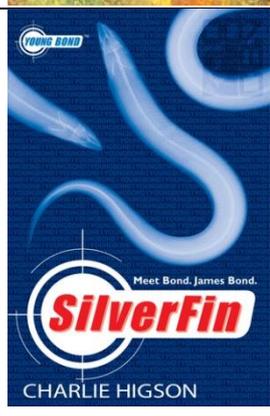
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Andy McNab: Boy Soldier series

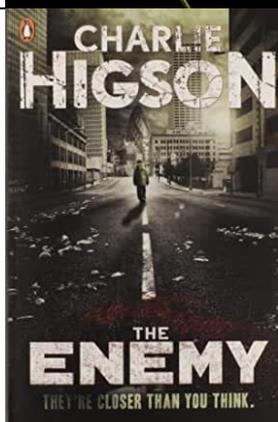
Danny sets out to track down and expose his grandfather - a traitor. Now people want them both dead. This is a thrilling, fast-paced series full of breath-taking action, SAS procedures and surveillance and survival techniques. A fast-moving, action-packed thriller.

Book#1



Charlie Higson: Young Bond series

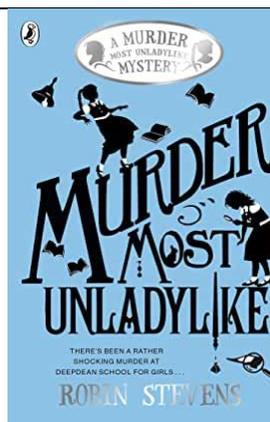
James Bond will one day become the world's most famous spy, but for now his challenge is to fit in at his new school - making friends and facing up to bullies. But there is an even tougher challenge awaiting him- something mysterious and deadly lurking in the water. It's called SilverFin.



Charlie Higson: The Enemy series

Charlie Higson's *The Enemy* is the first in a jaw-dropping zombie horror series for teens. Everyone over the age of fourteen has succumbed to a deadly zombie virus and now the kids must keep themselves alive.

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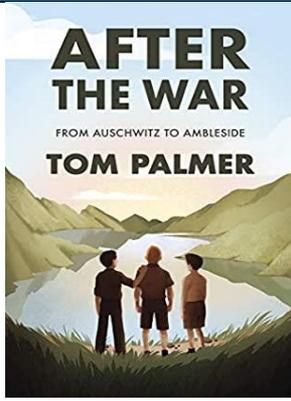


Robin Stevens: Murder Most Unladylike Series

1934. Daisy and Hazel set up a secret detective agency at School. But then they discover the body of the Science Mistress, -and the body disappears! Now the girls have to solve a murder and prove a murder has happened in the first place before the killer strikes again.

Book#1

History and War



Tom Palmer: After the War:

From Auschwitz to

Ambleside'

1945: Three Polish teenagers are brought from the horrors of a concentration camp to the safety of the Lake District for recuperation. The story follows Yossi and his friends Mordecai and Leo as they attempt to rebuild their shattered lives.

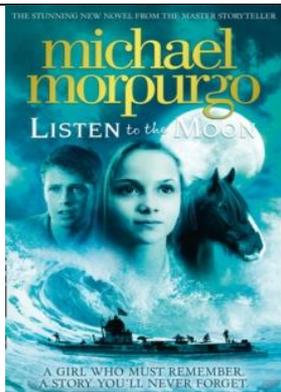
Dyslexia-friendly



Hilary McKay: The Swallows'

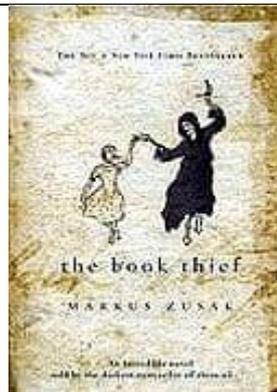
Flight

Companion novel to The Skylarks' War. Erik and Hans are Germans. Ruby and Kate are English. One day there are choices to be made. How is courage lost, and found? Who is really the enemy? And what does friendship truly mean, in the middle of a war? Rupert and Clarry work secretly for peace - and a future for them all.



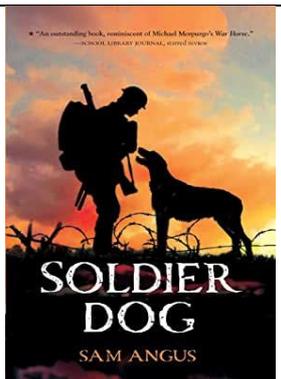
Michael Morpurgo: Listen to the Moon

May 1915. Alfie and his fisherman father find a girl on a small island in the Scillies - injured, lost... and with no memory. She can say only one word: Lucy. Where has she come from? Is she the victim of a German U-boat, or a German spy? WW1 is raging, suspicion is growing, and Alfie and Lucy are under threat.



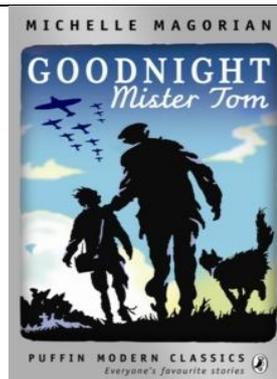
Markus Zusak: The Book Thief

By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she finds a book: The Gravedigger's Handbook. It is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her foster father, learns to read. But these are dangerous times because it is 1939 in Germany.



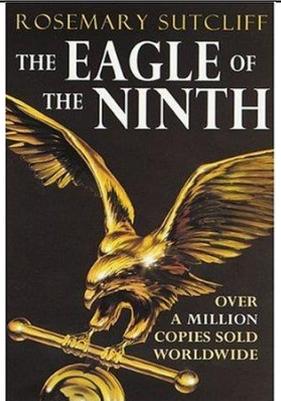
Sam Angus: Soldier Boy

Stanley's dad hasn't been the same since his wife died and his eldest son went to war. Now Stanley's only friend is his dad's greyhound, Rocket. Stanley runs away and enlists in the army to train as a dog handler and is soon heading to France with a great Dane called Bones by his side.



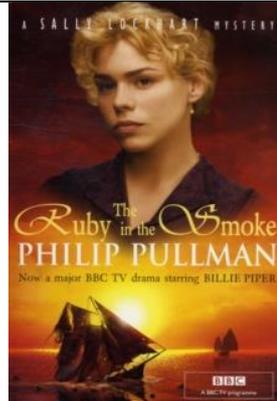
Michelle Magorian: Goodnight Mister Tom

Young Willie is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London. Tom soon grows worried.



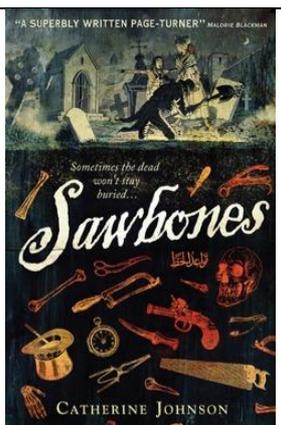
Rosemary Sutcliff: The Eagle of the Ninth

When the Romans conquered England, they attempted to go further North. The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared, and their eagle standard was lost. Can a young Roman find out why?



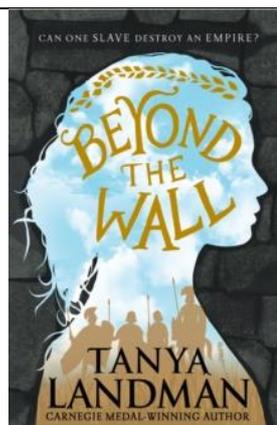
Philip Pullman: Sally Lockhart series

Soon after Sally Lockhart's father drowns at sea, she receives a strange letter containing a dire warning which makes a man die of fear. Wanting to discover the truth about her father's death, Sally is plunged into a terrifying mystery in the dark heart of Victorian London, at the centre of which lie a deadly blood-soaked jewel.



Catherine Johnson: Sawbones

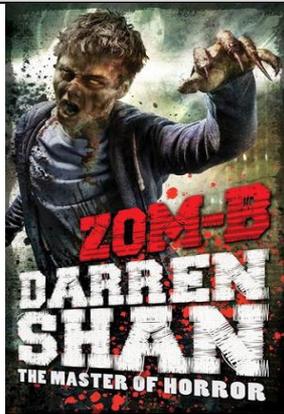
Ezra has been trained by a top surgeon, which will secure him a trade for life. But his world is turned on its head when a failed break-in at his master's house sets off a disturbing series of events that involves grave robbing, body switching and murder. Loveday Finch, daughter of the late magician, asks Ezra to investigate.



Tanya Landman: Beyond the Wall

The story of a runaway slave girl and her dangerous journey through Britain. Cassia does not fear death. Beyond Hadrian's Wall there is freedom. With dogs on her trail and a bounty on her head the journey seems impossible. But then Cassia meets Marcus - slick, silver-tongued - a true and perfect son of Rome. And her only hope.

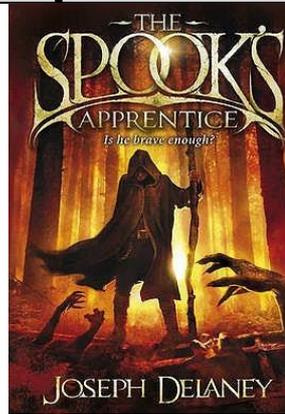
Horror and Supernatural



Darren Shan: Zom-B series

Zom-B is a radical series about a zombie apocalypse, told in the first person by one of its victims. The series combines classic Shan action with a fiendishly twisting plot and hard-hitting and thought-provoking moral questions dealing with racism, abuse of power and more.

Book#1



Joseph Delaney: Spooks series

'Someone has to stand against the dark. And you're the only one who can.'

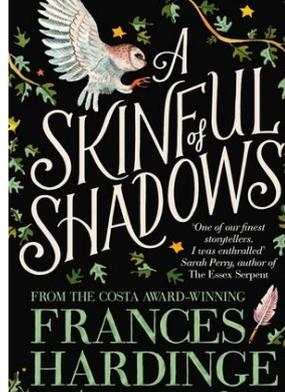
For years, the local Spook has been keeping the County safe from evil. Now his time is coming to an end, but who will take over? Just one boy is left. Thomas Ward. He is the last hope.

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Neil Gaiman: Coraline

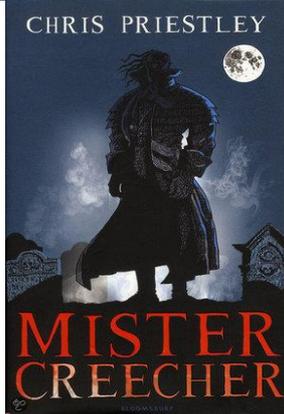
When Coraline steps through a door in her family's new house, she finds another house, strangely like her own (only better). At first, things seem marvellous. But there's another mother and father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl. Coraline will have to fight with all her wits if she is to save herself.



Frances Hardinge: A Skinful of Shadows

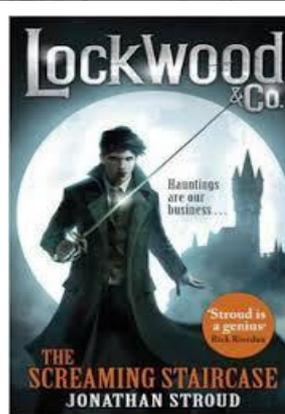
Sometimes, when a person dies, their spirit looks for someone else to hide in. Some people are perfect for hiding.

Makepeace has learned to defend herself from the ghosts that try to possess her in the night, desperate for refuge - but one day she drops her guard. Now she has a spirit inside her.



Chris Priestley: Mister Creecher

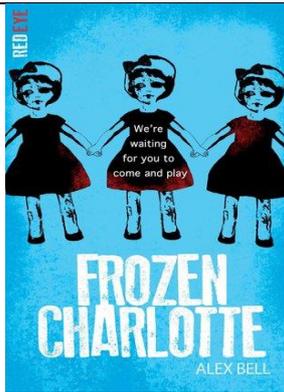
Billy is a street urchin, pickpocket, and petty thief. Mister Creecher is a monstrous giant of a man who terrifies all he meets. Their relationship becomes a bond between these two misfits as their bloody journey takes them ever northwards on the trail of their target, Victor Frankenstein. A frightening book of friendship, trust and betrayal.



Jonathan Stroud: Lockwood and co. series

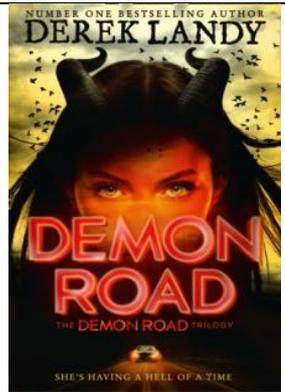
Britain has a horrifying epidemic of ghosts. Lucy joins the smallest, most ramshackle agency in the city, run by Anthony Lockwood. When one of their cases goes horribly wrong, Lockwood & Co. must stay the night in a haunted house and try to escape alive. A scary and funny detective ghost series.

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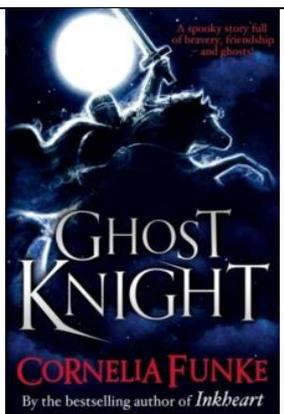
Alex Bell: Frozen Charlotte.

Dunvegan School for Girls has been closed and converted into a family home long ago. Sophie arrives at the old schoolhouse to spend the summer with her cousins. Brooding Cameron with his scarred hand, strange Liliias with a fear of bones and Piper, who seems just a bit too good to be true and the girl with a room full of dolls. The girl that died!



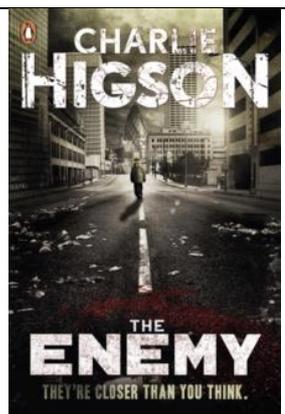
Derek Landy: Demon Road Trilogy

Amber is smart but insecure, spending most of her time online, to avoid her aloof parents. When an encounter reveals a horrifying secret, she is forced to go on the run from killer cars, vampires, undead serial killers, and red-skinned, horned demons. She races across America before her parents catch up with her. **Book#1**



Cornelia Funke: Ghost Knight

Jon never expected to enjoy school, or to be confronted by a pack of vengeful ghosts. Ella has a taste for adventure. They must work to find the secrets of an old murder, while being haunted by ghosts intent on revenge. Jon summons the ghost of the late knight Longspee to protect them, but can he be trusted? Bravery, friendship - and ghosts!



Charlie Higson: The Enemy series

Everyone over the age of fourteen has a deadly zombie virus and now the kids must keep themselves alive. When the virus came, every adult fell ill. Some died. The others are crazed, hungry and confused. The children are fighting to survive. Rumours speak of a safe place to hide, so a gang of children move across London-but can they make it there - alive? **Book#1**

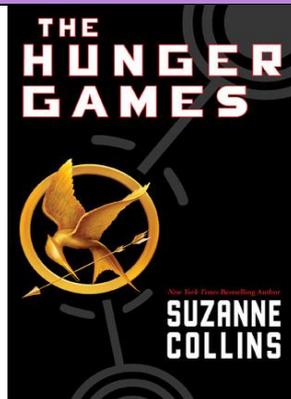
Dystopian and Science Fiction



Alice Broadway: Ink series

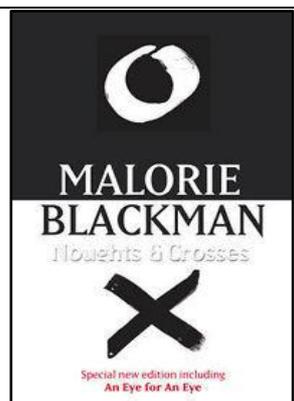
There are no secrets in Saintstone. Everything you do is tattooed on your skin. After her father dies, Leora finds solace in the fact that his skin tells a wonderful story, until she sees a mark on his neck...the symbol of the worst crime a person can commit.

Book#1



Suzanne Collins: The Hunger Games series

In the ruins of North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel forcing teenagers to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Katniss Everdeen fights for survival. **Book#1** read the Prequel: Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes!



Malorie Blackman: Noughts and Crosses series

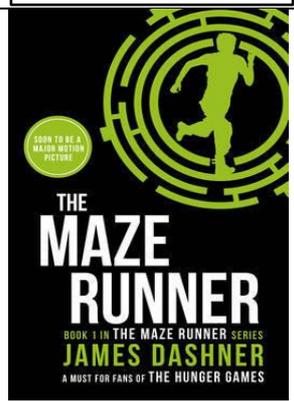
Two young people are forced to make a stand in this thought-provoking look at racism and prejudice in an alternate society. Sephy is a Cross Callum is a Nought. Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. A romance builds between Sephy and Callum -- a romance that is to lead them into danger. **Book#1**



Michael Grant: Gone series

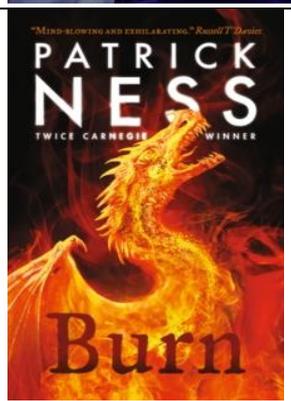
One day everyone above age 15 disappears! Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks. On your 15th birthday, you disappear just like everyone else. A science fiction/ dystopian fantasy world of survival against monsters, bullies and each other.

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James Dashner: The Maze Runner series

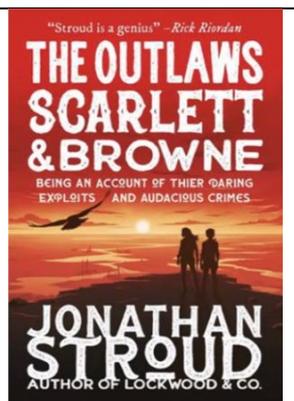
When the lift opens, the only thing Thomas remembers is his name. Boys welcome him to the Glade, a camp in a maze. They have no idea what's happened to the world outside. All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back, they will risk all to find out. **Book#1**



Patrick Ness: Burn

Sarah and her father, outcasts in Frome, are forced to hire a dragon to work their farm, which only the poor have to do. Sarah is curious about Kazimir. He supposedly does not have a soul but seems intent on keeping her safe. Kazimir has a prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult, two FBI agents in hot pursuit—and, Sarah herself.

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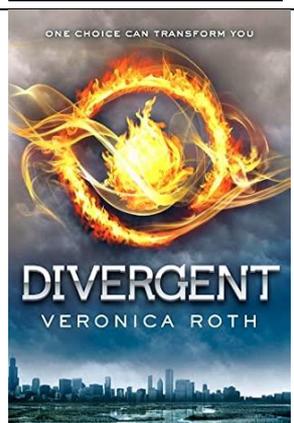
Jonathan Stroud: The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne series

Set in a future England, where gunfights and monsters collide, and where the formidable outlaw Scarlett McCain discovers a wrecked coach with only one survivor, Albert Browne. Scarlett agrees to escort him to safety, but soon, new enemies are on their heels. **Book#1**



Neal Shusterman: Arc of a scythe series

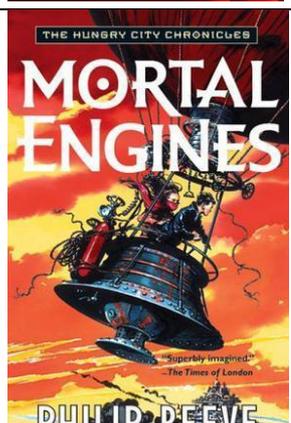
A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things and even death. Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and must, in order to keep the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to be an apprentice scythe—a role that neither wants. **Book#1**



Veronica Roth: Divergent series

Society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives.

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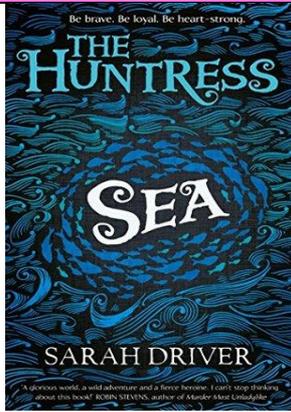


Philip Reeve: The Mortal Engines series

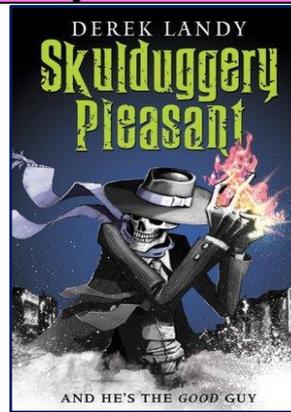
In a dangerous future, huge motorised cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival. As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down... The start of a brilliant Steam-punk dystopian fantasy.

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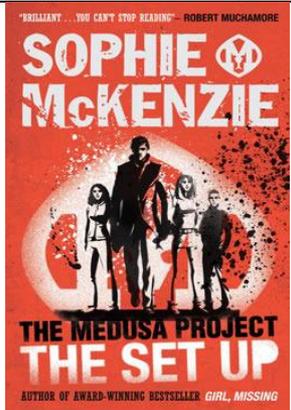
Fantasy



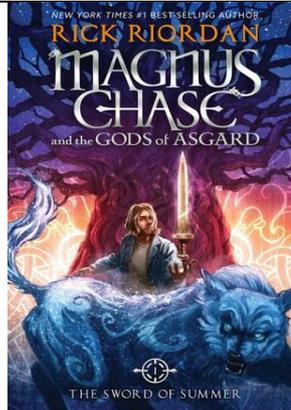
Sarah Driver: The Huntress series
 Ever since Ma died, Mouse has looked after her little brother, Sparrow, dreaming of her destiny as captain of the Huntress. But now Da's missing, Sparrow is in danger, and a deathly cold is creeping across Trianukka. A sea-churning, beast-chattering, dream-dancing, whale-riding, world-saving adventure. **Book#1**



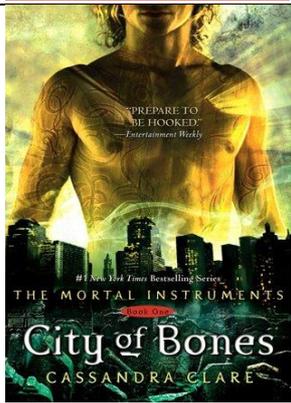
Derek Landy: Skulduggery Pleasant series
 Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: Ace Detective, Razor-tongued Wit, Crackerjack Sorcerer and fire-throwing Skeleton! —as well as ally, protector, and mentor of Stephanie, a very unusual and darkly talented twelve-year-old. These two must defeat an all-consuming ancient evil. Will they stop the end of the world? **Book#1**



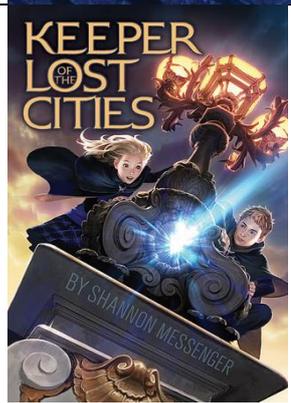
Sophie McKenzie: The Medusa Project series
 Prof. Fox places a gene inside 4 teenagers, but is then killed by his partner, Jack. Jack has plans for the kids - IF he can track them down. Fox's brother, Fergus, is determined to stop him and keep the kids safe: Nico - telekinetic; Ketty - clairvoyant; Dylan - a mind-reader and Alicia - able to withstand pain. **Book#1**



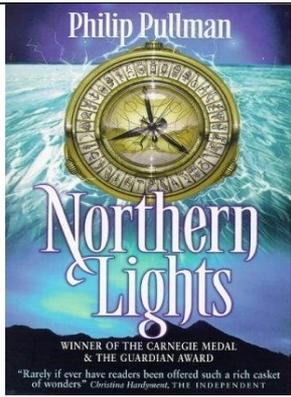
Rick Riordan: The Magnus Chase series
 Magnus' uncle Randolph rambles about Norse history and Magnus's birth right: a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. Puzzle pieces fall into place, but he doesn't have time to consider it all before a fire giant attacks the city, forcing him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents. **Book#1**



Cassandra Clare: The City of Bones series
 When Clary heads out to the Pandemonium Club, she witnesses a murder committed by three teenagers covered with strange tattoos and brandishing bizarre weapons. Then the body disappears into thin air. Can she call the police when the culprits are invisible to everyone else? **Book#1**



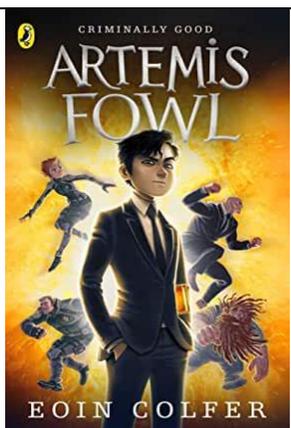
Shannon Messenger: Keeper of the Lost Cities series
 Sophie has a secret. She's a Telepath—someone who hears the thoughts of everyone around her. Then she meets Fitz, a mysterious boy another telepath. She discovers she is an elf and has magic powers. In this riveting story one girl must figure out why she is the key to her brand-new world, before the wrong person does. **Book#1**



Philip Pullman: The Northern Lights trilogy
 When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her dæmon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The quest leads them to the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies - and where a team of scientists is conducting horrible experiments. **Book#1**



Dan Walker: Sky Thieves series
 A band of sky thieves 'steal' Zoya away from her orphanage, landing up in the clouds, on board the deck of the Dragonfly. There, she finds a world of meteorite storms, sword fights, midnight raids, floating islands, and long-lost treasure. **Book#1**

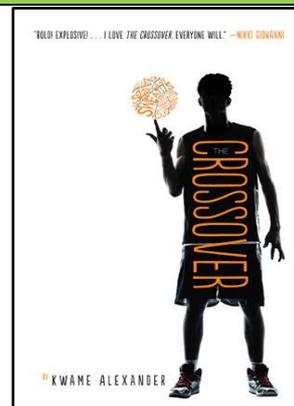


Eoin Colfer: Artemis Fowl series
 Twelve-year-old Artemis is a millionaire, a genius, and a criminal mastermind. But when he kidnaps a dangerous fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit, he is in for a riveting, magical adventure. Read the book: see the film. **Book#1**



Joseph Elliott: The Good Hawk
 Agatha is a Hawk, patrolling the walls of their island home. Jaime, thoughtful and anxious, is an Angler, but he hates the sea. He's been chosen for a duty: to marry. The elders won't say why they have promised him to a girl in a next clan, but when clan is kidnapped, it is up to Agatha and Jaime to travel across the mainland of Scotia to Norveg, with help many animals drawn to Agatha's extraordinary gift of communication.

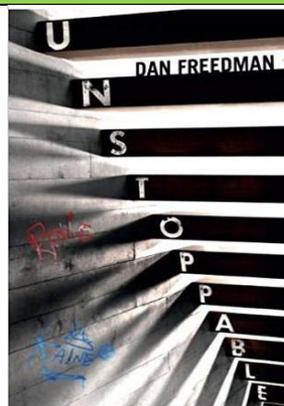
Sports



Kwame Alexander: Crossover series

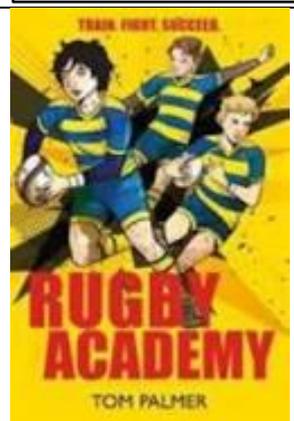
A verse novel about basketball. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court. They realise breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

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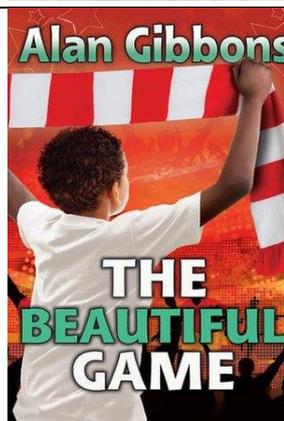
Dan Freedman: Unstoppable

Fourteen-year-old twins, Kaine and Roxy, used to be close, but not anymore. Roxy hates the way her brother behaves - Kaine might be brilliant at football, but he's always in trouble and seems determined to tear the family apart. Kaine despises the way his supposedly perfect sister dominates their parents in her ambition to reach Wimbledon.



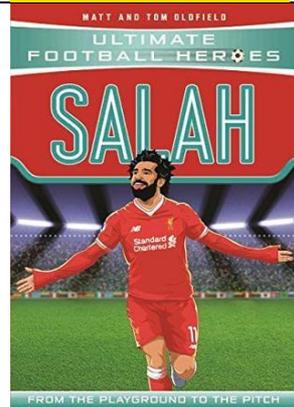
Tom Palmer: Rugby Academy series

Woody is a footballer and must decide if he's prepared to give rugby his all. Rory feels like he's losing his focus, as his parents may be in danger. Owen finds himself at the centre when conflict breaks out within the team. What are the chances of them making it to the end of the rigorous schools' tournament?



Alan Gibbons: The Beautiful Game

Lennie hears Man U fans chanting about Hillsborough. He retaliates with a chant about the Munich Disaster. His dad and granddad take Lennie on a whistle-stop tour of the dark side of the game. Full of facts about the history of football, the great disasters of the twentieth century and the black footballers who blazed a trail in the UK



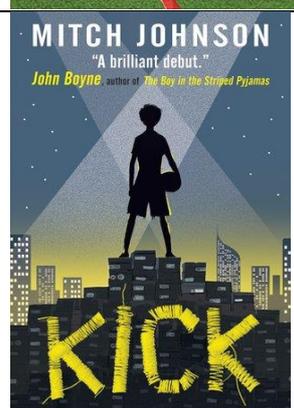
Matt Oldfield: Ultimate Football Heroes series

Salah, Messi, Aguerro - these are just a few of the names in this series about football heroes. Mohamed Salah is Liverpool's superstar forward. Follow his adventures from the heat of Egypt to the magic of Rome, the roar of Anfield stadium and - finally - his big chance in a Champions League Final.



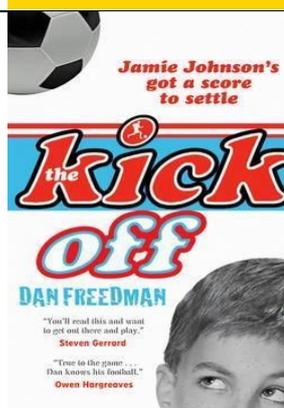
Jason Reynolds: Ghost

Running. That's all that Ghost has ever known. But never for a track team. But when he challenges an elite sprinter to a race - and wins - the Olympic medallist track coach spots his crazy natural talent. But Ghost has a lot of anger, and a past. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?



Mitch Johnson: Kick

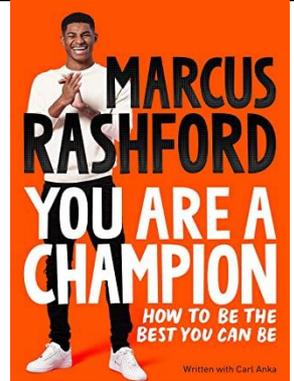
Budi's plan is simple...He's going to be a star, instead of sweating over each football boot he makes. He's going to play for the greatest team on earth, rather than in the square behind the factory where he works. But now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in all Jakarta. Soon his life is at stake.



Dan Freedman: Jamie Johnson series

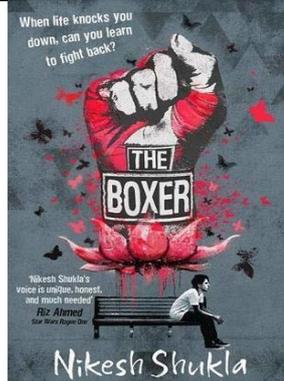
A popular series about a boy's football career. Jamie's desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and in his dreams, Hawkstone United's too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.

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Marcus Rashford: You Are a Champion

It's hard to know what is possible until you start. You have to be able to dream big and be prepared to work towards your dreams. I've achieved a lot so far, but it didn't come in one go; big things rarely happen overnight, and good things rarely happen as if by magic.



Nikesh Shukla: The Boxer

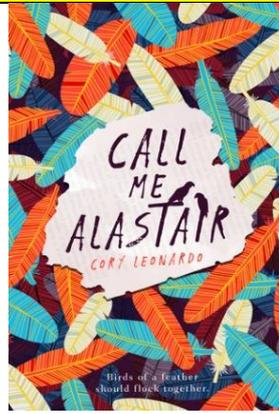
Sunny feels isolated in the city he's just moved to, so he joins a boxing club to protect himself after a racist attack. He finds the community he's been seeking at the club, and a mentor in trainer Shona, who helps him find his place in the world. But racial tensions are rising in the city, and when a march turns violent, he is faced with losing his new best friend Keir to radicalisation.

Animals



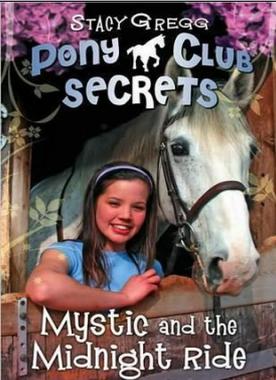
Gill Lewis: Gorilla Dawn

Deep in the African jungle, a baby gorilla is captured by a group of rebel soldiers. Two children, Bobo and Imara are also imprisoned. When they learn that the gorilla will be sold into captivity, they swear to return it to the wild. Will the bond between the gorilla and the children give them the courage they need to escape?



Cory Leonardo: Call Me Alastair

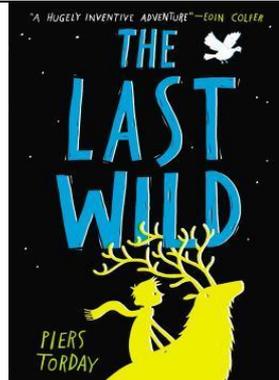
A funny, heart-shattering novel about a fierce parrot, a big-hearted boy and a spirited elderly widow, all learning to live fully-fledged lives. Born in the back of a pet store, Alastair the African grey parrot dreams of escape, and flying off with his beloved sister, Aggie.



Stacy Gregg: Pony Club Secrets series.

Issie's instructor asks her to care for Blaze, an abandoned pony, and Issie's riding skills are really put to the test. Will she tame the spirited new horse Blaze? And can Mystic somehow return to help her?

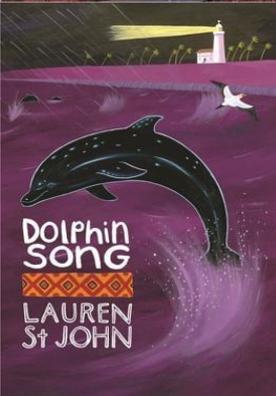
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Piers Torday: The Last Wild series

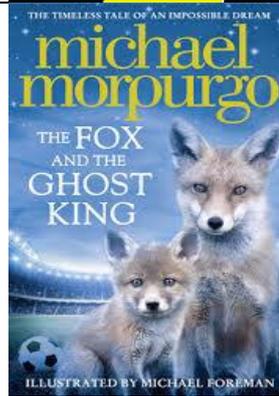
In a world where animals no longer exist, Kester is locked away in a home for troubled children. So, when he meets a flock of talking pigeons and a bossy cockroach, Kester thinks he's crazy. But the animals need him. He is drawn into an adventure to save them.

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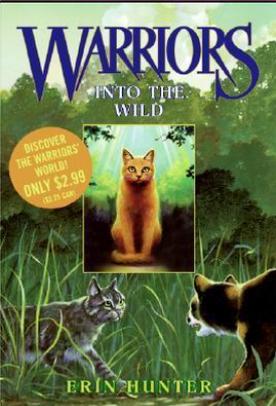
Lauren St. John: Animal Healer series

Martine must leave her white giraffe, Jemmy, for 2 weeks as she is on a school trip to South Africa. When a storm blows up and Martine and her friends are thrown overboard into shark-infested waters. They are saved by dolphins but end up on an island. A gripping tale of courage and survival.



Michael Morpurgo: The Fox and the Ghost King

"Every fox in the whole town, in the whole country just about, is a football fan... And we all have an impossible dream." In a cosy den under a garden shed lives a family of foxes. They love to watch football, but their favourite team keeps losing until a ghost king turns up...



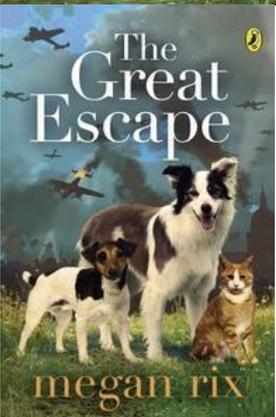
Erin Hunter: Warriors series

Four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest and the laws laid down by their ancestors. But the Thunder Clan cats are in danger from the Shadow Clan, warriors are dying - and some deaths are stranger than others. During this turmoil a cat named Rusty appears, who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.



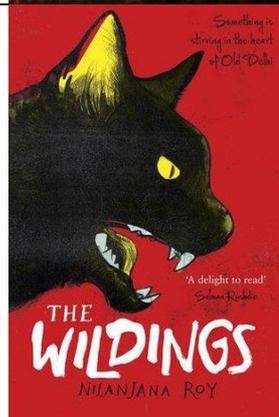
Sam Angus: A Horse Called Hero

In the Second World War London is a target for German bombs. Dodo and Wolfie are evacuated to the country, where they find an orphaned foal. They raise Hero and learn to ride. But the shadow of war looms over their peaceful existence, and soon Hero must live up to his name



Megan Rix: The Great Escape

The Great Escape follows three pets as they set off on the adventure of their lives across a country preparing for war. Robert and Lucy love them, but the threat of the War forces them to flee to Devon and the animals are sent to be put down. Buster, Tiger and Rose make a daring escape and try to find their owners.

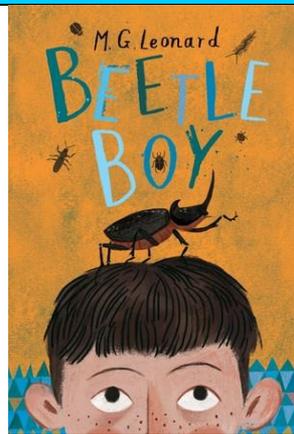


Nilanjana Roy: The Wildings

A thrillingly original story of the adventures of a small band of feral cats in Delhi who communicate by whisker mind-link. When a terrifying new enemy emerges from the shadows, the Wildings must fight for their territory and their tribe's survival. For readers of Life of Pi and Philip Pullman.

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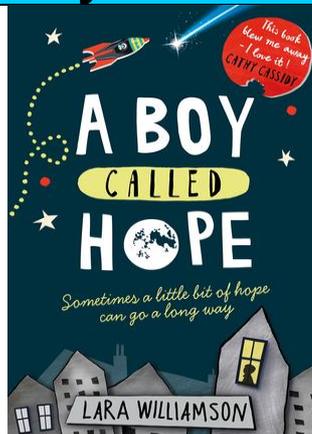
Comedy



M.G. Leonard: Battle of the Beetles series

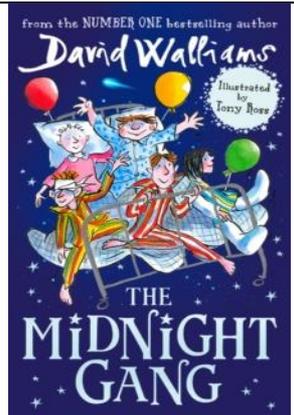
Darkus is miserable. His dad has disappeared, his neighbours are disgusting. A giant beetle called Baxter comes to his rescue. Can they solve the mystery of his dad's disappearance, when links emerge to cruel Lucretia Cutter and her pendant for beetle jewellery?

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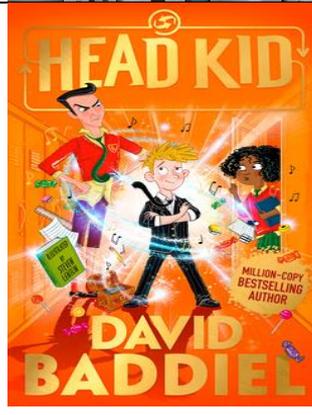
Lara Williamson: A Boy Called Hope

I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true... like help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet, land on the moon, get my dog to stop eating then throwing up. And my biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me. This is a brave, bold and funny debut about families.



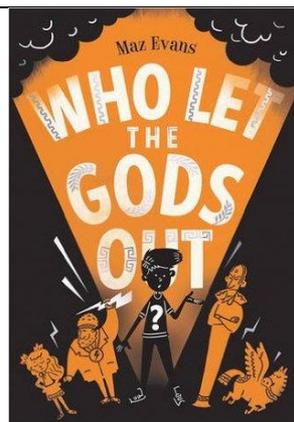
David Walliams: Midnight Gang

Midnight is the time when all children are asleep, except of course for... the Midnight Gang. When Tom gets hit on the head by a cricket ball, he goes to Hospital, and is greeted by a terrifying-looking porter. Then he meets the wicked matron in charge of the children's ward. But Tom is about to embark on the most thrilling journey! This is a heart-warming, funny story



David Baddiel: Head Kid

From the million-copy bestselling author of THE PARENT AGENCY and BIRTHDAY BOY comes a wildly entertaining wish-fulfilment adventure that asks the question: what would happen if the strictest head teacher swapped bodies with the naughtiest kid in school?



Maz Evans: Who Let the Gods Out series

Elliot's mum is ill, but a shooting star crashes to Earth. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But they accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked daemon, and they must go to the Olympian gods for help. Are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world?



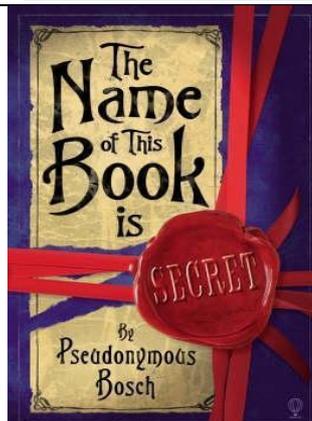
Tom McLaughlin: The Accidental Prime Minister

Grown-ups have had their turn at running things, and let's face it, they've been rubbish! It's time that a kid was in charge. Where there is grumpiness, may we bring giggles, where there is jelly, may we bring ice-cream, where there are chairs, may we bring whoopee cushions!



Andy Mulligan: The Boy With Two Heads

How would you feel if you woke up and found another head growing out of your neck? With a rude, sharp tongue and an evil sense of humour. It knows all your thoughts and it's not afraid to say what it thinks . . . to ANYBODY. Part thriller, part horror, part comedy.



Pseudonymous Bosch: The Secret series

WARNING: DO NOT READ THIS BOOK! For amongst its strange and alarming contents you will find: two extraordinary adventures... a missing magician's diary... a symphony of smells... and a deadly secret. But wait, you already know too much! It is too late!

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