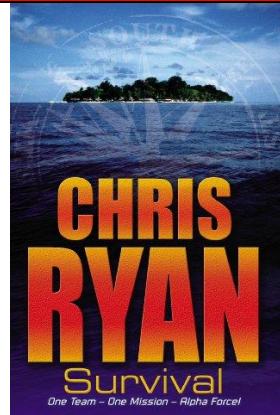


# Sandringham Learning Resources Centre (L.R.C.)

## Year 9 Good Reads

### Adventure / Survival



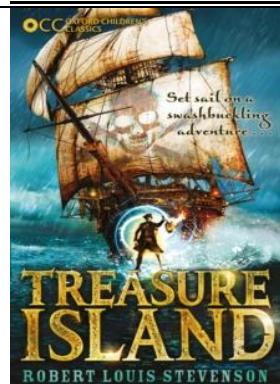
#### Chris Ryan: Survival

The first in an exciting new series for children from ex-SAS officer and bestselling adult author Chris Ryan. Five kids: Alex, Li, Paulo, Hex and Amber, are marooned on a desert island where they must face the ultimate test - survival! Killer komodo dragons, sharks and modern day pirates are amongst the dangers they face. Can the five bond as a team - and stay alive?



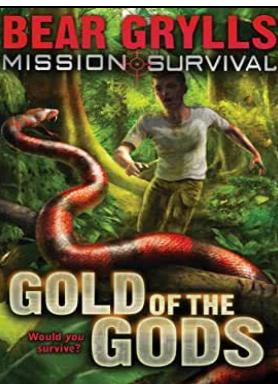
#### Robert Muchamore: Robin Hood series

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**



#### R.L.Stevenson: Treasure Island

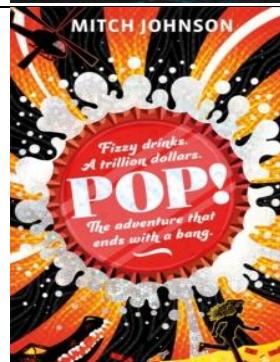
From the moment young Jim Hawkins sees the sinister Blind Pew at the Admiral Benbow Inn until the climactic battle for treasure, the story centres upon the conflict between good and evil. It is the villainy of the rogue Long John Silver that sets the tempo of this tale of treachery, greed, and daring.



#### Bear Grylls: Mission Survival series

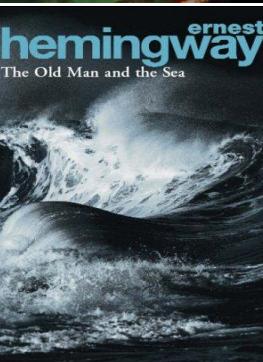
Beck is in Colombia. His uncle and Don Rafael know where the lost city is, but they are both kidnapped. Beck must set off into the wilds of Colombia, build a raft, negotiate wild river rapids, make camp, and defend his friends from wild animals in the jungle.

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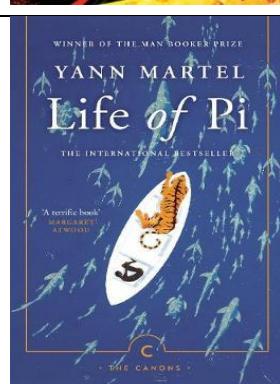
#### Mitch Johnson: Pop!

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?



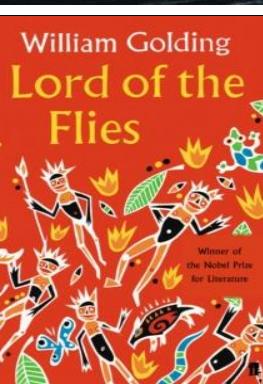
#### Ernest Hemingway: The Old Man and the Sea

Set in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Havana, Hemingway's magnificent fable is the story of an old man, a young boy and a giant fish. Here, in a perfectly crafted story, is a unique and timeless vision of the beauty and grief of man's challenge to the elements in which he lives.



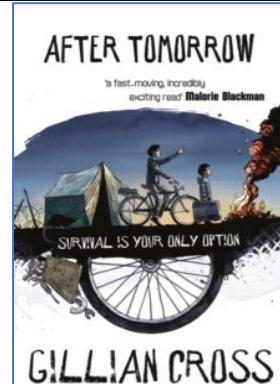
#### Yann Martel: Life of Pi

After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orang-utan - and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger.



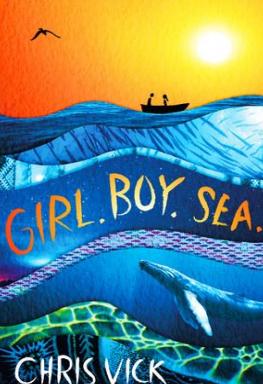
#### William Golding: Lord of the Flies

The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, they discover fantastic wildlife and dazzling beaches, learning to survive; at night, they are haunted by nightmares of a primitive beast. Orphaned by society, it isn't long before their innocent childhood games devolve into a savage, murderous hunt.



#### Gillian Cross: After Tomorrow

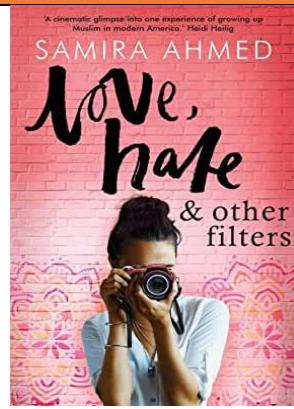
What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side... Stay or go. What would you do?



#### Chris Vick: Girl, Boy, Sea

Bill narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a storm off Morocco. After many days at sea in a small boat he rescues another survivor, clinging to a barrel. She is a girl called Aya, from the nomadic Berber tribe, whose ship was destroyed by the storm. Hungry, sunburned, and lost, Aya recounts the 1,000 tales of Shahrazad, to keep their spirits up.

# 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.

## Kit de Waal: Becoming Dinah

Seventeen-year-old Dinah needs to leave her home, the weird commune where she grew up. She needs a whole new identity, starting with how she looks, starting with shaving off her hair, her 'crowning glory'. She has to do it quickly, because she has to go now.

## Punching the Air: Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

One night, an altercation escalates into tragedy. 'Boys just being boys' turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. But can he change his fate?



## 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.

## Susin Nielsen: Optimists Die First

### 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 the teenage misfits, who all carry their own guilt. She is forced to do a project with Jacob, who helps her to face her fears. Then a hidden truth comes out.



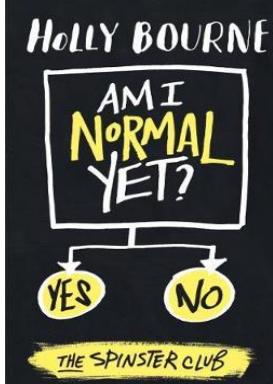
## Sarah Hagger-Holt: Proud of Me

Becky and Josh are almost-twins, with two mums and the same anonymous donor dad. Josh can't wait until he's eighteen, the legal age when he can finally contact his donor, and he'll do anything to find out more - even if it involves lying. Becky can't stop thinking about her friend, Carli. Could her feelings for Carli be a sign of something more?

## Holly Bourne: Am I Normal Yet

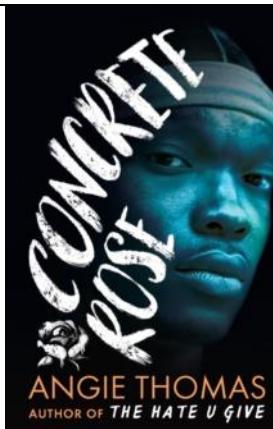
All Evie wants is to be normal. And now that she's almost off her meds and at a new college where no one knows her as the-girl-who-went-nuts, there's only one thing left to tick off her list... But relationships can mess with anyone's head - something Evie's new friends Amber and Lottie know only too well. The trouble is, if Evie won't tell them her secrets, how can they stop her making a huge mistake?

WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL  
**SARAH CROSSAN**  
MOONRISE



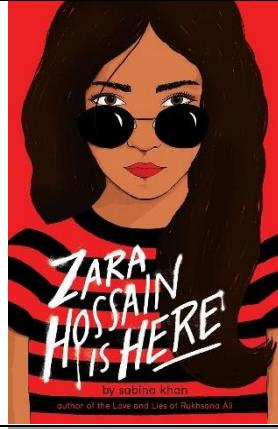
## Sarah Crossan: Moonrise

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.



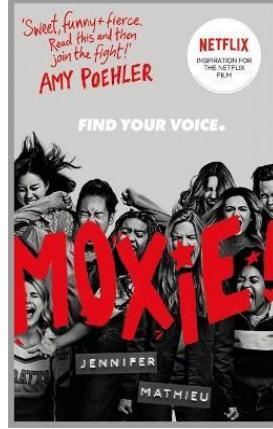
### Sabina Khan: Zara Hossain is Here

Pakistani immigrant, Zara, has been leading a fairly typical life in Texas. Dealing with Islamophobia at school, Zara lays low, trying not to jeopardize her family's visa status while they await their green card. One day her tormentor, star football player Tyler Benson, takes things too far, leaving a threatening note in her locker.



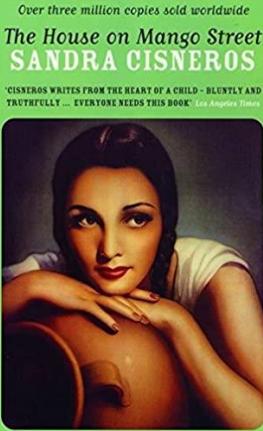
### Lisa Williamson: The Art of Being Normal

Two outsiders. Two secrets. David longs to be a girl. Leo wants to be invisible. When Leo stands up for David in a fight, an unlikely friendship forms. But things are about to get messy. Because at Eden Park School, secrets have a funny habit of not staying secret for long...



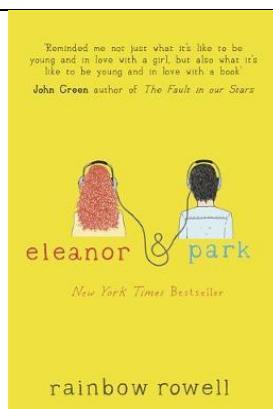
### Jennifer Mathieu: Moxie

Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with her high school teachers who think the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules.



### Sandra Cisneros: The House on Mango Street

Esperanza is a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago. Mango Street is a landscape of concrete and rundown tenements where she discovers the hard realities of life - the fetters of class and gender, racial enmity and the mysteries of sexuality. Putting her thoughts and emotions in poems and stories, she is able to rise above hopelessness.



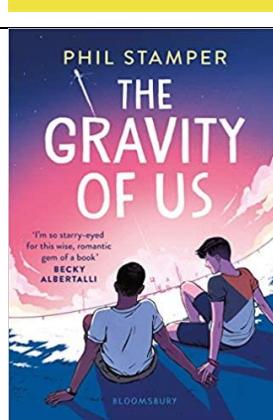
### Rainbow Rowell: Eleanor and Park

Eleanor, the new girl in town, has never felt more alone. With her clothes, mad red hair and chaotic home life, she couldn't stick out more if she tried. Then she takes the seat on the bus next to Park. Quiet, careful and - in Eleanor's eyes - impossibly cool, Park's worked out that flying under the radar is the best way to get by.



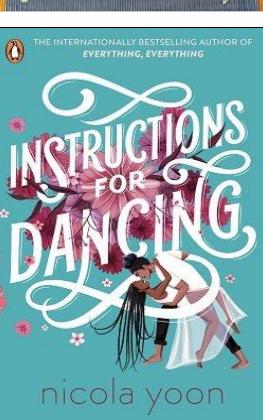
### Mel Darbon: Rosie Loves Jack

Rosie loves Jack. Jack loves Rosie. So when they're separated, Rosie will do anything to find the boy who makes the sun shine in her head. Even run away from home. Even struggle across London and travel to Brighton, though the trains are cancelled, and the snow is falling. Even though people might think a girl like Rosie could never survive on her own.



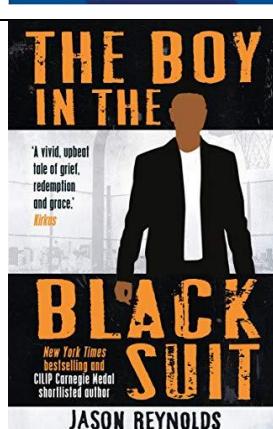
### Phil Stamper: The Gravity of Us

Cal wants to be a journalist, and he's already has almost half a million followers on his FlashFame app. But his plans are derailed when his pilot father is selected for a mission to Mars. Cal and his parents leave Brooklyn for Houston. Then Cal meets Leon, whose mother is another astronaut, and he finds himself falling head over heels--and fast.



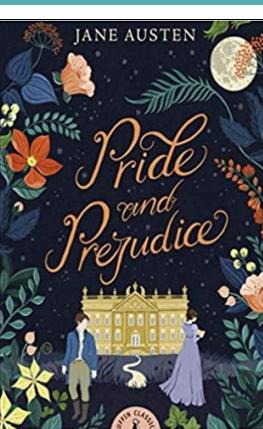
### Nicola Yoon: Instructions for Dancing

Evie is given a copy of a book and follows a note inside to a dilapidated dance studio. She discovers she has an unwelcome gift which confirms what she thinks she knows about love - that it doesn't last. But at the dance studio she meets X, and they start to learn to dance, together. Can X help break the spell that Evie is under, and change Evie's mind about love?



### Jason Reynolds: The Boy in the Black Suit

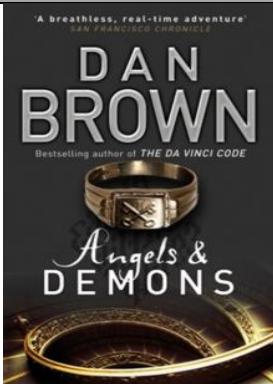
Matt wears a black suit for his gig at the local funeral home. He needs the income since his dad can't handle the bills (or anything, really) on his own. So while Dad's snagging bottles of whiskey, Matt's snagging fifteen bucks an hour. Then Matt meets Lovey. Crazy name, and she's been through more crazy stuff than he can imagine. Yet Lovey never cries. She's tough.



### Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice

Pride and prejudice, one of the most famous novels by Jane Austen, follows uneasy relationship between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy, a landowning aristocrat who is too proud to speak to any of the locals and whom Elizabeth overhears refusing to dance with her.

# Crime, Mystery, Thrillers and Spies



## Dan Brown: The Da Vinci Code series

When a scientist is found brutally murdered, Professor Langdon is asked to identify the mysterious symbol seared on to the dead man's chest. He decides that it is the work of a secret brotherhood, the Illuminati, presumed long dead, who look set to renew their bitter vendetta against the Catholic Church. **Book#1**



## Penny Joelson: 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.



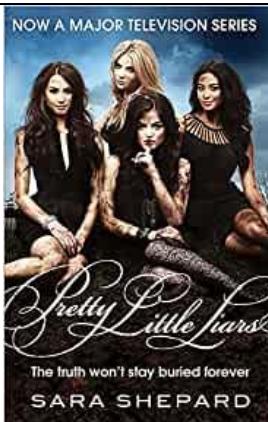
## Cynthia Murphy: Last One to Die

Young, brunette women are being attacked in London. 16-year-old, Irish-born Niamh has just arrived for a summer of freedom, and quickly discovers that the girls being attacked look frighteningly similar to her. But Niamh is determined not to let her fear destroy her Summer.



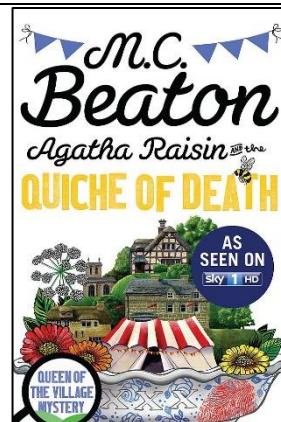
## Chris Ryan: Agent 21 series

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- a government agent. '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. **Book#1**



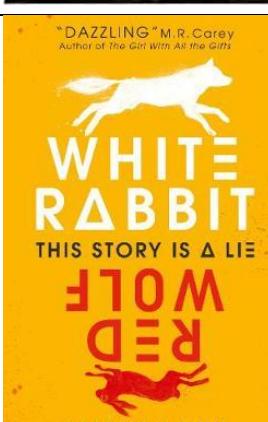
## Sara Shepard: Pretty Little Liars

Aria, Emily, Spencer, Hanna and Alison have been best friends since the third grade. They go everywhere together, thinking no-one can come between them. One night, during a sleepover, Alison goes missing. Her body is never found. The girls mourn her death but move apart after time, assuming their secrets have disappeared with Alison too.



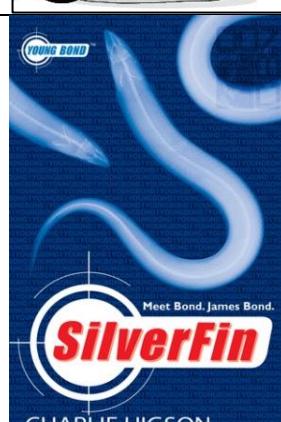
## M.C. Beaton: Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death

Agatha is off to make a new life in a Cotswold village. To make friends, she enters the local quiche-making competition - and to make quite sure of first prize she secretly pays a visit to a London deli. Alas, the competition judge succumbs after tasting her perfect quiche, and Agatha is revealed as a cheat and potential poisoner. Not the best start! She must turn amateur sleuth - she's got to find the real killer!



## Tom Pollock: White Rabbit, red Wolf

Peter is afraid of everything but must confront terror when his mother is attacked. He is a maths prodigy who suffers from severe panic attacks. He finds solace in mathematics and his scientist mum and his twin sister Bel, as well as Ingrid, his only friend. Then his mother is found stabbed before an award ceremony and his sister is nowhere to be found...



## Charlie Higson: Young Bond series

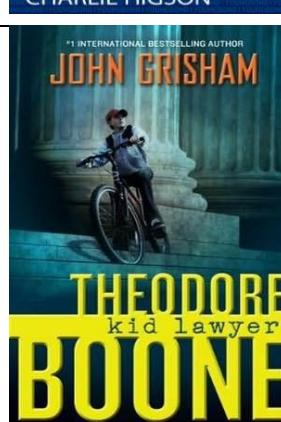
James Bond will one day become the world's most famous spy, but for now his challenge is to fit in at his new school - making friends and facing up to bullies. But there is an even tougher challenge awaiting him- something mysterious and deadly lurking in the water. It's called SilverFin.

**Book#1**



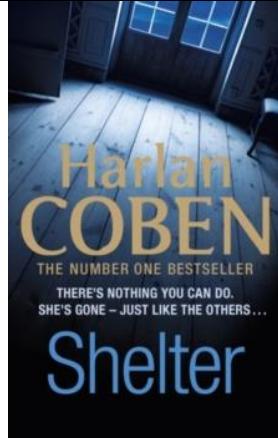
## Agatha Christie: Murder On the Orient Express

Just after midnight, the Orient Express is stopped by a snowdrift. By morning, the millionaire Samuel Ratchett lies, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. One of his fellow passengers is the murderer. Isolated by the storm, detective Hercule Poirot must find the killer before he strikes again.



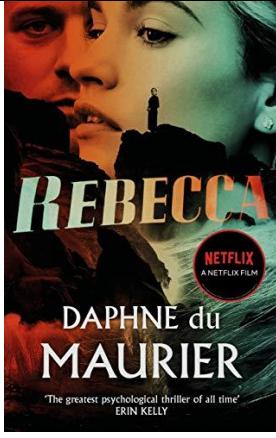
## John Grisham: Theodore Boone series

Theo, age 13, thinks he's a lawyer. He knows every judge and policeman, and a lot about the law. But he finds himself in court sooner than he expected. Because he knows maybe too much, he is in the middle of a murder trial, a cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth. **Book#1**



### **Harlan Coben: Shelter**

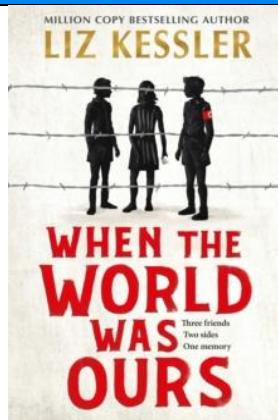
When tragic events tear him away from his parents, Mickey is sent to live with his uncle, Myron. It seems his train wreck of a life is finally improving - until his girlfriend, Ashley, goes missing. Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld, revealing a conspiracy so shocking it will leave him questioning everything about the life he thought he knew.



### **Daphne Du Maurier: Rebecca**

As a lady's companion, the orphaned heroine of *Rebecca* learns her place. Life looks very bleak until, on a trip to the South of France, she meets Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower whose sudden proposal of marriage takes her by surprise. Whisked from glamorous Monte Carlo to his brooding estate, Manderley, the new Mrs de Winter finds Max a changed man. The memory of his dead wife Rebecca is forever kept alive by the forbidding Mrs Danvers . . .

## History and War



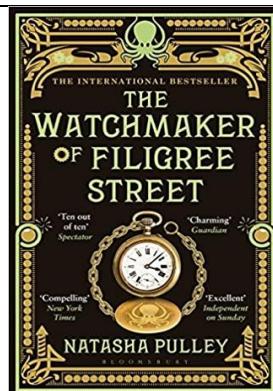
### **Liz Kessler: When the World Was Ours.**

Vienna. 1936. Three young friends - Leo, Elsa and Max - spend a perfect day together, unaware that war is approaching, and events soon mean that they will be cruelly ripped apart from each other. With their lives taking them across Europe - to Germany, England, Prague and Poland - will they ever find their way back to each other?



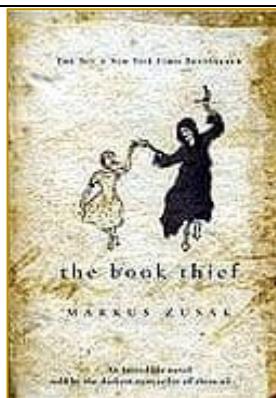
### **Hilary McKay: The Swallows' Flight**

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.



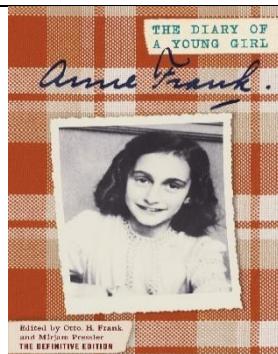
### **Natasha Pulley: The Watchmaker of Filigree Street**

Thaniel returns to his tiny flat to find a gold pocketwatch on his pillow. He is a telegraphist at the Home Office. When the watch saves Thaniel's life in a blast that destroys Scotland Yard, he goes in search of its maker, Keita Mori - a kind, lonely immigrant who sweeps him into a new world of clockwork and music.



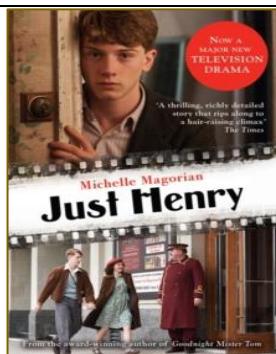
### **Markus Zusak: The Book Thief**

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.



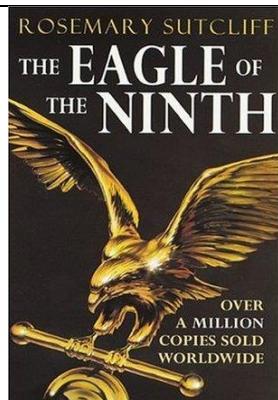
### **Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl**

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.



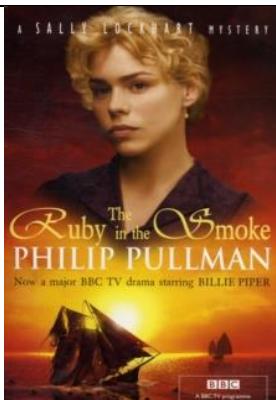
### **Michelle Magorian: Just Henry**

The stunning post-war author of *Goodnight, Mr Tom*. World War II has ended, but Henry is fighting his own battles. He misses his father who died a war hero. When he develops an old camera film, he uncovers a mystery and suddenly his life resembles the big screen. Like a bomb waiting to explode, Henry's world is about to unravel.



### **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**

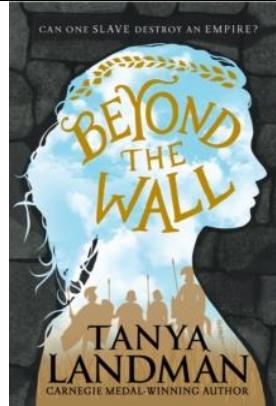
After Sally's father drowns at sea, she receives a strange letter containing a dire warning. Wanting to discover the truth about her father's death, Sally is plunged into a terrifying mystery in the dark heart of Victorian London, at the centre of which lie a deadly blood-soaked jewel.



### **Sally Nicholls: The Silent Stars**

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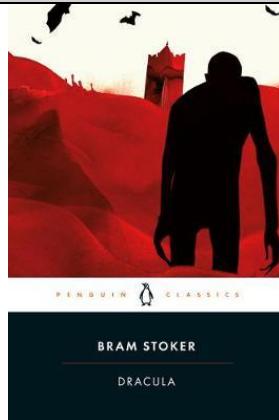
Margot is a respectable vicar's daughter and madly in love with her fiancé Harry. But Harry is reported Missing in Action, and Margot realises she is expecting his child. She must give up James, her baby son, to be adopted by her parents and brought up as her younger brother.



### **Tanya Landman: Beyond the Wall**

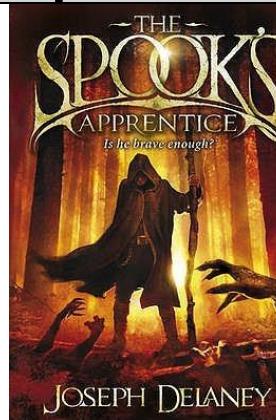
The story of a runaway slave girl and her dangerous journey through Britain. Cassia does not fear death. Beyond Hadrian's Wall there is freedom. With dogs on her trail and a bounty on her head the journey seems impossible. But then Cassia meets Marcus - slick, silver-tongued - a true and perfect son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

## **Horror and Supernatural**



### **Bram Stoker: Dracula**

When Jonathan Harker visits Transylvania to help Count Dracula purchase a house, he makes horrifying discoveries in his client's castle. Disturbing incidents unfold in England: a ship runs aground on the shores of Whitby, its crew vanished; Lucy Westenra slowly succumbs to a mysterious illness, her blood drained away, and a lunatic raves about the arrival of his 'master'.



### **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.

**Book#1**



### **Darren Charlton: Wranglestone**

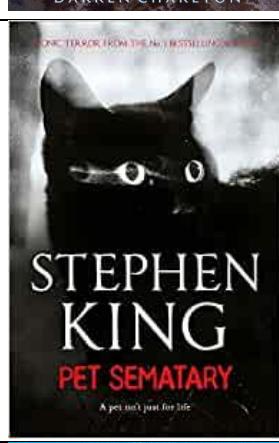
In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice. Peter puts the camp in danger by allowing a stranger to come ashore and he's forced to leave. Now he must help Cooper herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over.



### **Frances Hardinge: A Skinful of Shadows**

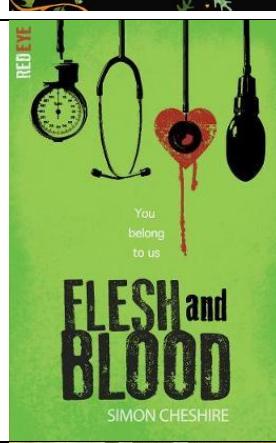
Sometimes, when a person dies, their spirit looks for someone else to hide in. Some people are perfect for hiding.

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.



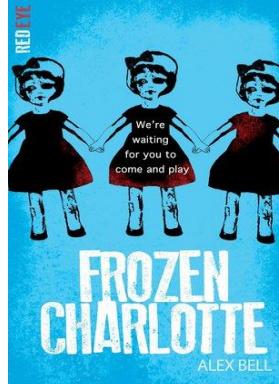
### **Stephen King: Pet Sematary**

Behind the house there's a carefully cleared path up into the woods to a place where local children have walked with the solemn innocence of the young, taking with them their dear departed pets for burial. A sad place maybe, but safe. Surely a safe place. Not a place to seep into your dreams, to wake you, sweating with foreboding and fear.



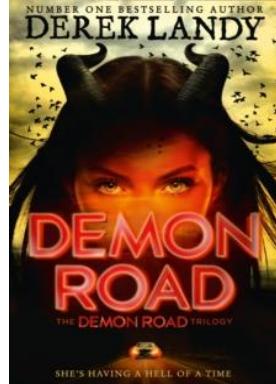
### **Simon Cheshire: Flesh and Blood**

Sam Hunter's neighbours are pillars of the community, the most influential people in town. But they're liars too. The Greenhills are hiding something, and Sam's determined to find out what it is. As his investigation unfolds, he realizes the lies reach further than he ever imagined - is there anyone he can trust? Uncovering the horror is one thing ...



### **Alex Bell: Frozen Charlotte**

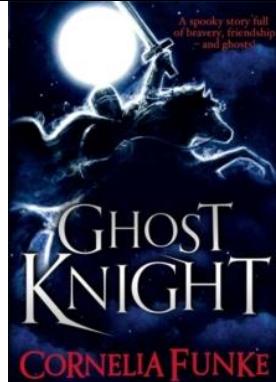
Dunvegan School for Girls has been closed and converted into a family home long ago. Sophie arrives at the old schoolhouse to spend the summer with her cousins. Brooding Cameron with his scarred hand, strange Lilius with a fear of bones and Piper, who seems just a bit too good to be true and the girl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



### **Derek Landy: Demon Road**

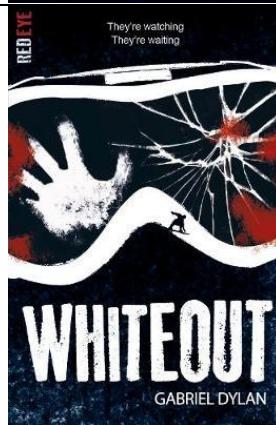
#### **Trilogy**

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!



### **Gabriel Dylan: Whiteout**

Charlie hopes that the school ski trip will be the escape from his unhappy home life he so desperately needs. But there is something wrong with the remote ski village of Kaldgellan. Something is out there, something ancient and evil, among the pines and the deep untracked drifts, watching and waiting. And when the storms blow in, Charlie and his schoolmates wake to find the resort deserted.



### **Charlie Higson: The Enemy series**

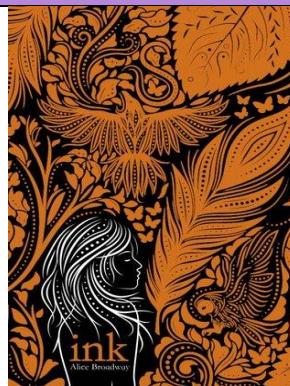
Everyone over the age of fourteen has a deadly zombie virus and now the kids must keep themselves alive. When the virus came, every adult fell ill. Some died. The others are crazed, hungry and confused. The children are fighting to survive. Rumours speak of a safe place to hide, so a gang of children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



### **Mary Shelley: Frankenstein**

Obsessed by creating life itself, Victor Frankenstein plunders graveyards for the material to fashion a new being, which he shocks into life by electricity. But his botched creature, rejected by Frankenstein and denied human companionship, sets out to destroy his maker and all that he holds dear.

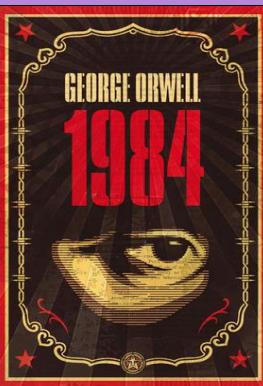
## Dystopian and Science Fiction



### **Alice Broadway: Ink series**

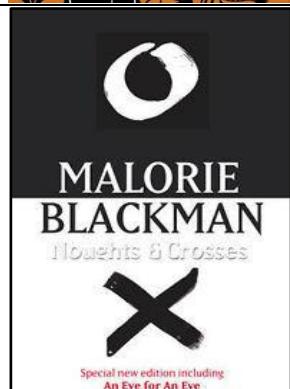
There are no secrets in Saintstone. Everything you do is tattooed on your skin. After her father dies, Leora finds solace in the fact that his skin tells a wonderful story, until she sees a mark on his neck...the symbol of the worst crime a person can commit.

**Book#1**



### **George Orwell: 1984**

Winston Smith works for the Ministry of truth. Big Brother stares out from every poster, the Thought Police uncover every act of betrayal. When he finds love with Julia, he awakens to new possibilities. Despite the police helicopters that hover overhead, they begin to question the Party; drawn towards conspiracy.



### **Malorie Blackman: Noughts and Crosses series**

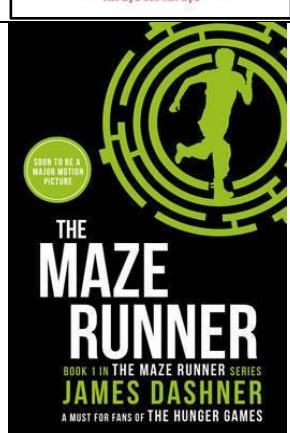
Two young people are forced to make a stand in this thought-provoking look at racism and prejudice in an alternate society. Sephy is a Cross Callum is a Nought. Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. A romance builds between Sephy and Callum -- a romance that is to lead them into danger. **Book#1**



### **Michael Grant: Gone series**

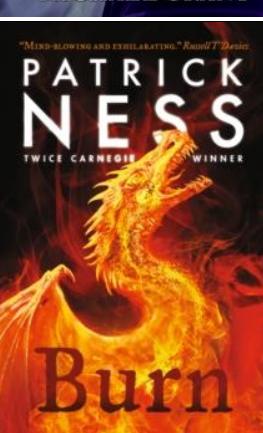
One day everyone above age 15 disappears! Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks. On your 15th birthday, you disappear just like everyone else. A science fiction/ dystopian fantasy world of survival against monsters,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

**Book#1**



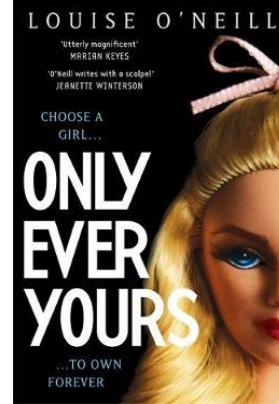
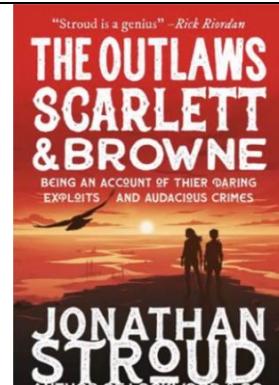
### **James Dashner: The Maze Runner series**

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. **Book#1**



### 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

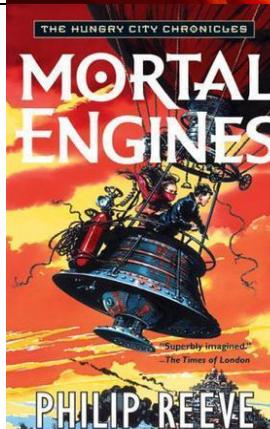
#### Scythe series

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

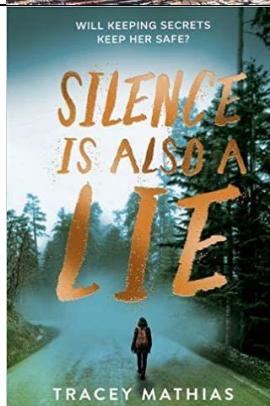
#### series

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.

[Book#1](#)

### Louise O'Neill: Only Ever Yours

Eves are designed, not made. The School trains them to be pretty. The School trains them to be good. The School trains them to Always be Willing. All their lives, the eves have been waiting. Now, they are ready for the outside world. Only the best will be chosen. And only the Men decide.



### Tracey Mathias: Silence is Also a Lie

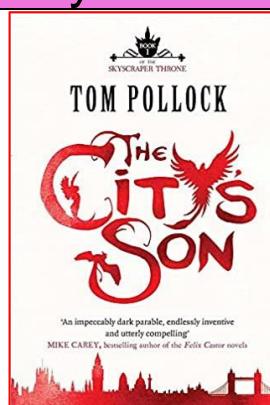
Zara keeps secrets to stay safe, now that the hard-right Party is in power. Under the government's policy, Zara is an illegal, at risk of immediate arrest and deportation. She can't tell anyone who she is. And she can't tell anyone what she knows: the truth about how her friend Sophie died. Stay silent. Stay secret. Stay safe.

## Fantasy



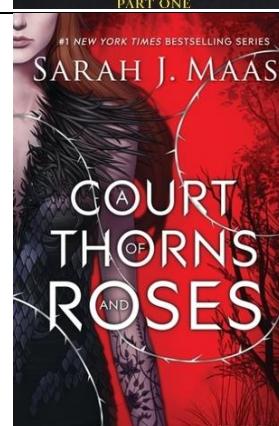
### J.R.R. Tolkien: The Lord of the Rings trilogy

Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power - the means by which he intends to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks in his plans for dominion is the One Ring - the ring that rules them all - which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.



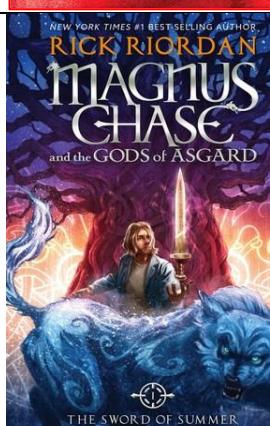
### Tom Pollock: The City's Son

Beth stumbles into the secret city, where she finds Filius Viae, London's ragged crown prince. An ancient enemy has returned under St Paul's Cathedral, to restart a centuries-old war. Desperate to find a way to save the city, they race through the city. When Beth's friend is captured, she must choose between this existence and the life she left behind.



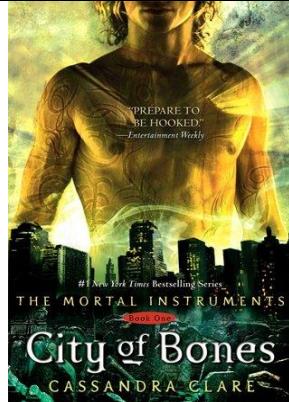
### Sarah J. Maas: A Court of Thorns and Roses series

When Feyre spots a deer being pursued by a wolf, she kills the wolf but for this she must pay. Dragged to a magical kingdom for the murder of a faerie, Feyre discovers that her captor, his face obscured by a jewelled mask, is hiding far more than his green eyes would suggest. [Book#1](#)



### Rick Riordan: The Magnus Chase series

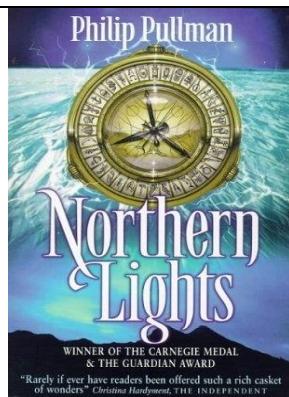
Magnus' uncle Randolph rambles about Norse history and Magnus's birth right: a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. Puzzle pieces fall into place, but he doesn't have time to consider it all before a fire giant attacks the city, forcing him to choose between his own safety and the lives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

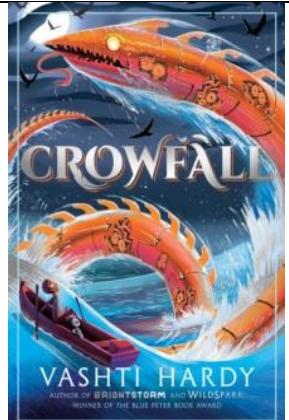
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### Philip Pullman: The Northern Lights trilogy

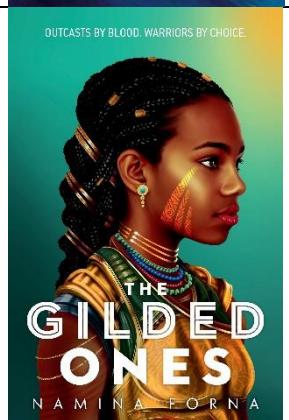
When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her daemon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The quest leads them to the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies - and where a team of scientists is conducting horrible experiments.

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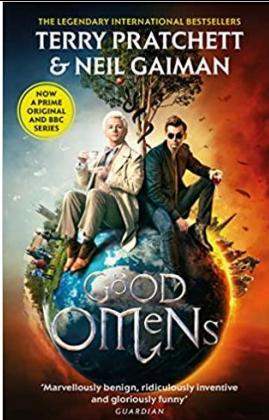
### Vashti Hardy: Crowfall

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.



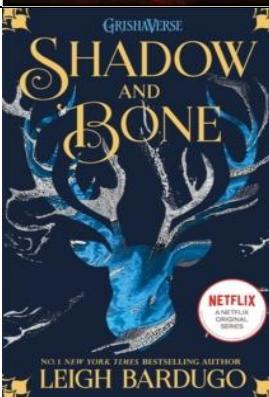
### Namina Forna: The Gilded Ones

Deka lives in Otera, a patriarchal ancient kingdom, where a woman's worth is tied to her purity, and she must bleed to prove it. But when Deka bleeds gold - the colour of impurity - she faces a fate worse than death. She is saved by a mystery woman who tells Deka she is an Alaki, a near-immortal with exceptional gifts. She has a choice: fight for the Emperor, with others just like her, or be destroyed...



### Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman: Good Omens

*What if the predictions are right, and the Apocalypse really is due to arrive next Saturday, just after tea?* - It's a predicament that Aziraphale, an angel, and Crowley, a demon, find themselves in. They've been living amongst Earth's mortals since The Beginning and have grown fond of the lifestyle and are not actually looking forward to the coming Apocalypse.



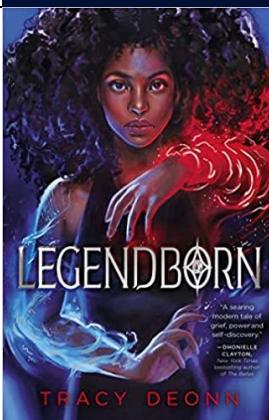
### Leigh Bardugo; The Shadow and Bone trilogy

Alina is a soldier is on her first trek across the Shadow Fold - a swath of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters. When her regiment is attacked, she unleashes magic she didn't know she possessed. Now she will enter a world of intrigue, training with the Grisha, the magical military elite - and their notorious leader, the Darkling.



### Joseph Elliott: The Good Hawk

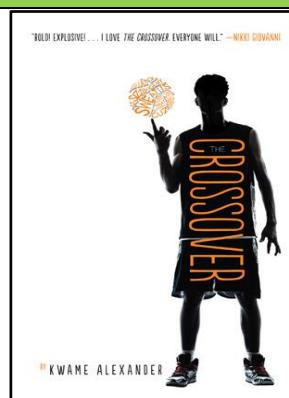
Agatha is a Hawk, patrolling the walls of their island home. Jaime, is an Angler, but he hates the sea. He's been chosen for a duty: to marry. The elders won't say why they have promised him to a girl in a next clan, but when the clan is kidnapped, it is up to Agatha and Jaime to travel across the mainland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



### Tracy Deonn: Legendborn

After her mother's accidental death, Bree wants to escape. A residential programme for bright students seems like a great opportunity – until she witnesses a magical attack on her first night on campus . . . A flying demon feeding on human energies. A secret society of so-called "Legendborn" that hunt the creatures down. A mysterious mage who calls himself a "Merlin" and who attempts – and fails – to wipe Bree's memory of everything she saw.

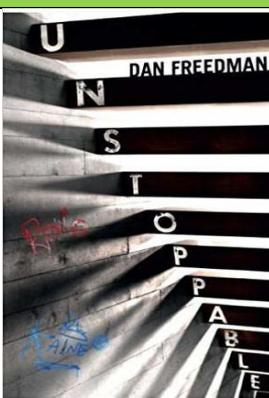
## Sports



### Kwame Alexander: Crossover series

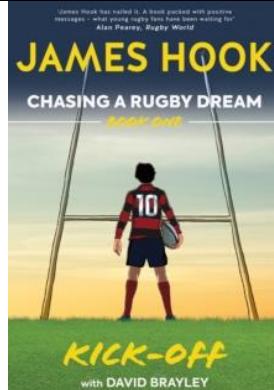
A verse novel about basketball. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court. They realise breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

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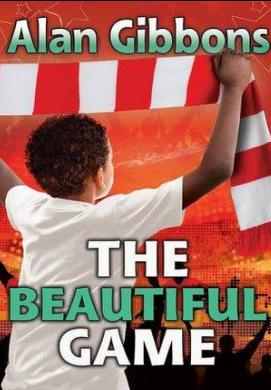
### Dan Freedman: Unstoppable

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.



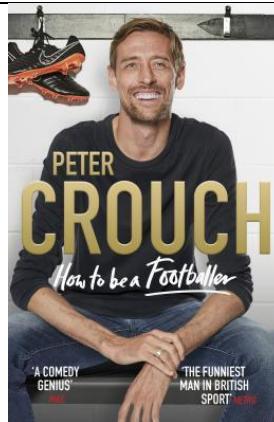
### James Hook: Kick-Off

Jimmy loves rugby, and dreams of winning a World Cup or a Test series. When he accidentally hits the new head of PE, Mr Kane, he makes a powerful enemy. Can he and his friends try to prove their worth on the rugby field? Mr Kane has it out for them, and he is helped by team captain Mike, the school bully. Will this derail their rugby careers?



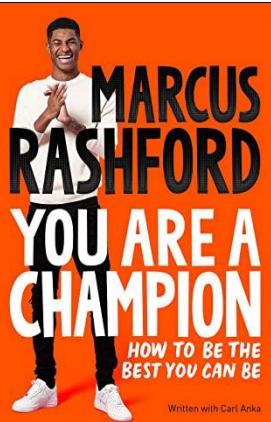
### Alan Gibbons: The Beautiful Game

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



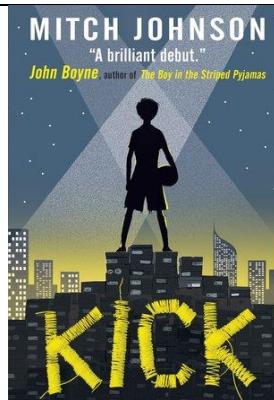
### Peter Crouch: How to be a Footballer

“Very funny on almost every page, wonderfully self-deprecating and very sharp on the ludicrous behaviour of the modern player” You become a footballer because you love football. And then you are a footballer, and you're suddenly in the strangest, most baffling world of all.



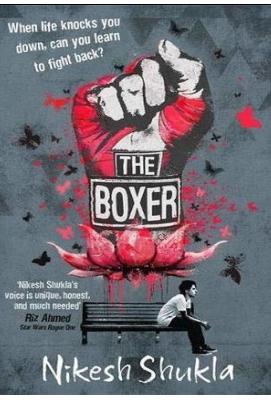
### Marcus Rashford: You Are a Champion

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.



### Mitch Johnson: Kick

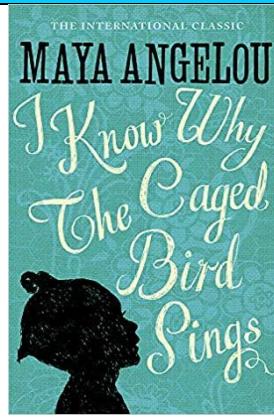
Budi's plan is simple...He's going to be a star, instead of sweating over each football boot he makes. He's going to play for the greatest team on earth, rather than in the square behind the factory where he works. But now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in all Jakarta. Soon his life is at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



### Nikesh Shukla: The Boxer

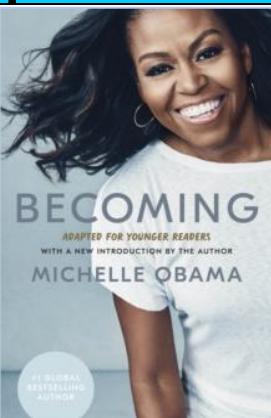
Sunny feels isolated in the city he's just moved to, so he joins a boxing club to protect himself after a racist attack. He finds the community he's been seeking at the club, and a mentor in trainer Shona, who helps him find his place in the world. But racial tensions are rising in the city, and when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

## Biographies



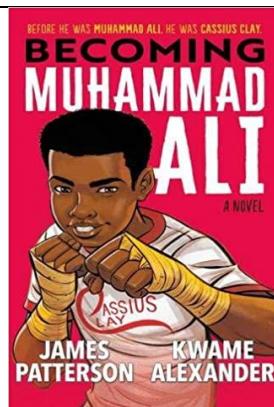
### Maya Angelou: I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou beautifully evokes her childhood with her grandmother in the American south of the 1930s. Loving the world, she also knows its cruelty. As a Black woman she has known discrimination, violence and extreme poverty, but also hope, joy, achievement and celebration.



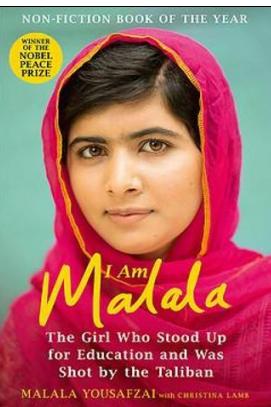
### Michelle Obama: Becoming

Michelle Robinson started life sharing a bedroom with her brother Craig, in their family's apartment in her great-aunt's house. Her parents poured their love and energy into their children. She would go on to become Michelle Obama, the inspirational First Lady of the United States of America.



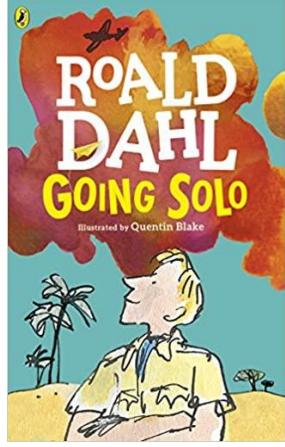
### James Patterson and Kwame Alexander: Becoming Muhammad Ali

Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. This includes his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbours in Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve.



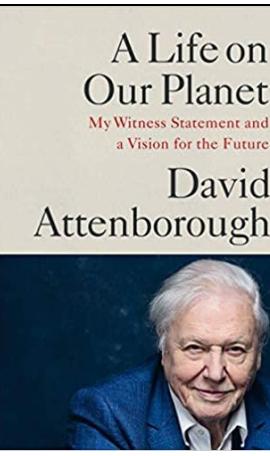
### Malala Yousafzai: I Am Malala

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl fought for her right to an education. In 2012, she was shot in the head. Her extraordinary journey has taken her from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations. She has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and is the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.



### **Roald Dahl: Going Solo**

As a young man, Roald Dahl's adventures took him from London to East Africa, until World War II began, and he became a RAF pilot. You'll read stories of whizzing through the air in a Tiger Moth Plane, encounters with deadly green mambas and hungry lions, and the terrible crash that led him to storytelling. Going Solo is exciting, enthralling and just like its prequel Boy - it's all TRUE!



### **David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet**

'I am 94. I've had an extraordinary life., I went out in the wild, experiencing the natural world - but it was an illusion. The tragedy of our time, unnoticed from day to day - is the loss of our planet's biodiversity and wild places. I have been witness to this decline. A Life on Our Planet my vision for the future, the story of how we came to make this right. If we act now, we can put it right.'

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