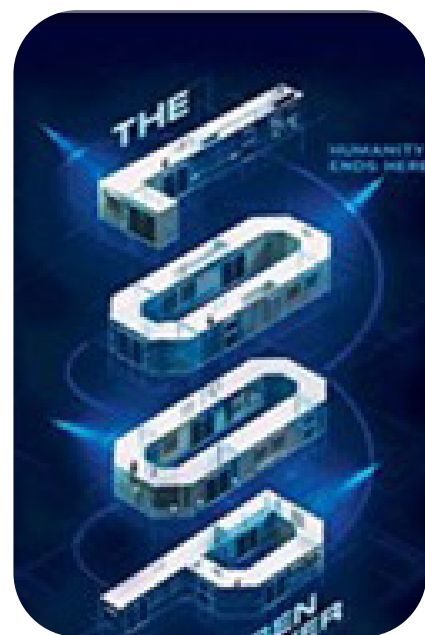


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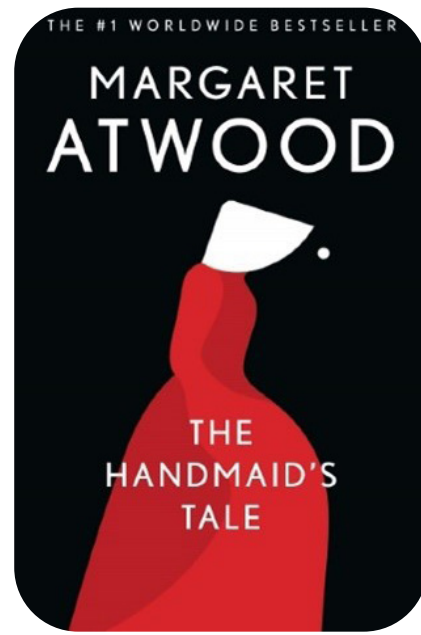


DYSTOPIAN FICTION



The Loop
Ben Oliver:

Luka Kane has been inside hi-tech prison the Loop for over two years. A death sentence is hanging over his head but his day-to-day routine is mind-numbingly repetitive, broken only by the books brought to him by the sympathetic warden, Wren. Then everything starts to change: rumours of war are whispered in the courtyard and the government-issued rain stops falling.



The Handmaid's Tale
Margaret Atwood:

Offred lives in The Republic of Gilead. To some, it is a utopian vision of the future, a place of safety, a place where everyone has a purpose, a function. But The Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs.



Arc of a Scythe Series
Neal Shusterman:

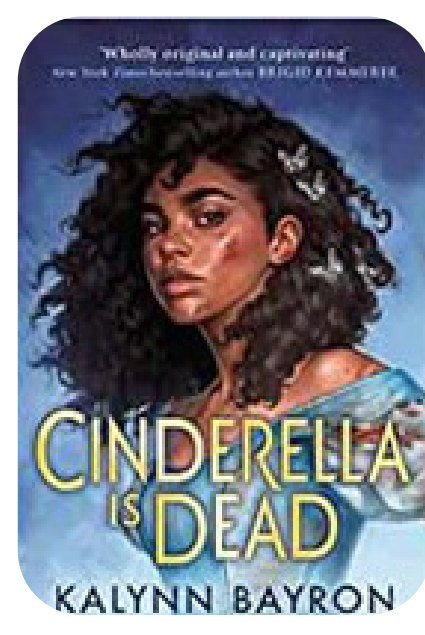
A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things and even death. Scythes are the only ones who can end life - and must, in order to keep the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to be apprentices to a scythe—a role neither wants.

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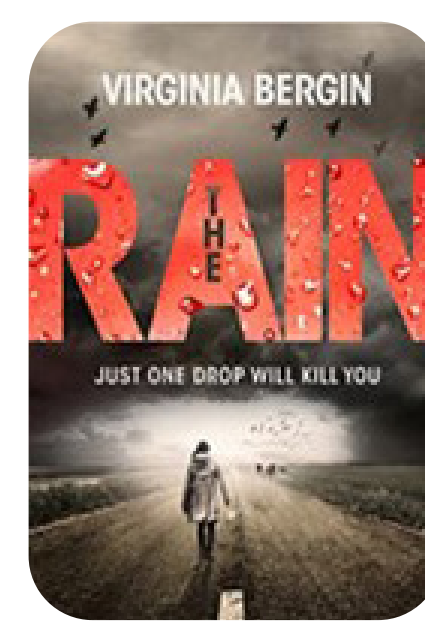
Shatter Me
Tahereh Mafi:

A fragile teenage girl is held captive. Locked in a cell by The Reestablishment - a harsh dictatorship in charge of a crumbling world. This is no ordinary teenager. Juliette is a threat to The Reestablishment's power. A touch from her can kill - one touch is all it takes. But not only is she a threat, she is potentially the most powerful weapon they could have.



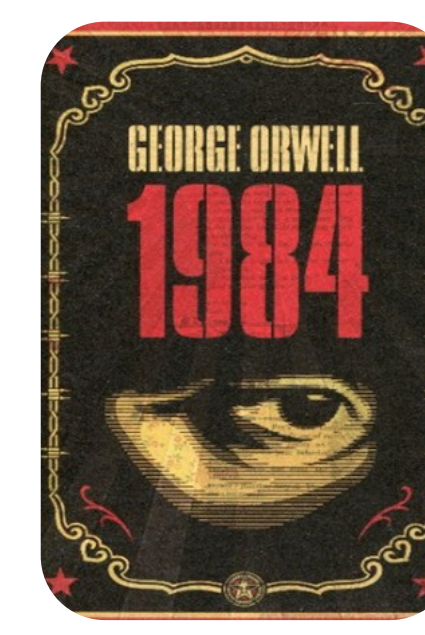
Cinderella is Dead
Kalynn Bayron:

Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball, are forfeit. But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. And when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life.



The Rain
Virginia Bergin:

One minute sixteen-year-old Ruby Morris is having her first proper snog with Caspar McCloud in a hot tub, and the next she's being bundled inside the house, dripping wet, cold and in her underwear. Not cool. As she and Caspar shiver in the kitchen, it starts to rain. They turn on the radio to hear panicked voices. It's in the rain . . . it's in the rain . . .

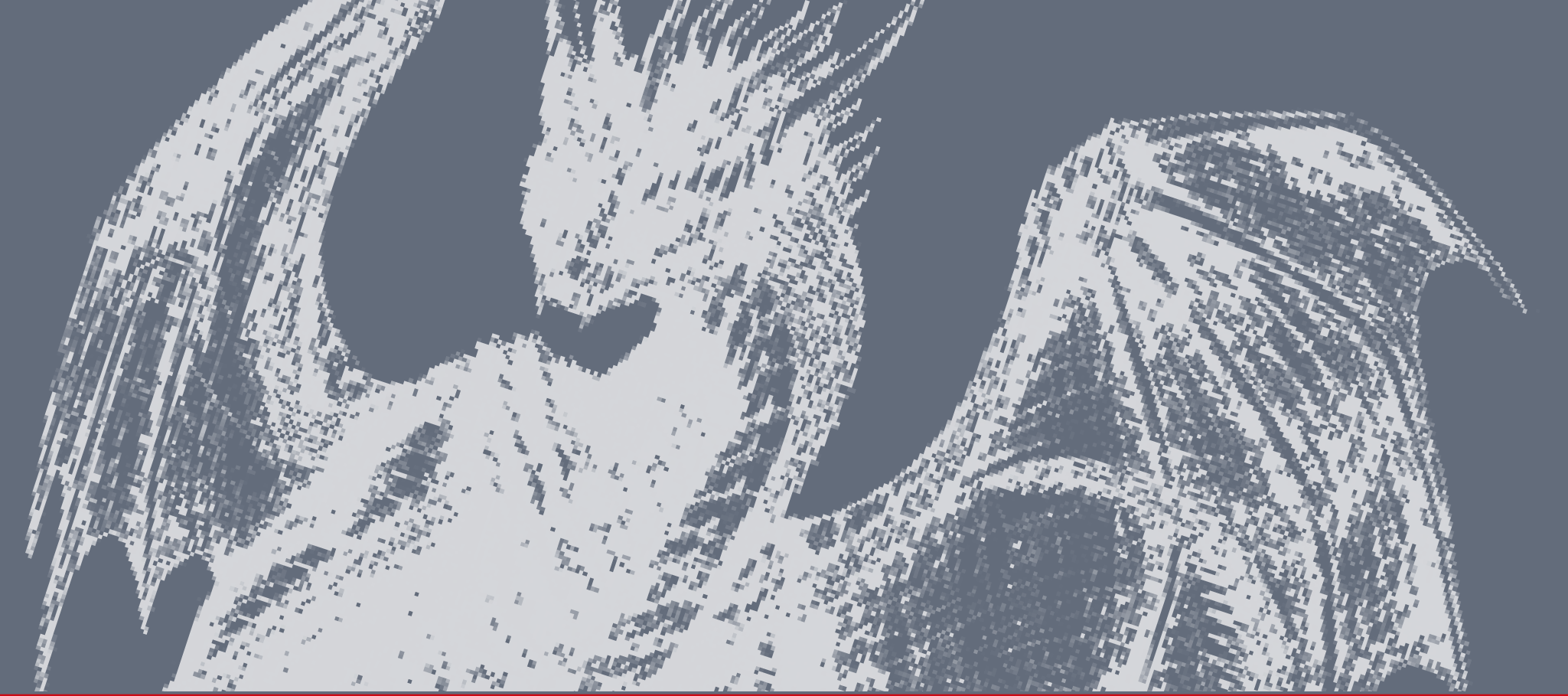


1984
George Orwell:

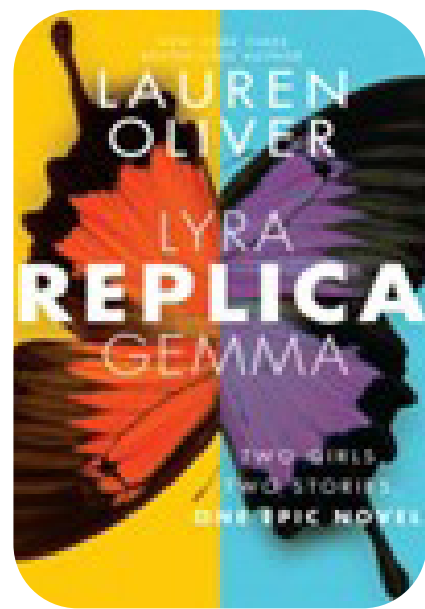
1984 is the story of one man, Winston Smith. Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in, which demands absolute obedience and controls him through the telescreens.

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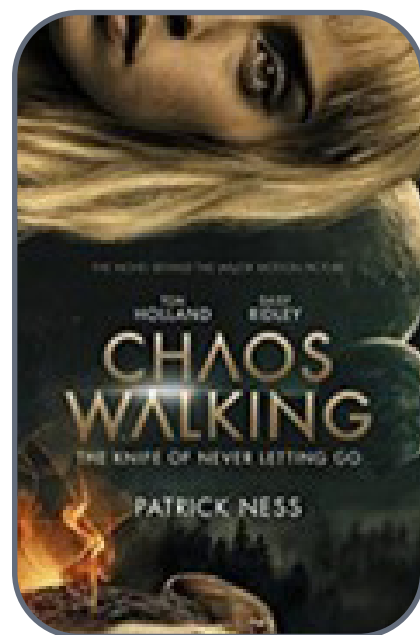


DYSTOPIAN FICTION - CONT



Replica
Lauren Oliver:

Turn the book one way and read Lyra's story; turn the book over and upside down and read Gemma's story. Lyra's story begins in the Haven Institute, a building tucked away on a private island off the coast of Florida that from a distance looks serene and even beautiful. But up close the locked doors, military guards, and bio-hazard suits tell a different story.



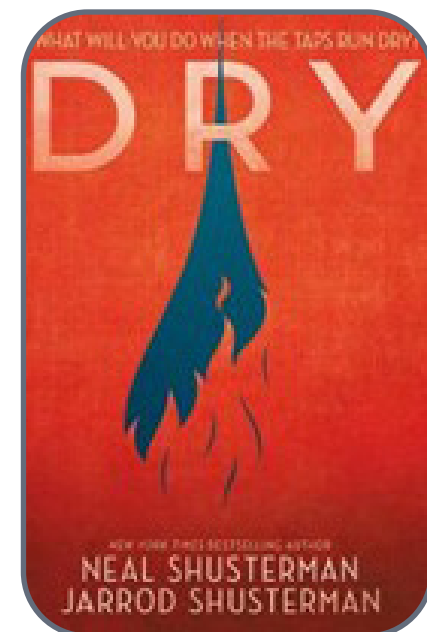
Chaos Walking/The Knife of Never Letting Go
Patrick Ness:

Todd Hewitt lives in a town unlike other towns. There are no women, and everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in an overwhelming, never-ending stream of Noise. But then Todd meets someone who should not exist: a girl. Even in a town where privacy is impossible, there is a secret so terrible, they're going to have to run for their lives. But how do you escape when your pursuers can hear your every thought?



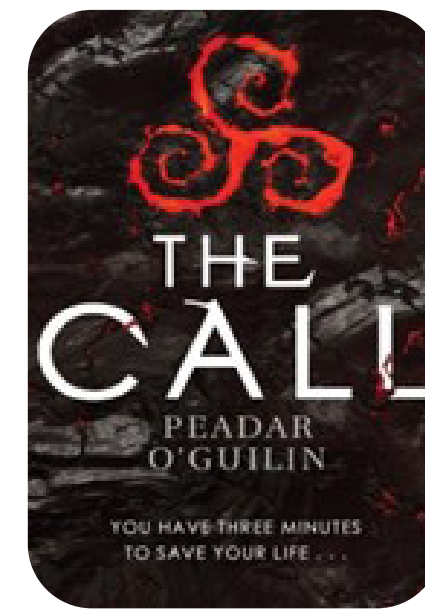
Ready Player One Series:
Ernest Cline:

Wade escapes reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a virtual utopia where you can be anything, and live, play and fall in love on any of ten thousand planets. He is obsessed by the lottery ticket concealed within this alternate reality. OASIS founder James, has promised that control of the OASIS and his fortune will go to the one who can solve the riddles scattered throughout his creation.



Dry
Neal Shusterman:

The drought - or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it - has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbours and families turned against each other on the hunt for water.



The Call
Peadar O'Guilin:

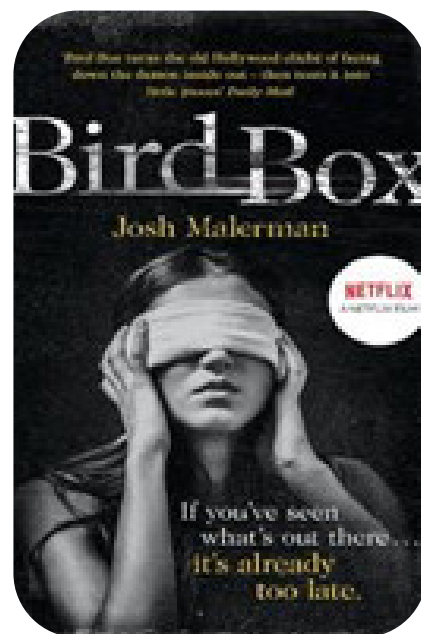
Nessa and her friends attend Boyle College to train for the most dangerous time of their lives - The Call.

Without warning, each one of them will wake in a terrifying land, alone and hunted, with a one-in-ten chance of returning alive.

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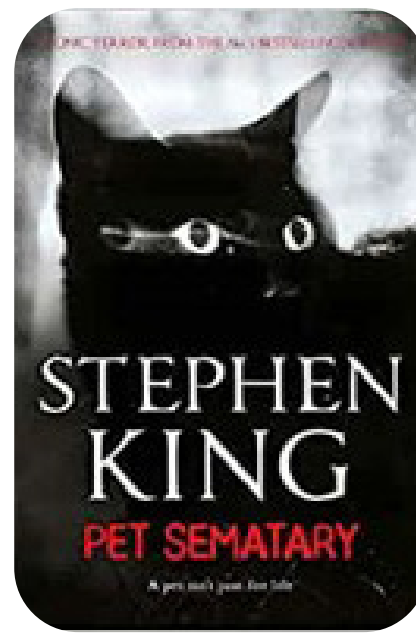
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HORROR /GOTHIC



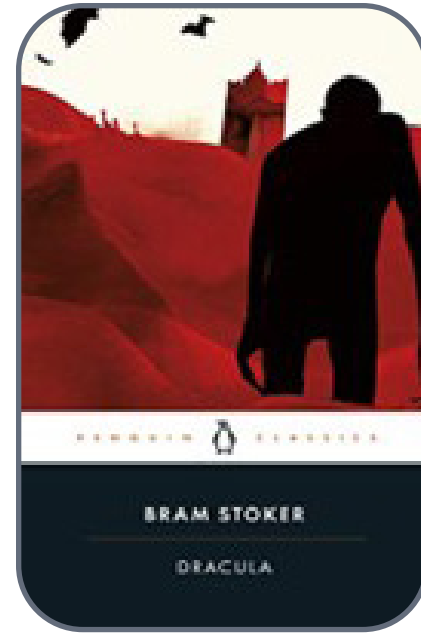
Bird Box
Josh Malerman:

Something is out there, something terrifying that must not be seen, or else a person is driven to deadly violence. No one knows what it is or where it came from. Five years later, a handful of scattered survivors remains, including Malorie and her two children. She dreams of fleeing to a safe place.



Pet Sematary
Stephen King:

When the Creeds move into a beautiful old house in rural Maine, it all seems too good to be true: physician father, beautiful wife, charming little daughter, adorable infant son-and now an idyllic home. As a family, they've got it all... right down to the friendly car. But the nearby woods hide a blood-chilling truth.



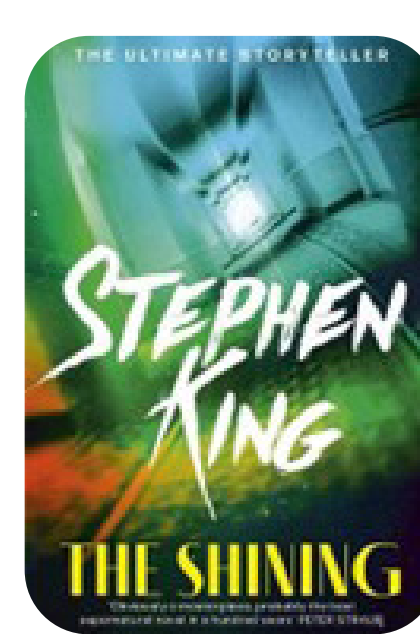
Dracula
Bram Stoker:

Jonathan visits Transylvania to help Count Dracula buy a house and makes a series of discoveries about his client. Incidents unfold: an unmanned ship is wrecked off the coast; a young woman finds strange puncture marks on her neck; and the inmate of a lunatic asylum raves about the 'Master' and his imminent arrival.



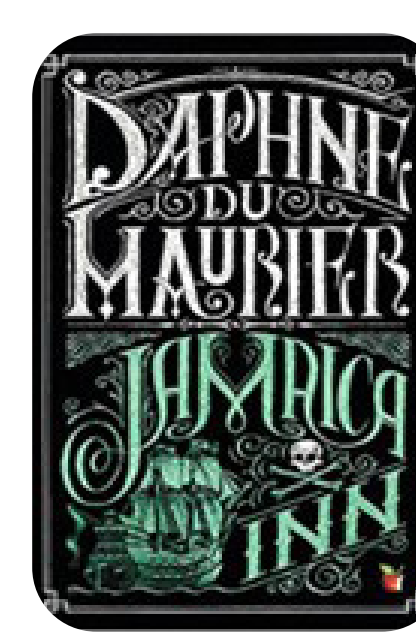
Big Bad Me
Aislinn O'Loughlin:

Evie Wilder is living a normal life. Except for the fact her mom's gone missing, she just found out she's a werewolf, she and her sister have to go into hiding, and there's not a single helpful vampire slayer to be found. With the help of Kevin, the dorky-hot manager of the guesthouse where Evie and Kate go to lie low, Evie starts learning to harness her wolfish side. But there's something a bit odd about Kevin...



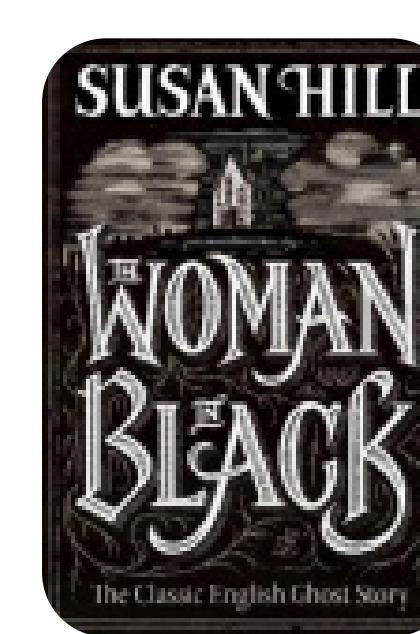
The Shining
Stephen King:

Danny is only five years old, but in the words of old Mr Hallorann he is a 'shiner', aglow with psychic voltage. When his father becomes caretaker of the Overlook Hotel, Danny's visions grow out of control. As winter closes in and blizzards cut them off, the hotel seems to develop a life of its own. It is meant to be empty. So who is the lady in Room 217 and who are the masked guests going up and down in the elevator? And why do the hedges shaped like animals seem so alive?



Jamaica Inn
Daphne Du Maurier:

Mary crosses Bodmin Moor to Jamaica Inn, which has a desolate power, and behind it's crumbling walls Patience cowers before her brooding, violent husband. When Mary discovers the inn's dark secrets, the truth is more terrifying than anything she could possibly imagine, and she is forced to collude in her uncle's murderous schemes.



The women in Black
Susan Hill:

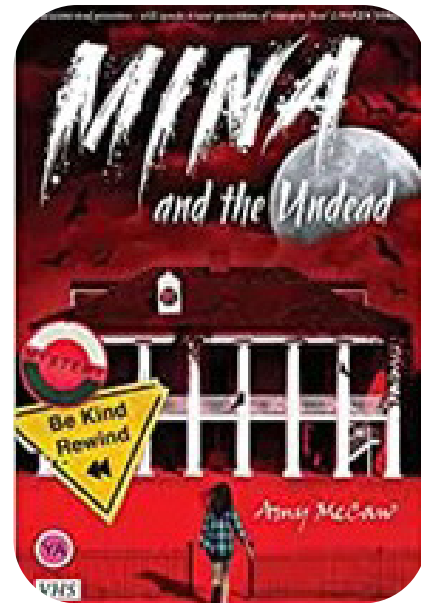
Arthur, a junior solicitor, attends the funeral of Mrs Drablow, the sole inhabitant of Eel Marsh House. It is at the end of a causeway. He glimpses a wasted young woman, dressed in black. A creeping sense of unease grows, deepened by the locals' reluctance to talk of the woman and her purpose.

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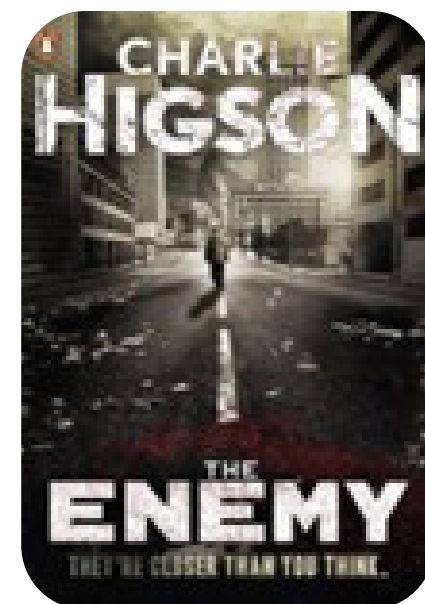


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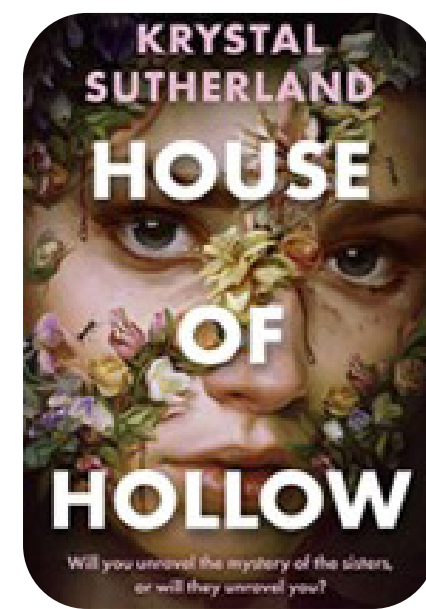
Mina and the Undead
Amy McCaw:

17 year old Mina arrives in New Orleans to visit her estranged sister, Libby. Mina loves nothing more than a creepy horror movie and can't wait to explore the city's darkest secrets - vampire tours, seedy bars, spooky cemeteries, disturbing local myths... Her trip takes an interesting turn when Mina lands a part-time job at a house of horrors, the Mansion of the Macabre. Especially when she meets Jared, Libby's flatmate.



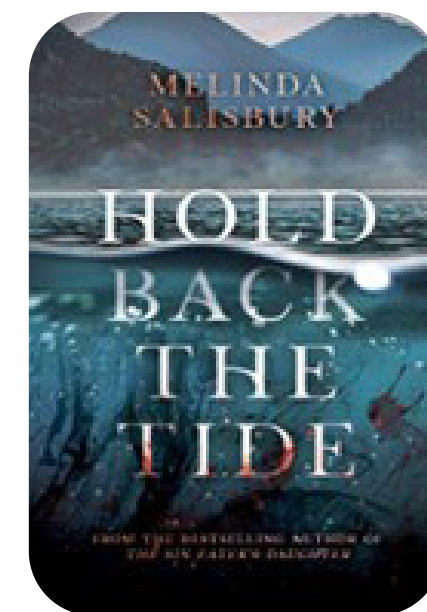
The Enemy Series
Charlie Higson:

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



House of Hollow
Krystal Sutherland:

The Hollow sisters - Vivi, Grey and Iris - are as seductively glamorous as they are mysterious. They have black eyes and hair as white as milk. The Hollow sisters don't have friends - they don't need them. They move through the corridors like sharks, the other little fish parting around them, whispering behind their backs. And everyone knows who the Hollow sisters are. Because one day the three Hollow sisters simply disappeared.



Hold Back of Tide
Melinda Salisbury:

Everyone knows what happened to Alva's mother, all those years ago. But when dark forces begin to stir in Ormscaula, Alva must face a very different future - and question everything she thought she knew about her past...



Whiteout
Gabriel Dylan:

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. Cut off from the rest of the world far below, as night falls the few left alive on the snowbound mountain will wish they were somewhere, anywhere else.

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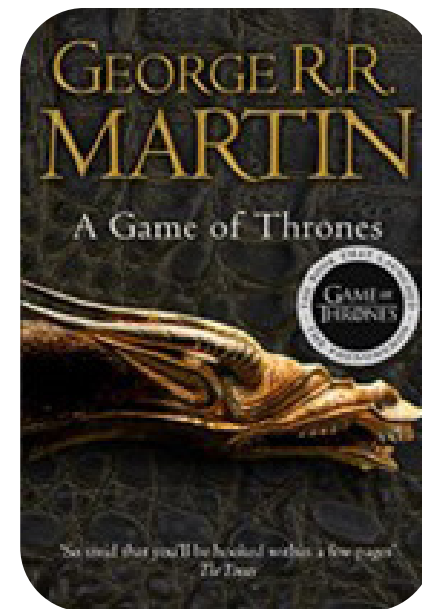


The fellowship of the Ring

J.R.R. Tolkien:

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. Book#1

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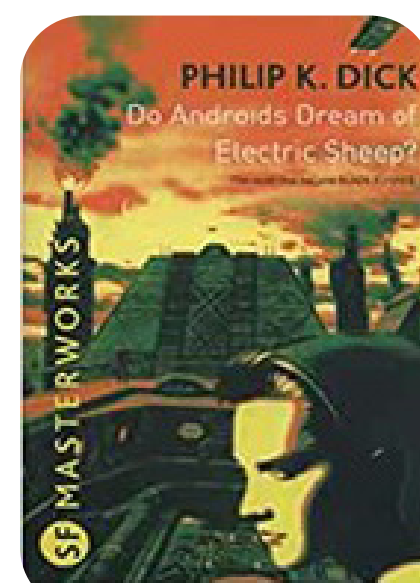


Game of Thrones

George R.R. Martin:

Summers span decades. Winter can last a lifetime. And the struggle for the Iron Throne has begun. As Warden of the north, Lord Eddard Stark counts it a curse when King Robert bestows on him the office of the Hand. His honour weighs him down at court where a true man does what he will, not what he must ... and a dead enemy is a thing of beauty.

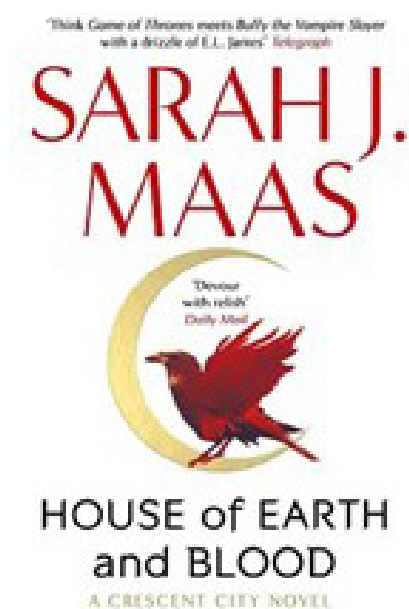
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Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep

Philip K. Dick:

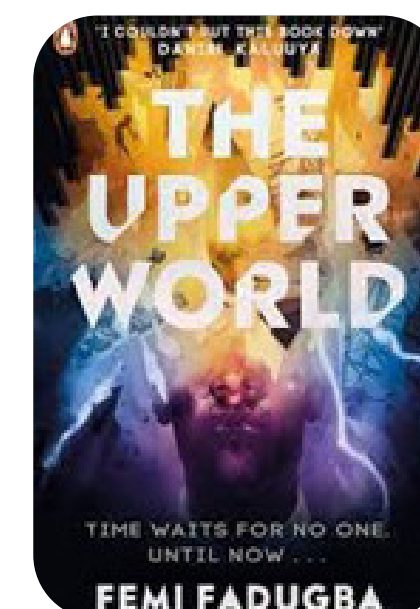
World War Terminus had left the Earth devastated. Bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalks the ruins, in search of the replicants who are his prey. He 'retires' them with his laser weapon and dreams of owning a live animal - the ultimate status symbol in a world all but bereft of animal life.



House of Earth and Blood

Sarah J. Mass:

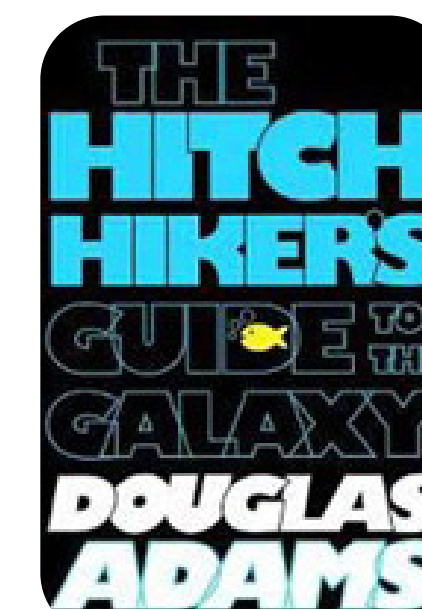
Half-Fae, half-human Bryce Quinlan loves her life. Every night is a party and Bryce is going to savour all the pleasures Lunathion - also known as Crescent City - has to offer. But then a brutal murder shakes the very foundations of the city, and brings Bryce's world crashing down. Two years later, Bryce still haunts the city's most notorious nightclubs - but seeking only oblivion now. Then the murderer attacks again. And when an infamous Fallen angel, Hunt Athalar, is assigned to watch her every footstep, Bryce knows she can't forget any longer.



The Upper World

Femi Fadugba:

After suffering a knock to the head, 15-year-old Esso experiences a chilling vision: that night he will witness the violent deaths of everyone he knows. He writes off the out-of-body experience as a strange dream - until a series of frightening coincidences prove that the vision is just hours away from coming true. There is only one person who can help him rewrite the future. The trouble is, she hasn't been born yet . . .



The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams:

Arthur Dent's house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyper-space express route, and his best friend has just announced that PANIC he's an alien. They are hurtling through space with a book inscribed with the words: **DON'T.**

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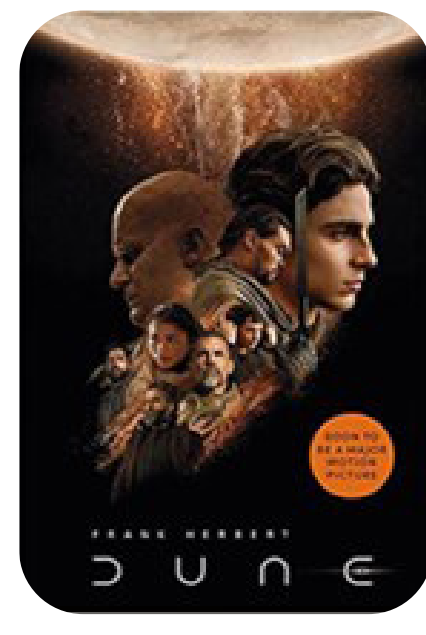
The Martian
Andy Weir:

I'm stranded on Mars, no way to communicate with Earth, in a habitat designed to last 31 days. If the oxygenator breaks, I'll suffocate. If the reclaim-er breaks, I'll die of thirst. If the hub breaches, I'll explode. If none of those things happen, I'll eventually run out of food and starve to death.



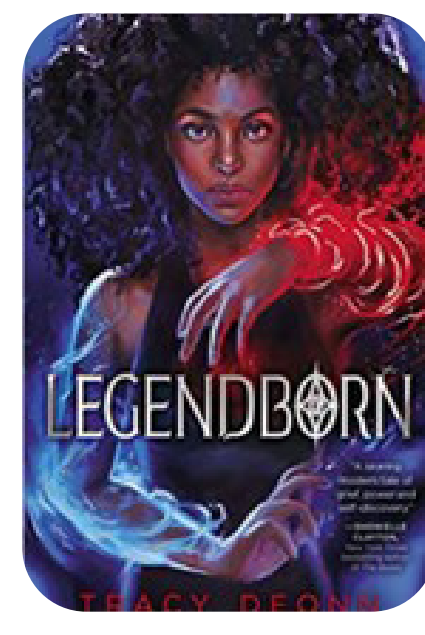
The Gilded Ones
Namina Forna:

Deka lives in anticipation of the blood ceremony to see if she can become a member of her village. Different from everyone else because of her unnatural intuition, Deka prays for red blood so she can finally feel like she belongs. But on the day of the ceremony, her blood is gold, the colour of impurity-and Deka knows she will face a consequence worse than death.



Dune
Frank Herbert:

Melange is the most valuable - and rarest - element in the universe. And it can only be found on a single planet: the inhospitable desert world Arrakis. Whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice. And whoever controls the spice controls the universe. When stewardship of Arrakis is transferred to his house, Paul Atréides must travel to the planet's dangerous surface to ensure the future of his family and his people. But as malevolent forces explode into conflict around him, Paul is thrust into a great destiny beyond his understanding.



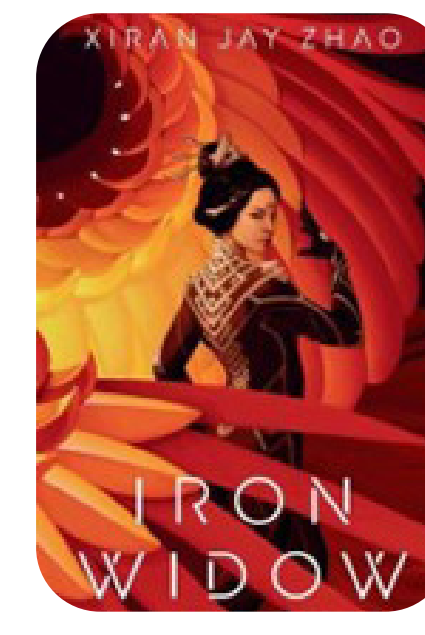
Legendborn
Tracey Deonn:

After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants to escape. A residential programme for bright high-schoolers seems like the perfect opportunity – until she witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus . . .



Shadow and Bone
Leigh Bardugo:

Orphaned and expendable, Alina is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold. But when her regiment is attacked, Alina unleashes dormant magic not even she knew she possessed. Now Alina will enter a lavish world of royalty and intrigue as she trains with the Grisha, her country's magical military elite - and falls under the spell of their notorious leader, the Dar-kling. He believes Alina can summon a force capable of destroying the Shadow Fold and reuniting their war-ravaged country.

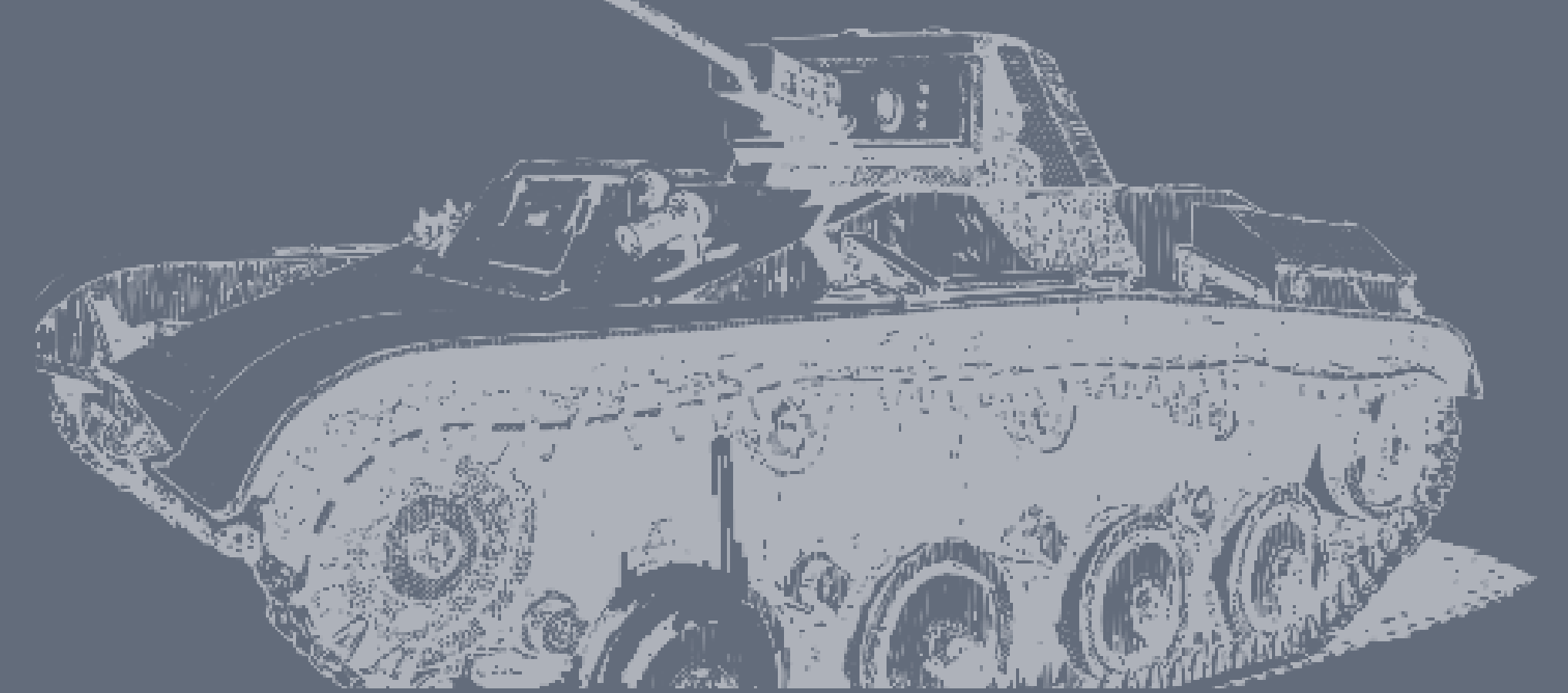


Iron Widow
Xiran Jay Zhao:

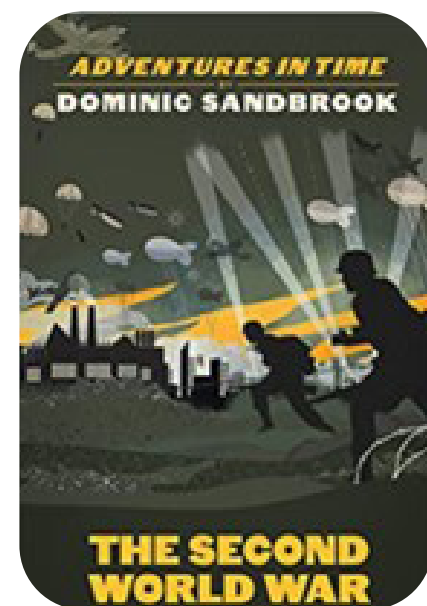
The boys of Huaxia dream of the celebrity status that comes with piloting Chrysalises - giant transforming robots that battle the aliens beyond the Great Wall. Their female co-pilots are expected to serve as concubines and sacrifice their lives. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, her plan is to assassinate the ace male pilot responsible for her sister's death.

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WAR AND HISTORICAL FICTION



Adventures in Time: The Second World War

Dominic Sandbrook:

Prepare to enter the most dramatic conflict the world has ever seen, as historian Dominic Sandbrook takes us on a spine-tingling, heart-stopping adventure. We witness the Second World War first-hand through the eyes of ordinary people living in extraordinary times, from the women who worked all night in factories to the chess players who cracked unbreakable codes. Because in total war, no life is left untouched...



Half of a Yellow Sun

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie:

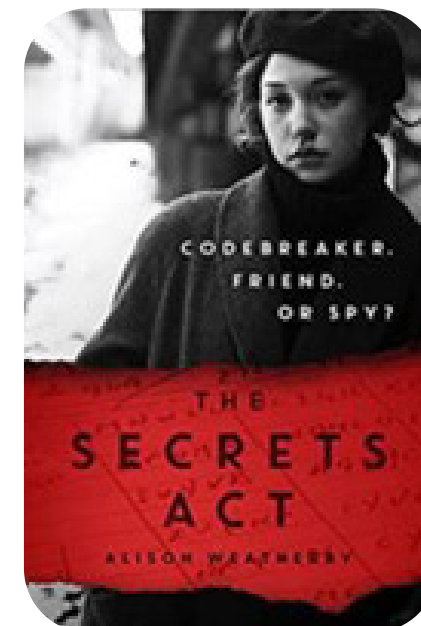
In 1960s Nigeria, Ugwu, a boy from a poor village, goes to work for Odenigbo, a university professor and Olanna, a woman who has abandoned a life of privilege to live with him. Then Richard arrives, a writer, who falls in love with Olanna's sister Kainene. But when the horror of war engulfs the nation their lives pull apart.



Enigma Game

Elizabeth Wein:

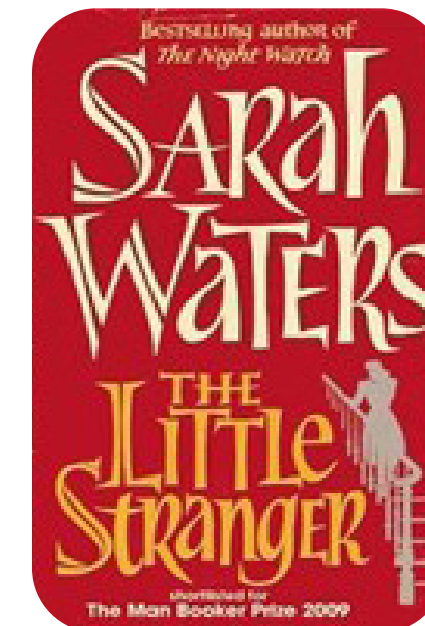
Windyedge Airfield, Scotland. World War II. Louisa Adair, newly orphaned and shunned for her mixed-race heritage, has come here to the edge of the world to look after an old lady with a dark past. Jamie Beaufort-Stuart is a flight lieutenant whose squadron is posted to the airfield over winter. Ellen McEwan is a young woman held hostage by the German pilot who lands at Windyedge one wild stormy night carrying a terrible secret. Three young people desperate to make a difference in a war that has decimated their families, friends and country.



The Secrets Act

Alison Weatherby:

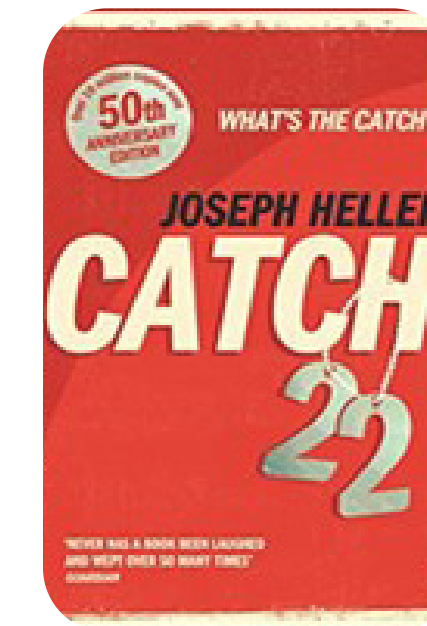
Wartime. Pearl and Ellen work at top-secret code-breaking HQ, Bletchley A messenger at sixteen, Pearl is untidy, lively, bright, and half in love with the wrong boy. Ellen is a codebreaker. Reserved, analytical and beautiful. She never expected to get close to a girl like Pearl – or fall for a chap like Dennis. But when tragedy strikes, their logical world is upended, with both friends caught in a spy plot that rocks the very heart of the war effort.



The Little Stranger

Sarah Waters:

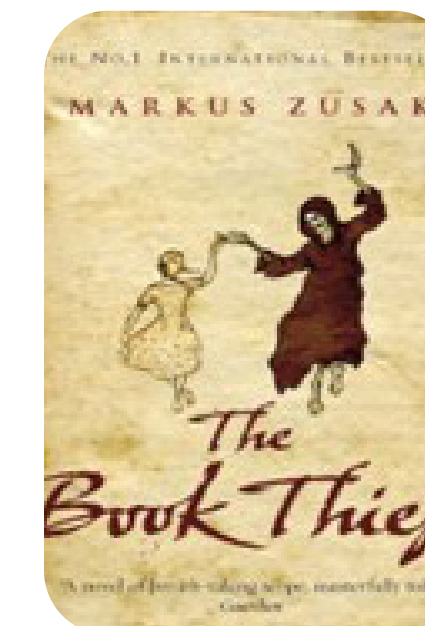
Post-war, a doctor is called to a patient at lonely Hundreds Hall. The Georgian house is now in decline, its gardens choked with weeds, its owners - mother, son and daughter - struggling to keep pace. But are the Ayreses haunted by a dying way of life or something more sinister?



Catch 22

Joseph Heller:

At the end of World War II, Yossarian is frantic because lots of people are trying to kill him, including his own army which keeps increasing the missions the men must fly to complete their service. If he makes attempts to excuse himself from the missions then he is caught in Catch-22: if he flies he is crazy, so doesn't have to; but if he doesn't want to he must be sane and has to. That's some catch...



The Book Thief

Markus Zusak:

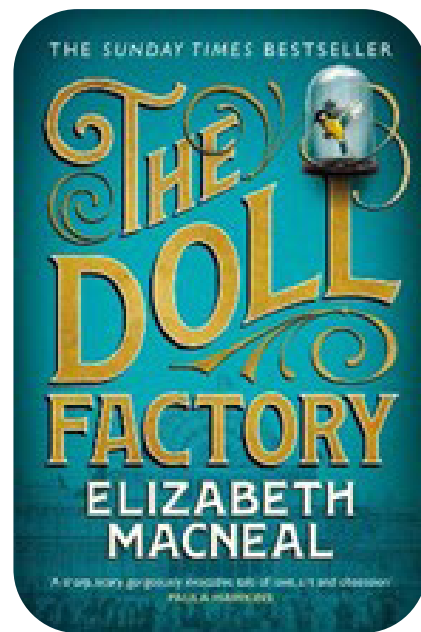
It is 1939. In Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier - and will get busier still. By her brother's grave, Liesel's life is changed when she finds a book, in the snow, The Gravedigger's Handbook. This is her first theft. Soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, wherever she can find books.

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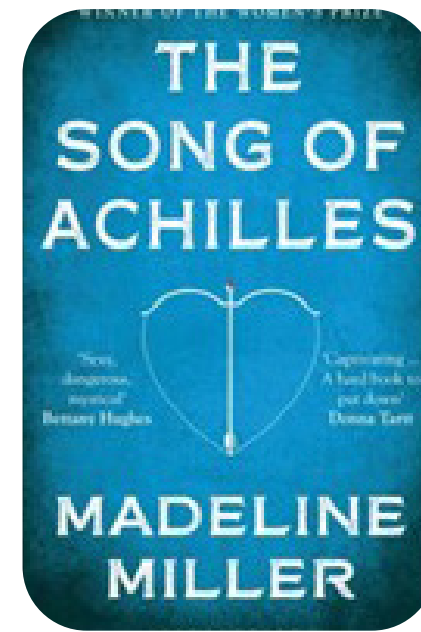


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The Doll Factory
Elizabeth MacNeal:

London. 1850. On a crowded street, the dollmaker Iris Whittle meets the artist Louis Frost. Louis is a painter who yearns to have his work displayed in the Royal Academy, and he is desperate for Iris to be his model. Iris agrees, on the condition that he teaches her to paint. Dreaming of freedom, Iris throws herself into a new life of art and love, unaware that she has caught the eye of a second man. Silas Reed is a curiosity collector, enchanted by the strange and beautiful.



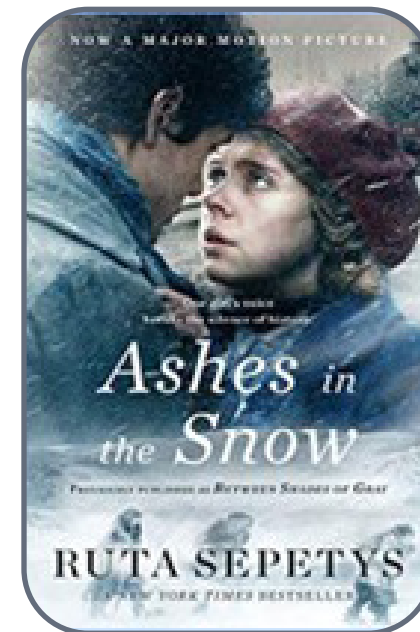
The Song of Achilles
Madeline Miller:

Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to the court of King Peleus and his perfect son Achilles. Despite their differences, Achilles befriends the shamed prince, and as they grow into young men skilled in the arts of war and medicine, their bond blossoms into something deeper - despite the displeasure of Achilles's mother Thetis, a cruel sea goddess. But when word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, Achilles must go to war in distant Troy.



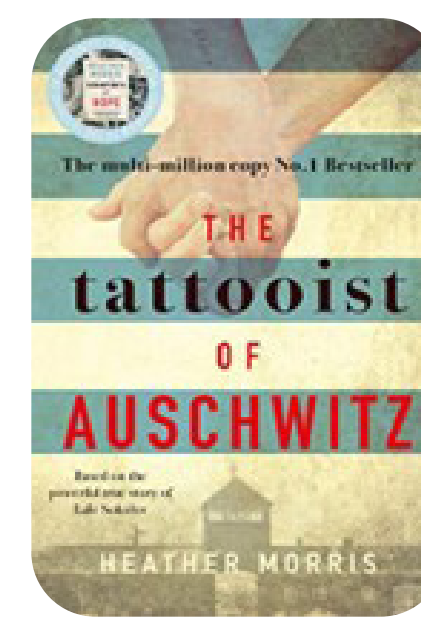
Diary of a Young Girl
Anne Frank:

In July 1942, thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes in her diary the frustrations of living in such close quarters, and her thoughts, feelings and longings as she grows up.



Ashes in the Snow
Ruta Sepetys:

Fifteen-year-old Lina is a Lithuanian girl living an ordinary life -- until Soviet officers invade her home and tear her family apart. Separated from her father and forced onto a crowded train, Lina, her mother, and her young brother make their way to a Siberian work camp, where they are forced to fight for their lives.



The Tattooist of Auschwitz
Heather Morris:

I tattooed a number on her arm. She tattooed her name on my heart. In 1942, Lale arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau and was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms to create what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust. Waiting in line to be tattooed, was a young girl. For Lale it was love at first sight.

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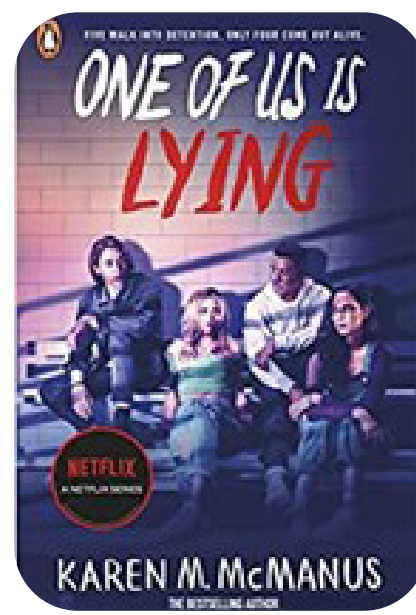


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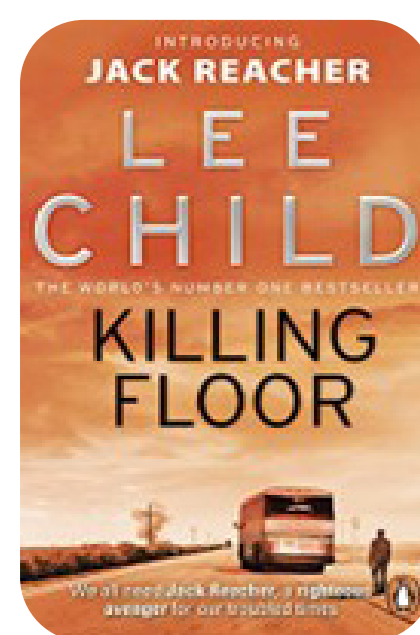
I Know You Did it
Sue Wallman:

Ruby finds a note in her locker saying "I KNOW YOU DID IT". She's terrified that someone has found out she caused the death of Hannah when they were toddlers - a secret that has haunted her. When first one, then two students are found dead, it looks like Ruby is being framed by another killer.



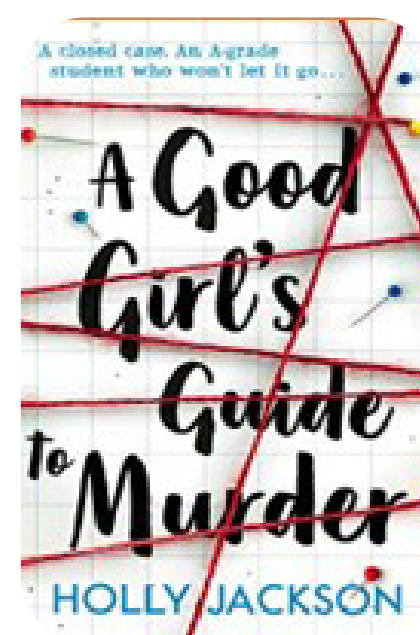
One of Us is Lying
Karen McManus:

Five students walk into detention. Only four come out alive. Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond. Bad boy Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again.



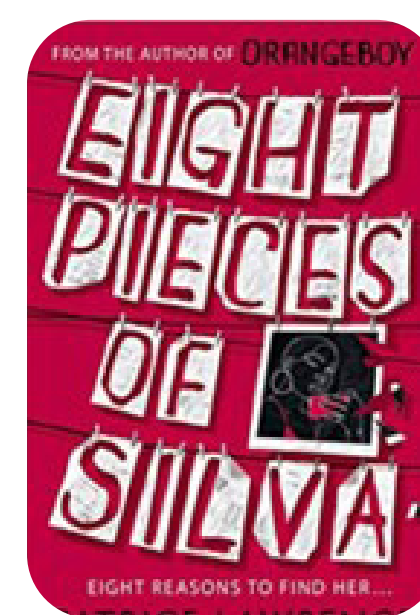
Killing Floor
Lee Child:

Jack Reacher jumps off a bus and walks into Mar-grave, Georgia. He is the only stranger in town when they have their first homicide in thirty years. The police chief says he is an eyewitness and arrests him. Secrets leak out, and the body count mounts.



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
Holly Jackson:

Five years ago, school-girl Andie was murdered by Sal Singh. Everyone knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the murder for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth ...?



Eight Pieces of Silva
Patrice Lawrence:

Patrice Lawrence: Eight Pieces of Silva Becks is into girls but didn't come out because she was never in. She lives with her mum, stepdad and eighteen-year-old Silva, her stepdad's daughter. Becks and Silva are opposites, but bond over their mutual obsession with K-pop. When Becks' mum and step-dad go on honeymoon to Japan, Becks and Silva are left alone. Except, Silva disappears.



They're Watching You
Chelsea Ichaso:

It's been two weeks since Polly St. James went missing. The police, the head-mistress of Torrey-Wells Academy, and even her parents have ruled her a runaway. But not Maren, her best friend and roommate. She knows Polly had a secret that she was about to share with Maren before she disappeared-something to do with the elite, ultra-rich crowd at Torrey-Wells.



Win Lose Kill Die
Cynthia Murphy:

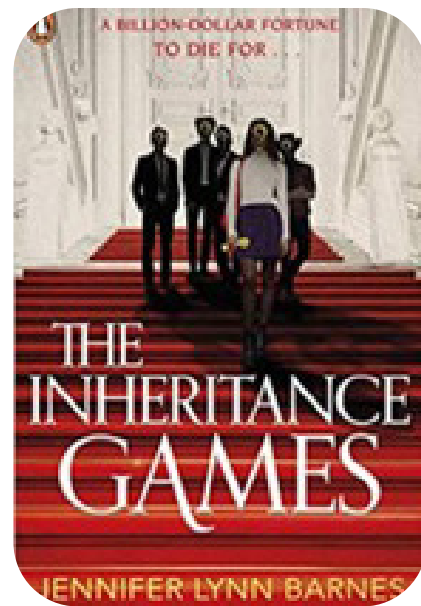
The students at Morton Academy are high-achievers, selected based on academic excellence. So when a series of murders target the school's brightest and best, the pressure is on. Someone is determined to stop at nothing to clear their path to the top. But who is it? And can they be stopped?

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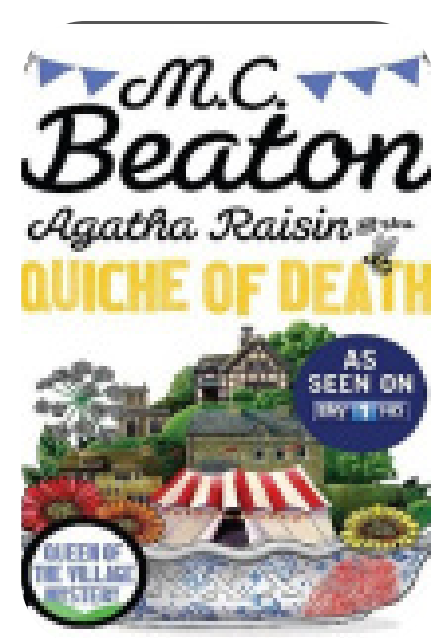
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The Inheritance Games

Jennifer Lynn Barnes:

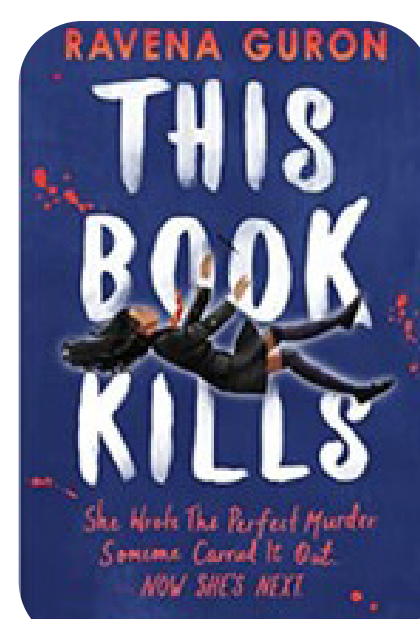
Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why. They had everything. Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money.



Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death

M.C. Beaton:

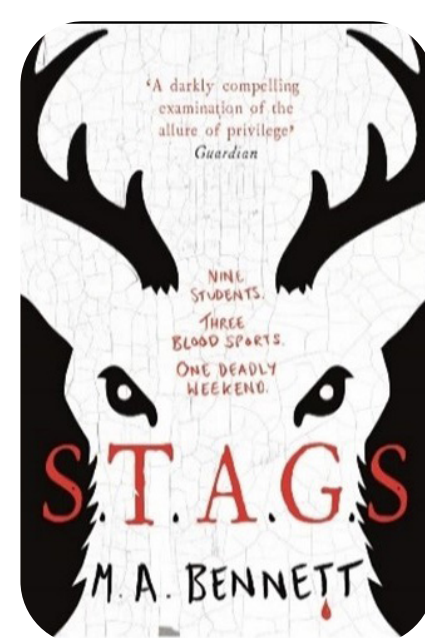
Agatha has decided to take early retirement and make a new life in a Cotswold village. Entering the quiche-making competition, she secretly visits a London deli. But the judge succumbs after tasting her quiche, and she is revealed as a cheat and potential poisoner.



This Book Kills

Ravena Guron:

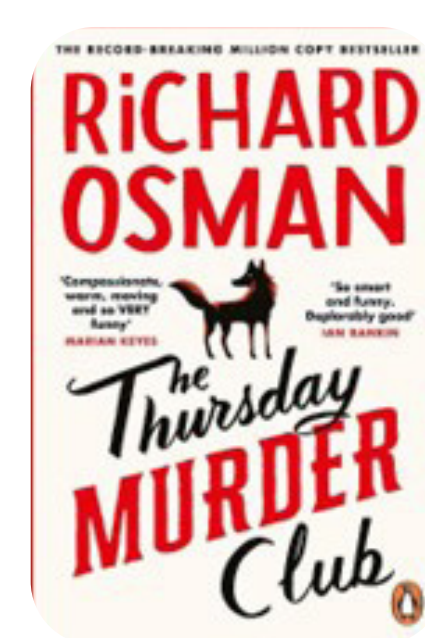
When Hugh Henry Van Boren, one of the most popular and richest kids in Jess Choudhary's school, is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be... Jess, a student under strict instructions to keep her record clean or risk losing her scholarship, finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story she wrote.



S.T.A.G.S. Series

M.A. Bennett:

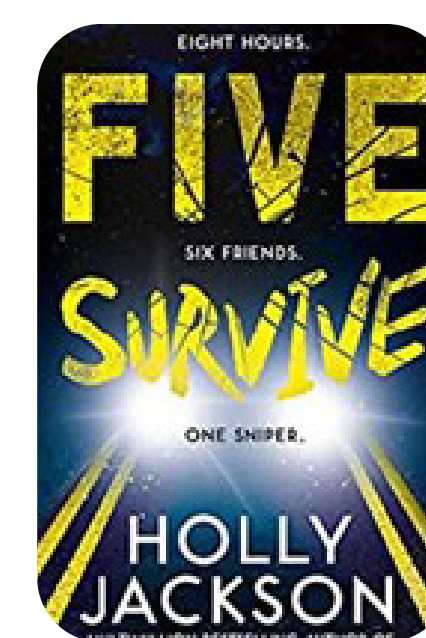
Nine students. One deadly weekend. Greer is trying to settle into the sixth form at the exclusive St. Aidan boarding school. Then she receives an invitation "huntin' shootin' fishin'". The invitation is to spend the weekend at the manor of Henry de Warlen-court; the most popular boy at S.T.A.G.S.



The Thursday Murder Club

Richard Osman:

In a retirement village, four friends meet up once a week to investigate murders. When a brutal killing takes place on their doorstep, they find themselves in the middle of their first live case. The Thursday Murder Club might be almost eighty, but they still have a few tricks left. Can they catch the killer before it's too late?



Five Survive

Holly Jackson:

Eighteen year old Red and her friends are on a road trip in an RV, heading to the beach for Spring Break. It's a long drive but spirits are high. Until the RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere. And as the wheels are shot out, one by one, the friends realise that this is no accident. There's a sniper out there. He's watching them and he knows exactly who they are. One of the group has a secret that the sniper is willing to kill for.



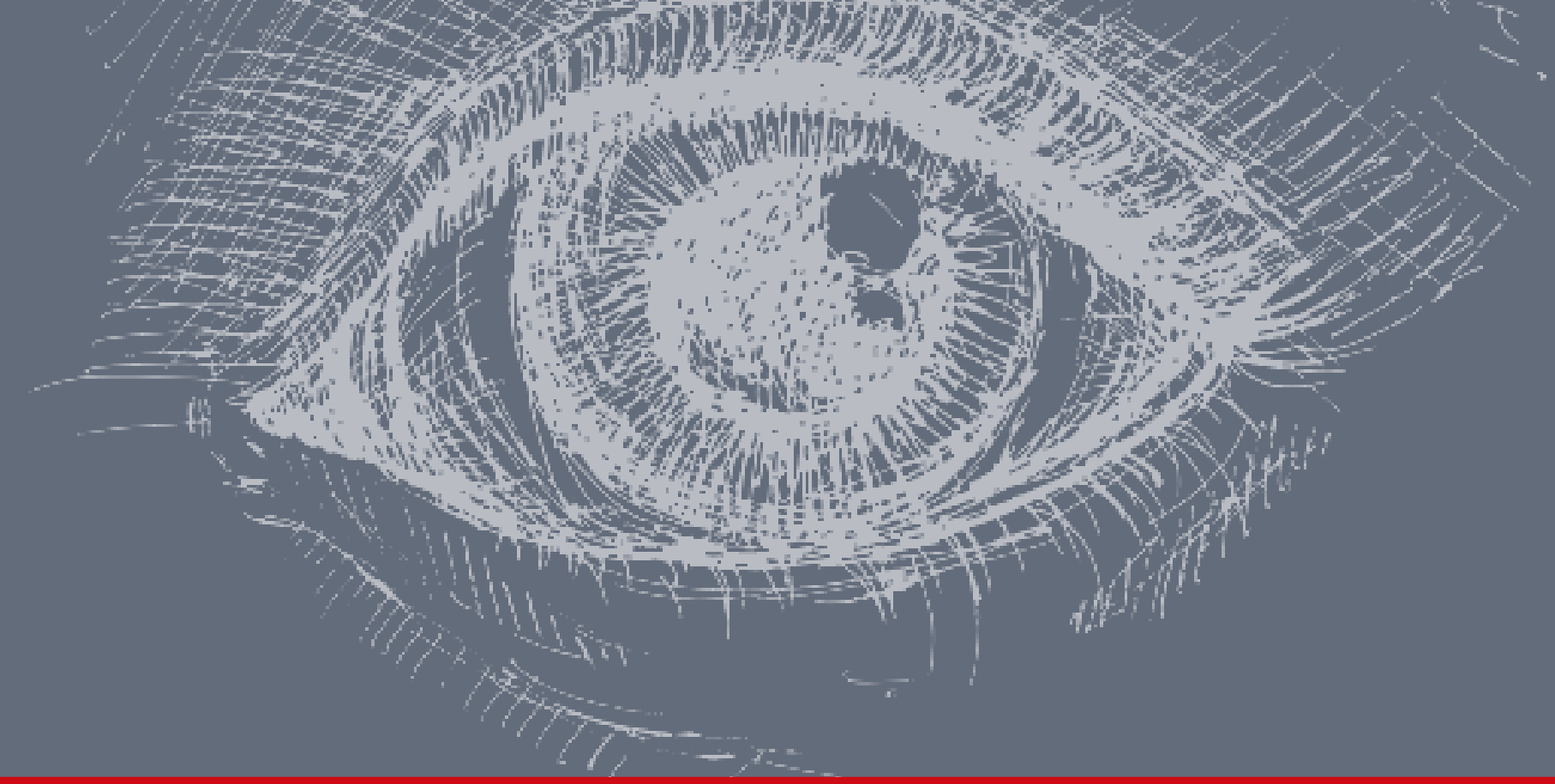
Murder on the Orient Express

Agatha Christie:

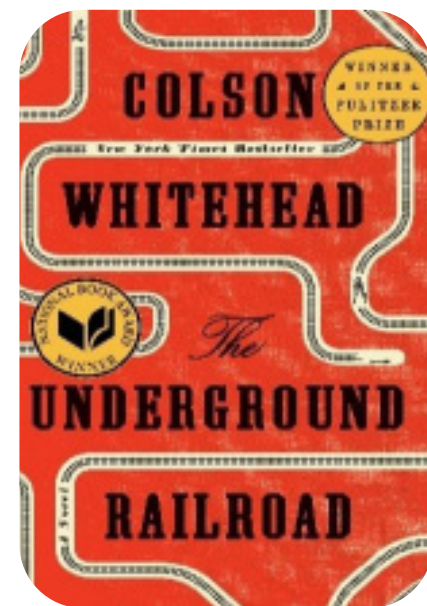
Just after midnight, a snow-drift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it has one passenger less. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer - in case he or she decides to strike again.

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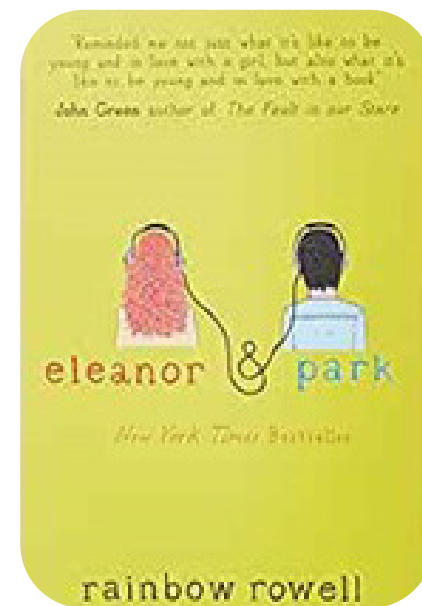
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The Underground Railroad

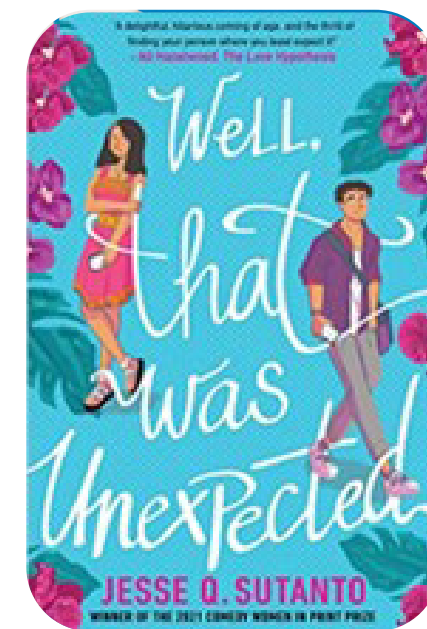
Colson Whitehead:

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. They lead a hellish existence, but Cora has it worse. She is an outcast and she is approaching womanhood, when even greater pain awaits. Caesar, a slave from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they take the perilous decision to escape to the North.



Eleanor and Park Rainbow Rowell:

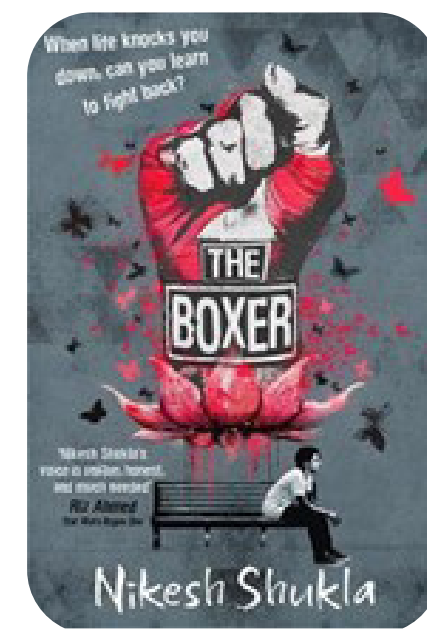
Eleanor is the new girl in town, and she's never felt more alone. All mismatched clothes, mad red hair and chaotic home life, she couldn't stick out more if she tried. Then she takes the seat on the bus next to Park. Quiet, careful and - in Eleanor's eyes - impossibly cool, Park's worked out that flying under the radar is the best way to get by. Slowly, steadily, through late-night conversations and an ever-growing stack of mix tapes, Eleanor and Park fall in love. They fall in love the way you do the first time, when you're 16, and you have nothing and everything to lose.



Well That was Unexpected

Jesse Q Sutanto:

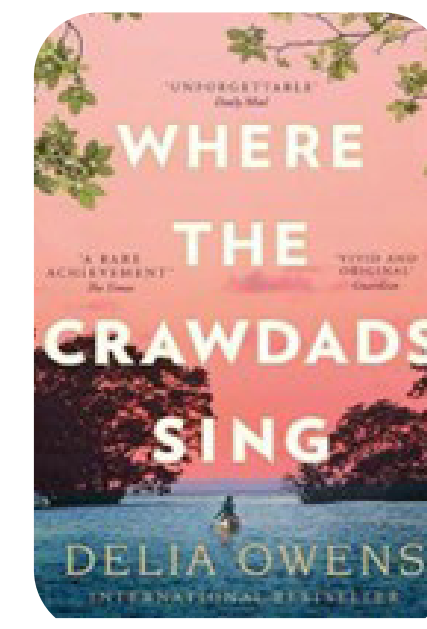
A laugh-out-loud YA rom-com about a girl who's whisked from LA to her mother's native Indonesia to get back to her roots and finds herself fake-dating the son of one of the wealthiest families there...



The Boxer

Nikesh Shukla:

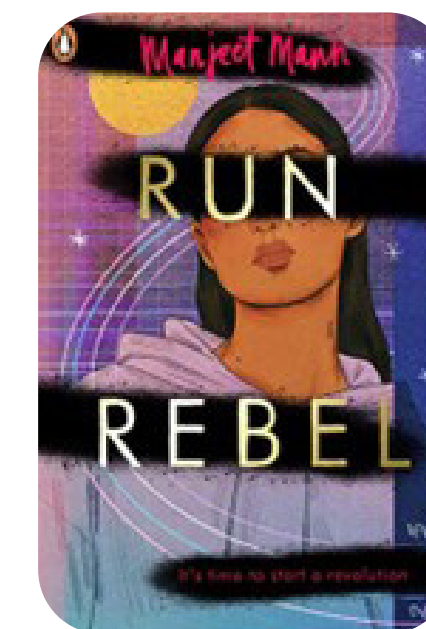
Told over the course of the ten rounds of his first fight, this is the story of amateur boxer Sunny. He feels isolated and disconnected in the city so Sunny joins a boxing club to learn to protect himself after a racist attack. He finds a mentor in trainer Shobu, who helps him find his place in the world. But racial tensions are rising in the city.



Where the Crawdad's Sing

Delia Owens:

Rumours of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, on the North Carolina coast. In 1969, when Chase is found dead, the locals suspect Kya, the Marsh Girl. But Kya has survived alone in the marsh. When two young men from town notice her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life.



Run Rebel

Manjeet Mann:

I am restless, my feet need to fly. Amber is trapped - by her father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. Now she's ready to fight - for her mother, for her sister, for herself. Freedom always comes at a price.



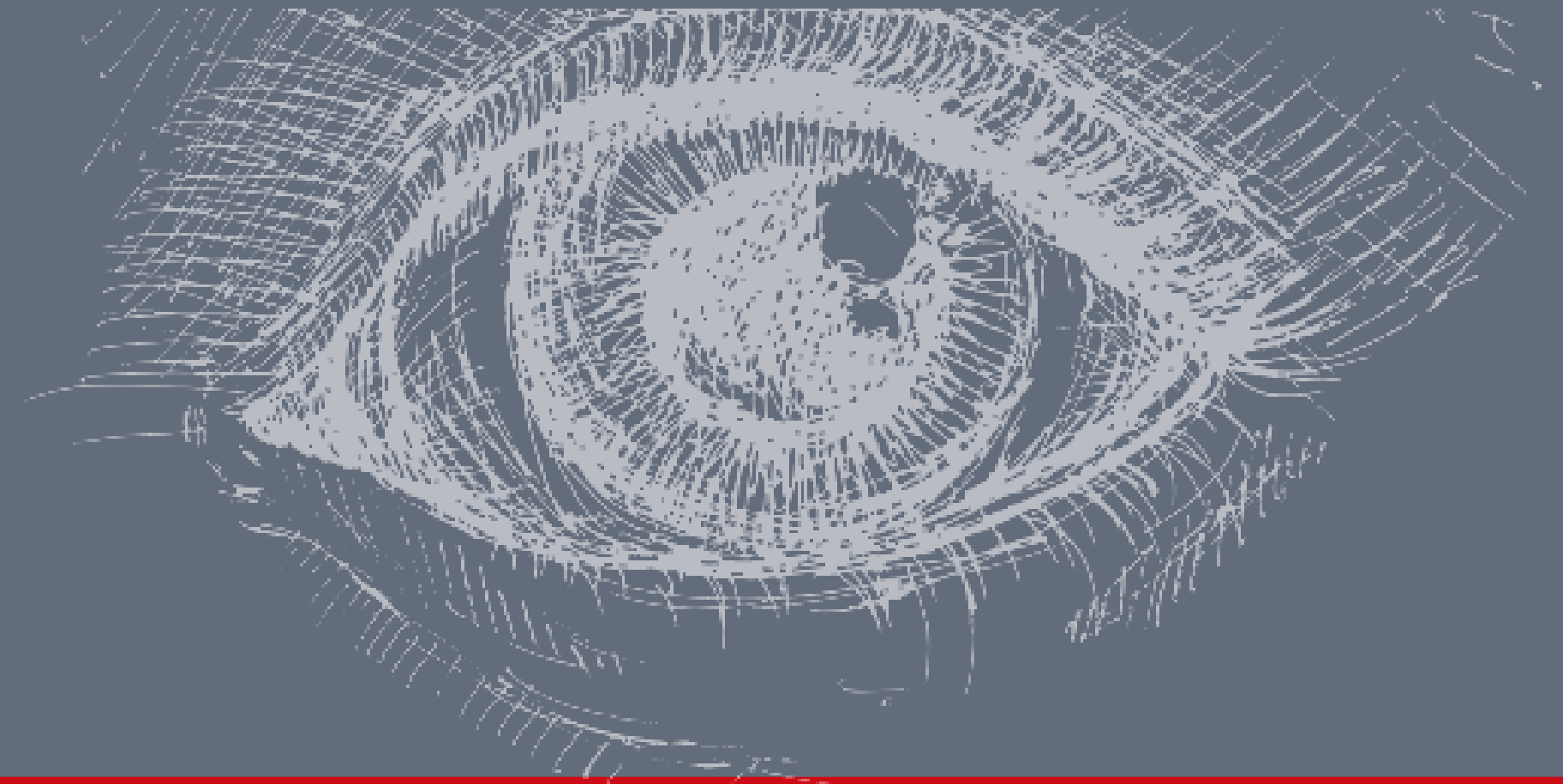
Parachutes

Kelly Yang:

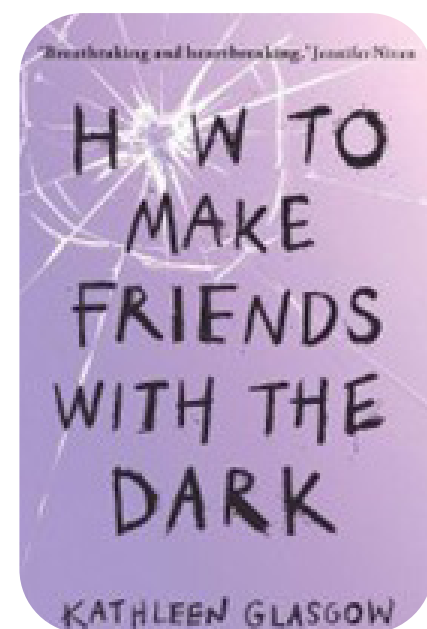
They're called parachutes: teenagers dropped off in private homes to study in the U.S.A. while their wealthy parents remain in Asia. Claire finds herself living in a stranger's house, with no one to tell her what to do for the first time in her life. She soon embraces her new-found freedom, especially when the most Jay, asks her out.

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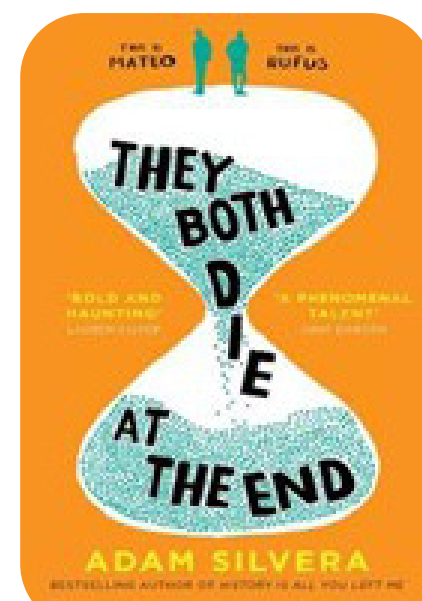


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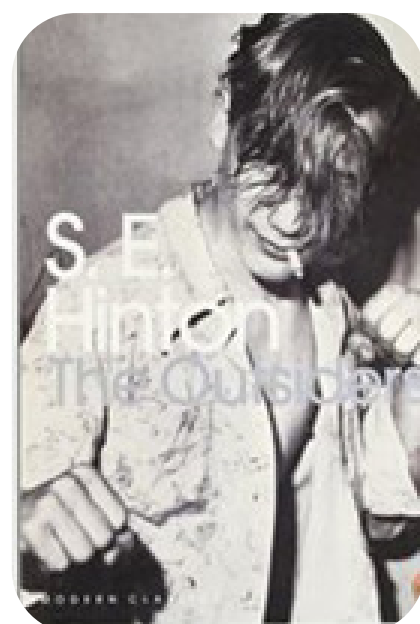
How to Make Friends With The Dark
Kathleen Glasgow:

I thought I was done with death, at least a little bit, but death wasn't done with me. It's always been Tiger and her mother against the world. Then, on a day like any other, Tiger's mother dies. Now it's Tiger, alone. And she must learn to make friends with the dark.



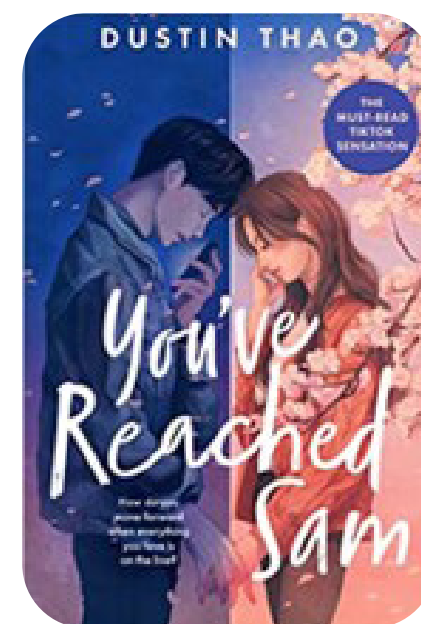
They Both Die at the End
Adam Silvera:

Death-Cast calls Mateo and Rufus with bad news: they're going to die today. Total strangers, they're both want to make a new friend on their End Day. There's an app for that - called the Last Friend, and Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last adventure - to live a lifetime in a single day.



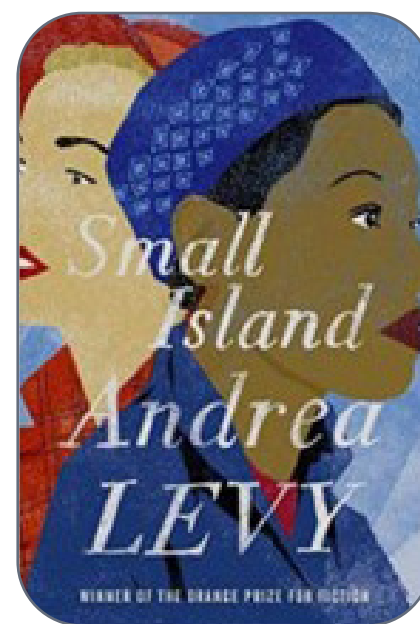
The Outsiders
S.E. Hinton:

Teenagers in a small Oklahoma town have split into two gangs, divided by money, tastes and attitude. The Socs' idea of having a good time is beating up Greasers like Ponyboy Curtis. Ponyboy knows what to expect and knows he can count on his brothers and friends - until the night someone takes things too far, and life is changed forever.



You've Reached Sam
Dustin Thao:

Seventeen-year-old Julie has her future all planned out: move out of her small town with her boyfriend Sam, attend college in the city, spend a summer in Japan. But then Sam dies. And everything changes. Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls Sam's phone just to listen to his voicemail. And Sam picks up the phone . . . What would you do if you had a second chance at goodbye?



Small Island
Andrea Levy:

It is 1948, and England is recovering from a war. But at 21 Nevern Street, London, the conflict has only just begun. Queenie Bligh's neighbours don't approve when she agrees to take in Jamaican lodgers, but with her husband, Bernard, not back from the war, she has little choice in the matter. Gilbert Joseph was one of the many Jamaican men who joined the RAF to fight Hitler. But when he returns to England as a civilian he doesn't receive the welcome he was expecting.



Great Expectations
Charles Dickens:

Humble, orphaned Pip is apprenticed to work in the forge but dreams of being a gentleman. One day, he finds himself with "great expectations." In this tale of crime and guilt, revenge and reward, the characters include Magwitch, the fearsome convict; Estella, beautiful but haughty; and the jilted bride.

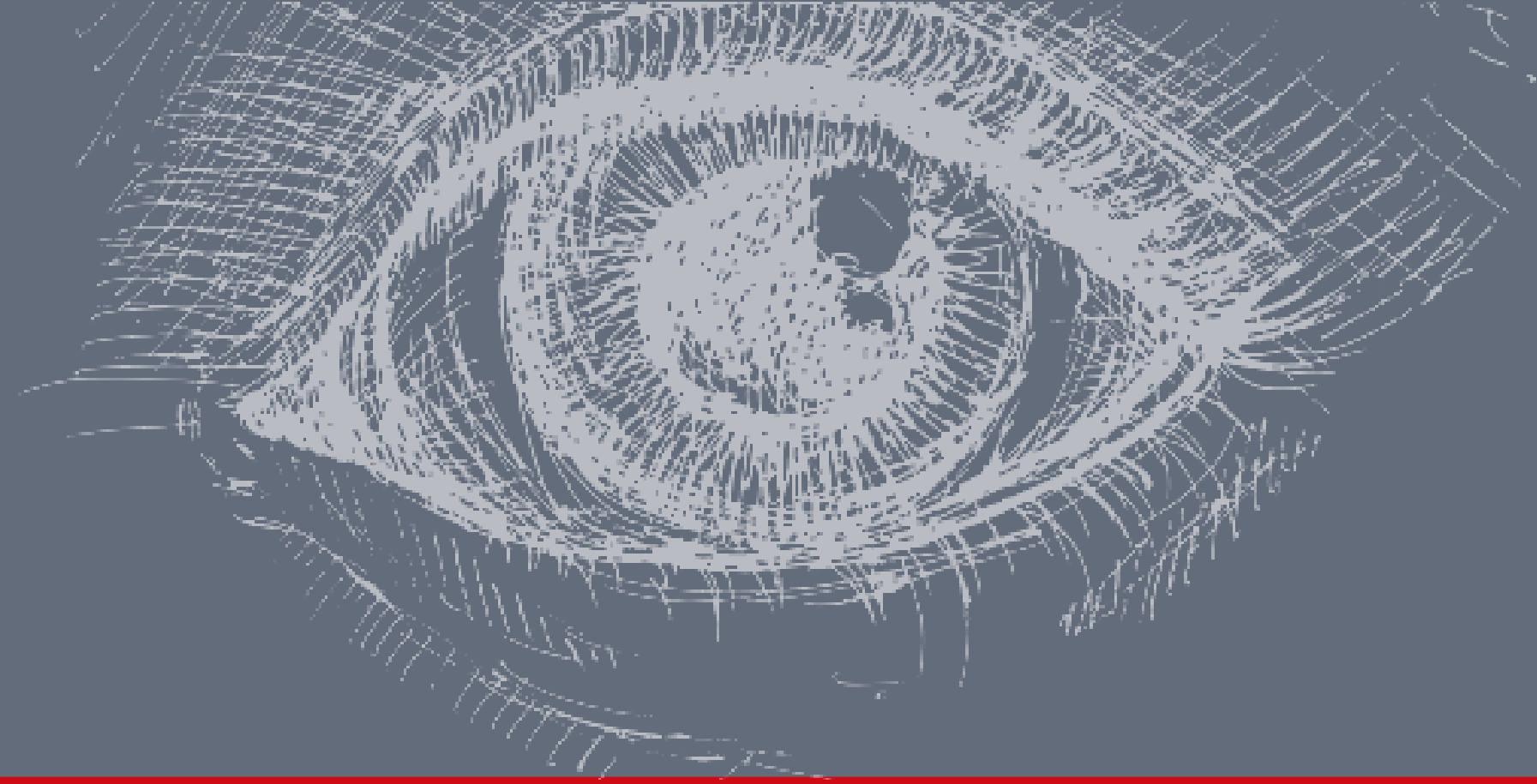


All American Boys
Jason Reynolds:

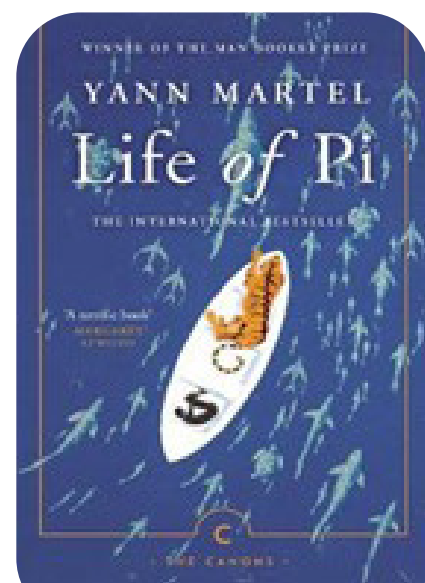
A bag of chips. That's all sixteen-year-old Rashad is looking for. What he finds instead is a fist-happy cop, Paul, who mistakes Rashad for a shoplifter, mistakes Rashad's pleadings that he's stolen nothing for beligerence, mistakes Rashad's every flinch at every punch the cop throws as further resistance and refusal to STAY STILL as ordered. But how can you stay still when someone is pounding your face into the pavement?

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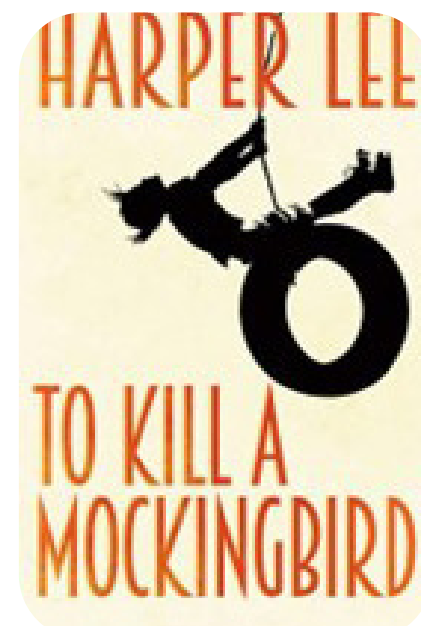
Life of Pi
Yann Martel:

After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains in the Pacific. The only survivors 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. The scene is set for one of the strangest and best-loved stories.



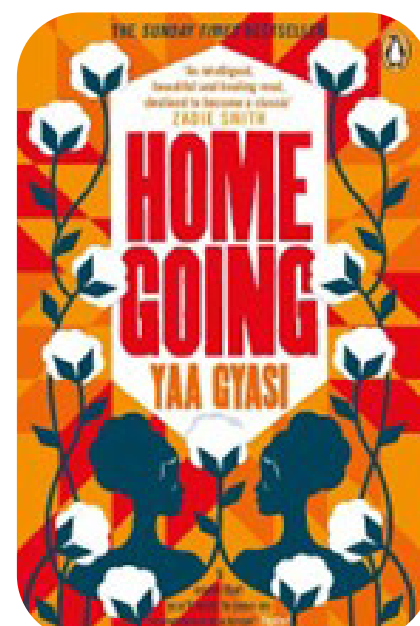
Rebecca
Daphne du Maurier:

Working as a lady's companion, the orphaned heroine, Rebecca learns her place, until, she meets Maxim, whose proposal of marriage takes her by surprise. Whisked to his brooding estate, Manderley, on the Cornish Coast, the new Mrs de Winter finds Max a changed man. And the memory of his dead wife Rebecca is forever kept alive by the forbidding Mrs Danvers . . .



To Kill a Mockingbird
Harper Lee:

A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel - a black man falsely charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s.



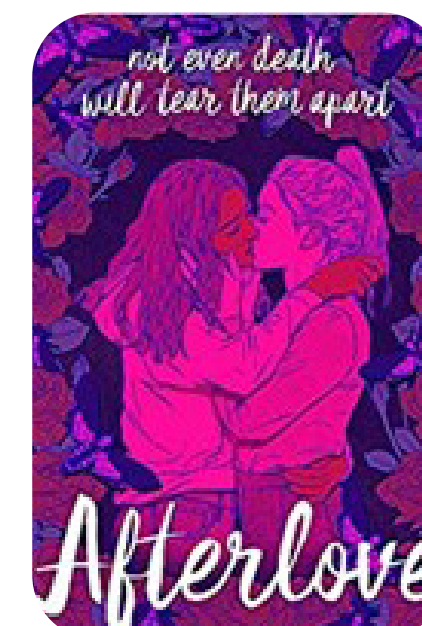
Homegoing
Yaa Gyasi:

Effia and Esi: two sisters with two very different destinies. One sold into slavery; one a slave trader's wife. The consequences of their fate reverberate through the generations that follow. As each chapter offers up a new descendant, alternating between Effia's and Esi's bloodline right up to the present day, a chasm of experience and the differing legacies of chance are brought starkly to light.



Clap When you Land
Elizabeth Acevedo:

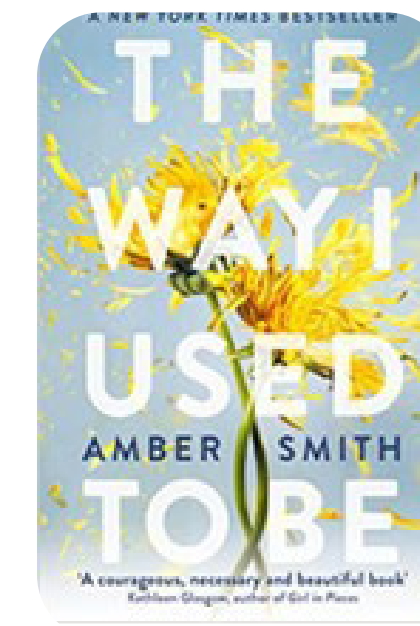
Camino lives for the summers when her father visits the Dominican Republic. But when his plane should land, she arrives at the airport to bad news. In New York, Yahaira is told that her father, has died in a plane crash. Separated by distance - and Papi's secrets - the girls must face a reality in which their father is dead and their lives changed forever.



Afterlove
Tanya Byrne:

This New Year's Eve, Ash gets an invitation from the afterlife she can't decline: to join a clan of fierce girl reapers who take the souls of the city's dead to await their fate.

But Ash can't forget her first love, Poppy, and she will do anything to see her again ... even if it means they only get a few more days together. Dead or alive ...

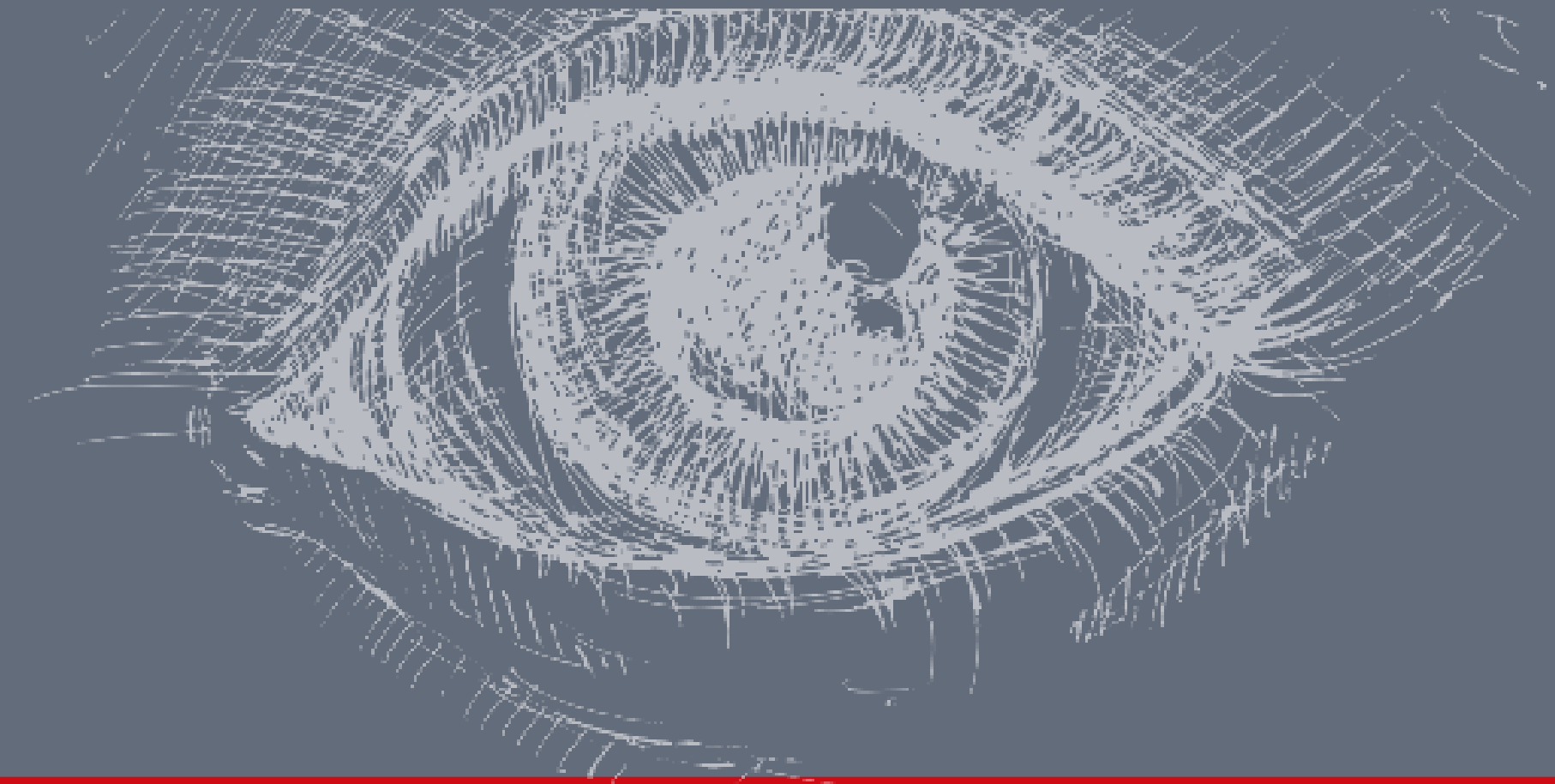


The Way I Used to Be
Amber Smith:

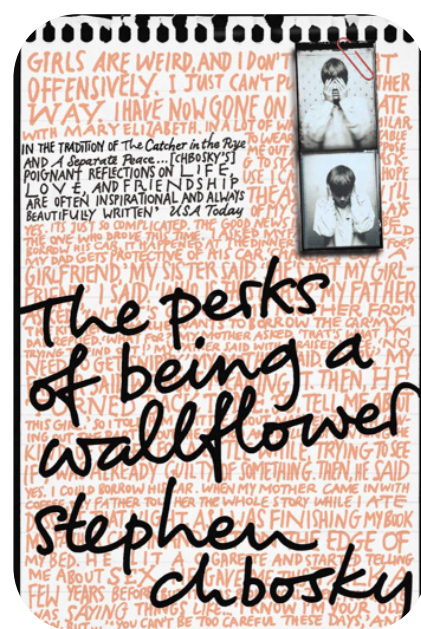
All Eden wants is to rewind the clock. To live that day again. She would do everything differently. Not laugh at his jokes or ignore the way he was looking at her that night. And she would definitely lock her bedroom door. But Eden can't turn back time. So she buries the truth, along with the girl she used to be. She pretends she doesn't need friends, doesn't need love, doesn't need justice.

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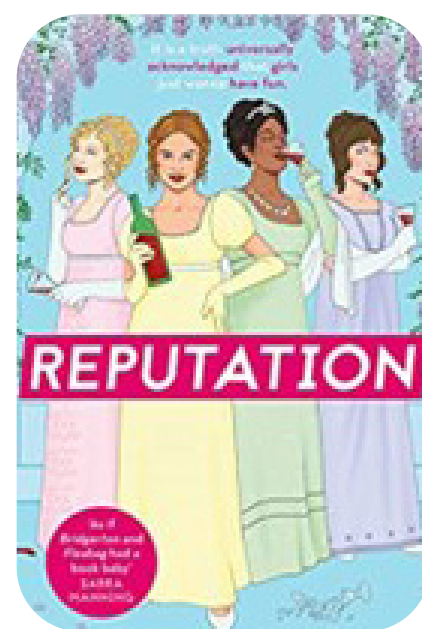
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The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky:

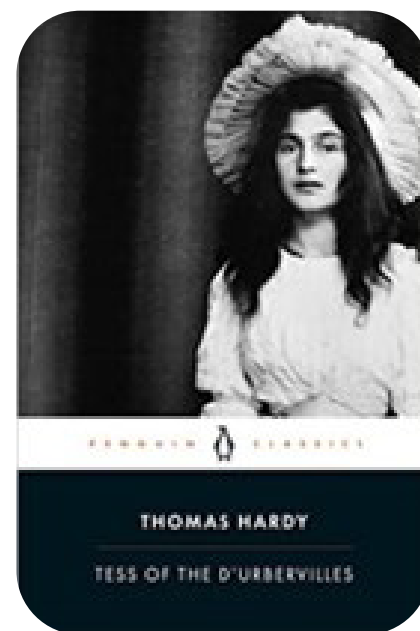
Charlie is trying to navigate high school, a world of first dates and mixed tapes, family dramas and new friends. When all one needs to feel infinite is that perfect song. He has a unique perspective of the world around him, but it's time to see what it looks like from the dance floor and stop being a wallflower.



Reputation

Lex Croucher:

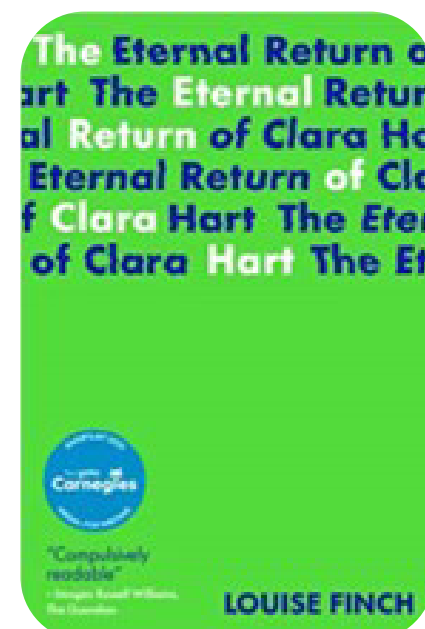
Abandoned by her parents in favour of a sea view, middle class Georgiana Ellers has moved to a new town to live with her dreary aunt and uncle. At a particularly dull dinner party, she meets the enigmatic Frances Campbell, a wealthy socialite and enchanting member of the in-crowd. Through Frances and her friends, Georgiana is introduced to a new world of wild parties, drunken debauchery, mysterious young men with strangely alluring hands, and the sparkling upper echelons of Regency society



Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Thomas Hardy:

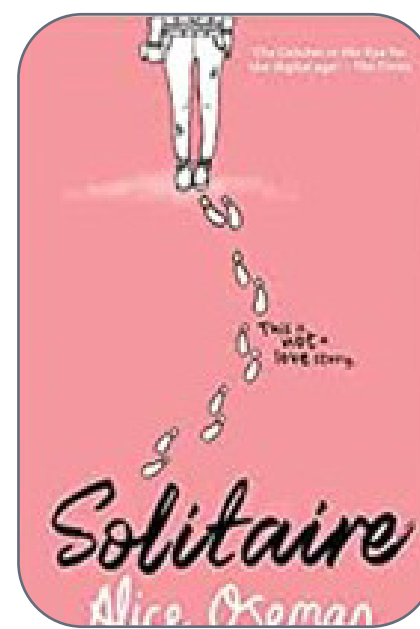
When Tess Durbeyfield, is driven by family poverty to claim kinship with the wealthy D'Urbervilles, meeting her 'cousin' Alec proves to be her downfall. A very different man, Angel Clare, seems to offer her love and salvation, but Tess must choose whether to reveal her past or remain silent in the hope of a peaceful future.



The Eternal Return of Clara Hart

Louise Finch:

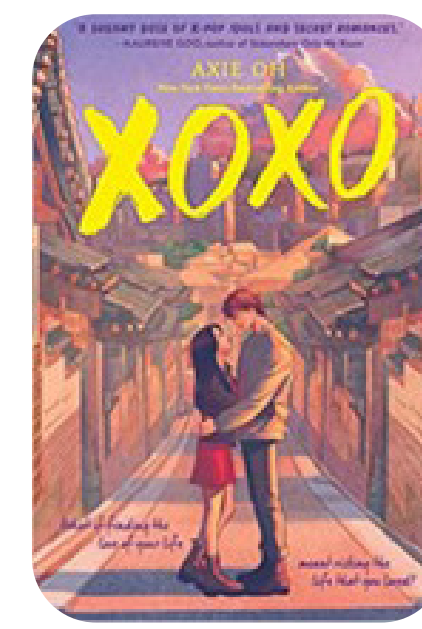
Spence and Anthony have been friends for years, but it's only when he witnesses a classmate die in what looks like a tragic accident at a house party that a flicker in the fabric of time helps Spence 'see' Anthony for the first time. When Spence wakes up to the same day again and sees Clara, the girl who died, alive and well, it's clear he's been granted a second chance. And a third. And a fourth...



Solitaire

Alice Osman:

My name is Tori Spring. I love to sleep and blog. Last year — first with Charlie and before I had to deal with the harsh reality of A-levels and college questions and the fact that I actually have to start talking to people one day — I had friends. Things were very different I think, but it's all over now. Now there is the loner. And Michael Holden. I don't know what the loners are trying to do, and I don't care about Michael Holden. I really don't.



XOXO

Axie Oh:

Jenny didn't get to be an award-winning, classically trained cellist without choosing practice over fun. That is, until the night she meets Jaewoo. Mysterious, handsome, and just a little bit tormented, Jaewoo is exactly the kind of distraction Jenny would normally avoid. And yet, she finds herself pulled into spending an unforgettable evening wandering Los Angeles with him on the night before his flight home to South Korea.



The Hate You Give

Angie Thomas:

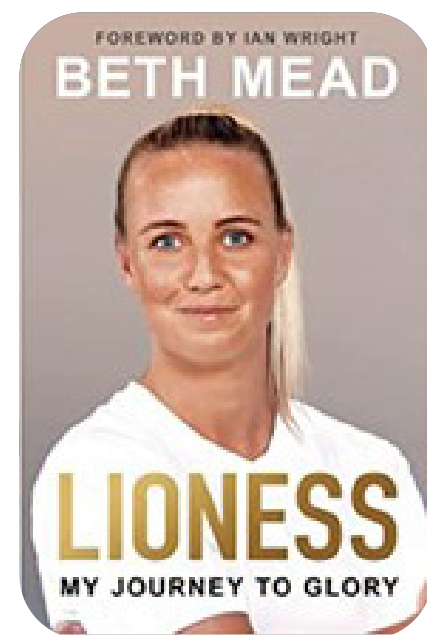
Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.

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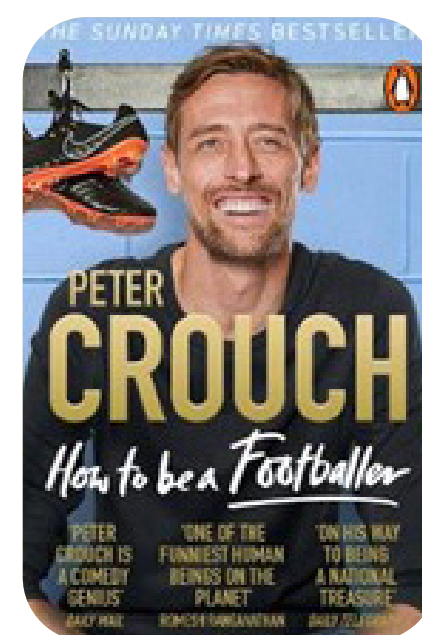
Lioness
Beth Mead:

From being placed in the local boys' team as a child because her mum wanted her to run off her boundless energy, to joining Middlesbrough FC's Centre of Excellence and making her professional debut at Sunderland, Beth and women's football have come a long way.



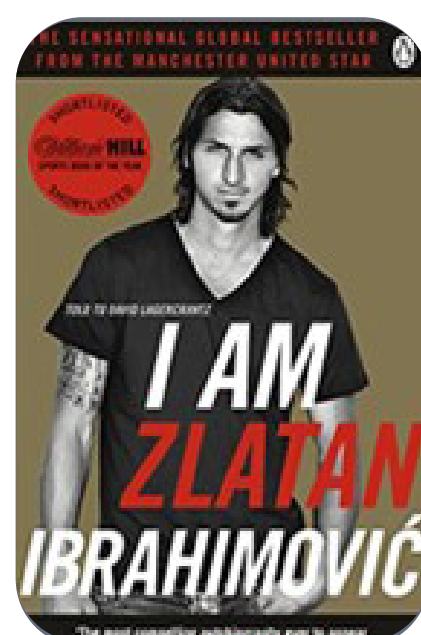
Becoming
Michelle Obama:

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address.



How to be a Footballer
Peter Crouch:

You become a footballer because you love football. When you are a footballer, you're suddenly in the strangest, most baffling world. A world where one team-mate comes to training in a bright red suit with matching top-hat, cane and glasses, without any actual glass in them, and another has so many sports cars they forget they have left a Porsche at the train station.



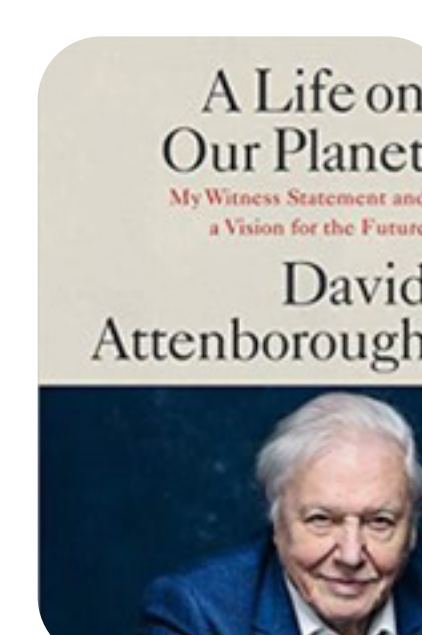
I Am Zlatan Ibrahimović
Zlatan Ibrahimović:

'Why be a Fiat when you can be a Ferrari?' Welcome to planet Zlatan. This is the story of how a Swedish immigrant rose from poverty to become a football genius. In his own inimitable style, Zlatan recalls every struggle, every goal, and every training ground bust-up on his journey to dominate the world's top clubs, including Barcelona, PSG and now Manchester United.



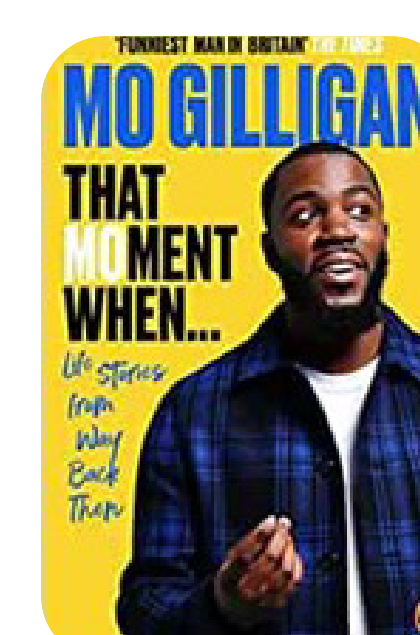
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Barack Obama:

Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world, describing in strikingly personal detail both his political education and the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency—a time of dramatic transformation and turmoil.



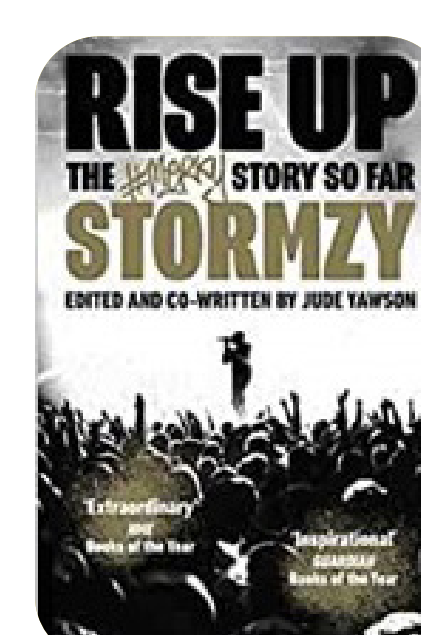
A Life on Our Planet
David Attenborough:

See the world. Then make it better. 'I am 94. I've had an extraordinary life. It's only now that I appreciate how extraordinary. As a young man, I felt I was out there in the wild, experiencing the untouched natural world - but it was an illusion. The tragedy of our time has been happening all around us, barely noticeable from day to day - the loss of our planet's wild places, its biodiversity.



That Moment When...
Mo Gilligan:

You might know Mo as the critically acclaimed stand-up comedian, BAFTA-winning presenter, Masked Singer judge and social media mega star. But do you know the moments that really made him? Opening up on the turning points, the good times, the challenges and the lessons learned, this is Mo as you've never seen him before.



Rise Up, The #Merky Story So Far
Stormzy:

In four years Stormzy has risen from one of the most promising musicians of his generation to a spokesperson for a generation. Rise Up is the story of how he got there. It's a story about faith and the ideas worth fighting for. It's about knowing where you're from, and where you're going. It's about following your dreams without compromising who you are.