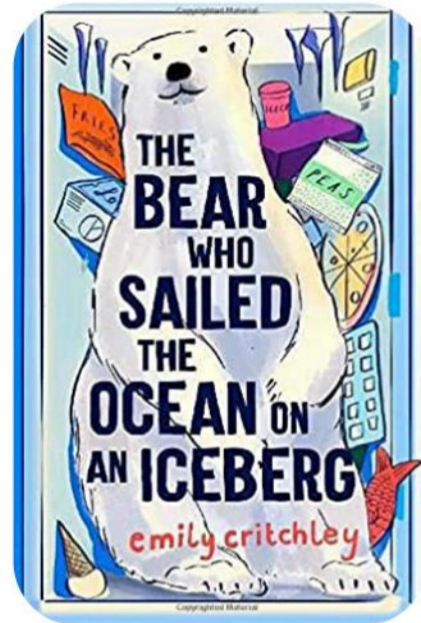


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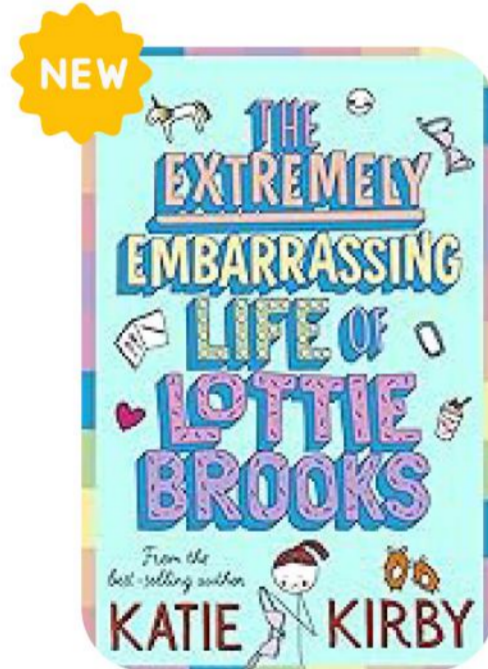
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### HUMOUR - FUNNY STORIES



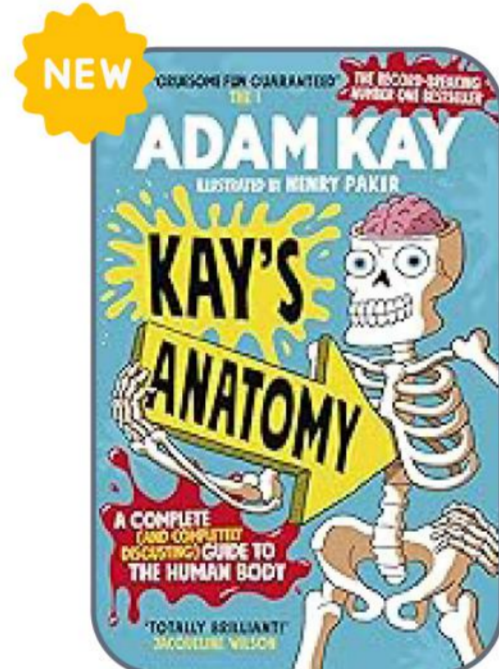
**The Bear Who Sailed the Ocean on an Iceberg**  
Emily Critchley:

Twelve-year-old Patrick finds Monty the talking polar bear in the freezer in his parents' garage. Patrick has enough going on at school at and home without a polar bear to look after. How will he continue to feed Monty when his pocket money only stretches to a few tins of sardines? And how to get Monty home to Greenland?



**The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks Series**  
Katie Kirby:

Lottie is about to start high school without any friends or glamorous swooshy hair. She might as well give up now and go into hibernation with her hamsters Sir Barnaby Squeakington and Fuzzball the Third! Lottie navigates the perils of growing up in this fantastically funny illustrated series filled with friendship, embarrassing moments and, of course, KitKat Chunkys.  
**Book#1**



**Kay's Anatomy**  
Adam Kay:

The human body is extraordinary and fascinating and, well . . . pretty weird. This book is going to tell you what's actually going on in there, and answer the really important questions, like: Are bogeys safe to eat?!



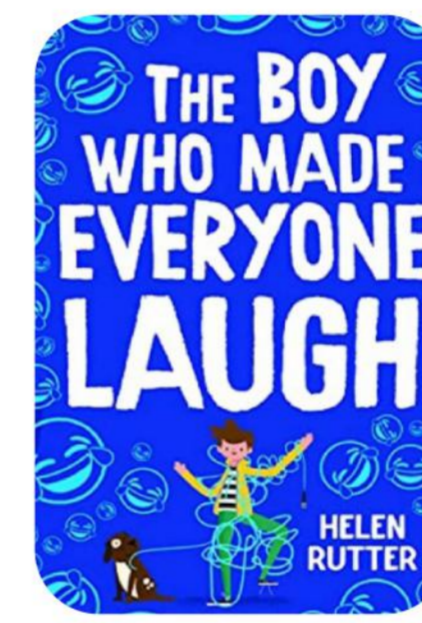
**Future Friends**  
David Baddiel:

The year is 3020. Pip@256X#YY.3\_7 is bored. She goes to virtual school using G-Glasses, she only has a talking cat and parrot to hang out with, and can't leave her Living Space due to extreme heat and floods. Then Pip explores a glowing ring in a lab and finds herself in 2019.



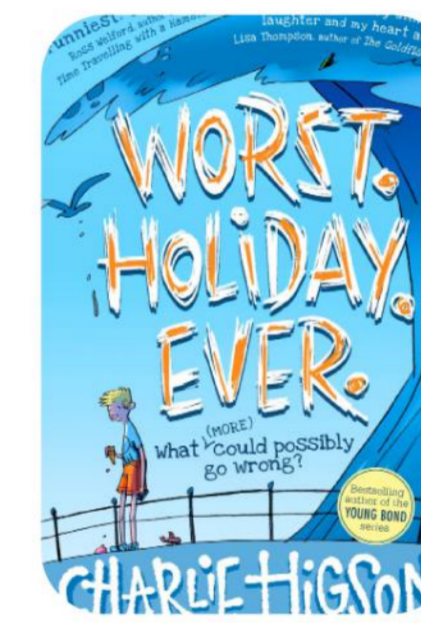
**Noah's Gold**  
Frank Cottrell-Boyce:

11-year old Noah sneaks along on his sister's geography trip but six kids are marooned on an island. They're hungry & their teacher vanishes. The phones and internet don't work. There's no way of contacting home.



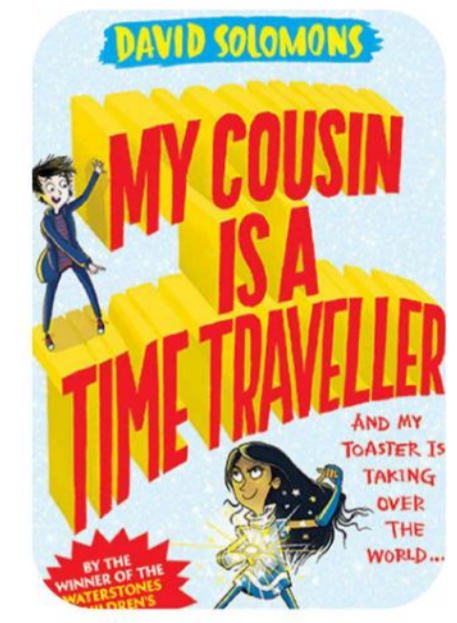
**The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh**  
Helen Rutter:

Billy is an 11-year-old boy with a big dream: to be a comedian, delivering pinpoint punchlines to audiences hanging on his every word. This seems impossible, as he has a stammer. How will he find his voice if his voice won't let him speak?



**Worst Holiday Ever**  
Charlie Higson:

Stan is going on holiday to Italy with his (fifth) best friend Felix and a load of strangers. Stan is absolutely terrified. Luckily, his mum's given him an emergency list that includes how to survive a shark attack, and what to do if he gets kidnapped.



**My Cousin is a Time Traveller**  
David Solomons:

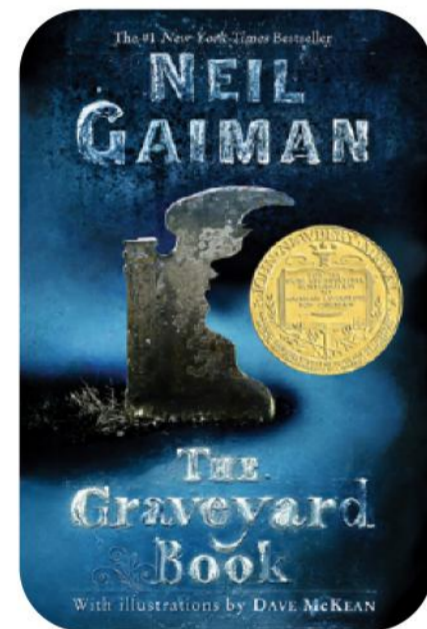
Luke learns that his cousin is a time traveller and she tells him that the machines are becoming intelligent and trying to take over the world. But Zack has decided to give up his superpowers and live as a normal teenage nerd. Luke must rise to the challenge yet again ...

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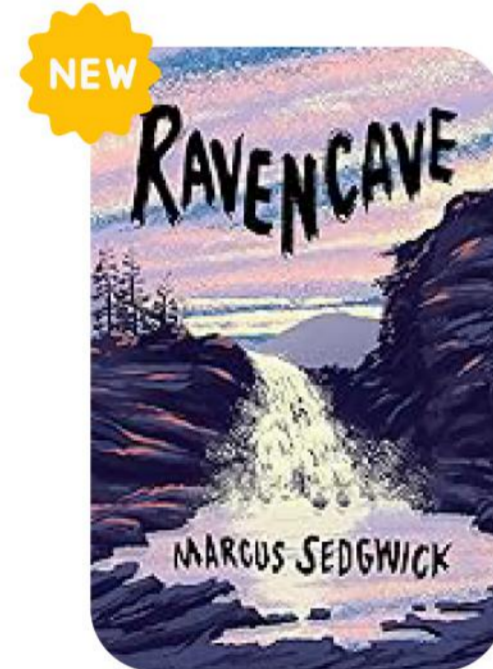


### HORROR - SCARY STORIES



**The Graveyard Book**  
*Neil Gaiman:*

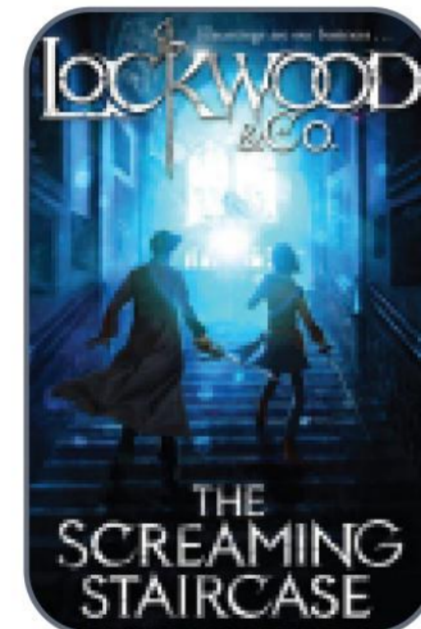
Nobody Owens is a perfectly normal boy. Well, he would be if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the world of the dead.



**Ravencave**  
*Marcus Sedgwick:*

While mucking about in the ruins of an old farm while on holiday in Yorkshire, James hears strange laughter echoing around the walls. The ghost of a young girl appears to him and urges James to follow her. But will he be able to face the terrible truth she reveals ...?

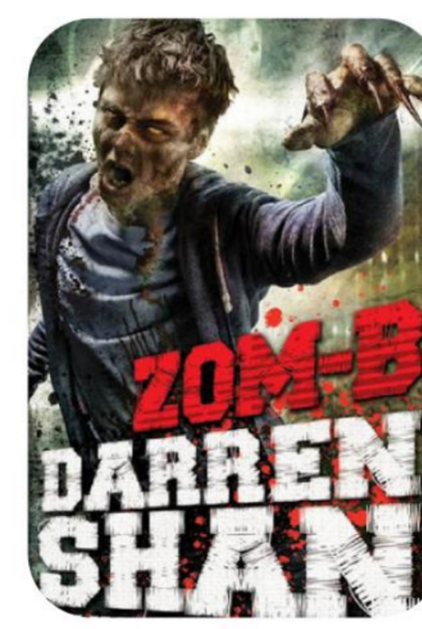
*Dyslexia-friendly*



**Lockwood & Co. Series**  
*Jonathan Stroud:*

Lucy Carlyle, a talented young agent, arrives in London hoping for a notable career. Instead she finds herself joining the smallest, most ramshackle ghost-finding agency in the city, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood.

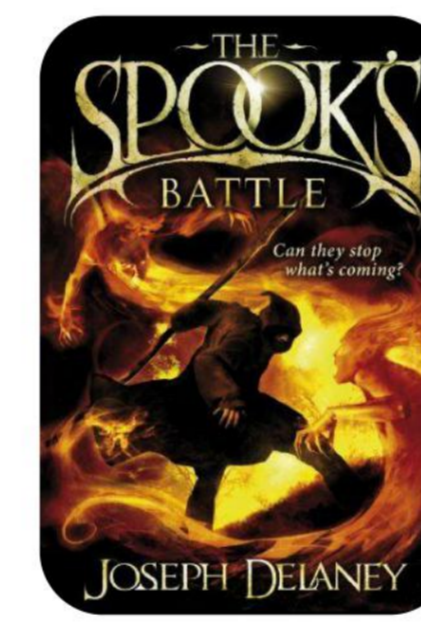
**Book #1**



**Zom-B Series**  
*Darren Shan:*

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

**Book #1**



**The Wardstone Chronicles**  
*Joseph Delaney:*

For years, the local Spook has been keeping the County safe from evil. Now his time is ending, but who will take over? Many apprentices have tried. Just one boy is left: Thomas Ward - the last hope. But does he stand a chance against Mother Malkin, the most dangerous witch in the County?

**Book #1**



**Power of Five Series**  
*Anthony Horowitz:*

Matt has unusual powers. Raised in foster care, he is sent to Yorkshire on a rehabilitation programme, only to find sinister goings-on. He uncovers a terrible secret – eight guardians are protecting the world from the Old Ones, beings banished long ago by five children. But devil worshippers want to let the Old Ones back in...

**Book #1**

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### HORROR - CONT. SCARY STORIES



#### **The Haunting of Aveline Jones**

*Phil Hickes:*

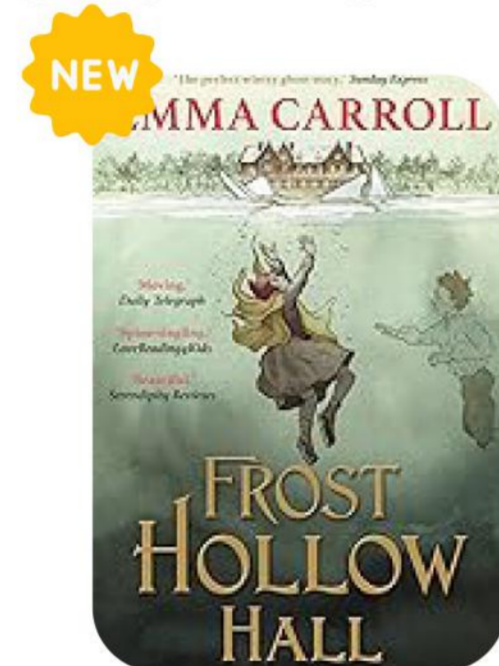
Aveline loves reading ghost stories, so a dreary half-term becomes much more exciting when she discovers a spooky old book. Not only are the stories spine-tingling, but it belonged to a girl called Primrose Penberthy, who vanished mysteriously, never to be seen again. Intrigued, Aveline decides to investigate Primrose's disappearance, with some help from her new friend, Harold. Now someone...or something, is stirring. And it is looking for Aveline



#### **Coraline**

*Neil Gaiman:*

There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's the other house - the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay for ever. If she ventures through that door, she may never come back.



#### **Frost Hollow Hall**

*Emma Carroll:*

Tilly's heart sinks. Will's at the door of their cottage, daring her to come ice-skating up at Frost Hollow Hall. No one goes near the place these days. Rumour has it that the house is haunted... Ten years ago the young heir, Kit Barrington, drowned there in the lake. But Tilly never turns down a dare...



#### **Read, Scream, Repeat**

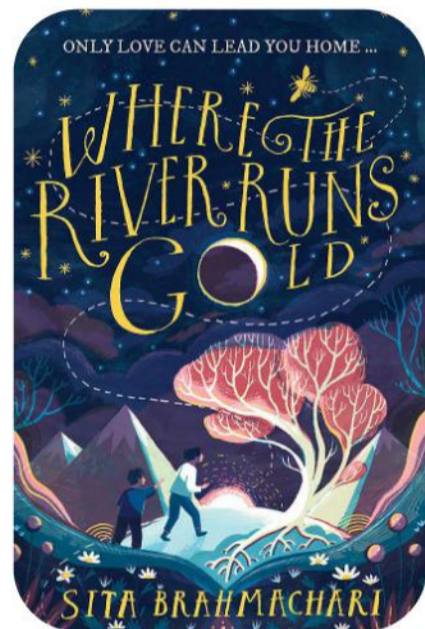
*Jennifer Killick:*

A spooktacular collection of horror stories that will chill, thrill and delight. Do you dare to turn the pages and see what's lurking inside...? Read, Scream, Repeat brings together thirteen bestselling, award-winning authors including Joseph Coelho, Polly Ho-Yen, Sharna Jackson, Elle McNicoll, Dan Smith and J. T. Williams.

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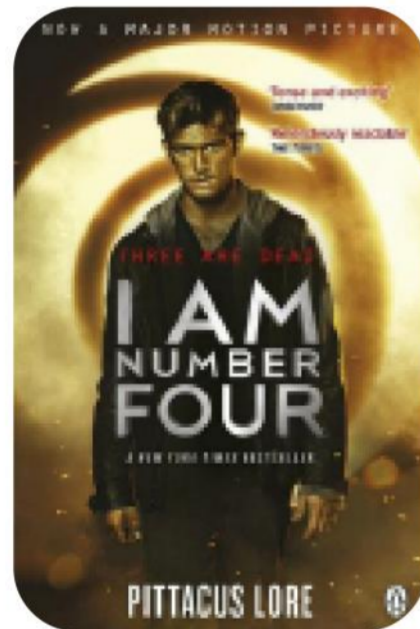
### DYSTOPIAN - SCIENCE FICTION



#### Where the River Runs Gold

Sita Brahmachari:

Shifa and her brother Themba live with their dad in Kairos City, on a future Earth decimated by climate change. Families sign their rights away to the Freedom Fields organisation that claims to look after them if they opt in.

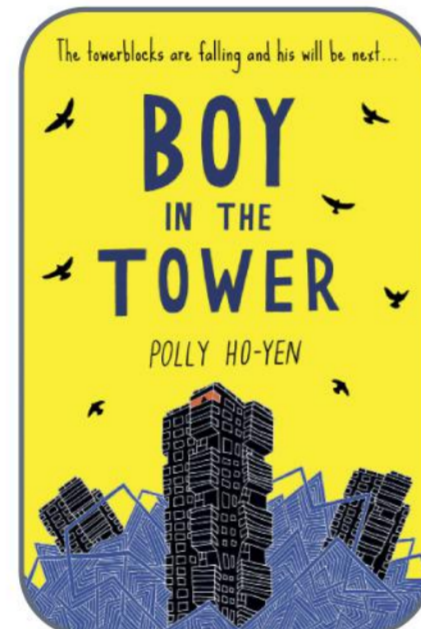


#### Lorien Legacies Series

Pittacus Lore:

John Smith seems like an ordinary teenager, living a normal life with his guardian Henri in Paradise, Ohio. But for John, keeping a low profile is essential because he is not an ordinary teenager. He's an alien from the planet Lorien, and monsters are out to kill him.

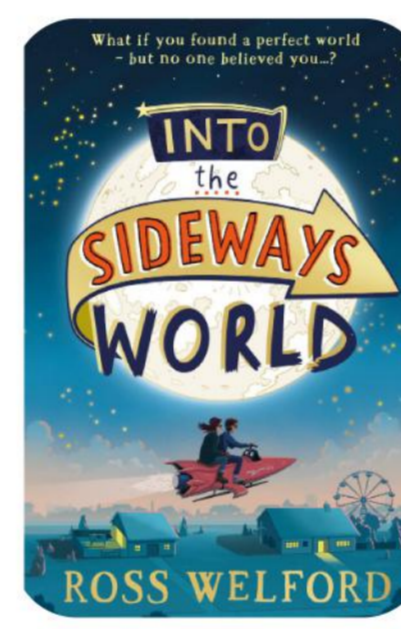
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#### Boy in the Tower

Polly Ho-Yen:

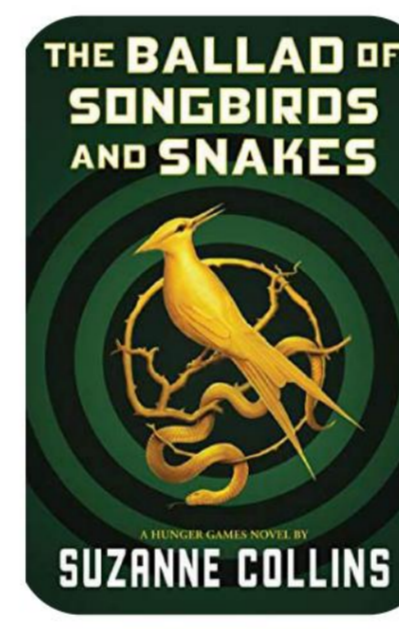
Seen through the eyes of Ade, a young boy who lives at the top of a tower block with his mother, this story of a strange, menacing disaster which threatens the city of London and its residents into extinction is a gripping tale.



#### Into the Sideways World

Ross Welford:

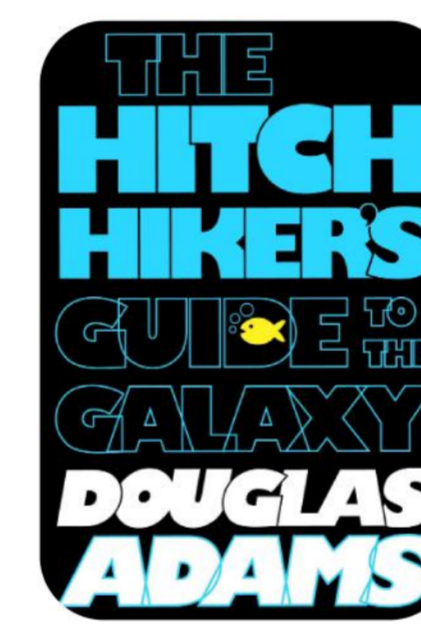
When twelve-year-olds Willa and Manny hear of a mysterious animal prowling their town, they are determined to prove it is real. Following the creature into a cave one full moon, they are swept into an alternate, ideal world - one where pollution and conflict have been conquered decades ago and even their own families seem happier. But when they return, no one believes them. So, with a global war looming in their own world, their quest for proof of the Sideways World becomes ever-more urgent, in a nail-biting race against time.



#### The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

Suzanne Collins:

This is the prequel to The Hunger Games. It can be read before or after The Hunger Games trilogy. It is a dystopian novel about a planet run by a tyrannical leader who keeps the population under control using sinister Games.



#### 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 hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. They are hurtling through space with a book inscribed with the words:

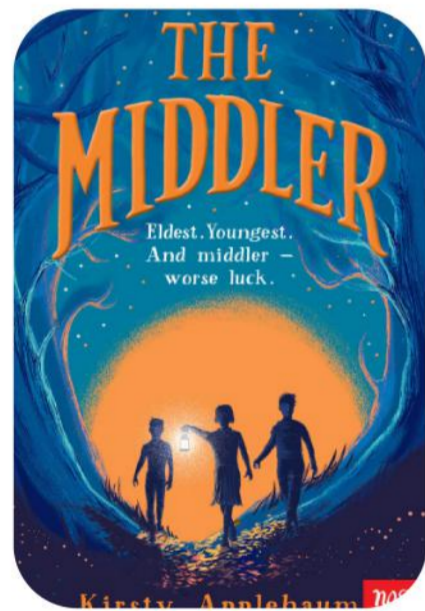
**DON'T PANIC!**

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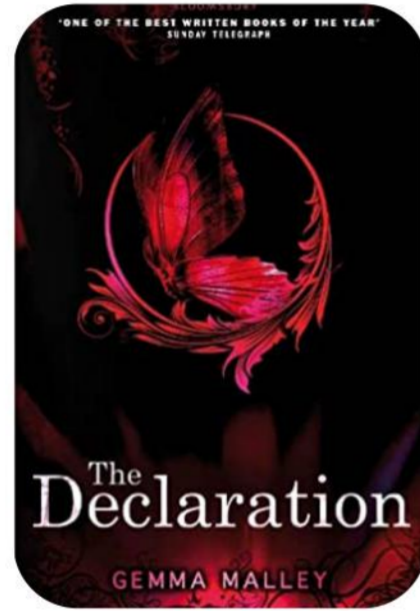


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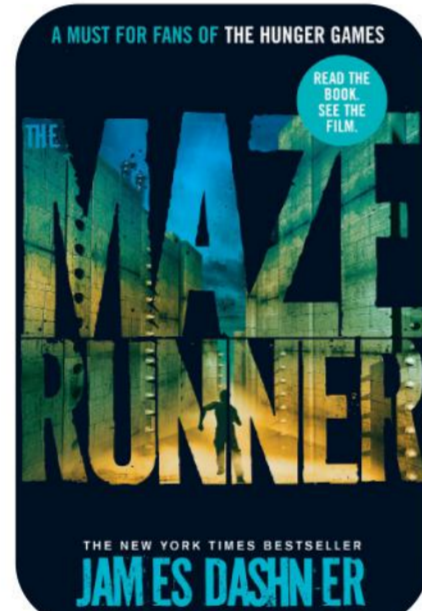
**The Middler**  
*Kirsty Applebaum:*

Eleven-year-old Maggie lives in Fennis Wick, beyond which the Quiet War rages and dangerous wanderers roam. Her brother Jed is an eldest, revered, and special. Her younger brother Trig is loved by everyone. Maggie's just a middler; invisible. But one day, she meets Una, a wanderer girl...



**The Declaration**  
*Gemma Malley:*

Sixteen-year-old Anna should not have been born. It is the year 2140 and people can live for ever. No one wants another mouth to feed, so she lives in a Surplus Hall, where unwanted children go to learn valuable lessons . . . at least she wasn't put down at birth. One day, a new inmate arrives. Anna's life is thrown into chaos. He says things about her parents and the Outside that couldn't possibly be true . . . *Or could they?*



**Maze Runner Series**  
*James Dashner:*

When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade – a walled encampment at the centre of a terrible stone maze. The Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there – or what's happened to the world outside.

**Book #1**



**The Starlight Watchmaker**  
*Lauren James:*

Hugo is an android who works at a prestigious school where aliens from across the galaxy come to study. He strikes up an unlikely friendship with pompous student Dorian, and together they unearth a sinister scheme.

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### ADVENTURE AND MYSTERY



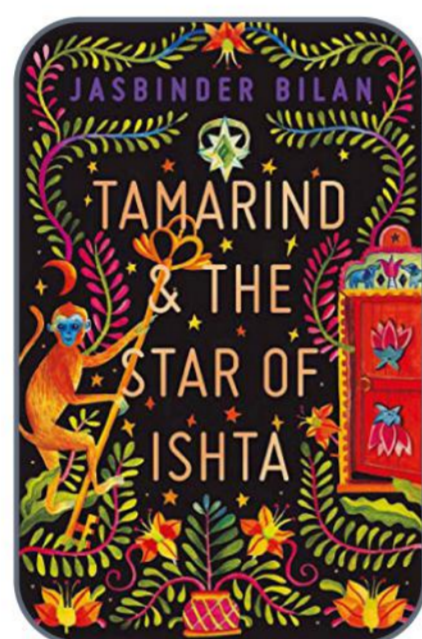
**Hatchet**  
Gary Paulsen:

Brian is a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crash-lands in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is a hatchet - and a desperate will to survive. Now Brian must learn to live the hard way - or die.



**The Shark Caller**  
Zillah Bethell:

Blue Wing is desperate to become a shark caller, but instead she must befriend infuriating Maple, who arrives unexpectedly on Blue Wing's island. The girls are too angry to become friends. But when the tide breathes the promise of treasure, they must journey together to the bottom of the ocean to brave the deadliest shark of them all...



**Tamarind & the Star of Ishta**  
Jasbinder Bilan:

Tamarind never knew her Indian mum, who died soon after she was born. So, when she arrives at her ancestral home in the Himalayas, she's full of questions for her extended family. But she finds an ominous silence - and intriguing clues, such as a glowing star ring, and a girl, Ishta.



**21% Monster**  
P.J. Canning:

When Darren Devlin is arrested for destroying his school with his bare hands, it's not just the police who are after him. Enter Marek Masters, 14 years old, 19% alien, and the most intelligent, most wanted "almost human" alive. Marek is here to tell Darren the truth - he is 21% monster, and together they must take down the secret organisation that created them.

Book #1



**The Good Turn**  
Sharna Jackson:

Josephine Williams is a future-focused, internet-loving eleven-year-old who is desperate to explore the world beyond her cul-de-sac - and her browser. When she learns about Josephine Holloway - a woman who started the first Girl Scout Troop for Black girls in America - she's certain she must start her own. Enlisting her friends Margot Anderson and Wesley Evans, the trio begin their quest for their Camping Badge. Drawn to an abandoned factory nearby, they stumble across something strange.



**The London Eye Mystery**  
Siobhan Dowd:

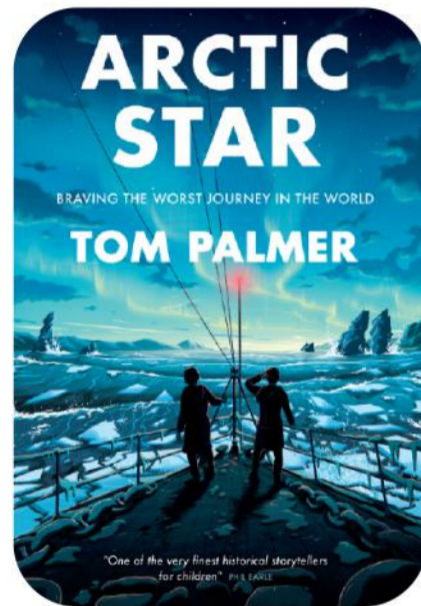
11.32am. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city. 12.02pm. The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim. It's up to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to solve this mystery and find Salim.

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### ADVENTURE AND MYSTERY - CONT.



**Arctic Star**  
*Tom Palmer:*

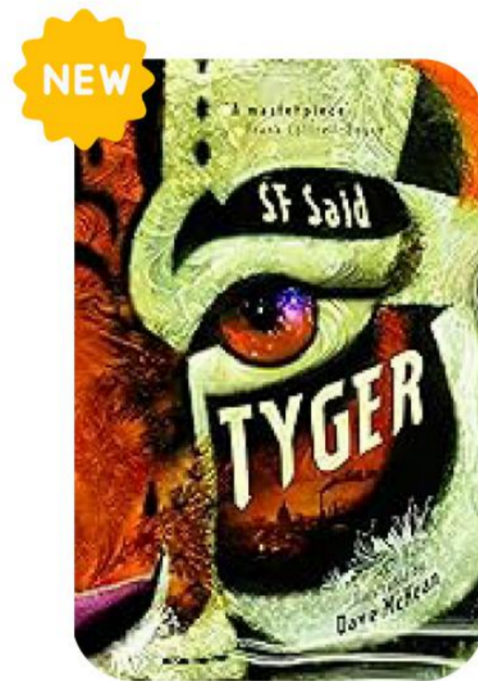
Winter 1943. Teens Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the War. Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia. They must navigate treacherous waters, between the Arctic ice pack and German bases in Norway, facing enemy attacks, cold and storms, will they make it home again?



**The invasion of Crooked Oak**  
*Dan Smith:*

Nancy's parents are acting weird. Their eyes are blank, they won't eat - it's like they're no longer themselves. Pete and Krish offer to help Nancy investigate, but the deeper they dig, the darker the mystery gets ... Crooked Oak is under attack from a dangerous foe, and they're the only ones who can stop it.

*Dyslexia friendly*



**Tyger**  
*S.F. Said:*

In an alternative London in which the British Empire still exists and foreigners are segregated, a young boy and girl work with the mysterious being called Tyger to open a mythical gateway and bring about social change



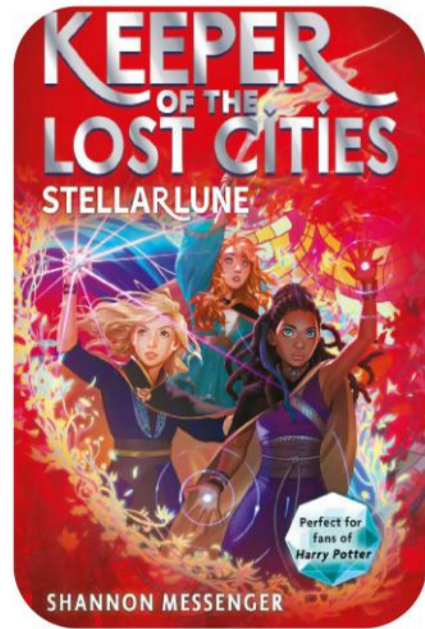
**The Unadoptables**  
*Hannah Tooke:*

In 1880, five babies are discovered at the Little Tulip Orphanage in unusual circumstances. The vile matron calls them "unadoptables" but they know they are special. When a sinister man tries to catch them, they escape across the frozen canals of Amsterdam, embarking on an adventure packed with pirate ships and puppets.

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### FANTASY



#### Keeper of the Lost Cities

Shannon Messenger:

Twelve-year-old Sophie Foster has a secret. She is a Telepath, and has the power to hear the thoughts of everyone around her – something that she’s never spoken about, even to her own family. But everything changes the day she meets Fitz, a mysterious boy who also reads minds. She discovers there’s somewhere she does belong, and staying where she is will put her in grave danger

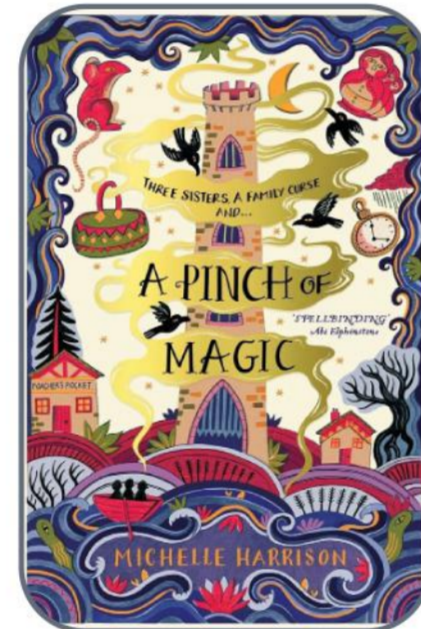


#### Skandar and the Unicorn Thief

A. F. Steadman:

Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero. But just as Skandar’s dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined...

**Book#1**



#### A Pinch of Magic Series

Michelle Harrison:

This a fantasy adventure series. It is a very exciting story about three sisters who discover they can use 3 magical objects, but they are under a curse and cannot move far away from their home.

**Book #1**

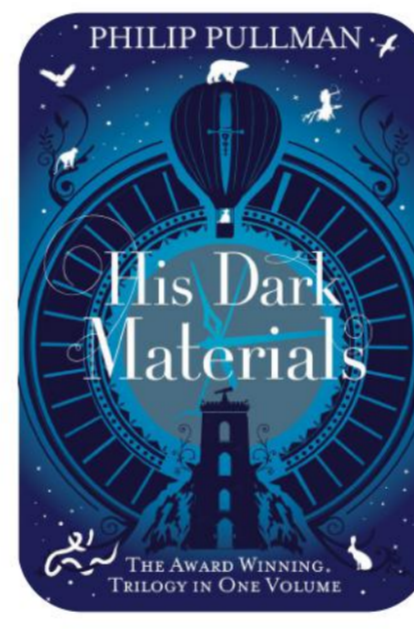


#### Rebel Skies

Ann Sei Lin:

Kurara has never known any other life than being a servant on board the Midori, but when her party trick of making paper come to life turns out to be a power treasured across the empire, she joins a skyship and its motley crew to become a Crafter.

**Book #1**



#### Dark Materials Trilogy

Philip Pullman:

Lyra and her animal daemon live half-wild among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.

**Book #1**



#### Orphans of the Tide

Struan Murray:

In a world destroyed by floods, a young inventor sets to prove the innocence of a mysterious boy washed up by the sea who citizens believe to be the embodiment of a destructive god.

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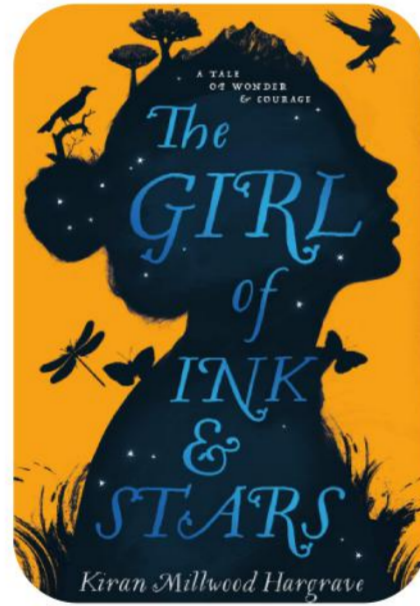
### FANTASY - CONT.



#### **Maggie Blue and the Dark Wood**

*Anna Goodall:*

Maggie Blue is an outsider, both at home and at school. She lives with her eccentric aunt Esme, and has no friends other than the irascible Hoagy, a stray cat who can talk to her. When Maggie sees Ida, her foe from school, being taken through a window to another world by one of their teachers who has transformed into a wolf, she is determined to save her, whatever the cost.



#### **The Girl of Ink & Stars**

*Kiran Millwood Hargrave:*

Isabella lives on the island of Joya where people are forbidden to travel beyond the forest. When a string of events makes her travel beyond the forest courage in search of answers, she joins some explorers on an adventure that will test her map-making skills and her.



#### **Rumble Star**

*Abi Elphinstone:*

Casper Tock hates risks, is allergic to adventures and shudders at the thought of unpredictable events. So, it comes as a nasty shock to him when he accidentally stumbles into Rumblestar, an Unmapped Kingdom full of magical beasts. All Casper wants is to find a way home, but Rumblestar is in trouble. An evil harpy called Morg is sending her followers, the Midnights, into the kingdom to wreak havoc and pave the way for her to steal the Unmapped magic for herself.



#### **Artemis Fowl Series**

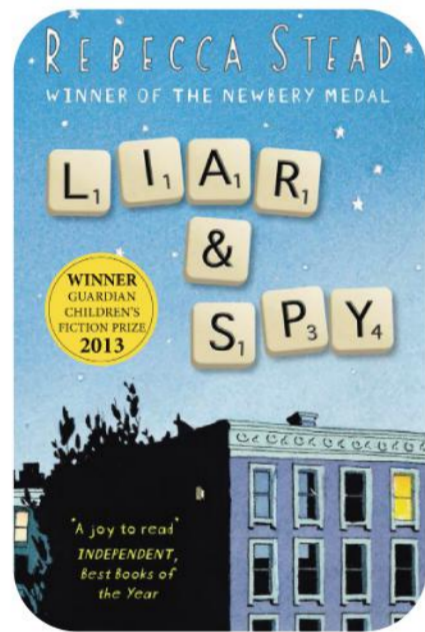
*Eoin Colfer:*

Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, Artemis Fowl is a riveting, magical adventure series.

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### REAL LIFE STORIES



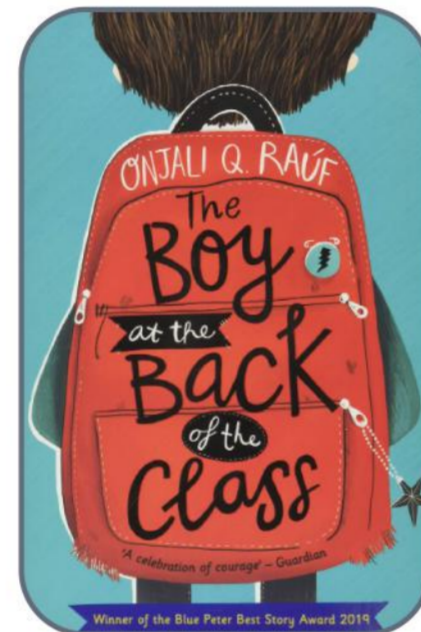
**Liar and Spy**  
*Rebecca Stead:*

When Georges moves into a new apartment block he meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Soon Georges has become his spy recruit. His first assignment? To track the mysterious Mr X, who lives in the flat upstairs. But as Safer becomes more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: what is a game and what is a lie? How far is too far to go for your only friend?



**The Thing about Jellyfish**  
*Ali Benjamin:*

Suzy is twelve when her best friend, Franny, drowns one summer at the beach. It takes two days for the news to reach Suzy, and it's not something that she can accept: Franny has always been a strong swimmer, from the day they met in swim class when they were just five. How can someone all of a sudden, just no longer be there? Suzy realizes that they must have got it wrong: Franny didn't just drown - she was stung by a poisonous jellyfish. This makes a lot more sense to Suzy's logical mind than a random drowning cause: a jellyfish sting; effect: death.



**The Boy at the Back of the Class**  
*Onjali Rauf:*

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's eight years old, but he's strange. He never talks or smiles and doesn't like sweets. But the truth is, Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War.



**Things the Eye Can't See**  
*Penny Joelson:*

Libby is visually impaired but loves walking with her guide dog, Samson, and taking photos, but her family worry about her - and Libby want to be more independent. One day a boy gives her a secret note but then he goes missing. Only Libby and her friend Kyle - think there is anything to worry about.



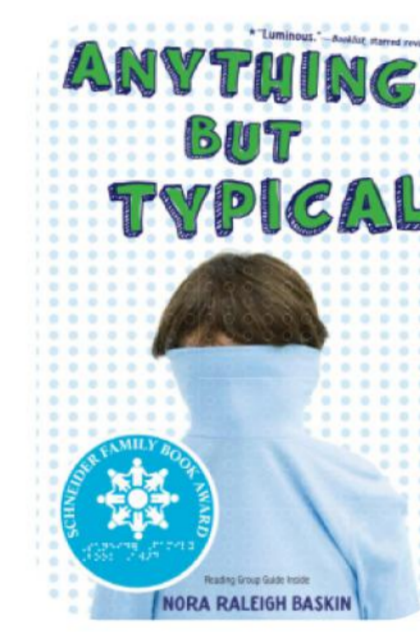
**When Life gives you Mangoes**  
*Kereen Getten:*

Nothing much happens in Sycamore, the village where Clara lives. She loves eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside in the rainy season and going to her secret hideout with her best friend, Gaynah. But... she can't remember anything about the last summer.



**King and the Dragonflies**  
*Kacen Callender:*

In a small town, King lost his older brother. He is convinced his brother isn't dead, that he has instead turned into a dragonfly, and he searches for Khalid down by the bayou. Khalid visits him in turn, in dreams. King must keep these secrets to himself as he watches grief transform his family.



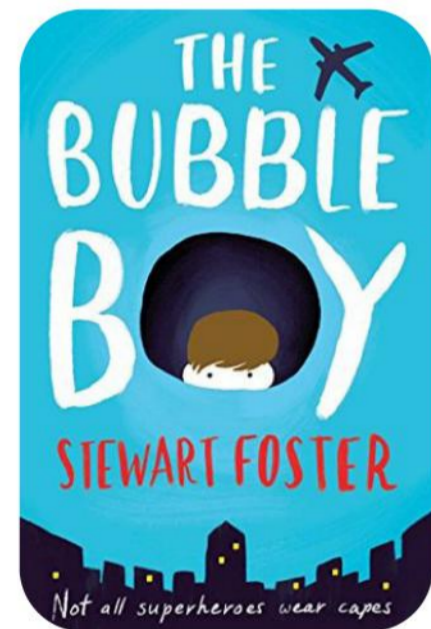
**Anything but typical**  
*Nora Raleigh:*

Jason Blake is an autistic 12-year-old living in a neurotypical world. It's just a matter of time before something goes wrong. He finds a glimmer of understanding when he comes across Phoenix Bird, who posts stories to the same online site as he does.

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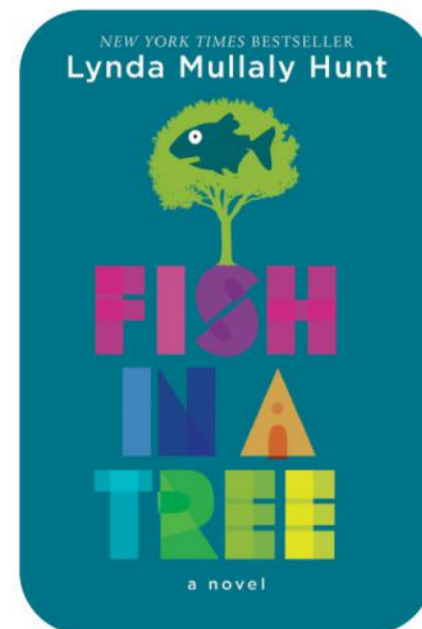
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**Bubble Boy**  
Stewart Foster:

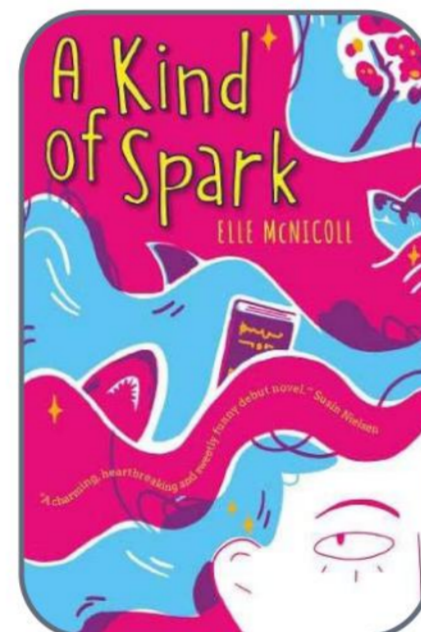
Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.



**Fish in a Tree**  
Lynda Mullaly Hunt:

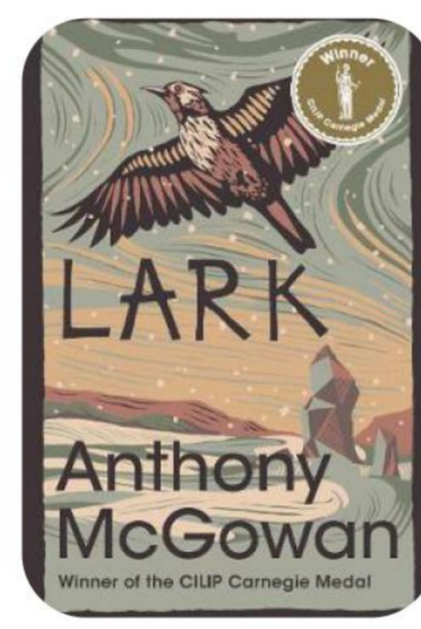
Ally is smart enough to fool a lot of people at school. But a new teacher spots her intelligence and helps her to see that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. An uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who feels second-best because they don't fit in.

*Dyslexia-friendly*



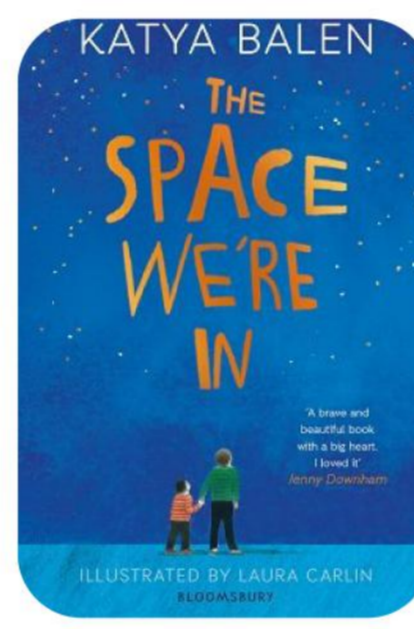
**A Kind of Spark**  
Elle McNicoll:

A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?



**Lark**  
Anthony McGowan:

A trip to the moors was meant to be a laugh, but all goes horribly wrong...  
Dyslexia-friendly



**The Space We're In**  
Katya Balen:

Five-year-old Max eats only Quavers and some colours are too bright for him and if he must wear a new T-shirt he melts down. Frank wishes Mum could still do paintings of stars like she used to, but now she doesn't have time. Can Frank piece together a universe in which he and Max aren't light years apart?



**Can You See Me?**  
Libby Scott &  
Rebecca Westcott:

Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic. People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears - and notices - all of it.



**The Deepest Breath**  
Meg Grehan:

Stevie loves reading and sea-creatures. She lives with her mum, and she's been best friends with Andrew since forever. Stevie's mum teases her that someday they'll get married, but Stevie knows that won't ever happen. There's a girl at school that she likes more. A lot more. Actually, she's a bit confused about how much she likes her. It's nothing like the way she likes Andrew. It makes her fizz inside. That's a new feeling, one she doesn't understand. Stevie needs to find out if girls can like girls - love them, even.



**The Final Year**  
Matt Goodfellow:

Follows the story of a young boy going into year 6, dealing with a failing friendship, an ill younger brother and his own mental demons.

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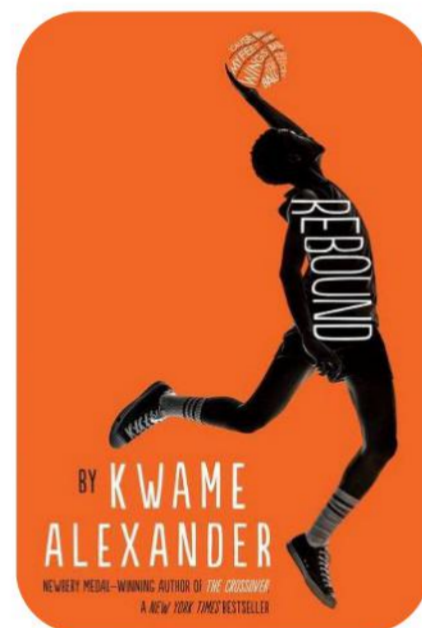


### SPORTS STORIES



**Simone Biles**  
Trailblazers  
Sally Morgan:

In August 2016, American gymnast Simone Biles won four Olympic gold medals! Her irresistible smile, fierce determination, and unbeatable strength have made her a favorite around the world. Find out how the girl who taught herself to flip on her backyard trampoline blazed a trail in gymnastics.



**Rebound**  
Kwame Alexander:

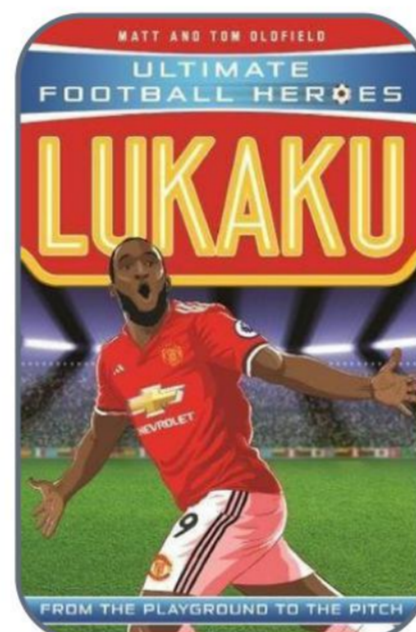
When Charlie gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born, but can he resist trouble when it comes knocking once again? A story told in verse.



**The Jamie Johnson Series**  
Dan freeman:

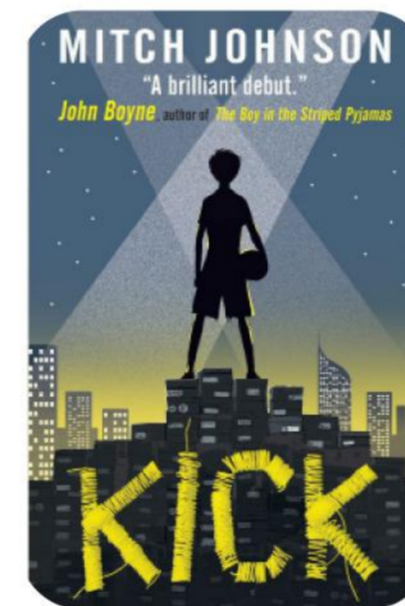
Jamie doesn't like school-work but loves football and he's desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and in his dreams, Hawkstone United's, too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.

**Book #1**



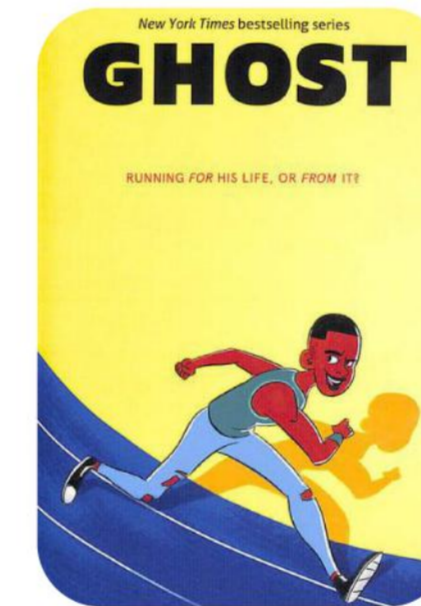
**The Ultimate Football Hero Series**  
Matt Oldfield:

Romelu Lukaku is the boy from Belgium who went from having big dreams to playing for Manchester United. After a GBP90 million transfer, he spearheads their attack, but Romelu had to leave a trail of goals in the Premier League to earn a move to the world's biggest club.



**Kick**  
Mitch Johnson:

Budi works in a sweatshop in Jakarta making football boots. He dreams of playing for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.



**Ghost**  
Run series  
Jason Reynolds:

Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But he's been running for the wrong reasons -until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: If Ghost can stay on track, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

**Book #1**



**Rugby Academy Series**  
Tom Palmer:

New pupil Woody is a footballer by nature and must decide if he's prepared to give rugby his all. Rory feels like he's losing his focus, due to his parents being in danger. Owen finds himself at the centre when conflict breaks out within the team. How far will they get in the rigorous schools' tournament?

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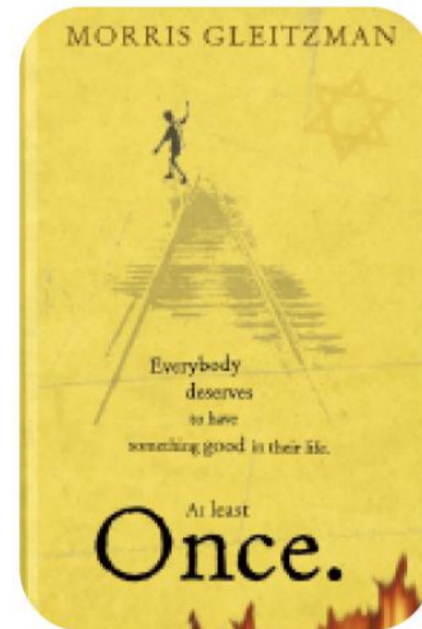
### HISTORICAL AND WAR



#### Goodnight Mister Tom

Michelle Magorian:

Evacuated to the country during the Second World War, Willie is a sad child, who begins to flourish under the care of grumpy old Tom Oakley. When his mother recalls him to London, Tom begins to worry, so he goes to London and makes a terrible discovery.

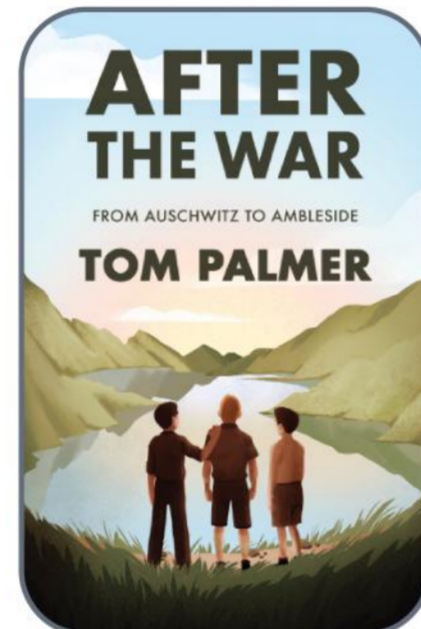


#### The Once Series

Morris Gleitzman:

Set in occupied Poland during World War II, this is the story of a Jewish boy who escapes an orphanage because he's convinced that his parents are still alive. He embarks on a dangerous journey with his friend, Zeld and a kindly dentist.

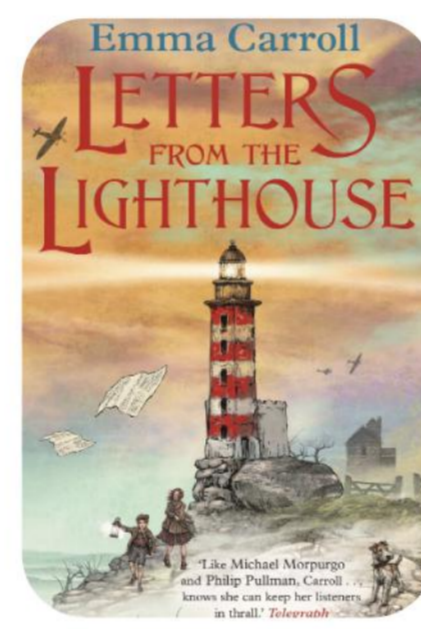
Book #1



#### After the War

Tom Palmer:

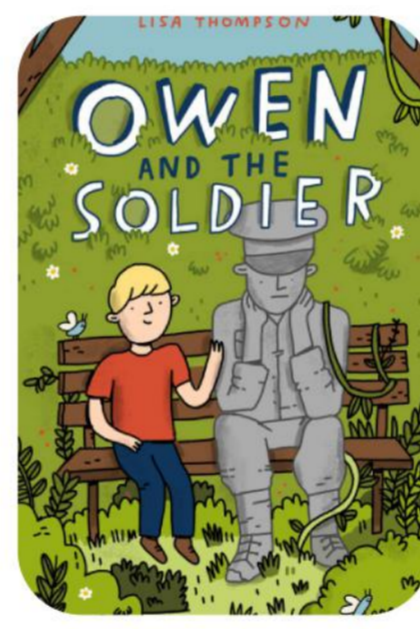
Yossi and friends arrive in the Lake District, having survived the Nazi concentration camps. Now they can begin to recover. But Yossi thinks of his missing father and has terrible nightmares. As he waits for news from home, he's afraid Mordecai and Leo will move on without him. The story of the Windermere Boys (televised)



#### Letters from the Lighthouse

Emma Carroll:

After Olive's big sister Sukie vanishes during an air raid, Olive and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the south coast. They stay in the lighthouse, but the little village isn't as sleepy as it seems, and somehow, what's going on is linked to Sukie's disappearance.

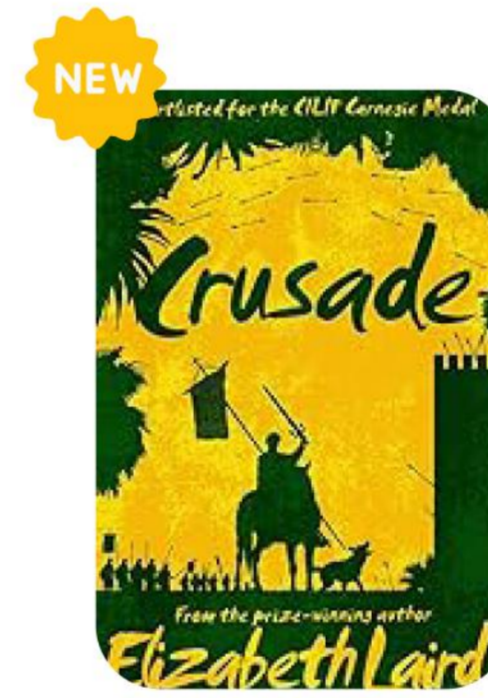


#### Owen and the Soldier

Lisa Thompson:

Owen's homelife is difficult and there's no-one he can talk to but the crumbling stone soldier in the park. Then his worries slip away. But the town council want to tear him down. Can Owen find the courage to speak up before it's too late?

Dyslexia-friendly



#### Crusade

Elizabeth Laird:

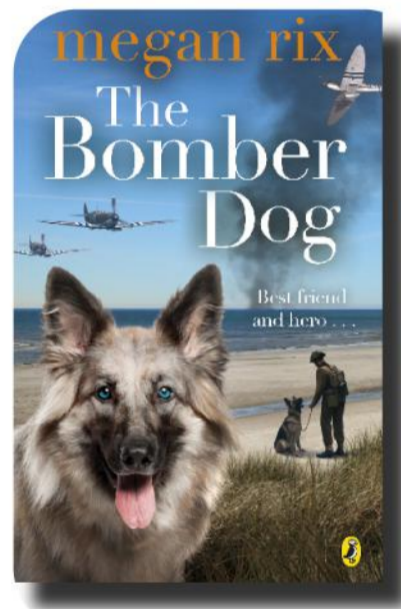
Two boys. Two faiths. One unholy war... When Adam's mother dies unconfessed, he pledges to save her soul with dust from the Holy Land. Employed as a dog-boy for the local knight, Adam grabs the chance to join the Crusade to reclaim Jerusalem.

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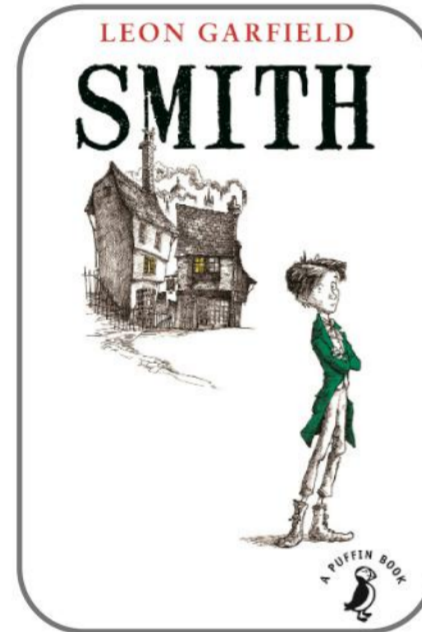


### HISTORICAL AND WAR - CONT.



**The Bomber Dog**  
*Megan Rix:*

A brave puppy joins the paratroopers during the Second World War and becomes a heroic war dog. Grey and Nathan, his trainer, soon become inseparable. Until the day a parachute jump goes tragically wrong...



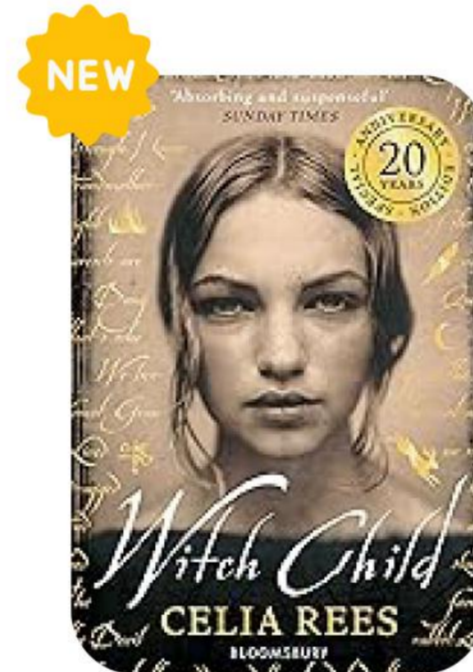
**Smith**  
*Leon Garfield:*

London street urchin Smith is 12 years old, and an experienced pick-pocket. One day on Ludgate Hill, he robbed an old gentleman, and one minute later watched him silently murdered by two men, who chased him for the document he had stolen but could not understand.



**Kemosha of the Caribbean**  
*Alex Wheatle:*

Kemosha and her brother have lived their whole lives in slavery. Sold away to work in lawless Port Royal, Kemosha takes her chance to escape brutal treatment. With fortune on her side, Kemosha befriends Ravenhide, a man with a mysterious past who teaches her the art of swordfighting, and introduces her to the beautiful runaway Isabella.

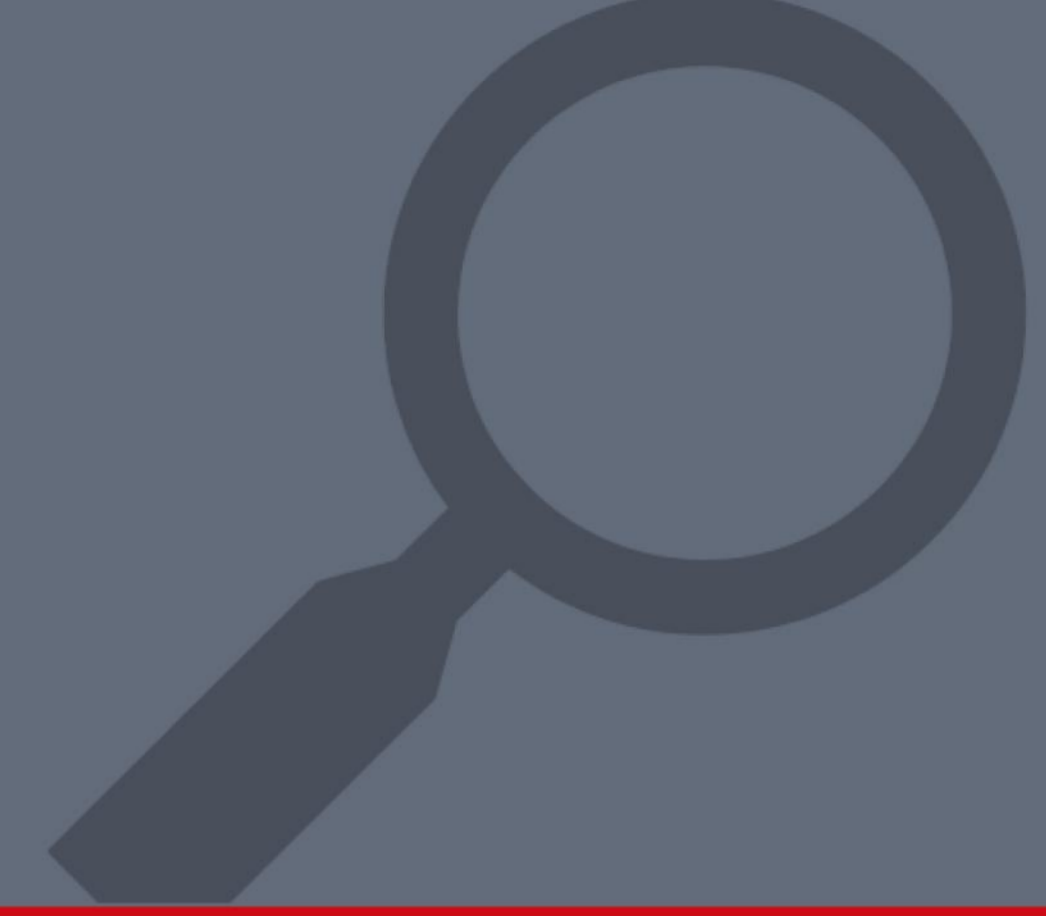


**Witch Child**  
*Celia Rees:*

After her grandmother is executed for witchcraft, Mary travels to America to begin a new life. Soon, however, she is under suspicion herself.

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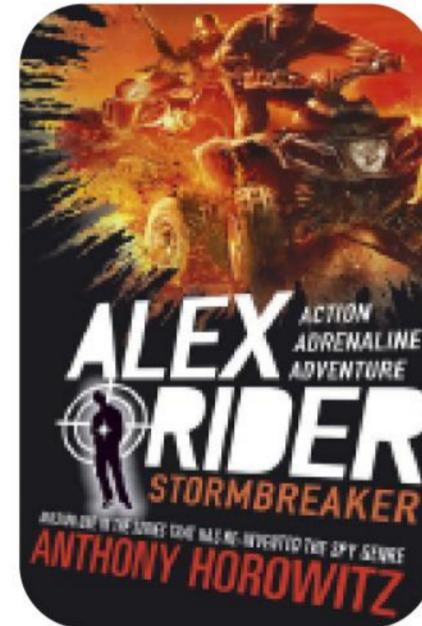


#### Young Bond Series

Charlie Higson:

James Bond will one day become the world's most famous spy, but now his challenge is to fit in at his new school - making friends, learning the rules, and facing up to bullies.

**Book #1**



#### Alex Rider Series

Anthony Horowitz:

After the death of his uncle, Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6, armed with gadgets and sent to spy on Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school. Alex soon finds himself in mortal danger.

**Book #1**



#### Skulduggery Pleasant Series

Derek Landy:

Stephanie's uncle is a writer of horror fiction. When he leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that it wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces trying to find a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.

**Book #1**



#### The Secret Detectives

Ella Risbridger:

When Isobel is orphaned, she finds herself sent from India to an uncle in England. On board the ship, she sees somebody thrown overboard in the night. But when the captain insists no-one is missing, Isobel must solve the mysteries before the culprit escapes.

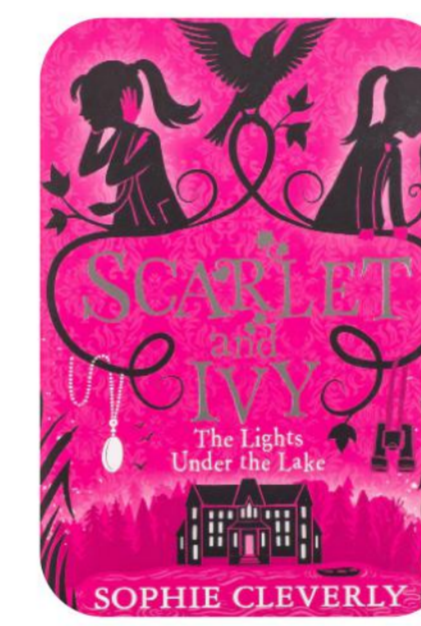


#### Cherub Series

Robert Muchamore:

An action-packed thriller based on a branch of the British Intelligence called CHERUB. James is trained to be a child spy. CHERUB agents live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.

**Book #1**



#### Scarlet and Ivy Series

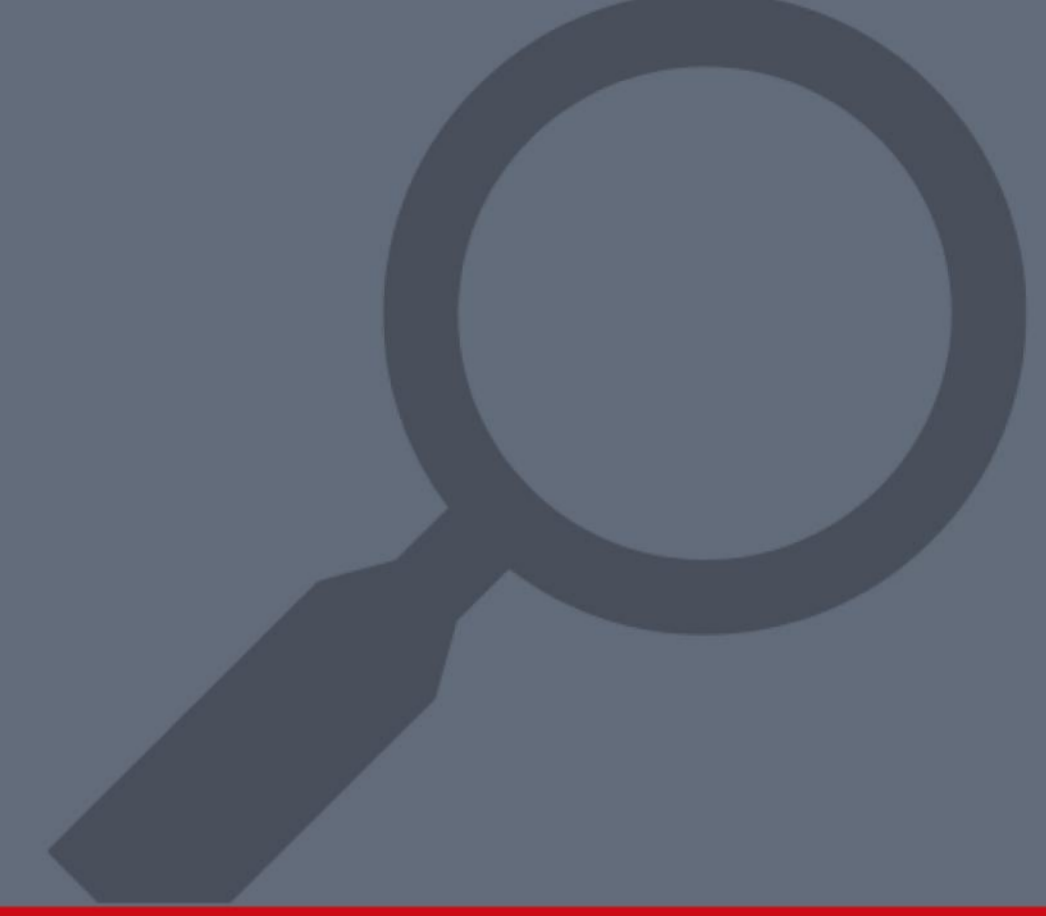
Sophie Cleverly:

Ivy must investigate her twin sister Scarlet's disappearance before it's too late. When troublesome Scarlet disappears from Rookwood School, terrifying Miss Fox invites her quiet twin sister Ivy to 'take her place'. Will Ivy be able to unlock the truth?

**Book #1**

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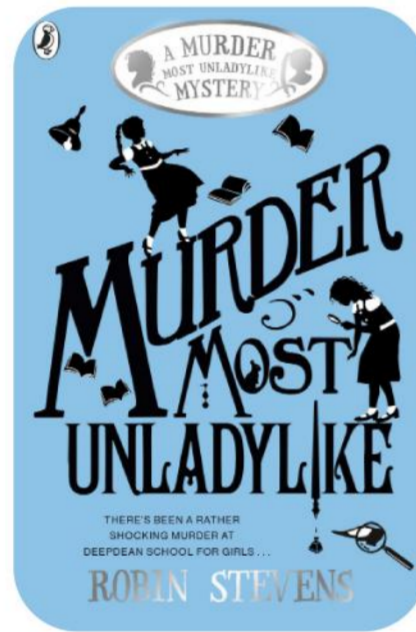


**Agatha Oddly:  
The Secret Key**

*Lena Jones:*

Agatha Oddlow has been a detective for as long as she can remember - she's just been waiting for her first big case. And nothing gets bigger than saving the city of London from some strange goings-on..

**Book #1**



**Murder Most  
Unladylike  
Series**

*Robin Stevens:*

At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy and Hazel have set up their own detective agency. But there are no crimes to investigate. Then Hazel discovers a teacher lying dead in the Gym. Five minutes later, the body has disappeared.... Can they solve the mystery?

**Book #1**

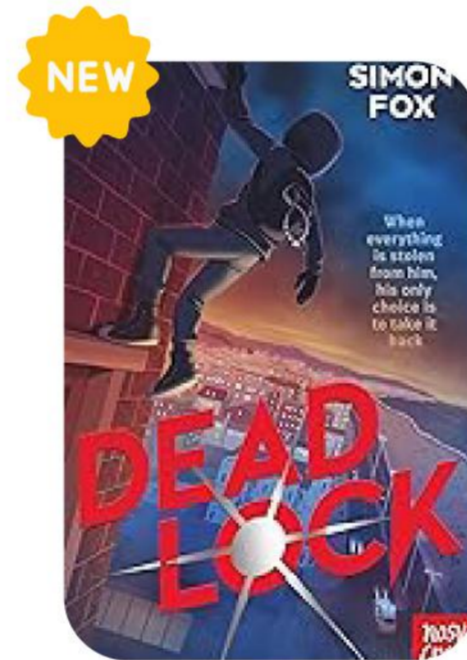


**Special Forces  
Cadets:Siege**

*Chris Ryan:*

Max will need all his skills just to stay alive as a Special Forces Cadet. A top-secret government programme needs a crack team of undercover military operators. They must have awesome levels of determination, endurance, and fitness. Max is sent into an armed siege in an inner-city school . . .

**Book #1**



**Deadlock**

*Simon Fox:*

Archie Blake thought his policeman father teaching him how to pick locks and open safes was just a bit of fun. But when a diamond necklace is stolen and his dad is arrested, Archie realises the only way to prove Dad's innocence is to go on the run and use everything he's learned to uncover the truth.



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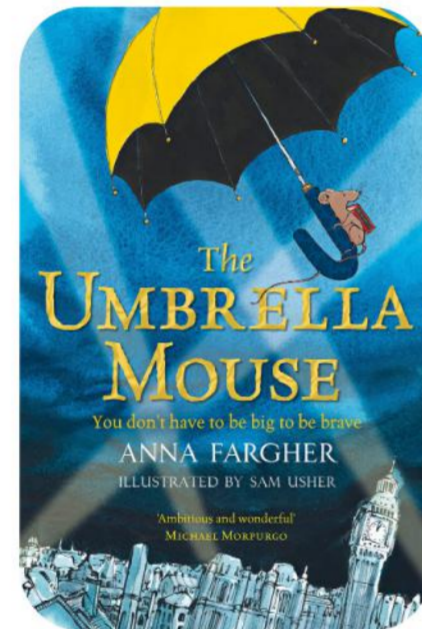


### ANIMAL STORIES



**The Great Escape**  
*Megan Rix:*

Robert and Lucy love their pets; but the Second World War forces them to flee to Devon - leaving their animals who are sent to be put down. Buster, Tiger and Rose make a daring escape but with danger at every turn, can they make it as the country prepares for battle?



**The Umbrella Mouse**  
*Anna Fargher:*

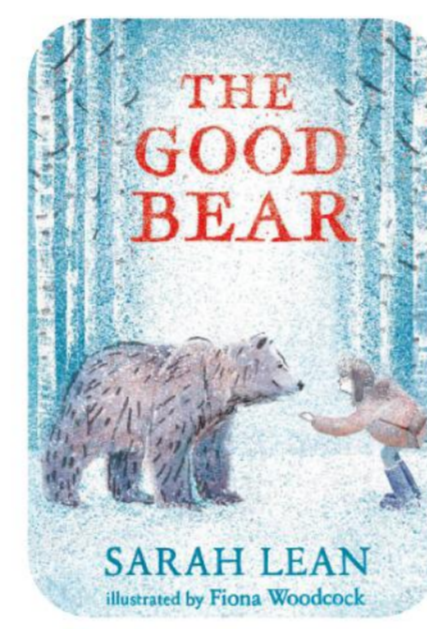
Young mouse Pip's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her home, the umbrella shop, is destroyed by a bomb. Alone and Orphaned, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home by crossing into France during wartime.

**Book #1**



**Snow Foal**  
*Susanna Bailey:*

When Addie goes to stay with a foster family on a remote Exmoor farm during a very cold winter, she is full of hurt, anger and a deep mistrust of everyone around her. Until one day, when she rescues a wild foal from the snow and discovers that perhaps she's not alone after all.



**The Good Bear**  
*Sarah Lean:*

It's the Christmas holidays and Thea is looking forward to spending them with her father. She can tell him all about her plans to become a writer, and maybe he'll buy her the typewriter she's been dreaming of. But when Thea arrives in snowy Norway, everything feels... wrong. Her father is as distant as ever and now she has to share him with his new family: his girlfriend Inge and her children. Then Thea makes a surprising discovery. Deep in the snowy woods by the house, is a bear. He's scared and hungry and he desperately needs Thea's help.



**Call Me Alastair**  
*Cory Leonard:*

When Aggie is purchased by 12-year-old Fritz, and Alastair is adopted by Mrs Plopky, Alastair's vision for the future crash-lands. In-between anxiously plucking his feathers, chewing a few books, and finding his own poetic voice, Alastair plots his way to Aggie and their flight to freedom.



**Evie and the Animals**  
*Matt Haig:*

Evie can talk to the animals. It's a habit that has landed her in trouble before but when an alarming number of animals start to go missing, Evie realises that she is the only one who can solve the mystery.

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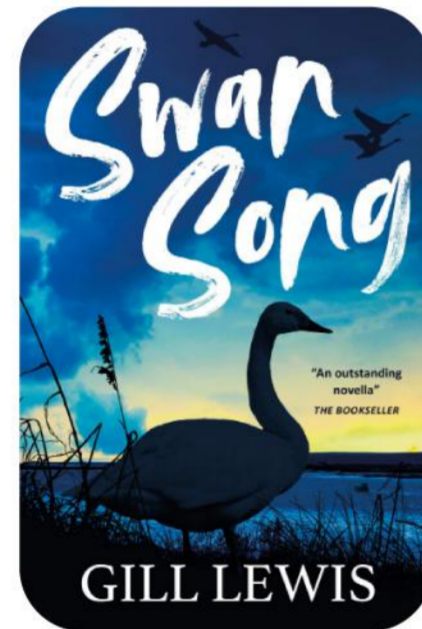
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#### Rat

Patrice Lawrence:

When his mum is sent back to prison, Al knows exactly who's to blame - Mr Brayker, who lives downstairs. Al's determined to get his revenge. Ignoring advice from his gran and sister, Al has a plan that involves his pet rats, Venom and Vulture. But things don't turn out exactly as he'd imagined.

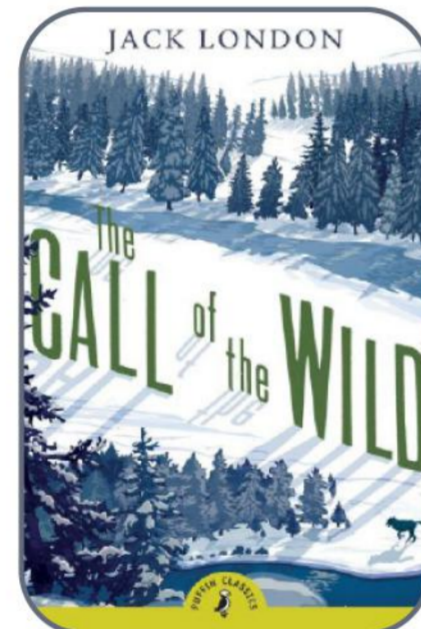


#### Swan Song

Gill Lewis:

Excluded from school, Dylan is forced to move to Wales. Life is looking bleak, until Grandad takes him out on his boat to see the whooper swans. Free from all the pressure, Dylan begins to feel like himself again. But the swans' habitat is threatened, and tragedy strikes at home, can Dylan keep going?

*Dyslexia-Friendly*



#### Call of the Wild Series

Jack London:

Buck is kidnapped from his safe home and thrown into a struggle on the Arctic wilderness. Half St. Bernard, half shepherd, he learns hard lessons as a sled dog. His last owner, John Thornton teaches him loyalty. Yet even at the side of the human he loves, Buck feels the pull in his bones, an urge to answer his wolf ancestors as they howl to him.

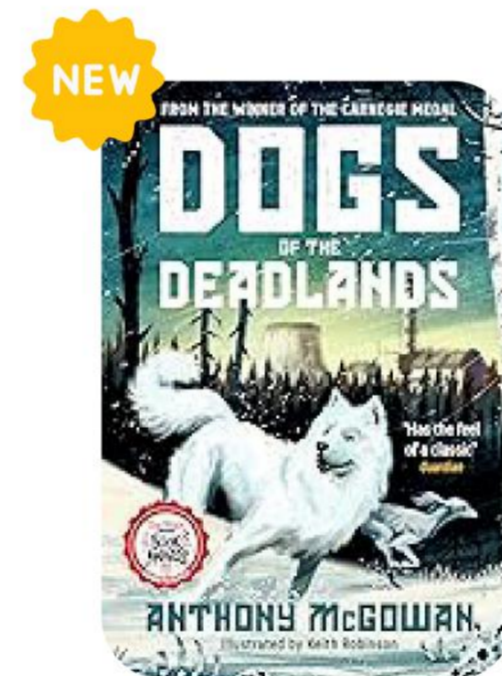


#### The Wildings Series

Nilanjana Roy:

The Wildings cats have ruled over Nizamuddin for centuries. Now there is a new addition to the clan - a pampered housecat with strange powers that could turn their world on its head. And something dark and cruel is stirring in the old Shattered House. The Wildings will need all the allies they can get, to fight the Nizamuddin.

**Book#1**



#### Dogs of the Deadlands

Anthony McGowan:

Those left behind must fight to survive. The world is coming to an end. Dragged from her bed in the middle of the night and forced to leave her beloved puppy behind, Natasha has no idea if she'll ever return home. Growing up in the shadow of the ruined nuclear power plant, pups Misha and Bratan need to learn how to live wild - and fast.