

Y7 Parents Literacy information evening

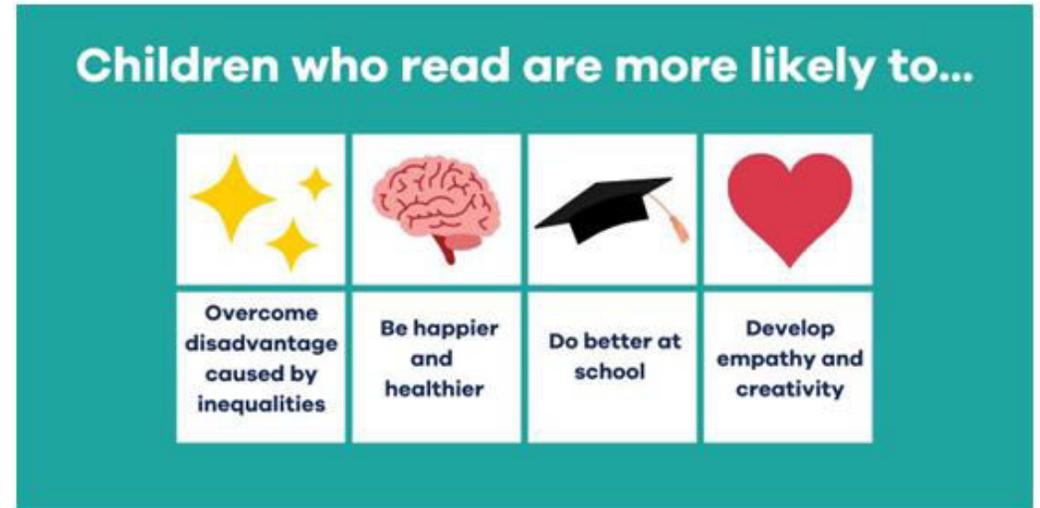
Children who read are more likely to...

			
Overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities	Be happier and healthier	Do better at school	Develop empathy and creativity

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Why is literacy important?

- Reading skills are a predictor of attainment in all subjects at GCSE.
- Weak reading skills make it difficult for pupils to access the curriculum.
- Reading regularly helps to expand vocabulary, understand context and become a better communicator.
- Reading for pleasure has benefits for mental health.



National Literacy Trust research

- Our latest research shows us how important reading is as a method for nourishing one's mental health and wellbeing. 3 in 5 individuals aged 5 to 18 said that they read because it relaxed them, and nearly 1 in 2 read because it made them feel happy.

Reading can help everyone and is a great way to:

- Relax, unwind and boost their mood
- Escape from the pressures of life and reduce their stress levels
- Improve your memory and concentration

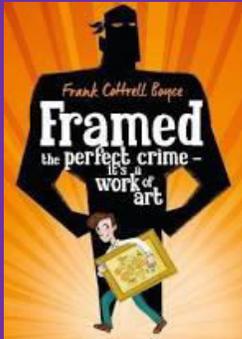
Recommended reading websites

- Lovereading4kids
www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk
- Booktrust [Bookfinder: find children's books for every age | BookTrust](#)
- Schoolreadinglist.co.uk
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- Libby App (free audio books if you have a library card)
- Your local library



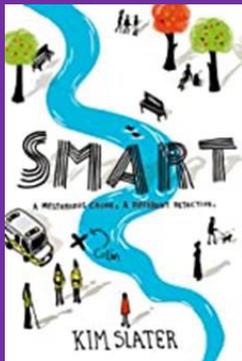
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Find fiction to extend your learning in **Art**



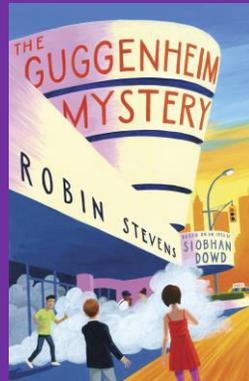
Frank Cottrell Boyce, *Framed*

Dylan Hughes's dad leaves home and, overnight, Dylan must become the man of the household and boss of the failing family business. Dylan has never been interested in art before, but a valuable masterpiece might be just what they need.



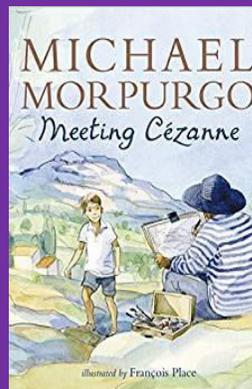
Kim Slater, *Smart*

Kieran becomes a detective to find out how the homeless man he found in the river died, as well as what's happened to his grandma. But being a detective is difficult when you're Kieran Woods. When you're amazing at drawing but terrible at fitting in.



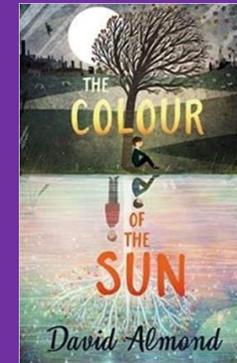
Robin Stevens, *The Guggenheim Mystery*

Ted and his sister Kat are visiting their cousin Salim in New York City. When their Aunt Gloria is framed for art theft from the famous Guggenheim Museum, the cousins set out to solve the mystery.



Michael Morpurgo, *Meeting Cézanne*

Yannick is excited to spend the summer with his aunt and uncle in the French country, which he has only seen in paintings by Paul Cézanne, but is devastated when he accidentally destroys a drawing Pablo Picasso left after visiting the family's inn.



David Almond, *The Colour of the Sun* - KS4+

A boy has been killed in Davie's little Tyneside town and Davie thinks he might know who did it. But as the day goes on, the real and imaginary start to merge - will Davie's world ever be the same?

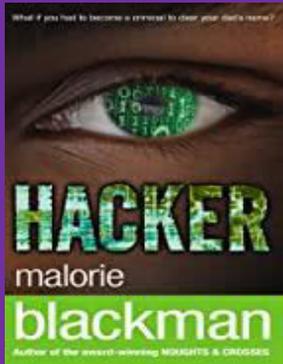


Tracy Chevalier, *The Girl with a Pearl Earring* - KS4+

Griet, the maid, is fascinated with her master's paintings and is drawn into his world. Their growing intimacy sparks whispers, and when Vermeer paints her wearing his wife's pearl earrings, gossip escalates into a scandal.

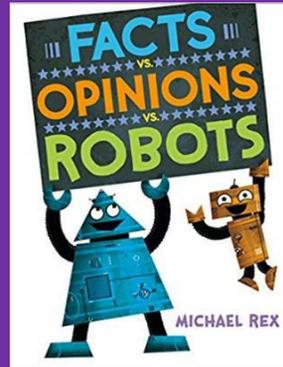
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Malorie Blackman, *Hacker*

When Vicky's father is arrested, accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works, she is determined to prove his innocence. But how, when all the evidence is hidden in computer files?



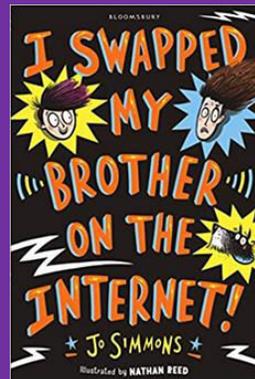
Michael Rex, *Facts vs Opinions vs Robots*

Non-fiction: Do you know the difference between a fact and an opinion? It can be a hard thing to understand.



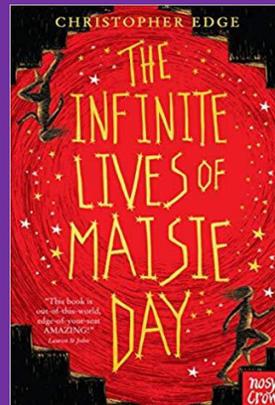
H L Dennis, *Secret Breakers: The Power of Three*

When Brodie receives a coded message through the post her life changes for ever. She's drawn into a secret code and cipher society trying to crack the most complicated code in the world.



Jo Simmons, *I swapped my Brother on the Internet*

Jonny has had enough of his older brother Ted, so he decides to go on the internet to swap him for a new one. But they turn out to be stranger than he expected. First a merboy, then a child raised by meerkats - even a ghost. Will any of them be right?



Christopher Edge, *The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day*

It's Maisie's birthday and she's hoping to get equipment to build her own nuclear reactor. But the house is empty and outside is a blackness.



Keren David, *The Disconnect*

An entrepreneur has challenged Esther's year to go six weeks without their phones, offering a £1,000 prize to the winners. Can Esther stay disconnected?
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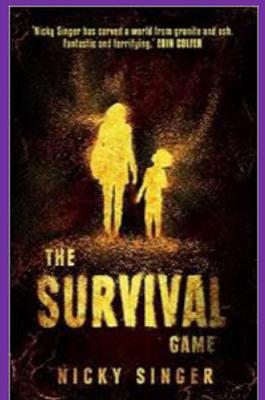
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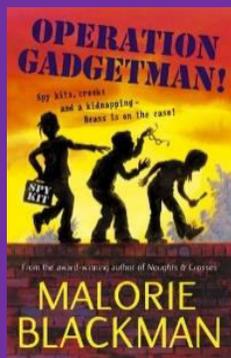
Philip Reeve, *Mortal Engines*

A young assassin is stalking her prey through the city. Hester Shaw's plot is foiled by a young apprentice who has finally stumbled into a real adventure. Tom's intervention leaves the pair stranded in the Out-Country.



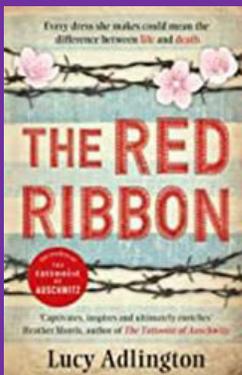
Nicky Singer, *The Survival Game*

The world is a shell of what it was. Mhairi must prove herself worthy of existence at every turn and rely on her instincts and skills of creation to survive. Written by Mrs King-Smith's Sister-in-Law!!



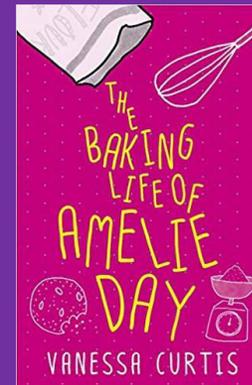
Malorie Blackman, *Operation Gadgetman!*

Beans's dad, who she calls Gadgetman, is kidnapped when he invents a device that could steal millions of pounds. Beans sets out to track down the kidnappers and rescue him.



Lucy Adlington, *The Red Ribbon*

As Ella, a dressmaker, begins her first day working in the prison camp, she steps into a world of silks and seams, buttons and ribbons. But this is no ordinary workshop. Every dress could mean the difference between life and death. Y9+



Vanessa Curtis, *The Baking Life of Amelie Day*

Amelie Day loves to bake - so she's thrilled when she's invited to compete in Britain's Best Teen Baker of the Year. But Amelie has Cystic Fibrosis and some days can't breathe. Will Amelie's flower power be enough to get her there?

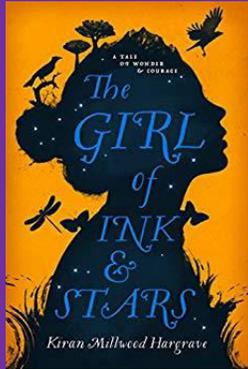


Laurel Remington, *The Secret Cooking Club*

Scarlett's life has become a misery since her mum made her the star of her popular blog. Discovering an empty kitchen next door, inspires her to start baking. Through it she makes a new friend and begins to grow in confidence.

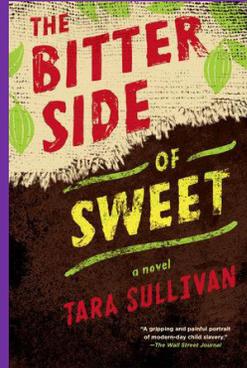
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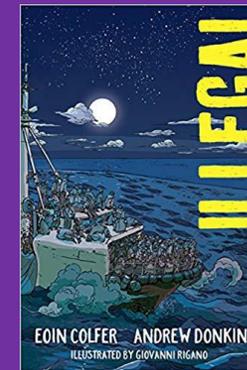
Kiran Millwood Hargrave, *The Girl of Ink and Stars*

When a mysterious death shakes her island community, thirteen-year-old Isabella, daughter to the island's only mapmaker, joins a party of explorers who go into the forest in search of answers.



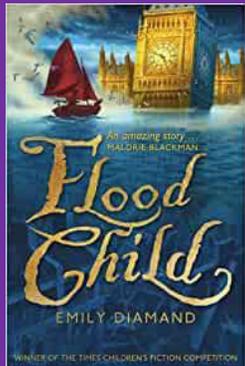
Tara Sullivan, *The Bitter Side of Sweet*

Amadou counts the things that matter. For two years what has mattered are the number of cacao pods he and his younger brother, Seydou, can chop down in a day. The higher the number the safer they are.



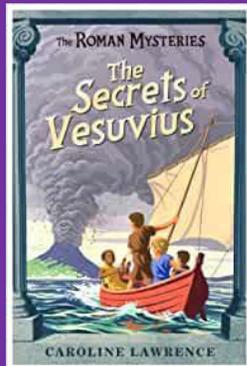
Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin, *Illegal* (Graphic Novel)

This explores the current plight of undocumented immigrants. Ebo is alone. His brother has disappeared, and Ebo is attempting the journey to Europe.



Emily Diamond, *Flood Child*

Flooded England, 2216...most of it is under water. Bloodthirsty pirates prowl the shores, and when they kidnap the Prime Minister's daughter it looks like war. But Lilly Melkun is a girl determined to put things right, with the help of a pirate boy.



Caroline Lawrence, *The Secrets of Vesuvius*

Ten-year-old Flavia and her friends make a journey to her uncle's farm near Mt Vesuvius, where they try to solve a riddle, reunite a family and get out of the path of a natural disaster.



Peter Bunzl, *Cogheart*

After her father's airship crashes and he disappears, Lily is put in great danger as she and her friends - the clockmaker's son and her mechanical fox - set out to find him in Victorian London.

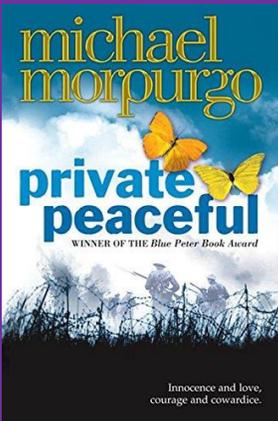
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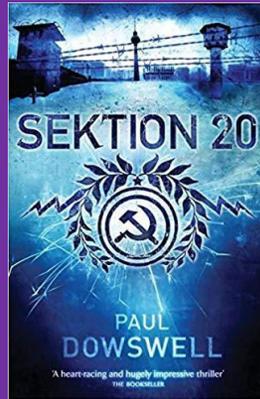
Cathy Brett, *Everything is Fine*

While studying war poetry at school, Esther finds some old letters behind her fireplace. She is drawn into a real-life love story between Freddie and Dorothy, who were separated by World War I, and the poetry suddenly becomes very real..
14 years +



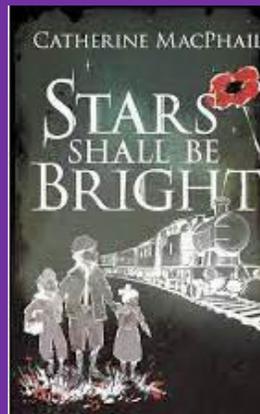
Michael Morpurgo, *Private Peaceful*

Private Thomas Peaceful is only eighteen but he has seen the horrors of war and experienced the full weight of its unfairness.



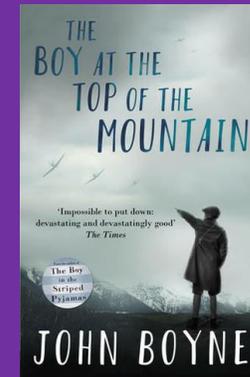
Paul Dowsnell, *Sektion 20*

Alex lives in East Berlin. The Cold War is raging, and he and his family are forbidden to leave. But Alex is no longer pretending to be a model East German, and the Stasi have noticed.



Catherine MacPhail, *Stars shall Be Bright*

When James, Belle and William's dad goes to War and their Mammy dies, the three children have to move in with Mrs Carter. That's bad enough, but then Mrs Carter says they'll have to go into a Home. The three children set off to find their dad.



John Boyne, *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain*

Pierrot is sent to live with his aunt at the top of a mountain during the Second World War. Taken under Hitler's wing, Pierrot is swept up in a dangerous new world and must choose where his loyalties lie.



Elizabeth Wein, *Firebird*

Nastia is a daring pilot, and as Russia enters WWII, she must fight for the motherland. But when the battle begins, long-held secrets are revealed.

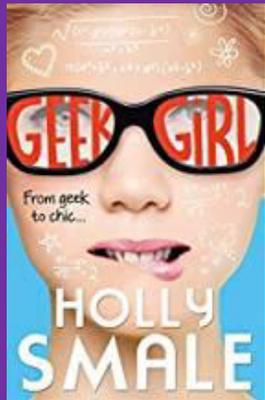
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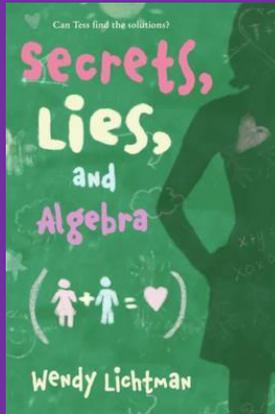
L'Engle, Madeleine, *A Wrinkle in Time*

Adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe. They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.



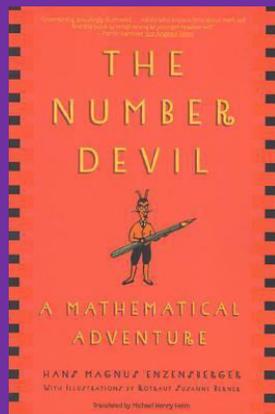
Holly Smale, *Geek Girl*

Harriet Manners knows a lot of things, but she doesn't know why nobody at school seems to like her. So when she's offered the chance to reinvent herself, she grabs the chance. Can she transform from geek to chic?



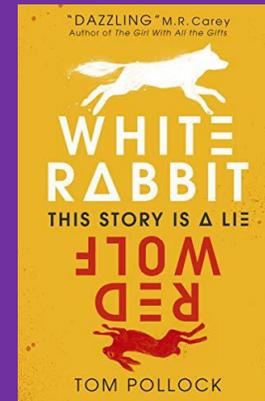
Wendy Lichtman, *Secrets, Lies and Algebra*

Tess loves math because it's the one subject she can trust—there's always just one right answer. But then she starts algebra and is introduced to those pesky and mysterious variables, which seem to be everywhere in eighth grade.



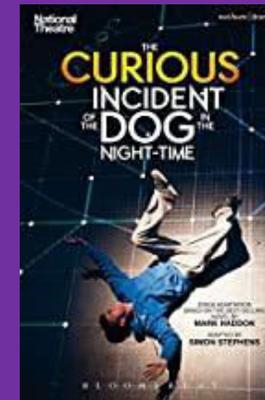
Hans Enzensberger, *The Number Devil*

Robert, a boy who hates math, meets a Number Devil, who leads him to discover the amazing world of numbers: infinite numbers, prime numbers, Fibonacci numbers, numbers that magically appear in triangles...



Tom Pollock, *White Rabbit, Red Wolf* KS4+

Pete is a maths prodigy who suffers from severe panic attacks. Dragged into a world of espionage after his mother is stabbed and his twin sister goes missing, will Pete's skills and instincts save him? **Warning: contains extreme violence.**

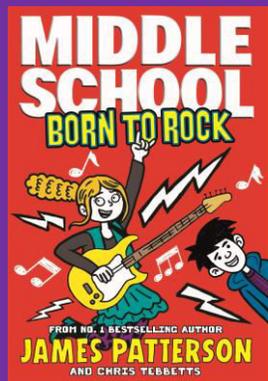


Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* KS4+

A story told through Christopher's eyes: an autistic boy gifted with numbers. Contains mathematical theorems and lots of prime numbers!

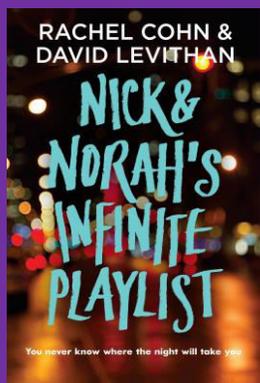
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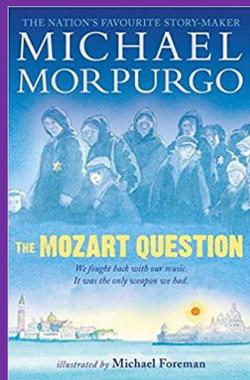
James Patterson, *Middle School: Born to Rock*

When Georgia's favourite rock band, Lulu and the Handbags, advertises a major music competition where the winner gets to jam with Lulu herself, Georgia will pull out all the stops to make sure We Stink wins.



Rachel Cohn + David Levithan, *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*

High school student Nick O'Leary, member of a rock band, meets college-bound Norah Silverberg and asks her to be his girlfriend for five minutes in order to avoid his ex-sweetheart. **Y9+**



Michael Morpurgo, *The Mozart Question*

A young journalist goes to Venice, Italy, to interview a famous violinist, who tells the story of his parents' incarceration by the Nazis and explains why they can no longer listen to the music of Mozart.



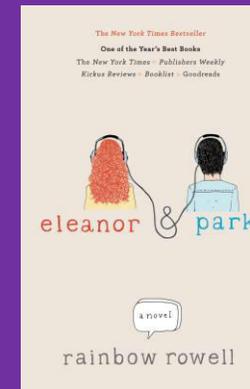
Jerry Spinelli, *Stargirl*

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric pupil named Stargirl changes Mica Area High School forever.



Leila Sales, *This Song Will Save you Life* KS4+

Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion and the talent to be a disc jockey. The plot contains an attempted suicide.

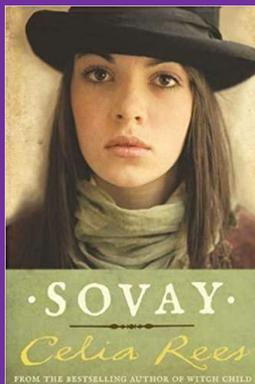


Rainbow Rowell, *Eleanor & Park* KS4+

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this novel focuses on two star-crossed misfits who are smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts but brave and desperate enough to try. Contains profanity.

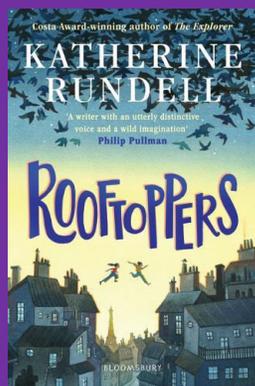
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Celia Rees, *Sovay*

In 1794 England, the rich and beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father's arrest for treason, and soon her newly awakened political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution. 14+



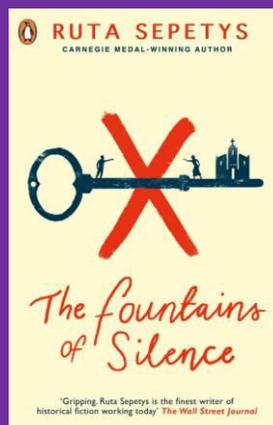
Katherine Rundell, *Rooftoppers*

Sophie survived a shipwreck as a baby, but her life began when an eccentric bachelor brought her home. When a child services organisation threatens to remove Sophie, she and Charles flee to Paris in search of her long-lost mother.



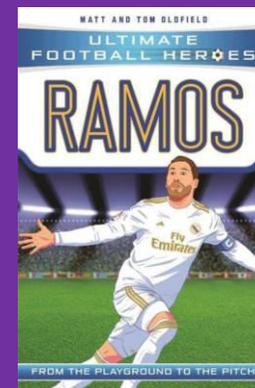
Sally Gardner, *The Red Necklace*

In the late 18th Century, Sido, the daughter of a marquis, and Yann, a Gypsy orphan, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution. 14+



Ruta Sepetys, *The Fountains of Silence*

At the Castellana Hilton in 1957 Madrid, Daniel connects with Ana through photography as they discover the dark side of the city under Generalissimo Franco's rule. 14+ (Contains violence and references to torture, murder and trafficking.)



Matt Oldfield, *Ramos: From the Playground to the Pitch*

Sergio Ramos, the lionhearted captain of Real Madrid and Spain, is famous for his pace and strength in defence as well as his leadership on the field. Follow Sergio on his journey from Seville to the Bernabéu to reach the top of his game.

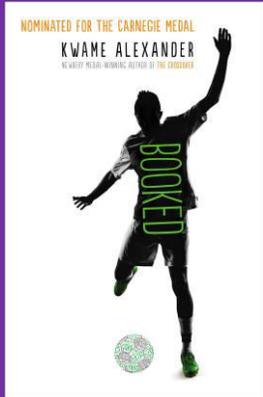


Michael Morpurgo, *Toro!*

Antonito lives an idyllic life on his parents' bull farm in Andalucia. But the idyll is shattered when he realises that his bull calf, Paco, is destined for the bullring.

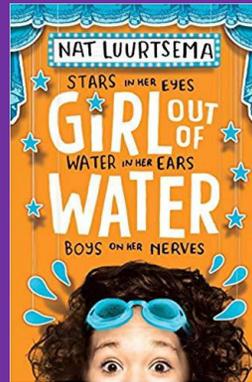
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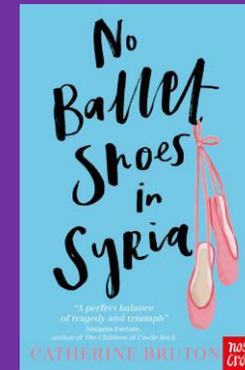
Kwame Alexander, *Booked*

Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress his dream girl. Helping him along are his friends and football mates, and The Mac, a rapping librarian.



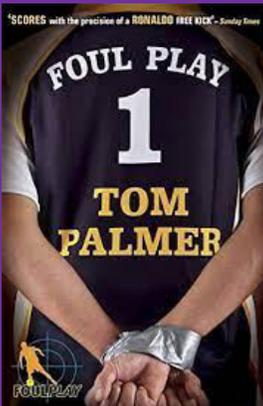
Nat Luurtsema, *Girl Out of Water*

Lou Brown was on track to Olympic stardom but now she's a social outcast trying to get by at school. Will she find happiness and friendship with the cool boys who want her to train them?



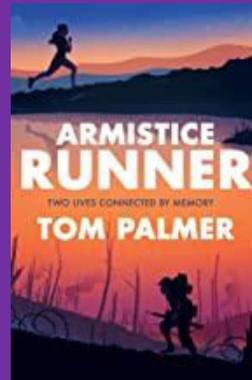
Catherine Bruton, *No Ballet Shoes in Syria*

Aya has just arrived in Britain seeking asylum from war in Syria. When a dance teacher spots her talent, Aya has the potential to go to a ballet school. But will she be allowed to remain in the country?



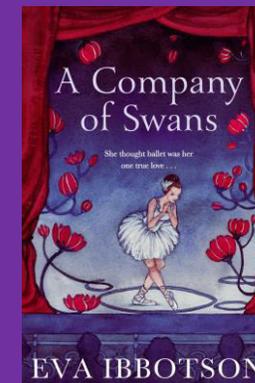
Tom Palmer, *Foul Play*

A school boy investigates the disappearance of his team's leading player.



Tom Palmer, *Armistice Runner*

Lily is losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran?

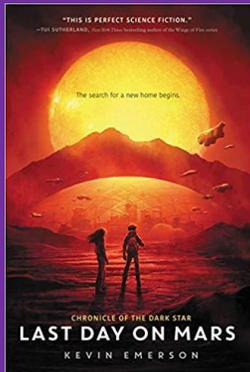


Eva Ibbotson, *A Company of Swans*

Harriet Jane Morton's life changes drastically when chosen by a Russian ballet master to join his company. In the Amazon, she falls in love with a British exile with a mysterious past.

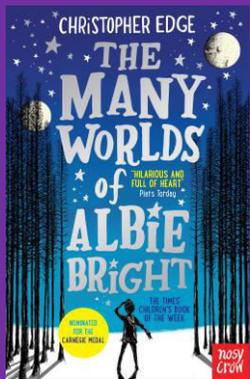
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Kevin Emerson, *Last Day on Mars*

It is Earth year 2213—but, of course, there is no Earth anymore. Not since it was burned to a cinder by the sun, which has mysteriously begun the process of going supernova.



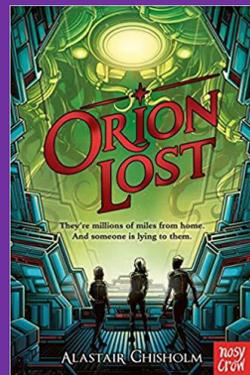
Christopher Edge, *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*

After Albie's mum dies, he decides to find a way of travelling through space and time to find an alternative universe where his mum is still alive.



Nicole Panteleakos, *Planet Earth is Blue*

Twelve-year-old Nova is eagerly awaiting the launch of the space shuttle Challenger—it's the first time a teacher is going into space, and kids across America will watch the event on live TV in their classrooms.



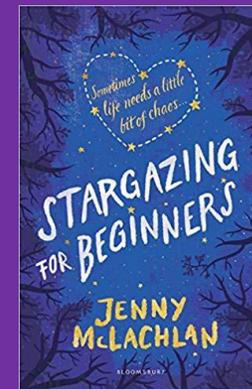
Alastair Chisholm, *Orion Lost*

After a catastrophic Unknown Event leaves the colony ship Orion stranded deep in space, it's up to thirteen-year-old Beth and her friends to navigate through treacherous and uncharted territory and reach safety.



Tae Keller, *The Science of Breakable Things*

When Natalie's science teacher suggests that she enter an egg drop competition, Natalie thinks that this might be the perfect solution to all of her problems. Contains depression.

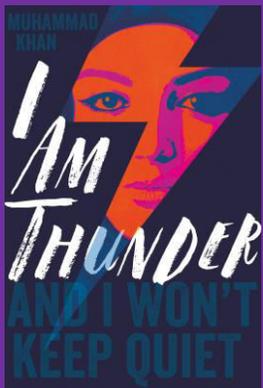


Jenny McLachlan, *Stargazing for Beginners*

Meg's ambition is to one day become an astronaut, and winning a competition to visit NASA could be a big step towards achieving that dream. But Meg's mum leaves her alone with her sister, Elsa... everything changes.

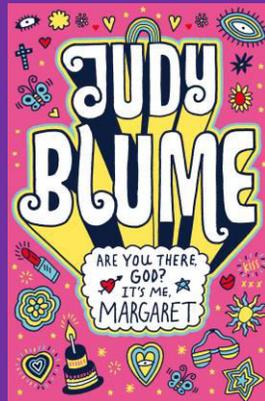
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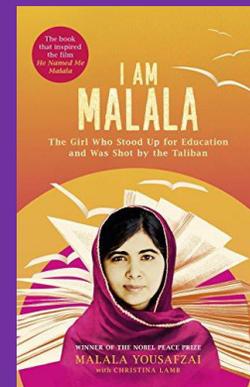
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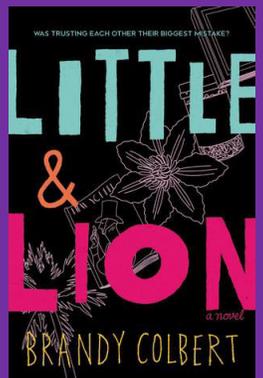
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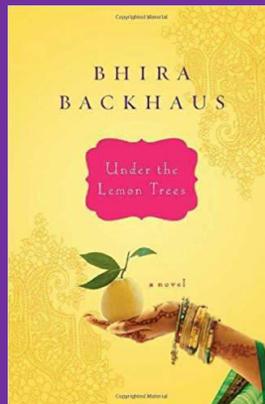
Yousafzai, Malala, *I am Malala*

Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her. Mature themes.



Brandy Colbert, *Little & Lion*

Protagonist Suzette is a converted Jew, who falls in love with the same girl her brother, who has bipolar disorder, is in love with. Questions of identity, mental health, and sexuality.



Bhira Backhaus, *Under the Lemon Trees*

In Oak Grove, California, 1976, there are as many Sikh temples as churches, and the large Indian immigrant community gracefully coexists with the old farming families. But for Jeeto, figuring out where she fits best isn't so easy.



Kathe Koja, *Buddha Boy*

Justin stays under the radar in school, until a new boy arrives. Jinsen, aka "Buddha Boy," is anything but normal, and when Justin discovers Jinsen's artistic talent, he can't help but start respecting him and then actually becoming his friend.