



# Year 6 Suggested Reading List

Are you looking for a great book for your child's personal collection?

We have compiled a list of Year 6 suggested reads, suitable for varying ability ranges within this age group



## How to use this guide

To make it easy for you to purchase books for home that your child will enjoy, the texts have been listed according to their genre. As the books on this list have varying degrees of challenge, with some also including more mature themes, they have also been grouped together into colours using a *best-fit* model. Therefore, care should be taken, and parental judgement should still be used, when choosing books for your child.

To help you, the key below has been provided for guidance; however, if you have any questions about the content or complexity of specific texts, there is an abundance of information available online. Please do then feel free to ask us if you would like any further help.

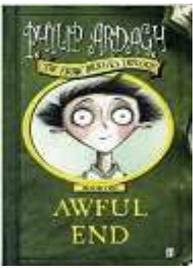
Remember - regardless of their level of difficulty, all texts can be enjoyed by your child when you read them together: sharing, listening to, and discussing texts that may otherwise have been too challenging to read alone continues to be an extremely valuable activity for children throughout the whole of Key Stage Two.

Less Confident Readers Entering Y6	Developing Confidence Developing Y6	Confident Readers Secure Y6	More challenging texts, Young Adult books or more mature content ***
***Adults should check they are happy for their children to read these texts			

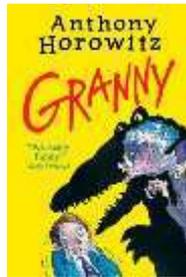
### **Just so you know -**

- This list, compiled from a range of expert sources, is to simply provide helpful suggestions- it is not compulsory.
- The images on this document are for representation; however, publishers will often print the books with several different covers, so please bare this in mind when looking for titles

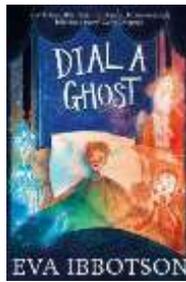
## Humorous Books



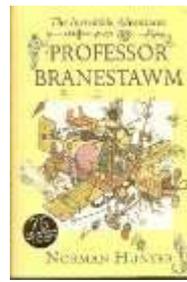
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Philip Ardagh



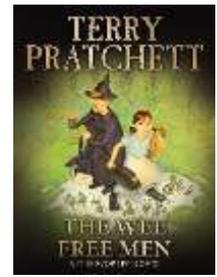
**Granny**  
Anthony Horowitz



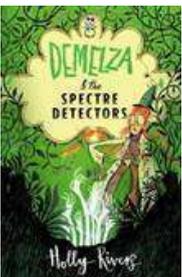
**Dial a Ghost**  
Eva Ibbotson



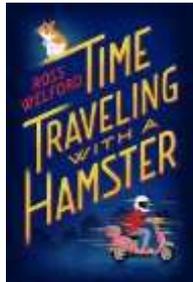
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Norman Hunter



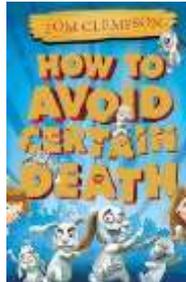
**The Wee Free Men**  
Terry Pratchett



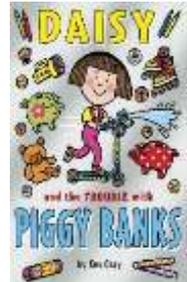
**Demelza & the...  
Holly Rivers**



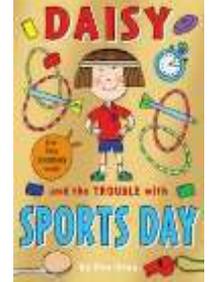
**Time Travelling with...  
Ross Welford**



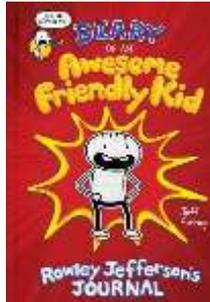
**How to avoid...  
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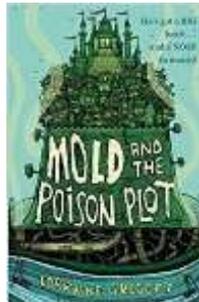
**Daisy & the trouble with... series  
Kes Gray**



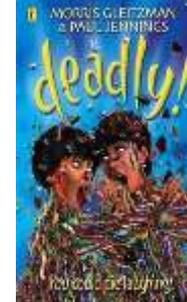
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Nicola Skinner



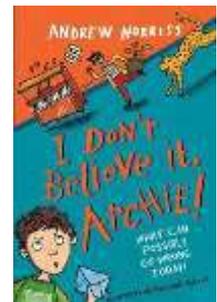
**Diary of an Awesome...  
Jeff Kinney**



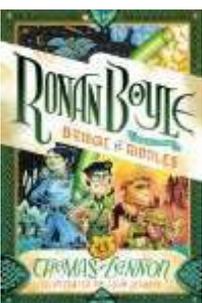
**Mold & the Poison Plot**  
Lorraine Gregory



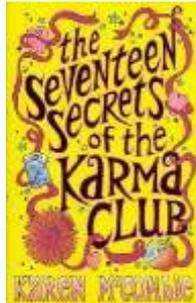
**Deadly!**  
M Gieztman/P Jennings



**I don't believe it...  
Andrew Norris**



**Ronan Boyle series**  
Thomas Lennon



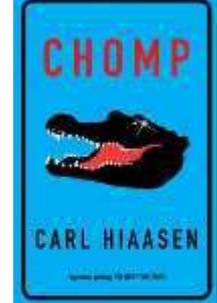
**17 secrets of  
Karen McCombie**



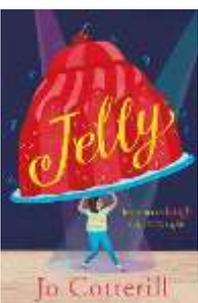
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Cathy Brett



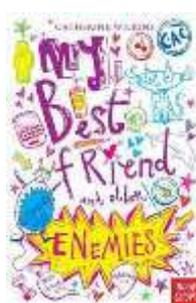
**Muddle & Win**  
John Dickinson



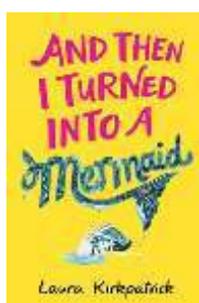
**Chomp**  
Carl Hiaasen



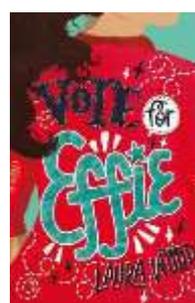
**Jelly**  
Jo Cotterill



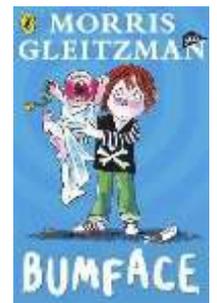
**My Best Friend...  
Catherine Wilkins**



**Mermaid series**  
Laura Kirkpatrick

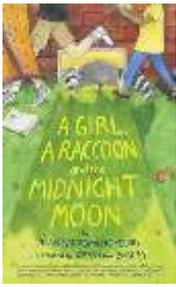


**Vote for Effie**  
Laura Wood



**Bumface**  
Morris Gleitzman

## Animals



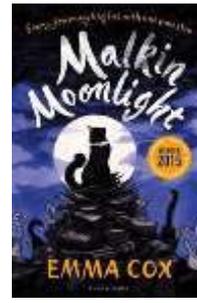
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Karen Romano Young



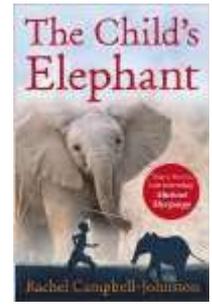
**I, Cosmo**  
Carlie Sorosiak



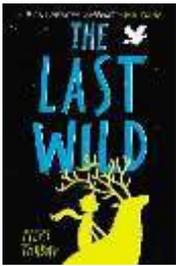
**Endling**  
Katherine Applegate



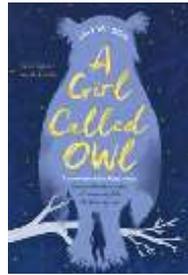
**Malkin Moonlight**  
Emma Cox



**The Child's Elephant**  
Rachel Campbell-Johnston



**The Last Wild**  
Piers Torday



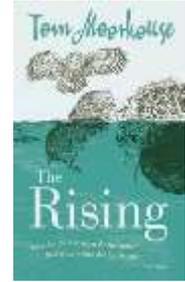
**A Girl Called Owl**  
Amy Wilson



**The Last Zoo**  
Sam Gaytor



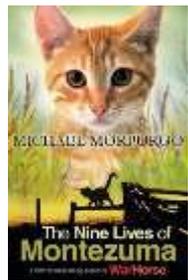
**Blitzcat**  
Robert Westall



**The Rising**  
Tom Moorhouse



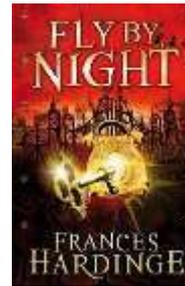
**Gorilla Dawn**  
Gill Lewis



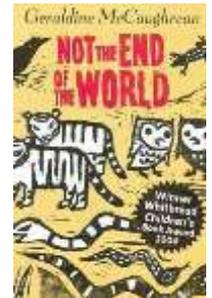
**9 Lives of Montezuma**  
Michael Morpurgo



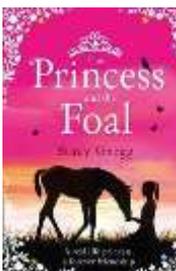
**The Hidden Star**  
K Sello Duiker



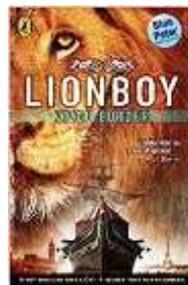
**Fly By Night**  
Frances Hardinge



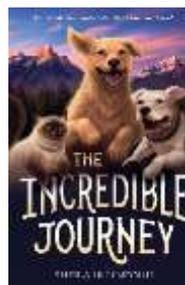
**Not the End of the World**  
Geraldine McCaughrean



**The Princess & the Foal**  
Stacy Gregg



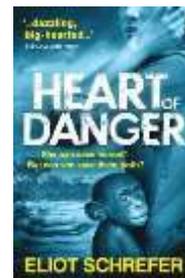
**Lion Boy series**  
Zizou Corder



**The Incredible Journey**  
Sheila Burnford



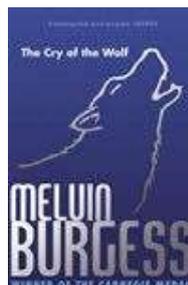
**The Owl Service**  
Alan Garner



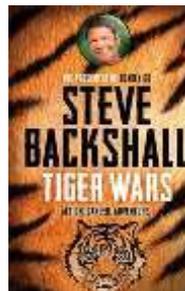
**Heart of Danger**  
Eliot Schrefer



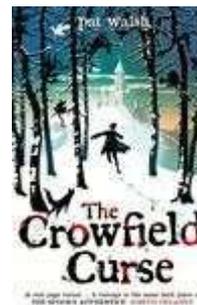
**Asha & the Spirit Bird**  
Jasbinder Bilan



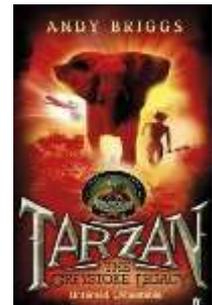
**The Cry of the Wolf**  
Melvin Burgess



**Tiger Wars**  
Steve Backshall

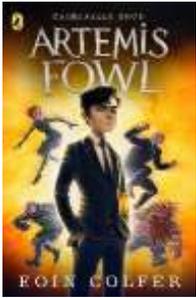


**The Crowfield Curse**  
Pat Walsh

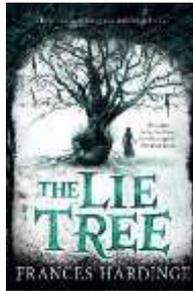


**Tarzan: Greystoke Legacy**  
Andy Briggs

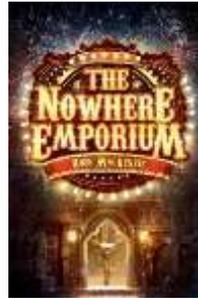
## Fantasy



Artemis Fowl series  
Eoin Colfer



The Lie Tree  
Frances Haringe



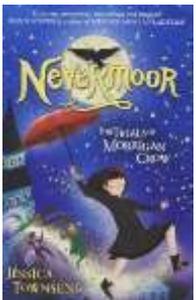
Nowhere Emporium  
Ross Mackenzie



Shadowmancer  
G.P. Taylor



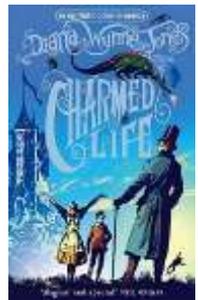
The Switchers Trilogy  
Kate Thompson



Nevermoor  
Jessica Townsend



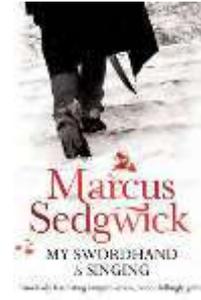
Snow Spider  
Jenny Nimmo



Charmed Life  
Dianna Wynne Jones



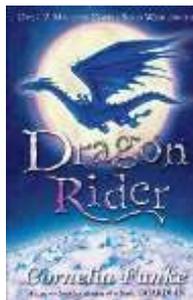
Inkheart  
Cornelia Funke



My Swordhand  
& Singing  
Marcus Sedgwick



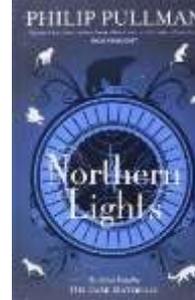
Eragon  
Christopher Paolini



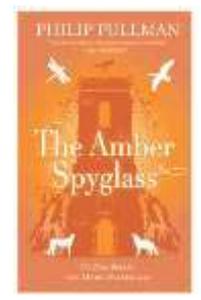
Dragon Rider  
Cornelia Funke



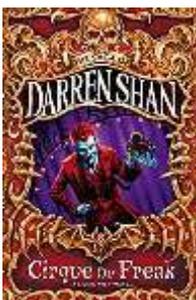
His Dark Materials  
Philip Pullman



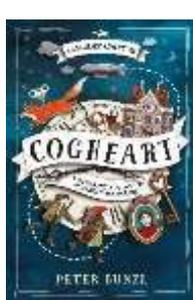
Northern Lights  
Philip Pullman



Amber Spyglass  
Philip Pullman



Cirque Du Freak  
Darren Shan



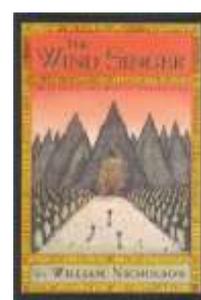
Cogheart series  
Peter Bunzl



The Dark is Rising  
Susan Cooper



The Weathermonger  
Peter Dickinson



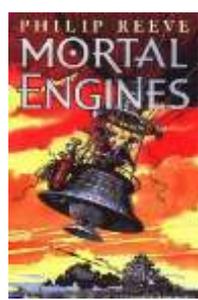
Wind on Fire Trilogy  
William Nicholson



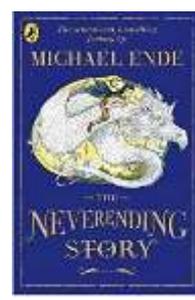
The Hunger Games  
Suzanne Collins



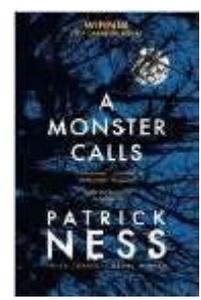
Below Zero  
Dan Smith



Mortal Engines  
Philip Reeve



Neverending Story  
Michael Ende

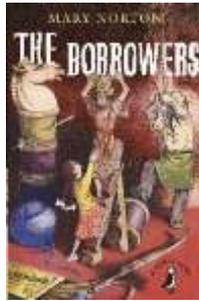


A Monster Calls  
Patrick Ness

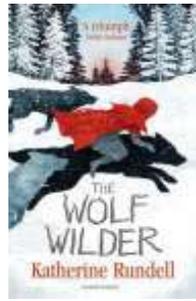
## Adventure and Science Fiction



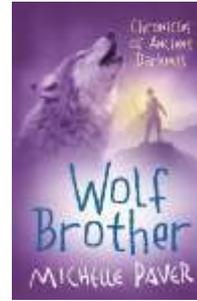
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K. Millwood Hargrave



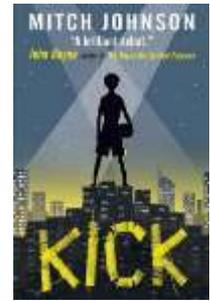
**The Borrowers**  
Mary Norton



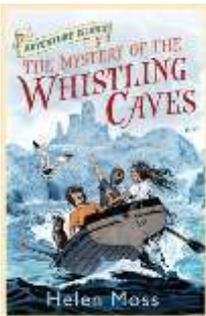
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Katherine Rundell



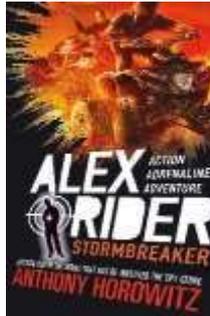
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Michelle Paver



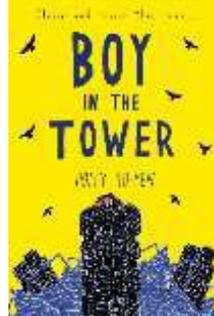
**Kick**  
Mitch Johnson



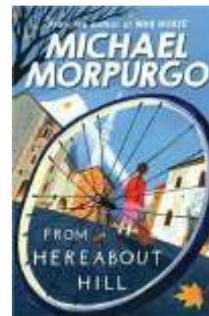
**...Whistling Caves**  
Helen Moss



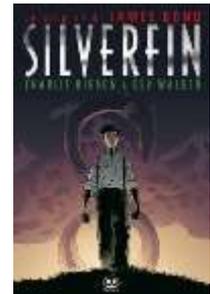
**Stormbreaker**  
Anthony Horowitz



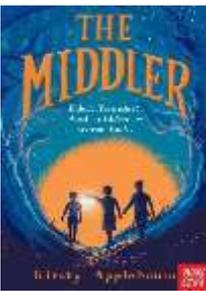
**Boy in the Tower**  
Polly Ho-Yen



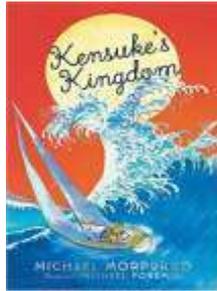
**From Hereabout Hill**  
Michael Morpurgo



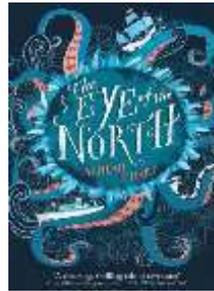
**Silverfin**  
Charlie Higson



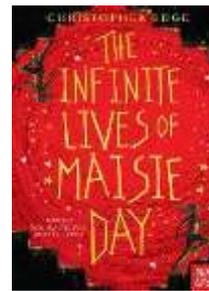
**The Middler**  
Kirsty Applebaum



**Kensuke's Kingdom**  
Michael Morpurgo



**Eye of the North**  
Sinead Hart



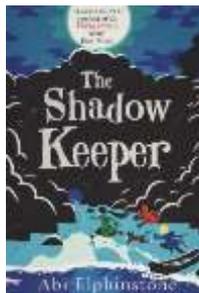
**The Infinite Lives...**  
Christopher Edge



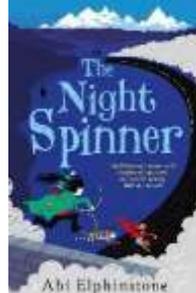
**Secret of Platform 13**  
Eva Ibbotson



**Dream Snatcher**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Shadow Keeper**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Night Spinner**  
Abi Elphinstone



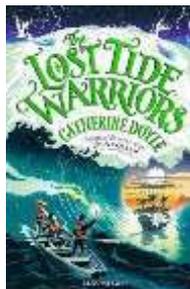
**Jungle Drop**  
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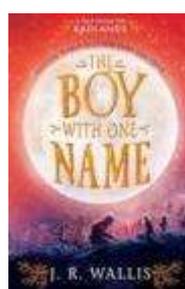
**Sky Song**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Moonchild**  
Aisha Busby



**Lost Tide Warriors**  
Catherine Doyle



**... Boy with One Name**  
J.R. Wallis



**Eren**  
Simon P. Clark

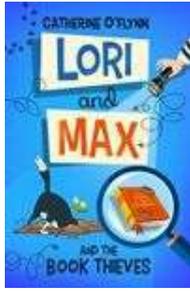


**When Secrets Set Sail**  
Sita Brahmachari

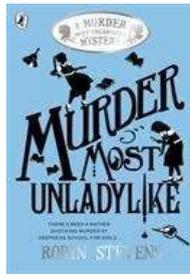
# Mystery



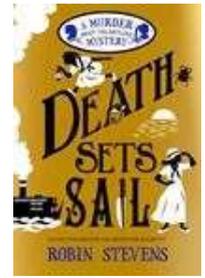
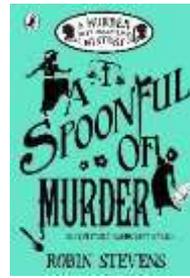
When Life Gives You  
Kereen Getten



Lori and Max...  
Catherine O'Flynn



Murder Most Unladylike Series (several titles)  
Robin Stevens



Check Mates  
Stewart Foster



Itch  
Simon Mayo



The Girl with...  
Stephanie Burgis



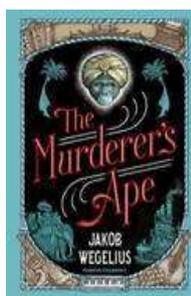
A Most Improper...  
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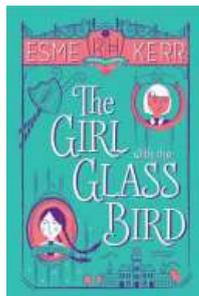
Last Chance Hotel  
Nicki Thornton



The Midnight Peacock  
Kathryn Woodfine



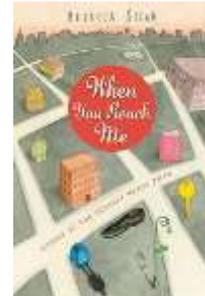
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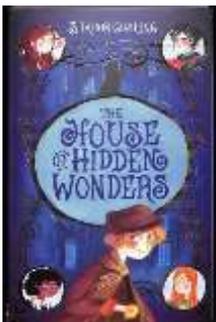
The Glass Bird Girl  
Esme Kerr



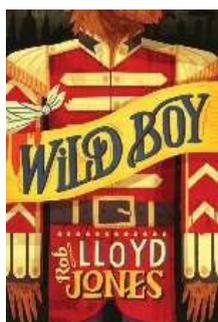
The Good Thieves  
Katherine Rundell



When You Reach Me  
Rebecca Stead



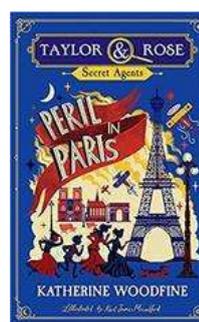
House of Hidden Wonders  
Sharon Gosling



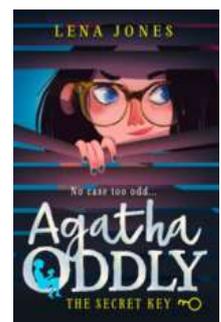
WILD BOY  
Rob Lloyd Jones



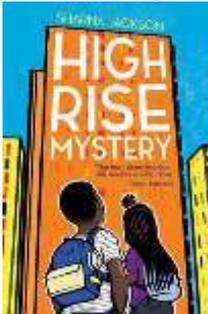
Black Cats & Butlers  
Janine Beacham



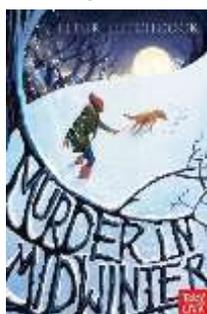
Peril in Paris  
Katherine Woodfine



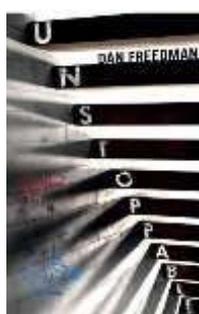
Agatha Oddly  
Lena Jones



High Rise Mystery  
Sharna Jackson



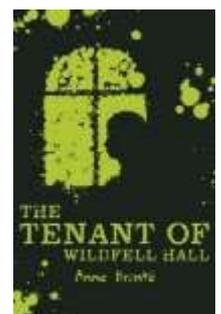
Murder in Midwinter  
Fleur Hitchcock



Unstoppable  
Dan Freedman

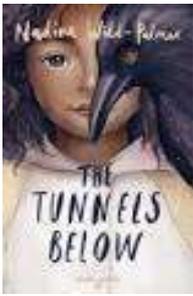


Moon Fleet  
J. Meade Falkner

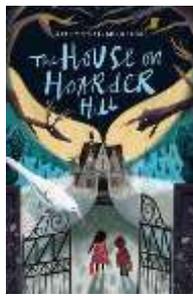


Tenant of Wildfell Hall  
Anne Bronte

## Spooky/Horror



**The Tunnels Below**  
Nadine Wild-Palmer



**House on Hoarder Hill**  
Mikki Lish & Kelly Ngai



**Christmas Dinner of Souls**  
Ross Montgomery



**Seven Ghosts**  
Chris Priestley



**Shiverton Hall**  
Emerald Fennell



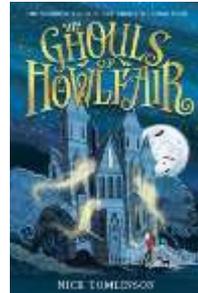
**Death or Ice Cream?**  
Gareth P. Jones



**Ghost Stadium**  
Tom Palmer



**The Velvet Fox**  
Catherine Fisher



**Ghouls of Howlfair**  
Nick Tomlinson



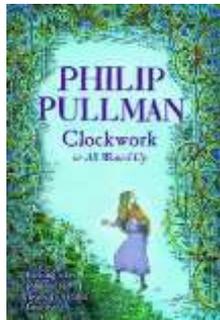
**Room 13**  
Robert Swindells



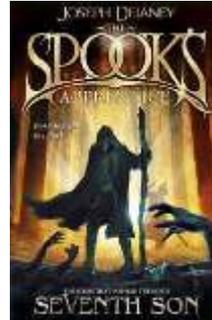
**The Front Room**  
Michelle Magorian



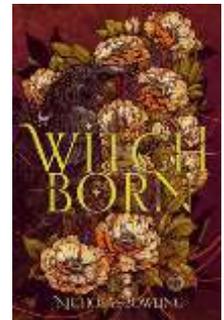
**Tales of Terror**  
Chris Priestley



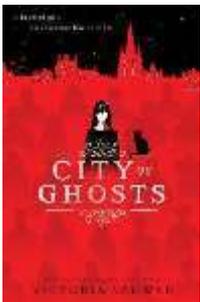
**Clockwork**  
Philip Pullman



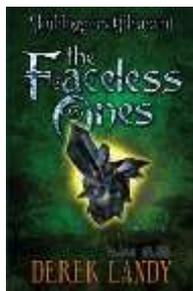
**Spooks Apprentice**  
Joseph Delaney



**Witch Born**  
Nicholas Bowling



**City of Ghosts**  
Victoria Schwab



**Skulduggery Pleasant series**  
Derek Landy



**Threads of Magic**  
Alison Croggon



**The Devil Walks**  
Anne Fine



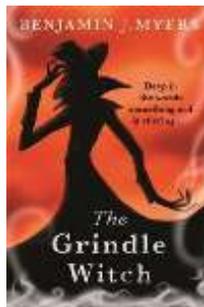
**Doll Bones**  
Holly Black



**Monsters of Rookhaven**  
Padraig Kenny



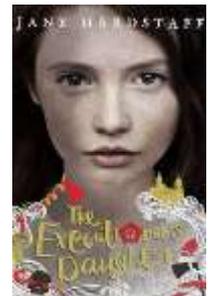
**The Power of 5 series**  
Anthony Horowitz



**The Grindle Witch**  
Benjamin J. Myers

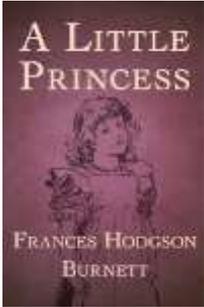


**Crater Lake**  
Jennifer Killick



**Executioner's Daughter**  
Jane Hardstaff

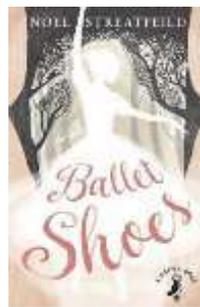
## Well-loved Authors, Classic Texts and Retellings



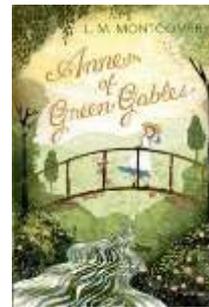
**A Little Princess**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett



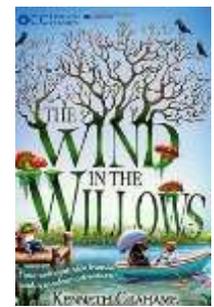
**The Secret Garden**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett



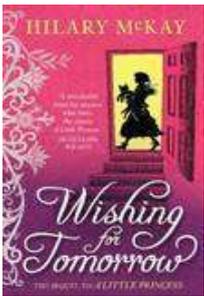
**Ballet Shoes**  
Noel Streatfeild



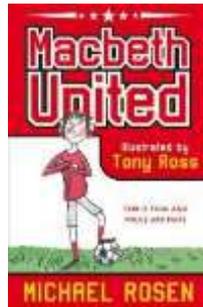
**Anne of Green Gables**  
L.M. Montgomery



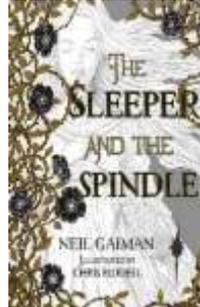
**Wind in the Willows**  
Kenneth Grahame



**Wishing for Tomorrow**  
Hilary McKay



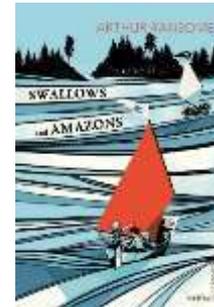
**Macbeth United**  
Michael Rosen



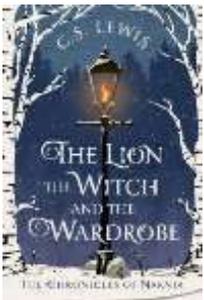
**Sleeper & the Spindle**  
Neil Gaiman



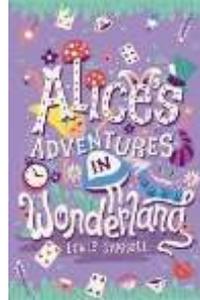
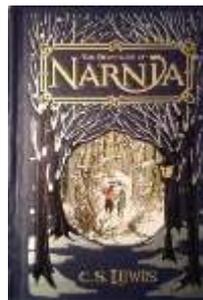
**The girl who...**  
Catherynne M. Valente



**Swallows & Amazons**  
Arthur Ransome



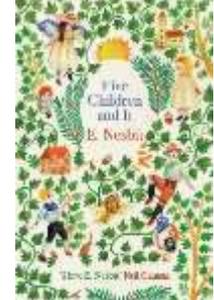
**The Chronicles of Narnia/The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe.** C.S. Lewis



**Alice in Wonderland**  
Lewis Carroll



**Just William**  
Richmal Crompton



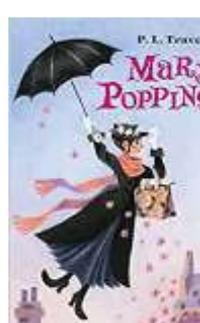
**5 Children and It**  
E. Nesbit



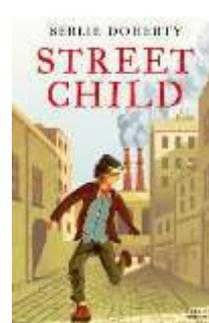
**Goodnight Mr Tom**  
Michelle Magorian



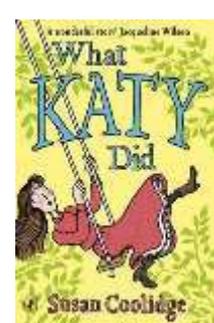
**Oliver Twisted**  
J.D. Sharp



**Mary Poppins**  
Pamela L. Tavers



**Street Child**  
Berlie Doherty



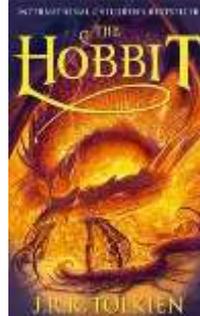
**What Katy Did**  
Susan Coolidge



**The Eye of the Wolf**  
Daniel Pennac



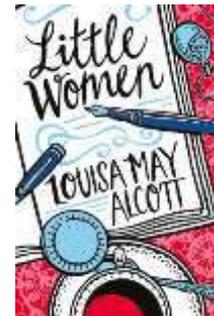
**A Christmas Carol**  
Charles Dickens



**The Hobbit**  
J.R.R. Tolkien



**The Woman in Black**  
Susan Hill



**Little Women**  
Louisa May Alcott

## Thought-Provoking / Real Life

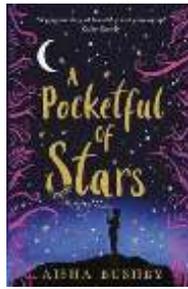
**NB \*\*\* All of these books may include more complex/mature themes (as noted below the books).**



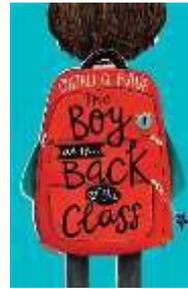
**Where the river...**  
**Sita Brahmachari**  
*growing up/climate change*



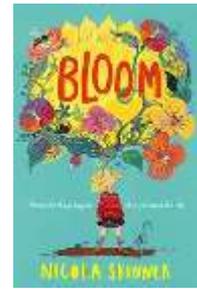
**Starlight Watchmaker**  
**Lauren James**  
*Young adult/romance*



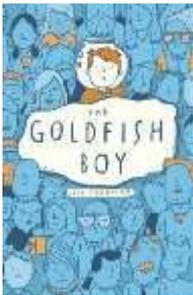
**Pocketful of Stars**  
**Aisha Busby**  
*illness/bereavement/BAME*



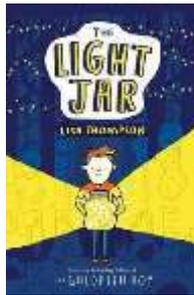
**Boy at the Back of..**  
**Onjali Q Rauf**  
*Human Rights BAME*



**Bloom**  
**Nicola Skinner**  
*identity/climate change*



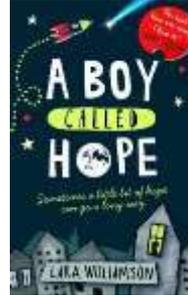
**Goldfish Boy**  
**Lisa Thompson**  
*OCD*



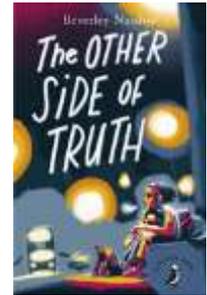
**The Light Jar**  
**Lisa Thompson**  
*family struggles*



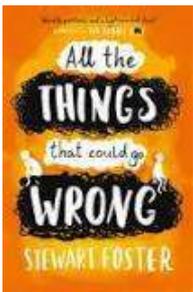
**How to Fly with Broken...**  
**Jane Elson**  
*aspergers/bullying/social*



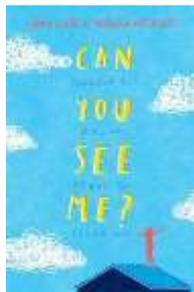
**A Boy Called Hope**  
**Lara Williamson**  
*family struggles*



**Other Side of Truth**  
**Beverley Naidoo**  
*immigration/asylum*



**All the things that could...**  
**Stewart Foster**  
*OCD/friendship/bullying*



**Can You See Me?**  
**L Scott & R Westcott**  
*autism/feelings*



**Worry Angels**  
**Sita Brahmachari**  
*family breakup/anxiety*



**A Girl Called Dog**  
**Nicola Davies**  
*politics/human rights*



**Step by Wicked Step**  
**Anne Fine**  
*step parents/family issues*



**The Distance between...**  
**Paola Peretti**  
*disability*



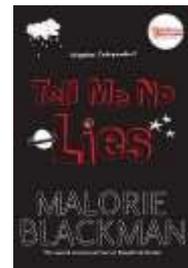
**The House with...**  
**Sophie Anderson**  
*bereavement*



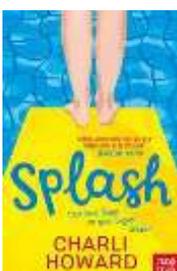
**Freedom 1783**  
**Catherine Johnson**  
*slavery/immigration*



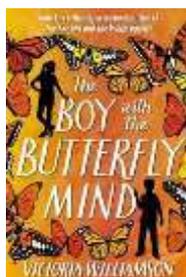
**Dandelion Clocks**  
**Rebecca Westcott**  
*aspergers/terminal illness*



**Tell Me No Lies**  
**Malorie Blackman**  
*psychological*



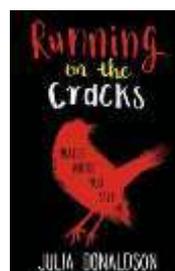
**Splash**  
**Charli Howard**  
*body positivity/anxiety*



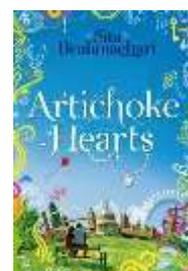
**The Boy with the...**  
**Victoria Williamson**  
*ADHD/mental health/families*



**Girl Hearts Girl**  
**Lucy Sutcliffe**  
*sexuality/young adult*

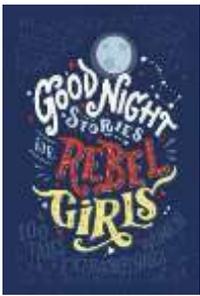


**Running on the Cracks**  
**Julia Donaldson**  
*runaway*

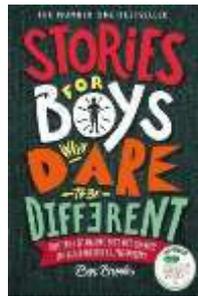


**Artichoke Hearts**  
**Sita Brahmachari**  
*puberty/cancer/loss*

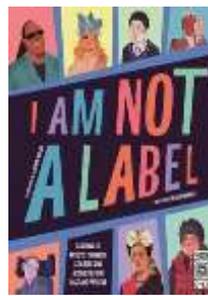
## Inspirational People, Inspirational Stories and Role Models (fiction & non-fiction)



Goodnight Stories  
For Rebel Girls



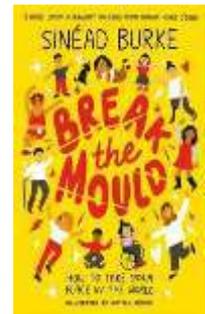
Stories for Boys who  
Dare to be Different



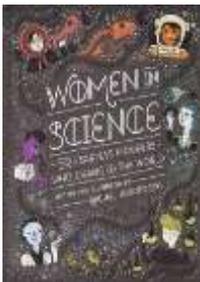
I Am Not a Label  
Cerrie Burnell



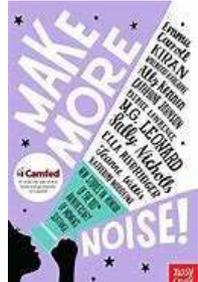
Timelines from Black...  
Mireille Harper



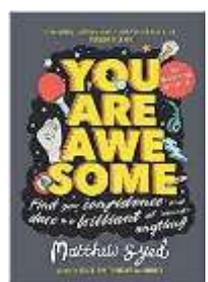
Break the Mould  
Sinead Burke



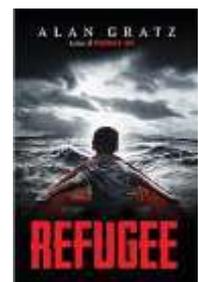
Women in Science  
Rachel Ignotofsky



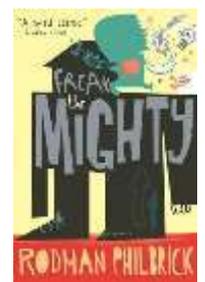
Make More Noise!  
Emma Carroll



You are Awesome  
Matthew Syed



Refugee  
Alan Gratz

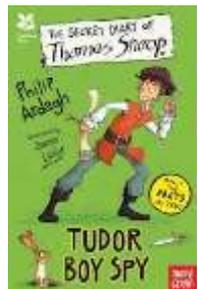


Freak the Mighty  
Rodman Philbrick

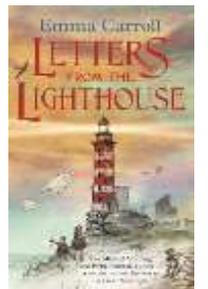
## Historical Fiction



The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
Brian Selznick



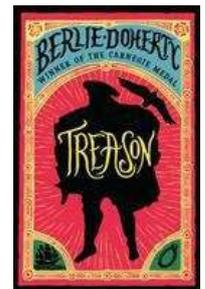
Tudor Boy Spy series  
Philip Ardagh



Letters from the Lighthouse  
Emma Carroll



The Glass Town Game  
Catherynne M. Valente



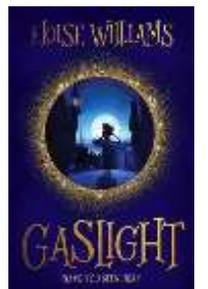
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Berlie Doherty



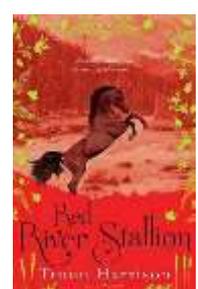
Once  
Morris Gleitzman



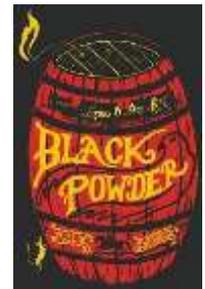
Fireweed  
Jill Paton Walsh



Gaslight  
Eloise Williams



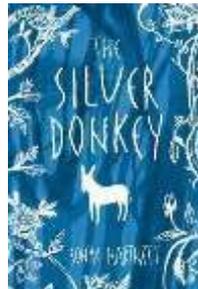
Red River Stallion  
Troon Harrison



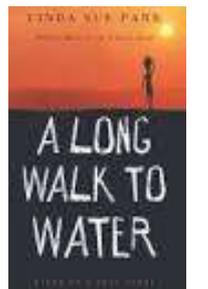
Black Powder  
Ally Sherrick



When Hitler Stole Pink...  
Judith Kerr



The Silver Donkey  
Sonya Hartnett



A Long Walk to Water  
Linda Sue Park

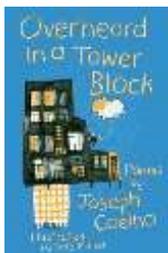


Executioner's Daughter  
Jane Hardstaff

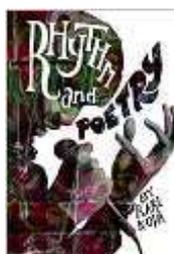


12 Minutes to Midnight  
Christopher Edge

## Poetry Anthologies



Overheard in a Tower...  
J. Coelho & K. Milner



Rhythm and Poetry  
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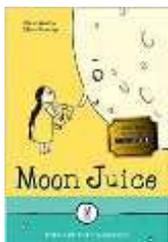
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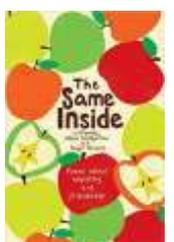
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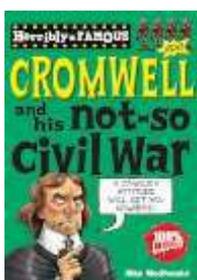


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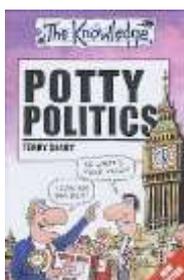


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## Non-Fiction



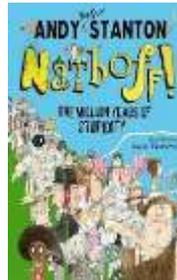
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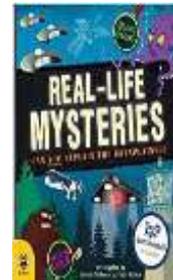
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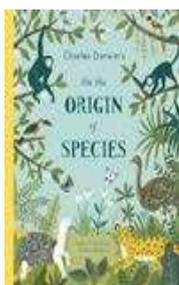
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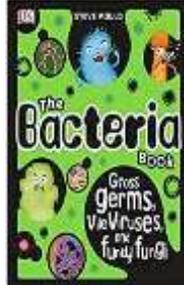
Real Life Mysteries  
Susan Martineau  
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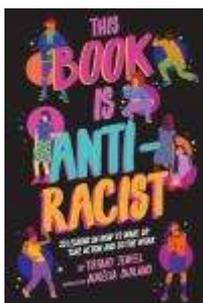
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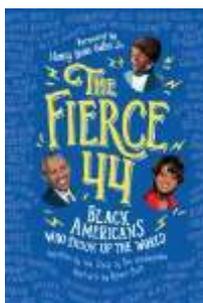
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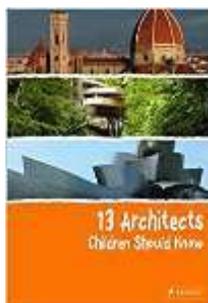
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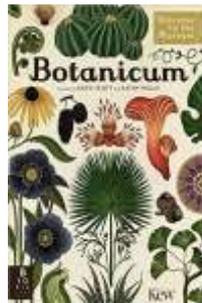
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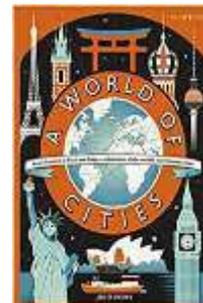
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13 Architects Children...  
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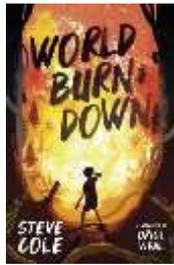


A World of Cities  
James Brown  
*cities of the world*

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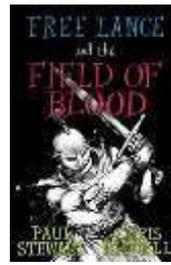
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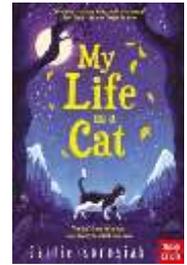
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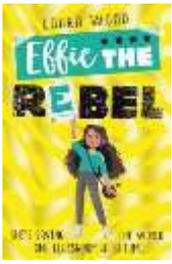
**Silly Book of Sidesplitting...**  
Andy Seed  
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**Free Lance & The Field...**  
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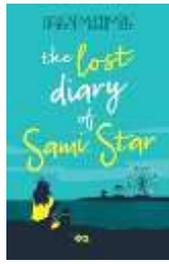
**My Life as a Cat**  
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**Ebbie the Rebel**  
Laura Wood



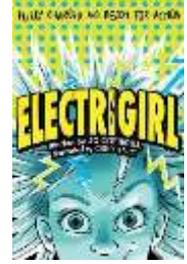
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C & D Macphail  
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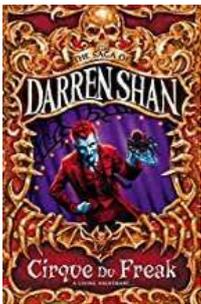
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Karen McCombie  
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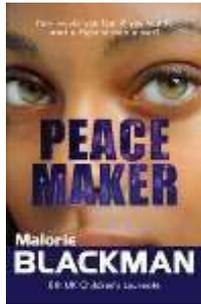
**Kicking Off**  
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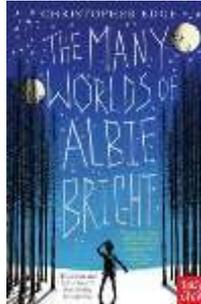
**Electrigril series**  
Jo Cotterill & Cathy Brett



**Cirque Du Freak**  
Darren Shan



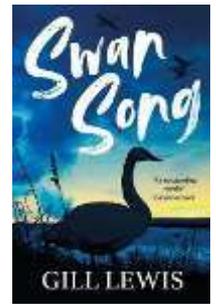
**Peace Maker**  
Malorie Blackman  
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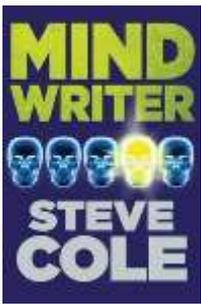
**The Many Worlds of...**  
Christopher Edge



**Over the Line**  
Tom Palmer  
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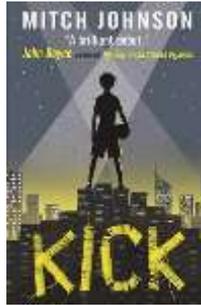
**Swan Song**  
Gill Lewis  
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**Swan Mind Writer**  
Steve Cole  
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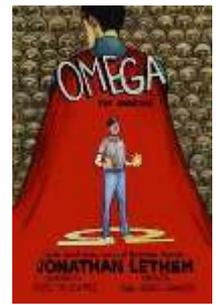
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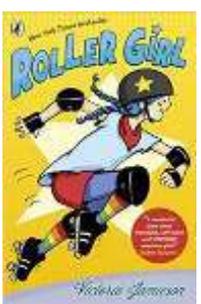
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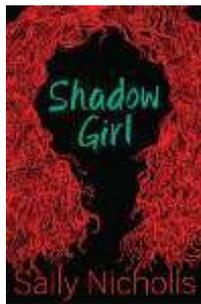
**Flesh & Blood**  
Chris Priestley  
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**Omega the Unknown**  
J. Lethem & K. Rusnak



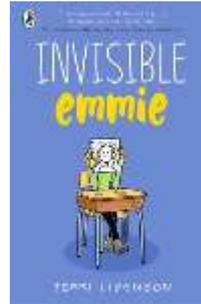
**Roller Girl**  
Victoria Jamieson  
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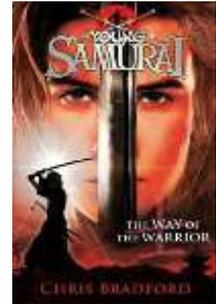
**Shadow Girl**  
Sally Nicholls



**Sheets**  
Brenna Thummler



**Invisible Emmie**  
Terri Libensen



**Young Samurai series**  
Chris Bradford