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# Popular Series for Year 7

Abela, Deborah Arcanjo, J.J. Arena, Felice Alston, B. B Bennett, M. A. Bradford, Chris Carter, Ally

Chainani, Soman Child, Lauren Colfer, Chris Colfer, Eoin Craig, Joe D'Ath, Justin Di Terlizzi, T. DuPrau, Jeanne

Emerson, Kevin Evans, Richard Flanaghan, John French, Jackie

Funke, Cornellia George, Jean Craighead

Gleitzman, Morris Griffith, Andy Harper, H.J. Heath, Jack Hicks, Phil

Horowitz, Anthony Horowitz, Anthony Hutton, Sam

Hunter, Erin Irvine, lan

Jocylen, Marthe Landy, Derek

Lawrence, D & Rioli, C.

Lewis, C.S.

Max Remy Super Spy

Crookhaven

Specky Magee series Amari and the night bros.

**Butterfly Club** 

Young Samurai series Winterborne series

The School for Good & Evil

Ruby Redfort Land of Stories Artemis Fowl series Iimmy Coates

Extreme adventures series

Wondla & Spiderwick Book of Embers series

Oliver Nocturne Michael Vev

Ranger's Apprentice

Girls who changed the world

**Inkheart Trilogy** 

My side of the mountain series

Felix & Zelda series Treehouse series

Bureau of Mysteries series

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Aveline Jones series
Alex Rider Series

Diamond Bros. Detectives Special Agents series The Warriors series Runcible Iones series

Aggie Morton, mystery queen

Skulduggery Pleasant

Fox Swift series

The Chronicles of Narnia

Adventure/Spies

Adventure/thieves Football/growing-up

Fantasy/Adventure

Historical Fiction

Adventure/ History

Adventure/Mystery

Fantasy

Mystery/ciphers Fantasy/Magic Crime/fantasy Mystery/Spies Adventure

Fantasy

Adv/future/sci-fi Horror/vampires Science Fiction Adventure (fantasy)

Historical Fiction Adventure (fantasy) Adventure/survival War/Holocaust

Humour

Mystery/spys
Adventure/Action
Supernatural stories
Espionage/Spies
Humour/Crime
Espionage/Spies
Fantasy/cats
Fantasy/magic
Mystery/murder

Fantasy/War

Crime/Fantasy

Sport/Aussie Rules

# Popular Series for Year 7

Lockwood, Vicki Malley, Gemma McCann, Lisa McNab, Andy

Messenger, Shannon Moloney, James

Nielsen, Jennifer Nimmo, Jenny

Nix, Garth Novik, Naomi Pinchon, Liz Phelan, James

Ponti, James Pullman, Phillip Riordan, Rick Ryan, Chris

Sage, Angie Scott, Michael Shan, Darren

Snicket, Lemony Spratt, R.A.

Springer, Nancy Stephens, John

Stewart, Paul

Stewart, Trenton Stroud, Jonathan

Sutherland, Tui Tanner, Lian Tanner, Lian

Townsend, Jessica

White, J.A Whiting, Sue Wilkinson, Carole

Woodfire, Katherine

The magnificent Lizzie Brown

The Declaration series

Forgotten Five Boy Soldier series

Keeper of the lost cities

The Book of Lies

The Ascendance trilogy Charlie Bone series Keys to the Kingdom

The Temeraire Chronicles

Tom Gates Series Last Thirteen

Framed & City Spies Sally Lockhart series Percy Jackson...et al Alpha Force & Code Red Septimus Heap series

Secret diary of Nicholas F. Demonata & Vampire Series

A Series of Unfortunate Events

Friday Barnes Enola Holmes

The Books of Beginning series

The Edge Chronicles

Mysterious Benedict Society

The Bartimaeus trilogy

Wings of Fire Keepers trilogy The Hidden series

Nevermoor Shadow School Pearly & Pig series Dragonkeeper series

Taylor & Rose, secret agents

Mystery & Suspense

**Future Worlds** 

Adventure/psychics

War/espionage

Fantasy/psychics

Fantasy

Fantasy/good v's evil

Fantasy/magic

Adventure (fantasy) Fantasy/dragons

Humour/School story

Mystery/Future FBI / Detectives

Mystery & Suspense Fantasy/mythology Adventure/action

Fantasy Fantasy Horror

Humour

Mystery/Detectives Mystery/Detectives Fantasy/magic

Fantasy

Adventure/mystery

Fantasy

Fantasy/dragons Fantasy (adventure) Fantasy (adventure)

Fantasy / magic Schools/Ghosts

Adventure Fantasv

Mystery / spies

# Top Tales of **Adventure**

## Amoore, Nat

#### We Run Tomorrow



Sticks, Maki, Jed and Tommy live on the same street. But the adults around them are making decisions that could tear the four friends apart. When they discover their favourite comic book series is being made into a blockbuster movie, they know what they have to do. Get to the audition. Get the parts. Stay together. This is a story of four kids - and four superheroes - who are taking their future into their own hands.

## Arcanjo, J.J

## Crookhaven: the school for thieves



Thirteen-year-old Gabriel is a brilliant pickpocket, a skill which he uses to keep his often empty belly not quite so empty. And then one day, he's caught. But instead of being arrested, he is invited by the mysterious Caspian Crook to attend Crookhaven, a school for thieves. At Crookhaven, students are trained in lock-picking, forgery and 'crim-nastics', all with the intention of doing good out in the world, by conning the bad and giving back to the innocent. But can you ever really trust a thief? Gabriel's first year at Crookhaven will be one to remember.

## D'Ath, Justin

#### Sam Fox: Extreme Adventure series



Join TV's newest hero as he braves furious floods, raging bushfires and survives close encounters with crocs, killer sharks and a mad old rodeo bull. This action-packed edition of "Extreme Adventures" comes with three nail-biting stories in one.

## Ferris, Fleur

## Seven Days



When Ben is dumped with his country relatives for the holidays, he starts counting down the days until it's over, hating every second. But Ben's stay takes a sharp turn when he comes across his great-great grandfather's journal--the final entry being from one hundred years ago, right after he was shot. With his cousin, Josh, Ben starts unravelling mysteries, lies and shocking crimes. Can the two boys beat the odds to resolve a century of bad blood between two families? A dangerous treasure hunt could hold the answers - or it could be a journey from which there is no return.

## George, Jean Craighead

## My Side of the Mountain



Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gribley runs away to the solitude-and danger-of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew.

## Heath, Jack

## The Truth App



The Truth App is the latest craze in the town of Kelton. It listens to everyone around you and tells you if they're lying. When the app goes viral, its teenage creator, Jarli, becomes famous overnight. But being a celebrity can be dangerous. Especially when you've just exposed everyone's deepest, darkest secrets. Now everyone is out to get Jarli. Kids at school. Teachers. The police. Even his own family. And the secret network of criminals based in Kelton have just added Jarli to their hit list. The truth doesn't

always set you free.

## McMann, Lisa

## Map of Flames



Thirteen years ago, eight supernatural criminals fled the city of Estero to make a new life in an isolated tropical hideout. Off the grid, the missing criminals were presumed dead, but that wasn't really the case. When the guardian of the criminals children dies, leaving them alone on the island, Birdie finds a map with a set of instructions directing her to a stash of treasure that's secret from everyone, even the parents, she knows it holds the power to change everything, for better or worse.

## Morpurgo, Michael

## Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea



Orphaned in WWII, Arthur is separated from his sister and sent to the other side of the world. There, his extraordinary journey continues as he and his friend Marty survive brutal captivity on a working farm, find a new family with the eccentric Aunty Meg and her animals and discover their talent for designing yachts. Sixty years later, Arthur's daughter Allie sets sail single-handed in a yacht designed by her father, determined to find his long-lost sister in England.

## O'Hearn, Kate

## **Escape from Atlantis**



The last way that Riley Evans wanted to spend summer vacation was stuck on a boat with only her dad, aunt, and bratty cousin Alfie for company. She's so bored staring at the empty seas of the Bermuda Triangle that they're starting to play tricks on her eyes, making her see mermaids beneath the waves. Then a sudden storm washes Riley and Alfie away, leaving them shipwrecked on an uncharted island. When looking for their parents, Riley and Alfie instead find a city beyond their wildest imaginations - the lost city of Atlantis.

Parr, Leslie

#### Where the River Takes Us



One thing that helps distract Jason from his tough home life with his brother Richie, is the urban legend about a beast in the valleys. A wild cat that roams the forest, far up the river from their bridge. When Jason's friends learn of a reward for proof of The Beast's existence, they convince Jason this is the answer to his and Richie's problems. And so a quest begins - starting at the bridge of their village and following the river north, the four friends soon find themselves on a journey that will change each of them - forever.

## Paulsen, Gary

#### The Hatchet



After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

## Stroud, Jonathan

## The Outlaws, Scarlett & Browne



Scarlett McMain is a shoot-first-ask-questions-later kind of outlaw. She survives on bank heists, her wits - and never looking back. That is until she meets Albert Browne, a boy with a dark past and an even darker talent. Thrown together in a lawless future Britain, populated by strange and savage beasts, the two must escape across the wilderness - with deadly enemies close behind.

## Tanner, Liam

## Museum of Thieves: Keeper's trilogy



'You're in the Museum now - and ANYTHING can happen!' Goldie Roth lives in the city of Jewel, where impatience is a sin and boldness is a crime. But Goldie is both bold and impatient. She runs away to the mysterious Museum of Dunt, where she meets a boy named Toadspit and discovers dangerous secrets. A monstrous brizzlehound stalks the museum's corridors, and only a thief can find the way through its strange, shifting rooms. A thrilling tale of action and adventure.

## Whiting, Sue

## Pearly and Pig and the Great Hairy Beast



Pearly Woe is a worrier. She worries about everything, especially that she'll never be brave enough to become a member of the top-secret group of stealth adventurers – The Adventurologists' Guild. Pearly also has a special talent – she can talk to animals. Her favourite animal to talk to is her pet pig, called Pig. But with her parents missing, Pig pig-napped and Pearly a stowaway on an icebreaker heading for Antarctica, Pearly's worries just got real.

Classic adventure stories

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Treasure Island by R.L. Stevenson
20,000 leagues under the sea by Jules Verne
The Narnia Chronicles by C.S. Lewis
The adventures of Huck Finn & Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel DeFoe
The Coral Island by J.M. Ballantyne
The Sea of Adventure, Famous Five and Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

## **Animal Stories**

#### Crew, Gary

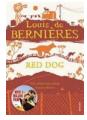
## Me and My Dog



These true stories are all based on the loss, love, sacrifice or heroism of different dogs who actually lived. It features such eminent dogs as Laika, the first dog in space, and Cherry the Pekingese whose hair helped forensic experts solve Australia's first kidnapping case.

## de Bernieres, Louis

## Red Dog



In early 1998 I went to Perth in Western Australia in order to attend the literature festival.... I went exploring and discovered the bronze statue to Red Dog outside the town of Dampier. I felt straight away that I had to find out more about this splendid dog. A few months later I returned to Western Australia and spent two glorious weeks driving around collecting Red Dog stories and visiting the places that he knew, writing up the text as I went along.

#### Grogan, John

## Marley and Me



John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow fur ball of a puppy. Life would never be the same. Marley quickly grew into a barreling, 44-kilo steamroller of a Labrador retriever, a dog like no other. He crashed through screen doors, gouged through drywall, flung drool on guests, stole women's undergarments, and ate nearly everything he could get his mouth around, including couches and fine jewelry!

## McMullin, Neridah

#### **Evie and Rhino**



1891. On a stormy night off the coast of southern Australia, a ship transporting a cargo of exotic animals tosses and turns in enormous seas. Rhino senses they are in grave danger... Not far away, ten-year-old Evie and her grandfather shelter in their crumbling, once-grand old home. They know too well how deadly storms can be. When all is calm, Evie treks over the dunes to the sea and makes a discovery that will change her life, and Rhino's, forever. Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest?

## Hargrave, Kiran Millwood

#### Leila and the blue fox



Miles mean nothing to Fox. She knows only that she is exactly where she's meant to be. Fox wakes, and begins to walk. Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own, to find the mother she thought she'd lost. in the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, the world is cast, wild and wondrous. Across the ice and across the sea, Fox and Leila's adventures are just beginning.

## Morpurgo, Michael

#### **Best Mate**



For Best Mate, being rescued from drowning as a young puppy is only the start of his adventures. From unwanted burden to favourite companion and from pet to champion race dog, this remarkable greyhound proves that it's not just cats who have more than one life. Cast aside, kidnapped, adopted or living rough on the street, Best Mate can always find a way to survive. But will he ever find a real home?

## Morpurgo, Michael

## **Adolphus Tips**



It's 1943, Lily lives on a farm in the seaside village of Slapton, and her life is scarcely touched by the war, until one day when the villagers are all told to move out of their homes. Soon the whole area is out of bounds as the allied forces prepare to invade France. But Lily's adored cat returns to the forbidden area and Lily must also enter the danger zone to rescue her pet. The incredible tale of a deserted village, a lifelong friendship and one very adventurous cat.

## Nowra, Louis

## The Prince of Afghanistan



After a rescue mission goes wrong, a young soldier and his dog find themselves alone in hostile territory. Will they survive the perilous journey back to base?

## Silvey, Craig

## Runt



Annie Shearer lives in the country town of Upson Downs with her best friend, an adopted stray dog called Runt. The two share a very special bond. After years evading capture, Runt is remarkably fast and agile, perfect for herding runaway sheep. But when a greedy local landowner puts her family's home at risk, Annie directs Runt's extraordinary talents towards a different pursuit - winning the Agility Course Grand Championship at the lucrative Krumpets Dog Show in London.

## Winton, Tim

#### Blueback



Abe and his mother earn their living from the sea and the land at Longboat Bay - He is diving one day when he meets Blueback, a huge groper, and begins a friendship that changes his life.

#### Classics:

Animal Farm by George Orwell; Black Beauty by Anna Sewell;

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling Animal adventure stories by Willard Price

Watership Down by Richard Adams White Fang by Jack London

Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

# **Brilliant Biographies**

## Brierley, Saroo

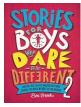
## LION: a long way home (young readers edition)



Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite being happy in his new family, Saroo always wondered about his origins. He spent hours staring at the map of India on his bedroom wall. When he was a young man the advent of Google Earth led him to pore over satellite images of the country for landmarks he recognised. And one day...he goes in search of his birth mother.

## Brooks, Ben

## Stories for boys who dare to be different



What have the footballer Kylian Mbappé, the philosopher Socrates and the singer Shawn Mendes all got in common? All three of them defied expectations - going against the grain and pursuing their dreams - despite a seemingly impossible barrage of obstacles and difficulties. Their stories are incredible, as are those of the tap-dancer Evan Ruggiero, the Pokémon creator Satoshi Tajiri, and the other inspirational boys who fill the pages of this extraordinary book.

## Caioli, Luca

#### **MESSI**



Prolific, cool-headed and unerringly consistent, Lionel Messi is one of the most revered footballers in history. But did you know that his transfer to Barcelona was first agreed on a paper napkin? Or that an x-ray of his hand was to thank for identifying his growth hormone deficiency? And do you know why he refused to collect his first ever Champions League winner's medal? Find out all this and more in Luca Caioli's classic portrait of a footballing icon, featuring exclusive interviews with those who know him best and even Messi himself.

#### Cavallo, Francesca

## Goodnight stories for Rebel girls



This book reinvents fairy tales, inspiring girls with stories of 100 heroic women from Elizabeth I to Serena Williams. Illustrated by 60 female artists from every corner of the globe.

## Dahl, Roald

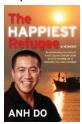
#### BOY: tales of childhood



Funny, irreverent and sometimes sad, here is the story of the early life of one of the world's best-loved authors. From the evocation of an enchanted boyhood spent in Wales and Norway to his unhappy experiences at an English public school, these sparkling memoirs are filled with wit, high spirits and more than a touch of the macabre.

#### Do, Ahn

## The Happiest Refugee



The laugh-out-loud, reach-for-your-hanky story of one of Australia's best-loved comedians. Anh Do nearly didn't make it to Australia. His entire family came close to losing their lives on the sea as they escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat. But nothing - not murderous pirates, nor the imminent threat of death by hunger, disease or dehydration as they drifted for days - could quench their desire to make a better life in the country they had dreamed about.

## Dunfield, Chauney

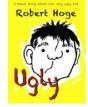
## Leaders who changed History



Explore the lives and achievements of more than 85 of the world's most inspirational and influential leaders, with this innovative and boldly graphic book. Comprehensive in its scope and depth, and fully illustrated, Leaders profiles leaders from all walks of life - kings, queens, and political leaders; military leaders; religious icons, revolutionaries, and business leaders.

## Hodge, Robert

## Ugly



Robert was born ugly. Real ugly. So ugly his own mum didn't want to take him home. But his brothers and sisters voted to keep him, and the whole family fell in love with him. Even his mum!

## Li, Cunxin

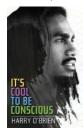
#### Mao's Last Dancer



One day, not so very many years ago, a small peasant boy was chosen to study ballet at the Beijing Dance Academy. His mother urged him to take this chance of a lifetime. But Li was only eleven years old and he was scared and lonely, pushed away from all that he had ever known and loved. He hated the strict training routines and the strange place he had been brought to. All he wanted to do was go home – to his mother, father and six brothers, to his own small village. But soon Li realised that his mother was right. He had the chance to do something special with his life – and he never turned back . . .

## O'Brien, Harry

## It's cool to be conscious



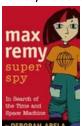
Many people know Harry O'Brien as a star defender for the Collingwood AFL club. Fewer realise that he has overcome great obstacles in his personal life and that this has made him a passionate advocate for improving the lives of others. In this book, Harry shares how he stays level-headed amidst the hectic world of professional sport, and how the techniques that have worked for him can be applied to benefit anyone, irrespective of their age, background or work situation. Harry's honest and engaging tale is the perfect read for anyone who wants to follow their dreams, forge their own path and take

advantage of all that life has to offer.

# Crime/Espionage/Spy Stories (see also Mystery)

## Abela, Deborah

## In search of the time and space machine: Max Remy, Super Spy



As Max and Linden were being lowered into a giant vat of green jelly, Max wondered whether her life would have been better if she'd never heard of the stupid Time and Space Machine. She had always wanted to be a Superspy but now that she was in the middle of a dangerous mission and was about to be turned into a giant dessert, she wasn't sure this was the life for her.

#### Arena, Felice

#### The boy and the spy



Life has never been easy for Antonio, but since the war began, there are German soldiers on every corner, fearsome gangsters and the fascist police battle each other in the town, and no one ever has enough to eat. But when Antonio decides to trust a man who has literally fallen from the sky, he leaps into the adventure of a lifetime. An adventure that will change his life and maybe even the future of Sicily.

## Child, Lauren

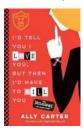
## Pick your Poison



Ruby Redfort: undercover agent, code-cracker and thirteen-year-old genius - you can count on her when you're between a rock and a hard place. There's a lot to lose sleep over in Twinford: there's the snakes and the bivalves, but they aren't half as poisonous as the rumours. With so many twists and turns it's hard to know who to trust, particularly when no one trusts you. Will Ruby make it out in one piece? Well, happy endings are for fairy tales, bozo

#### Carter, Ally

## I'd tell you that I love you, but then I'd have to kill you (Gallagher Girls)



Gallagher Academy might claim to be a school for geniuses -- but it's really a school for spies. Cammie Morgan is fluent in fourteen languages and capable of killing a man in seven different ways. But the one thing the Gallagher Academy hasn't prepared her for is what to do when she falls for an ordinary boy who thinks she's an ordinary girl. Sure, she can tap his phone, hack into his computer, and track him through a mall without his ever being the wiser, but can Cammie have a normal relationship with a boy who can never know the truth about her?

## Dowswell, Paul

## **True Spy Stories**



A collection of true spy stories from some of the world most famous spies and secret agents during the cold war and world wars one and two.

#### Grisham, John

#### Theodore Boone



With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day.

Heath, Jack

## The Lab (Agent Six of Hearts)



Agent Six of Hearts is the most invincible agent in the Deck. But Six has a deadly secret - he is the product of an illegal genetic experiment by the Lab. When the Deck begins investigating the Lab, Six walks a delicate tightrope as he tries to keep his origins a secret. But then he meets Kyntak, a boy with the same designer DNA.

## Higson, Charlie

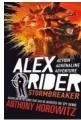
## Silverfin: Young Bond series



Before the name became a legend. Before the boy became the man. It's James Bond's first day at Eton, and already he's made his first enemy. This is the start of an adventure that will take him from the school playing fields to the remote shores of Loch Silverfin and a terrifying discovery that threatens to unleash a new breed of warfare.

## Horowitz, Anthony

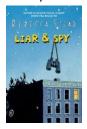
#### Stormbreaker: Alex Rider series



Forcibly recruited into MI6 after the mysterious death of his guardian, fourteen-yearold Alex is sent to infiltrate the organization of a sinister billionaire. Within days he's gone from schoolboy to superspy - and it looks like his first assignment may be his last.

#### Stead, Rebecca

#### Liar & Spy



Set in Brooklyn Liar and Spy explores the adventures of George and Safer, two middle school students who are working to unmask a suspected spy in their building

## Lord, Gabrielle

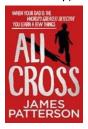
## Missing: Conspiracy 365, Black Ops



Ryan has disappeared and Cal's suspicions are raised when he receives a cryptic message: 90 days. Cal agrees to work as an undercover agent for SI-6 to discover the whereabouts of his twin. But at an island getaway for troubled teens, Cal quickly discovers things are not as they seem. With secret hideouts, underground training camps, dangerous clues and treacherous terrain, Cal has to face his most heart-stopping challenges yet. Will he find Ryan? Or will his first secret mission be deadly?

## Patterson, James

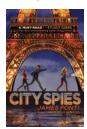
#### Ali Cross: Ali Cross series



Ali Cross has always looked up to his father, former detective and FBI agent Alex Cross. While solving some of the nation's most challenging crimes, his father always kept his head and did the right thing. Can Ali have the same strength and resolve? When Ali's best friend Abraham is reported missing, Ali is desperate to find him. At the same time, a string of burglaries targets his neighborhood -- and even his own house. With his father on trial for a crime he didn't commit, it's up to Ali to search for clues and find his friend.

#### Ponti, James

#### City Spies: City Spies series



Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.

## Ryan, Chris

## Agent 21



First book in the new series Agent 21 featuring character Zak Darke. When Zak Darke's parents die in an unexplained mass murder he's left alone in the world. That is until he's sought out by a mysterious man who works for a government agency. Zak becomes Agent 21.

## Woodfine, Katherine

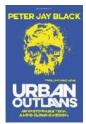
## Peril in Paris: Taylor and Rose, Secret Agents series



It's 1911, and the young detectives of Taylor & Rose are turning their talents to espionage. On a case for the mysterious Secret Service Bureau, the daring Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lillian Rose must leave London for the boulevards and grand hotels of Paris. But danger lurks beneath the bright lights of the city - and intrigue and murder lie in store. As aeroplanes soar in the skies overhead, our heroines will need to put all their spy skills to the test to face the peril that awaits them...

## Black, Peter Jay

## Urban Outlaws 1 : Urban Outlaws series



In a bunker hidden deep beneath London live five extraordinary kids: meet world-famous hacker Jack, gadget geek Charlie, free runner Slink, comms chief Obi and decoy diva Wren. They're not just friends; they're URBAN OUTLAWS. They outsmart London's crime gangs and hand out their dirty money through Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.s). Their latest mission - hacking the bank account of criminal mastermind Del Sarto - has landed them in serious trouble. Del Sarto is going head-to-head with MI5 for control of Proteus, an advanced quantum computer able to crack any code and steal top-secret

documents in nanoseconds. It's down to the Urban Outlaws to use their guile, guts and skill to destroy Proteus, avert world domination ...and stay alive.

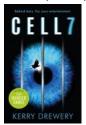
#### Remember the mastermind crime solvers and detectives:

Agatha Christie and Sherlock Holmes / by A.C. Doyle. Various titles available in the Library.

# Dystopian, Future & Alternate Worlds

## Drewery, Kerry

#### Cell 7



A world where justice and the fate of those accused of murder is decided by the public, but has moved on from the Roman Gladiator 'thumbs up or thumbs down' public vote, to a public vote by telephone. If you are voted innocent you are set free; if you are voted guilty you are committed to death by electric chair. Those awaiting their sentence reside in ever decreasing cells, getting smaller each day, until Day 7 and Cell 7, where they hear their fate.

## DuPrau, Jeanne

## Project F



There are no cars, planes, television, or smart phones. Climate change wreaked havoc on Earth hundreds of years ago and now, people live a simpler life. Then thirteen-year-old Keith uncovers a secret. It's a mysterious mission known only as Project F. It's advanced, it's scientific, and it's going to change the world. It's exactly the kind of adventure Keith has always longed to be a part of. Also see The City of Ember

#### Fraillon, Zana

## The Raven's Song



Shelby and her best friend Davy live quiet low-tech lives in a closed community that is made up of exactly three hundred and fifty kind, ethical people living on exactly seven hundred hectares. When they climb through a hole in the perimeter fence to venture into the surrounding jungle, what they find is more astonishing than anything they could have imagined. And when Shelby realises the terrible danger that is unfolding, it will take all of her daring and determination to ensure the past does not repeat itself.

#### Grant, Michael

#### **BZRK**



In the near future, the conjoined Armstrong twins, under the guise of the Armstrong Fancy Gift Corporation, plot to create their own version of utopia using nanobots, while a guerilla group known as BZRK develops a DNA-based biot that can stop bots, but at risk of the host's brain.

## Higson, Charlie

#### The Enemy



When the sickness came, every parent, police officer, politician - every adult - felt ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry. Only children under fourteen remain, and they're fighting to survive. Now there are rumours of a safe place to hide. And so a gang of children begin their quest across London, where all through the city - down alleyways, in deserted houses, underground - the grown ups lie in wait. BUT CAN THEY MAKE IT THERE - ALIVE?

#### Krumwiede, Lana

#### Freakling



After a traumatic accident removes his telekinetic ability, or psy, twelve-year-old Taemon is exiled to the "dud farm," where he is surprised to find kind, open people who enjoy using their hands but there are also mysteries at the colony and when Taemon unwittingly leaks one of the secrets he must find the courage to repair the damage, even if it means returning to the city from which he was banished.

## Lim, R; Gordon, K.

#### The Letterbox Tree



Nyx lives in the Tasmania of 2091 – deforested, over-mined and affected by bushfires and drought. With sea-levels rising, Tasmania is marooned and abandoned to its fate. Nyx's widowed father wants them to leave while they can, but for Nyx, West Hobart is all she has ever known, and where her mother is buried. She finds solace in the single living tree on the dusty reserve near her home, an 80-foot pine that has defied odds and survived the climate crisis. Bea lives in present, beautiful, Tasmania and is facing a move to the mainland. She will miss the giant tree that she climbs. Their worlds

collide.

## Lowrie, Lois

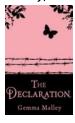
#### The Giver



In a rigidly structured society where weaklings, dissenters and the aged are removed, and stirrings of individuality are nullified with drugs, children undergo special ceremonies annually until, after eleven years, they face the Ceremony of Twelve, when the Community of Elders assigns them the tasks which will take them through their adult life. But when Jonas is selected to be the Receiver of Memory, he discovers that the honor of selection is nothing compared to the loneliness and physical pain he must endure as he searches for a way to free his community from the vacuous lives.

## Malley, Gemma

#### The Declaration



It's the year 2140 and Longevity drugs have all but eradicated old age. A never aging society can't sustain population growth, which means Anna should never have been born. Nor should any of the children she lives with at Grange Hall. The facility is full of boys and girls whose parents chose to have kids (called surpluses) despite a law forbidding them from doing so. These children are raised as servants, and brought up to believe they must atone for their very existence.

## Unsworth, Tania

#### The One safe space



In a near future world of heat, greed, and hunger, Devin earns a coveted spot in a home for abandoned children that promises unlimited food and toys and the hope of finding a new family, but Devin discovers the home's horrific true mission when he investigates its intimidating Administrator and the zombie-like sickness that afflicts some children.

## Wilcock, Lizzie

## Extinction: the day the world ended



Thirteen-year-old twins Mac and Annie wake up one morning to discover that everyone in their town - and, it seems, the entire world - has been wiped out. Searching for answers, the twins discover they are not alone: three other sets of twins, scattered across the planet, have survived.

# Fabulous Fantasy Fables

#### Alston, B

## Amari and the Night Brothers



A 12-year-old girl from the housing projects discovers her brother was more than he seemed...And so is she. Quinton Peters was the golden boy of the Rosewood City low-income housing projects, receiving full scholarship offers to two different Ivy League schools. When he mysteriously goes missing, his little sister, 13-year-old Amari Peters, can't understand why it's not a bigger deal. Why isn't his story all over the news? And why do the police automatically assume he was into something illegal? Then Amari discovers a ticking briefcase in her brother's closet. A briefcase meant for her eyes only.

## Flanagan, John

## Ranger's Apprentice: The early years



Before they became the most famous Ranger in the land and the hard-working Ranger Commandant, Halt and Crowley were young friends determined to change the world. A treacherous baron called Morgarath is drawing other power-hungry knights and barons to his banner. King Oswald is wasting away and, if gossip can be believed, Prince Duncan is causing havoc in the north. Halt and Crowley set out to find the prince, uncover the truth, and re-form the weakened Ranger Corps. Can they be brought together to fight for their kingdom.

Gordon, Kate

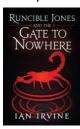
#### Temora and the wordsnatcher



Temora Murphy is eleven years old. She lives in an immaculate house, with a mother who wishes to control and mould her. Temora loves reading, books about adventure and magic. She finds these books in a black pearl box at the bottom of the garden, beneath the Bloodwood tree. She does not know how they come to be there or who sends them, but the books help her to escape. Then, at a party for her twelfth birthday, Temora Murphy makes another wish. And with that wish, Temora Tempest's life alters forever.

Irvine, lan

## The gate to nowhere: Runcible Jones series



In a world terrified of magic, a boy is abandoned to the worst school in the world - Grimdgrim. A place designed to crush all magic out of him. But Runcible Jones has to learn magic, to uncover the truth about his father's death on another world. Hurled through a gate to magical Iltior, Runcible's arrival begins a war that will spread to Earth. But why is Lord Shambles, the blackest sorcerer on Iltior, hunting him? To uncover the truth, Runcible must fight the dreadful sorcerer, but even if he wins, nothing will ever be the same again.

Lewis, C.S

#### The Lion, witch and the wardrobe



Four adventurers step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia - a world enslaved by the power of the White Witch. When almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change... and a great sacrifice.

## Jozefkowicz, Ewa

## The Dragon in the Bookshop



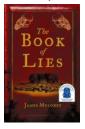
Konrad's dad always used to say, 'There is a character in a book somewhere that matches you almost entirely. It's just a matter of finding them'. After his dad's death, Konrad stops speaking, but that begins to change when he meets Maya on the beach he loved to explore with Dad. When the pair go on a last visit to Konrad's family bookshop before it's sold, they soon get lost in the pages of Konrad's favourite book of folk tales. Whisked back in time to quest with a dragon, they must find themselves and their voices, as well as a happy end to the story in the book and in real life.

## Messenger, Shannon Keeper of Lost Cities



At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.

## Moloney, James The Book of Lies:



Three children, Marcel, Nicola and Fergus, have been left mysteriously in an orphanage run by the kindly Mrs Timmins, but overseen by the fearsome wizard Lord Alwyn and his creature Termagant. Marcel learns that the mysterious Book of Lies can tell falsehood from truth. But can it tell him who he really is? When the stranger Starkey arrives, Marcel, the haughty Nicola and battle-obsessed Fergus discover that they have a vital part to play in saving the kingdom from evil.

## Novak, Naomi Temeraire 1: Temeraire seriec



The series revolves around William Laurence and his dragon Temeraire. Laurence is a captain in the British Royal Navy, serving in combat against Napoleon I's navy when he recovers a dragon egg unlike any other known to the British. The egg soon hatches, and Temeraire, a Chinese dragon, is born.

## Nimmo, Jenny

#### Midnight for Charlie Bone



When Charlie Bone discovers that he can hear the voices of people in photographs, his guardian Grandma Bone sends him to Bloor's Academy, a school for children with special gifts.

#### Nix, Garth

## Mister Monday: Keys to the Kingdom series



Arthur is not supposed to be a hero. But when he is saved from an untimely death by a strange key, shaped like the hand of a clock, everything changes. Arthur is safe, but his world is in terrible danger, and Arthur will have to be a hero whether he likes it or not. Desperate, he ventures inside a mysterious house that only he can see, where he finds himself battling powerful enemies and making unexpected friends. Arthur must unravel the secrets of the Keys, piece together the Will of the Architect, discover his true fate and save the world...if he can.

## Riordan, Rick

#### The Chalice of the Gods: Percy Jackson series



The original heroes from The lightning thief are reunited for their biggest challenge yet - getting Percy to college when the gods are standing in his way. Percy Jackson has saved the world multiple times - battling monsters, Titans, even giants - but these days the modern-day son of Poseidon is hoping for a regular final year at school. Too bad the Greek gods have other plans, and three new quests for Percy to complete. First up - the cupbearer of the gods, Ganymede, is missing his golden chalice. Not only is this embarrassing (why do the gods keep losing their magical items?), it's also potentially

disastrous. One sip from the cup will turn any mortal into a powerful god.

#### Sutherland, Tui T

## The Dragonet Prophecy : Wings of Fire series



Clay has lived his whole life under the mountain. The MudWing dragonet knows war is raging between the dragon tribes in the world outside - a war that he and four other dragonets are destined to end, according to the mysterious prophecy they have been taught. The five "chosen" dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs - and hidden away for years - all to fulfill the prophecy. But not every dragonet wants a destiny. And when danger threatens one of their own, Clay

and his friends may choose freedom over fate, leave the mountain and set the dragon world on a course that no one could have predicted.

#### Wilkinson, Carole

## Dragonkeeper



Ancient China, Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon begin an epic journey across China.

# **Historical Fiction**

#### Bennett, A.J

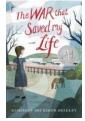
## The ship of doom



Greenwich, London, 15th February 1894. Luna thinks that an evening at her aunt's butterfly club sounds deathly boring. But it turns out that the meeting, held in the Butterfly Room at the Greenwich Observatory, is not at all as Luna expects. The Butterfly Club is a society with an unusual secret-- they use time travel to plunder the future for wonders.

## Bradley, Kimberly

## The war that saved my Life



A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

## Carroll, Emma

## The week at world's end



1962, London during the Cuban Missile Crisis What would you do if there was a real possibility that the world might end? Ray, aware of his parents' building worry, decides to take matters into his own hands. He builds a shelter in the woods behind his house in the hope that he never has to use it. Only to discover that someone else needs it more than he does. An American girl, reported missing, has turned up there... Why is she hiding? And with neighbour turning against neighbour, will Ray be willing to help her?

## French, Jackie

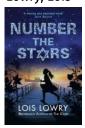
## Ming & Flo fight for the future



Twelve-year-old Ming Qong is convinced that girls must have changed the world, even if they are rarely mentioned in history books. So when Ming gets the chance to go back in time, she imagines herself changing destinies from a glittering palace or an explorer's ship. Instead, she ends up in Australia in 1898, living a tough life as Flo Watson on a drought-stricken farm. Luckily, Ming is rescued by Flo's Aunt McTavish, and the Suffragist Society, who are desperately and courageously fighting for rights.

## Lowry, Lois

#### **Number the Stars**



It is 1943 and for 10 year old Annemarie life is still fun. But there are worries too - the Nazis have occupied Copenhagen and there are food shortages, curfews and the threat of being stopped by soldiers and Annemarie's best friend is a Jew.

## McKay, Hillary

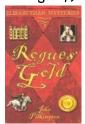
#### The Swallows Flight



Erik and Hans are German boys. Ruby and Kate are English girls. They grow up in worlds that would never meet, until war tumbles their lives together. Then one September afternoon there are choices to be made. How is courage lost, and found? Who is really the enemy? And what does friendship truly mean, in the middle of a war? Meanwhile Rupert and Clarry work secretly for peace - and a brighter future for them all.

## Pilkington, John

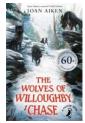
## Rogue's gold: Elizabethan mysteries series



Ben Button is an apprentice with a famous company of actors. He's excited about their summer tour as he's never travelled beyond the city of London, but their first stop at Bowford Manor turns to disaster when one of them is accused of stealing a valuable gold plate. Ben teams up with Lady Sarah, and they discover that dangerous secrets surround the mysterious plate. And some people will stop at nothing to prevent the truth being discovered.

## Aiken, Joan

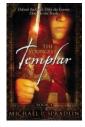
## The Wolves of Willoughby Chase



Set early in the 19th century - in a period of English history that never happened. King James III is on the throne, and the country is ravaged by wolves who have migrated through a newly-opened Channel Tunnel. Timid Sylvia and tomboy Bonnie are left in the care of their governess when Bonnie's parents go on a cruise. Their beautiful home, Willoughby Chase, is surrounded by wolves, brought out by the cold, but none of them is as cruel and evil as the governess, Miss Slighcarp.

## Spradin, Michael

## The keeper of the grail: The youngest templer series



When his dying master, Sir Thomas, entrusts Tristan with the legendary treasure known throughout the ages as the Holy Grail, the young knight must escape the bloody siege at Acre and head for Scotland, where the grail will be safe. Together with Robard Hode, the best archer in the King's army, and the mysterious assassin, Maryam, Tristan flees across Europe, barely one step ahead of his enemies, who will stop at nothing to claim the grail for themselves.

## Scarrow, Simon

## Street fighter: Gladiator series



Now a member of Julius Caesar's palace, Marcus's gladiator training continues at an elite school in Rome. But the city streets are plagued by vicious gang war attacks, and Caesar must employ his own gang leader, who learns of a plot to murder him. Only Marcus can go in undercover. But he's in terrible danger.

## Walliams, David

#### Code Name Bananas

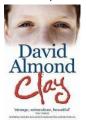


1940. Britain is at war with Germany. As bombs rain down on the city, orphan boy Eric forms an extraordinary friendship with a remarkable gorilla: Gertrude. Eric spends his days at the place that makes him most happy: London Zoo. But when the zoo is no longer safe Eric must go on an epic adventure to rescue Gertrude. Together with his Uncle Sid and while hiding out at the seaside, they uncover a top-secret plot... escape the clutches of evil villains... and in the end they save the day!.

## **Horrific Horror Stories**

## Almond, David

#### Clay



There's a stranger in town - Stephen Rose. He's got waxy skin, haunting eyes, a sickly smell. No parents. No friends. He's come to live with Crazy Mary. There are so many tales and rumours about him. One thing's certain: there's magic in the weird creatures he makes in clay. Should Davie and Geordie keep away? Or should they get close? Could Stephen be an ally in their bitter struggle against monstrous Mouldy and his gang.

## Bell, Alex

## The Lighthouse



On Bird Rock, gannets circle and thick mist surrounds the lighthouse at its centre, hiding the secrets of a tragic past within. From the second they set foot on the island to join their dad and his new family, Jess and Rosie feel that something's wrong. Nightmares haunt their dreams and there seems to be someone, or something, else with them in the lighthouse - their home for the summer. Counting down the days until they can leave, Jess and Rosie decide to investigate. But when Rosie disappears,

the countdown takes on a new meaning. Especially when no one but Jess remembers Rosie at all.

## Carrol, Emma

## Strange star



Switzerland, 1816. On a stormy summer night, Lord Byron and his guests are gathered round the fire. Felix, their serving boy, can't wait to hear their creepy tales. Yet real life is about to take a chilling turn- more chilling than any tale. Frantic pounding at the front door reveals a stranger, a girl covered in the most unusual scars. She claims to be looking for her sister, supposedly snatched from England by a woman called Mary Shelley. Someone else has followed her here too, she says. And the girl is terrified.

#### Cawthon, Scott

#### The cliffs



From twisted toys to gut-wrenching games, this collection of terrifying tales is unsettling enough to mess with even the most hardened Five Nights at Freddy's fans. In this volume, series creator Scott Cawthon spins three sinister novella-length stories from different corners of FNAF's canon. Each story comes complete with accompanying artwork from a fan-favorite game artist to bring the horror to life in a whole new way.

## Dawson, James

## Say her name



Roberta 'Bobbie' Rowe is not the kind of person who believes in ghosts. A Halloween dare at her ridiculously spooky boarding school is no big deal, especially when her best friend Naya and cute local boy Caine agree to join in too. They are ordered to summon the legendary ghost of Bloody Mary: say her name five times in front of a candlelit mirror, and she shall appear. But, surprise surprise, nothing happens. Or does it?

## Delaney, Joseph The Spooks Apprentice: Wardstone Chronicles.



Thomas Ward is the seventh son of a seventh son and has been apprenticed to the local Spook. The job is hard, the Spook is distant and many apprentices have failed before him. Somehow Thomas must learn how to exorcize ghosts, contain witches and bind boggarts. But when he is tricked into freeing Mother Malkin, the most evil witch in the County, the horror begins.

#### Emerson, Kevin

## The vampire's photograph: Oliver Nocturne series



Oliver Nocturne has a fairly typical childhood - for a vampire. But Oliver is different from those around him - his gore-loving vampire schoolmates, his loving vampire parents, and his obnoxious older brother, Bane. That's because, unbeknownst to Oliver, he's a little more human than the rest of them. When Emalie, an artistic and defiant human girl with a troubled past, unknowingly takes a picture of him, its sets them both off on a quest to uncover his true origins and the special purpose the vampire world has in store for him.

## Hahn, Mary Downing.

## The ghost of Crutchfield Hall



When twelve-year-old Florence boards the crowded horse-drawn coach in London, she looks forward to a new life with her great uncle and aunt at Crutchfield Hall, an old manor house in the English countryside. Anything will be better, she thinks, than the grim London orphanage where she has lived since her parents' death. But Florence doesn't expect the ghost of her cousin Sophia, who haunts the cavernous rooms and dimly lit hallways of Crutchfield and concocts a plan to use Florence to

help her achieve her murderous goals.

#### Horowitz, Anthony

## **Horowitz Horror**



Welcome to a strange and twisted world where the spooky, the shocking, and the positively petrifying are lurking just out of sight. A bus ride home... turns into your worst nightmare. A quaint country cottage... has a grisly secret. A man returns from holiday... with bubbling skin and bloodshot eyes. Horowitz horror! It's all around you. Alive. Waiting. Enter if you dare.

And....Grosham Grange!

## Jinks, Catherine

#### Eglantine



Allie Gebhardt thought sharing a room with her younger brother Bethan was bad enough, but sharing a room with a ghost proves to be down-right frightful. In this deliciously spooky tale, Allie's family is haunted by Eglantine Higgins, the ghost of a young girl who used to live in their house. After mysterious writings appear on the walls of Bethan's room, Bethan moves in with his older sister, much to her dismay.

#### Killick, Jennifer

#### Dread wood



It's basically the worst school detention ever. When classmates (but not mate-mates) Hallie, Angelo, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on a SATURDAY, they think things can't get much worse. But they're wrong. Things are about to get seriously scary. What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keeping humming the tune to Itsy Bitsy Spider? And what horrors lurk in the shadows, getting stronger and meaner every minute . . .? Cut off from help and in danger each time they touch the ground, the gang's only hope is to work together.

## Landy, Derek

#### **Demon Road**



Killer cars, vampires, undead serial killers: they're all here. And the demons? Well, that's where Amber comes in ... Sixteen years old, smart and spirited, she's just a normal American teenager until the lies are torn away and the demons reveal themselves. Forced to go on the run, she hurtles from one threat to another, revealing a tapestry of terror woven into the very fabric of her life. Her only chance rests with her fellow travellers who are not at all what they appear to be.

#### Shan, Darren

## Cirque du Freak: Saga of Darren Shan series



I was an ordinary boy, until I visited Cique Du Freak, and came face to face with a creature of the night. That's when my life changed completely. I don't expect you to believe me, but everything I describe in this book is absolutely true.

Other series by Darren Shan: Demonata & Zom B

Stine, R.L.

## Say cheese and die: Goosebumps series



There's something wrong with Greg's camera. The people and things in his photos turn out wrecked and worse....

Schwab. V. E.

#### City of ghosts



Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to pull back the "Veil" that separates the living from the dead and see ghosts, not that she wants to, and she was really looking forward to a ghost-free summer at the beach; however her parents are going to start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh with its graveyards, castles, and restless phantoms - and Cass and her personal ghost companion, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can

be a very dangerous place indeed.

Short Story collections: Classic ghost stories / Bower ed. & Ghost stories / Parker ed.

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## **Humorous Stories**

## Bacon, Beth

#### The book no one wants to read



A book was sitting lonely on the shelf, waiting to be read. Tired of having no one to talk to, it decided to make a promise to potential readers: 'You keep turning my pages, and I'll make it fun!' Packed full of interactive jokes and games, The Book No One Wants to Read is a riotously colourful, mischievous book with a mission: to hook in even the most reluctant of readers.

## Baddiel, D

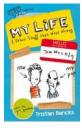
## The parent agency



Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it's number 2 on the list of things he blames his parents for, along with 1) 'being boring' and 3) 'always being tired'. But there is a world, not far from this one, where parents don't have children. That's far too random for something so big and important. In this world, children are allowed to choose their parents. For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple

## Bancks, Tristan

## My life and other stuff that went wrong



Is your grandpa super-angry? Has your Nan ever tried to climb Mt Everest? Have you started your own playground freak show? And have you risked your life to save your pet rat from certain destruction? I have. I'm Tom Weekly and inside the covers of this book you'll find out about all this and learn the secret of my weirdest body part.

## Eulberg, Elizabeth

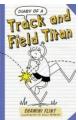
## The lonely hearts club



Penny Lane is sick of dating, so she swears off it all and starts the Lonely Hearts Club. What Penny doesn't realise is just how many of her friends feel the same way and want to join her club. But what happens when you swear off love... and then find it anyway?

## Flint, Shamini

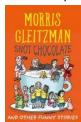
#### Diary of a track and field titan



Marcus is a maths whiz who is not good at sport. His dad is a self-help author who thinks Marcus can achieve anything he sets his mind to... with hilarious results.

#### Gleitzman, Morris

#### **Snot Chocolate**



A collection of short stories in the popular style of Morris's *Give Peas a Chance* and *Pizza Cake - except*, of course, even funnier! In the title story, a kid struggles to save the career and reputation of a parent afflicted with chronic unconscious nose-picking.

## Griffiths, Andy

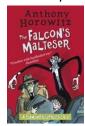
#### The 104 storey treehouse



Join Andy and Terry in their wonderfully wild and wacky 104-storey treehouse. You can throw some refrigerators, make some money with the money-making machine (or honey if you'd prefer-it makes that too), climb the never-ending staircase, have a bunfight, deposit some burps in the burp bank, get totally tangled up in the tangled-up level, or just take some time out and relax in the peaceful sunny meadow full of buttercups, butterflies and bluebirds.

## Horowitz, Anthony

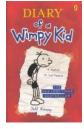
#### The Falcon's Malteser: Diamond Brothers series



When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private dick, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?

## Kinney, Geoff

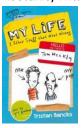
#### Diary of a wimpy kid



Being a kid can really stink. And no one knows this better than Greg Heffley, who finds himself thrust into high school where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. Luckily Greg has his best friend and sidekick, Rowley. But when Rowley's popularity starts to rise, it kicks off a chain of events that will test their friendship in hilarious fashion.

## Kostakis, Will et al

## A lot of stuff happens!



When stuff happens to Dale, Ned, Sean and Ethan at Monvale Primary, it's just the everyday stuff. You know, friendships, ghost stories, the school play, disappearing hamburgers, new teachers, singing monkeys and lions, first days at school, flags made of underwear, living up to older brothers and sisters, warring dinosaurs. Stuff that happens all the time!

## Landy, Derek

#### Skulduggery Pleasant



Hell-for-leather car chases, vampire smack-downs and magical duels. Get ready for the fastest, funniest fright-fest of your life... Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source - the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.

#### Patterson, James

## The worst years of my life



This is the totally insane story of how I, Rafe Khatchadorian fought and overcame a diabolical teacher called the Dragon Lady, sold my soul to the school bully, a dollar at a time, wrestled with a real live bear, repeatedly, fell kind of in "like" with the most popular girl in school, went into the soda business and went bust, and accidentally-on-purpose hurt all the people I care about. The worst days of my life were good sometimes, bad sometimes, but mostly they were hilarious.

## Russell, R.R.

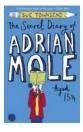
#### Drama Queen: Dork Diaries



Total disaster!!! Mean girl MacKenzie has stolen Nikki's diary! What if she tells everyone Nikki's totally secret thoughts?! But reading Nikki's diary isn't the only thing MacKenzie's interested in. Get ready for Dork Diaries with a twist as MacKenzie tales over and tells all about her glamfabulous life! What does the queen bee really think about Nikki and her dorky friends?

#### Townsend, Sue

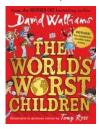
#### The secret diary of Adrian Mole



Arian Mole's painfully honest diary is a hilarious spots-and-all glimpse into the troubled life of a teenage "misunderstood intellectual".

## Walliams, David

#### The wolrd's worst children



Are you ready to meet the World's Worst Children? Five beastly boys and five gruesome girls! Like Sofia Sofa - a TV super-fan so stuck to the sofa that she's turning into one! Or Dribbling Drew - a boy whose drool gets him into trouble on a school trip! And not forgetting Blubbering Bertha - a girl who bawls and tells terrible tales.

# Marvellous Mystery & Suspense

#### Beckett-King, A

#### Murder at the museum



Bonnie Montgomery is the world's greatest detective. Not that anyone - other than Grampa Banks - has heard of her... But they will have heard of Montgomery Bonbon, the gentleman detective who (apart from the beret and the bristling moustache) looks suspiciously like a ten-year-old girl. Their case: a mysterious death at the Hornville Museum.

Blvton. Enid

#### The mystery of the secret room



Fatty has discovered an amazing talent for disguise. He fools everyone with his French student act - even Mr Goon! When Pip discovers a secret room in Milton House, the children decide to investigate...What will they discover in The Mystery of the Secret Room? The mystery series follows the adventures of 'The Five Find Outers' - Pip, Bets, Larry, Daisy and Fatty, as they solve the most unusual crime cases with the help of their dog Buster.

#### Bosch, Psuedonymous

#### The name of this book is secret



This is the story of a secret. A secret so big and dangerous that even the story itself is a secret. To find out what it is, you have to risk everything... Two eleven year olds try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

#### Carter, Ally

#### Winterbourne home for vengeance and valour



April didn't mean to start the fire. She wasn't the one who broke the vase. April didn't ask to go live in a big, creepy mansion with a bunch of orphans who just don't understand that April isn't like them. After all, April's mother is coming back for her someday very soon. All April has to do is find the clues her mother left inside the massive mansion. But Winterborne House is hiding more than one secret, so April and her new friends are going to have to work together to unravel the riddle of a missing heir, a creepy legend, and a mysterious key before the only home they've ever known is

lost to them forever.

## Cornette, Doug

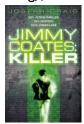
## Finally, something mysterious



Paul Marconi has always thought that Bellwood, California was a strange town, but also a boring one. Not much for an eleven-year-old to do. Fires are burning nearby, Paul's parents are obsessed with winning a bratwurst contest, and his best friend, one of the founding members of their only-child detective club, the One and Onlys, is about to acquire a younger sister, sort of undoing their whole reason for existing. But then! Hundreds of rubber duckies have appeared on the lawn of poor Mr. Babbage without any explanation. Finally! There is something to actually investigate...

#### Craig, Joe

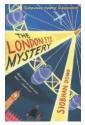
#### Jimmy Coates: Killer



Jimmy is an ordinary 13 year old boy until strangers burst into his home and kidnap his family. He is forced to go on the run, discovering who his real friends are on the way. As each hour passes Jimmy becomes more aware of his ever developing fighting skills. Why can he suddenly do all of this cool stuff? He's genetically engineered!

## Dowd, Siobhan

## The London Eye Mystery



When Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, he turned and waved before getting on. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off -but no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Since the police are having no luck finding him, Ted and Kat become sleuthing partners. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin.

Hickes, Phil

## The haunting of Aveline Jones



Aveline Jones 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 once belonged to Primrose Penberthy, who vanished mysteriously, never to be seen again. Intrigued, Aveline decides to investigate Primrose's disappearance. Now someone...or something, is stirring. And it is looking for Aveline.

Jones, Lena

The Secret Key: Agatha Oddly



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. With a home in the middle of Hyde Park, a room full of beloved sleuthing novels, and a secret key that gives her access to a whole hidden side of London, Agatha is perfectly poised to solve the mystery of what's going on. But just who can she trust when no one is quite who they seem.

## Keene, Carolyn

#### The secret of the old clock



Nancy Drew solves her first mystery when the accidental rescue of a little girl who lives with her two great-aunts leads to an adventurous search for a missing will.

Lane, Andrew

## Death Cloud: Young Sherlock Holmes series



In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain.

#### Newsome, Richard

#### The billionaire's curse



The world's most valuable diamond has been stolen and its police constable guard lies unconscious in the British Museum, two sedative darts protruding from his backside. Not something Gerald Wilkins knows or cares anything about. Not until he finds himself on a private luxury jet heading for London to attend the funeral of a great aunt he has never met. Not until he inherits her estate, worth twenty billion pounds. Not until he opens a bundle of envelopes from his dead great aunt. Was she murdered? Who stole the diamond? And what is the mysterious casket that everyone is looking for?

## St. John, Lauren

#### Kat Wolfe investigates



Four children with unusual talents are recruited for a top secret mission. There is only one rule - there are no rules. How can they work together to save the world? A crackling adventure begins.

Slater, Kim

#### Smart



"I found Jean's friend dead in the river. His name was Colin Kirk. He was a homeless man, but he still wanted to live." There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened.

## Springer, Nancy

## The case of the missing Marquess



While searching the clues to her missing mother's whereabouts, fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes, suddenly gets involved in the kidnapping of a young Marquess and must put the search for her mother on hold in order to save the spoiled boy from her dangerous captors.

#### Stevens, Robin

#### Murder most unladylike.



When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own deadly secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. But then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She thinks it must all have been a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now the girls know a murder must have taken place ...and there's more than one person at Deepdean with a motive.

## Stroud, Jonathan

#### The screaming staircase



When the dead come back to haunt the living, Lockwood & Co. step in... For more than fifty years, the country has been affected by a horrifying epidemic of ghosts. A number of Psychic Investigations Agencies have sprung up to destroy the dangerous apparitions. Lucy Carlyle, a talented young agent, arrives in London hoping for a notable career. Instead she finds herself joining the smallest most ramshackle agency in the city, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood and endeavours to solve the mystery.

## Realistic Fiction

## (including, family, friendships, growing up)

## Christmas, Bradley

## Saltwater boy



When Dad goes to jail, Matthew and his mum move to the coast, so mum – an artist – thinks she can renovate her late father's old place to sell it to get them back on their feet. Matthew strikes up a friendship with Old Bill, an Indigenous man who becomes a father figure to him, and teaches him how to find and eat pippis, fish. Dad gets out on parole and moves back in with the family, but his anger fractures the newfound peace and everything is once again at stake, and in peril.

## Gale, Emily

## The goodbye year



It's the start of 2020 and Harper is filled with anticipation about being in the final year of Riverlark Primary. She wants a leadership role, the comfort of her friendship group, and to fly under the radar of Riverlark's mean-boy. But one by one things go wrong. When Harper's best friends are made school captains they are consumed by their roles, while her own role - library captain - is considered second-rate. Then, when her parents take overseas jobs as nurses in a war zone, Harper moves in with Lolly, a grandmother she barely knows and the pandemic arrives! Her goodbye year is nothing like she'd hoped it would be.

## Gordon, Kate

#### Xavier in the meantime



Sometimes Xavier wakes up feeling hopeless. Every new doctor ... this will fix it. Removing him from school ... this will fix it. The therapy group ... this will fix it. And his dad moving out. Maybe, this will fix it. His daily affirmations seem to be helping, yet the black dog never really goes away. But Xavier has a plan. Enlisting the help of best friend Aster, he tries to convince his dad to turn the family hogget farm into a therapy retreat for the group session kids. But he is up against decades of tradition, his parents who are on a "break," and the spectre of the black dog.

## Greenwald, Lisa

## 12 before 13 [Graphic Novel]



Inspired by the success of their first birthday bucket list, Ari and Kaylan set goals for the new school year but both face challenges that may threaten their friendship.

Harry, PiP

#### August & Jones



Eleven-year-old Jones Kirby has just moved to Sydney from her farm in country New South Wales. She's missing her alpacas and wide-open paddocks and can't get used to her family's tiny city apartment. She's also worried that her vision is blurry - she lost her eye to cancer as a toddler. Could it be another tumour? Enrolling at her new school, Jones meets shy, awkward August Genting. He loves fun facts, the library and knitting as much as Jones loves rock climbing and being outdoors. Who would have thought they'd become fast friends?

#### Howe, Cath

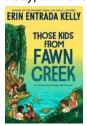
#### My life on fire



Ren's family loses their home in a fire. They're living with her grandmother now and things are a bit tense. Ren lost her collection of things, her clothes; her brother lost his little bear and is inconsolable. So Ren starts replacing things with other people's possessions. They've got loads of stuff, after all. But she gets caught and has to strike a terrifying deal to avoid detection.

## Kelly, Erin Entrada

#### Those kids from Fawn Creek



Every day in Fawn Creek feels exactly the same - until Orchid Mason arrives. There are twelve kids in the seventh grade at the Fawn Creek school. They've been together all their lives. In this tiny manufacturing town where everyone knows everything about everyone, that's not necessarily a great thing. There are twelve kids, but thirteen desks When Orchid Mason arrives and slips gracefully into Renni's old desk, the other seventh-graders don't know what to think. Orchid is new and exciting and things in Fawn Creek are about to change.

#### Libenson, Terri

## Surprisingly Sarah [graphic novel]



Secrets. Surprises. Middle School. Sarah and Leo have been BFFs since they were little. They share everything... until Sarah starts crushing on Leo's friend Ben. Then one day Sarah is suddenly faced with a big choice - ask Ben to the school dance! OR - chicken out. Either way, Sarah and Leo's friendship will be put to the test. Which one would vou choose?

## Masters, Maryam

## Exit through the gift shop

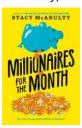


Anahita Rosalind Ghorban-Galaszczuk is discovering that life is absurd. As if dying of cancer at the age of 12.5 isn't bad enough, she still has to endure daily insults from her nemesis, Alyssa (Queen Mean) Anderson. Ana's on a wild rollercoaster of life and death, kindness and cruelty, ordinary and extraordinary. And she's got a few things to do before she exits.

Also see: No words and So that happened

## McAnulty, Stacy

## Millionaires for the month



How would you spend five million dollars in 30 days? A billionaire's wallet, a bizarre challenge, and an unlikely friendship send two kids on a wild adventure. Felix Rannells and Benji Porter were never supposed to be field-trip partners. Felix is a rule follower. Benji is a rule bender. They're not friends. And they don't have anything to talk about. Until . . . They find a wallet. A wallet that belongs to tech billionaire Laura Friendly...and the challenge is on.

#### Nannestad, Katrina

#### Silver linings



Nettie Sweeney has a dad, three big sisters, a farm full of cows and a cat called Mittens. But it's not enough. She longs for a mother. One with a gentle touch and sparkles in her eyes. When Dad marries Alice, all Nettie's dreams come true. The Sweeney home overflows with laughter, love and, in time, a baby brother. Billy. The light of Nettie's life. Then tragedy strikes. The Sweeney family crumbles. Nettie tries to make things right, but has she made everything worse?

## Roberts, Ross

## **Every Coud**



A humorous and heartfelt story of new friends, fresh starts and silver linings. Amy feels like everything is going wrong. For a start, she's just found out she isn't going to the same high school as everyone else. Add to that her annoying younger brothers, Pops' worsening dementia and Cassie, her supposed best friend, being meaner than ever, then Mum telling her they're moving in with Gran and Pops for the holidays - all the way on the other side of town! But then she discovers who lives over the road from her grandparents: Jay, the kind, quiet boy from school....

## Stead, Rebecca

## The list of things that will not change



When Bea's dad and his wonderful partner, Jess, decide to marry, it looks as if Bea's biggest wish is coming true: she's finally (finally!) going to have a sister. They're both ten. They're both in fifth grade. Though they've never met, Bea knows that she and Sonia will be perfect sisters. Just like sisters anywhere, Bea thinks. But as the wedding day approaches, Bea makes discoveries that lead her to a possibly disastrous choice.

#### Weetman, Nova

#### The Jammer



Fred has moved around her whole life, one small town after another, and never minded starting over. She's always had her mum, her dad, and her love of roller derby. On the track she's Fred or Dead, the star jammer, a gun at smashing through a line of bodies and scoring for her team. But Fred's life has fallen apart, and now she can't imagine ever putting her skates on again. Will roller derby get her back into life? Read on and travel along with Fred.

#### Wood, Fiona

#### How to spell catastrophe



Nell McPherson is a catastrophe expert, but nothing has prepared her for the impending catastrophe of her mum's plans to merge families with boyfriend, Ted. If that's not dire enough, grade six is turning into an emotional obstacle course and when Nell decides to tackle the biggest catastrophe of them all, climate change, and campaigns for grade six to attend the School Strike 4 Climate, old friends and new will come together.....

## Zanni, Louise

#### Queenie in seven moves



To Queenie, home is Peachy, the little house where she's lived forever. But when she and her mum have to leave Peachy, Queenie discovers that home isn't a place at all. It's making new friends and reconnecting with old ones, letting yourself be uncomfortable, and finding the courage to share your song with the world.

## Surrealistic Sci-fi Stories

## Caswell, Brian

## A Cage of Butterflies



"We're like a new toy... or a new energy source, and they're just playing with us, experimenting. Working out what we can do. What they can do with us." Mikki and the others live at "the farm" - an advanced learning facility, a think-tank for a bunch of young people with very high IQs. But what is really going on at the farm? And what about the five much younger children known as the Babies, frail as butterflies?

## DiTerlizzi, Tony

## The Search for Wondla



Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her.

## Evans, Paul Richard

## The prisoner of cell 25: Michael Vey



To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special - he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens - and through

them, the world

## Ferrari, Alessandro; Lucas, George Star Wars: the prequel trilogy [Graphic novel]



Relive the beginnings of the ultimate tale of good versus evil! Join Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Padmâe Amidala, Yoda, Darth Maul, and the rest of the heroes and villains from the Star Wars universe in this graphic novel collection that retells the prequel trilogy.

Kade, J.V.

#### **Bot Wars**



Robots happily worked in all sorts of jobs in the United Districts, everything from nannies to cooks to chashiers - until they became to advanced, they started thinking for themselves and demanding more rights. So began the bot wars...

#### Mart, Laura

#### Edge of extinction



Two hundred years ago dinosaurs were brought back from extinction - and dinosaurs didn't like to share. They reclaimed the Earth, driving humans underground. Compound life is all Sky Mundy has ever known. But when clues about her father's mysterious disappearance point to the outside world, Sky and her best friend Shawn resolve to run away. Heading into the unknown, they discover a world of surprises and learn that the dinosaurs stalking their every move are not the most dangerous predators out there...

#### Patterson, James

#### The dangerous days of Daniel X: Daniel X series



The greatest superpower of all isn't to be part spider, part man, or to cast magic spells -- the greatest power is the power to create. Daniel has that power. Daniel's secret abilities -- like being able to manipulate objects and animals with his mind or to recreate himself in any shape he chooses -- have helped him survive. But Daniel doesn't have a normal life. He is the protector of the earth, the Alien Hunter, with a mission beyond what anyone could imagine.

## Phelan, James

#### The Last Thirteen



Sam wakes from a nightmare to discover the terrifying reality. It will come true. Kidnapped from school and finding out his parents aren't who he thinks they are, Sam is suddenly running from danger at every turn. Nothing will ever be the same again. With his life and identity shattered, Sam's salvation is tied to an ancient prophecy. He is in the final battle to save the world, up against an enemy plotting to destroy us all.

Ponti, James

#### Dead City: Dead city series



Seventh-grader Molly has always been an outsider, even in New York's elite Metropolitan Institute of Science and Technology, but that changes when she is recruited to join the Omegas, a secret group that polices and protects zombies..

## Welford, Ross

#### The dog who saved the world



When eleven-year-old Georgie befriends an eccentric retired scientist, she becomes the test subject for a thrilling new experiment: a virtual-reality 3D version of the future. But then a deadly disease threatens the life of every dog in the country and Georgie's beloved dog, Mr Mash, gets sick. And that's only the start of her troubles. Soon, Georgie and Mr Mash must embark on a desperate quest: to save every dog on earth, and maybe even all of humanity... without actually leaving the room.

#### Try a classic, the forefathers of this genre:

20,000 leagues under the sea / by Jules Verne; The time machine / by H.G. Wells The strange case of Dr. Jeckyl and Mr Hyde / by R.L. Stevenson; A wrinkle in time / by M., L'Engle

## **War Stories**

## Bauer, Catherine

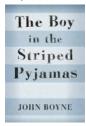
#### Tulips for breakfast



Set in Amsterdam during the Second World War, from the arrival of the German army to liberation. For much of this time, Adelena lives in hiding in the home of her music teacher. Her Jewish parents, who fled pre-war Germany with Adelena, have left her in the care of someone else in the belief their only child's chances of survival are greatest if she can remain in hiding for as long as it takes to be free again. Adelena feels abandoned but finds a way to adjust, her heart warmed by memories.

## Boyne, John

## The Boy in Striped Pyjamas



Berlin 1942. When Bruno returns home from school one day, he discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move from their home to a new house far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence running alongside stretches as far as the eye can see and cuts him off from the strange people he can see in the distance. While exploring his new environment, he meets another boy whose life and circumstances are very different to his own, and their meeting results in a friendship that has

devastating consequences.

#### Bradley, Kimberley Brubaker

## The War that saved my life



A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

## Gleitzman, Morris

#### Once: Felix & Zelda series



Once I escaped from an orphanage to find my Mum and Dad. Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house. Once I made a Nazi with a toothache laugh. My name is Felix. This is my story..

#### Lantos, Peter

## The boy who didn't want to die



Peter and his parents set out from a small Hungarian town, travelling through Austria and then Germany together. Along the way, unforgettable images of adventure flash one after another: sleeping in a tent and then under the sky, discovering a disused brick factory, catching butterflies in the meadows - and as Peter realises that this adventure is really a nightmare - watching bombs falling from the blue sky outside Vienna, learning maths from his mother in Belsen. All this is drawn against a

background of terror, starvation, infection and, inevitably, death, before Peter and his mother can return home.

#### Levine, Karen

## Hannah's suitcase : true story (biographies)



When Hana's suitcase arrives from Germany at the small Holocaust education centre in Japan, all the children who visit want to know about Hana. Where did she come from? Where was she going? What did she pack? The answers send the reader on a journey of discovery across Europe and North America, and seventy years of history.

## Magorian, Michelle

## **Goodnight Mister Tom**



When the Second World War breaks out, young Willie Beech is evacuated to the countryside. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of kind old Tom Oakley. But then his cruel mother summons him back to war-torn London... Will he ever see Mister Tom again?

## Masson, Sophie

#### 1914: Australian's at War series



In June 1914, Louis and his brother Thomas are enjoying the European summer in a small town near Sarajevo. In the shadow of the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne, the world erupts into war and Louis' life changes forever. Old Europe is torn apart and Louis finds himself in the midst of his own battle - as fighting for the truth in war means that sometimes even your own side is against you.

## Morpurgo, Michael

#### Private Peaceful



As young Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside. But the clock is ticking, and every moment Tommo spends remembering how things used to be, means another moment closer to something which will change his life for ever.

#### Nannestad, Katrina

#### Rabbit, soldier, angel, thief

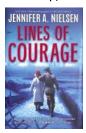


It's spring, 1942. The sky is blue, the air is warm and sweet. And then everything is gone. The flowers, the proud geese, the pretty wooden houses, the friendly neighbours. Only Sasha remains. But one small boy, alone in war torn Russia, cannot survive. One small boy without a family cannot survive. One small boy without a home cannot survive. What that small boy needs is an army. And other great Nannestad's

Waiting for the storks; We were wolves.

#### Nielsen, Jennifer A.

## Lines of courage



From the assassination that triggers World War I in 1914 to Armistice Day in 1918, the story follows the fates of five young people on both sides of the conflict - each facing their portion of the war with courage, until the end of the war brings them together. Includes information on the history of the war.

## Parr, Leslie

#### When the war came home



12-year-old Natalie is furious when her mum, Ffion, loses her factory job for sticking up for workers' rights. Now they have to leave their home and go to stay at her uncle's farm. The last thing Natty wants is to buddy up with her know-it-all cousin, Nerys. Natty gets on better with her older cousin Huw, despite the fact that he's returned from the front line of WWI and his mood can be unpredictable. Instead, Natty finds herself making friends with two convalescing soldiers with very different conditions.

## Skalietska, Yeva

## You don't know what war is: the diary of a young girl from the Ukraine



This is the moving diary of young Ukrainian refugee Yeva Skalietska. It follows twelve days in Ukraine that changed 12-year-old Yeva's life forever. She was woken in the early hours to the terrifying sounds of shelling. Russia had invaded Ukraine, and her beloved Kharkiv home was no longer the safe haven it should have been. It was while she and her Granny were forced to seek shelter in a damp, cramped basement that Yeva decided to write down her story. And it is a story that the world needs to hear.

## Skypuch, Marsha Forchuk

#### Trapped in Hitler's web



Maria and her friend Nathan flee their Nazi-occupied Ukrainian town, hoping to earn wages and avoid starvation as foreign workers in Austria, but they are quickly separated and Maria waits out the war as a farm labourer

Recommended classics: The Silver Sword | by Ian Serrailler; The diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank