

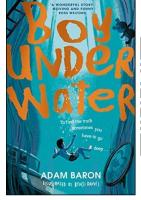






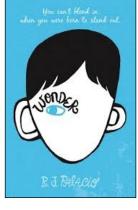


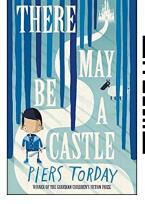
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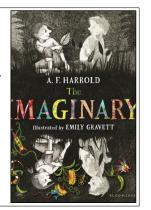








A heart-warming story of friendship between Amanda and her imaginary friend, Rudger. When the mysterious Mr Bunting arrives at Amanda's house searching for Rudger, everything changes...

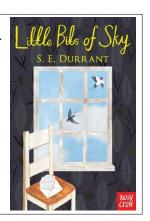


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Jewel's younger brother John (Bird) died young, and her grandfather blames himself. When she finds a mysterious boy in her tree, Jewel learns who to trust...

Ira and Zac are lookedafter children, living in an orphanage; they hope to be adopted. A ghost called Glenda gives them hope...

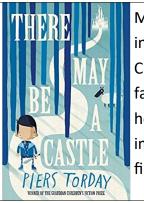


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Auggie looks different to everybody else, and is starting school for the first time. The story is written from lots of perspectives, helping Auggie to overcome his difficulties.



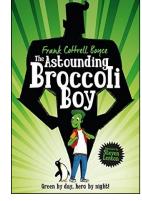
Cymbeline can't swim, so when he falls into a pool his mother suffers a breakdown. How is this linked to his father's death? And why won't anyone tell him anything?



Mouse and his family are involved in a car crash on Christmas Eve. While his family struggle, Mouse is helped by his toys and imagination - but can he find his family?

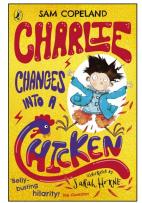


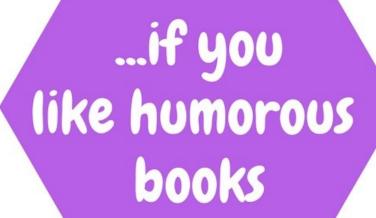








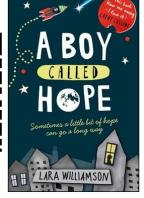


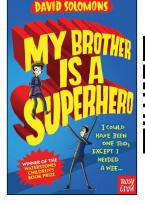










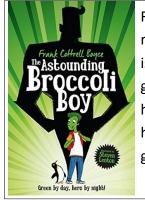




When a shooting star crashes into Elliott's barn, it starts an adventure of a lifetime as Olympian Gods try to help him and his poorly mum. Hilarious and touching.

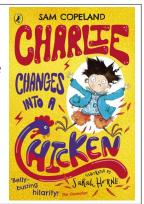


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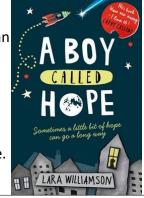
Rory Rooney falls into a river on a school trip, and is shocked when he turns green. Is this the start of his superpowers? But why has his nemesis turned green as well?

A hilarious tale of Charlie, who unexplainably turns into various animals at the most awkward moments. Can he control his gift? Or will it be more of a curse, as he is seen changing by the school bully...



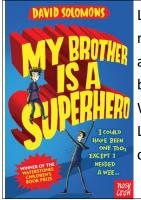
...if you like humorous books

Dan Hope's dad has left home, but he thinks he can track him down. With the help of his older sister, Grace, he learns the importance of family - a warm tale of everyday life.



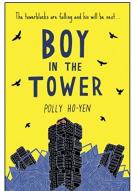


It's the end of chocolate!
However, foul play is
suspected by Jelly and her
Grandma, and they set out
to determine who is really
to blame - and to stop the
end of chocolate.



Luke goes for a wee, missing the moment an alien arrives and gives his brother Zach superpowers. When Zach goes missing, Luke has to save him in order to save the world!

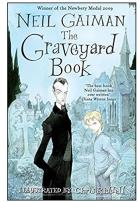










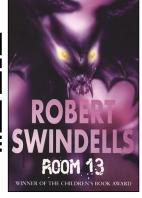


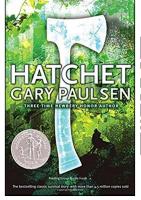














Ade lives with his mum at the top of a tower block. His mum prefers staying inside to going outdoors. But when tower blocks start to fall and menacing plants begin to grow, what will Ade do?

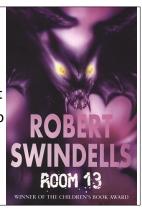


There was a hand In the darkness, and it held a knife.

So begins The Graveyard Book, a story that starts with Bod escaping death, growing up with ghosts and wondering about revenge.



Fliss and her class go on a school trip to Whitby, staying in a hotel where there is no room 13. But at midnight, the room next to room 12 seems to come alive - who, or what, is in there?

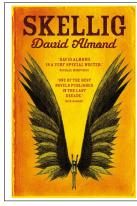


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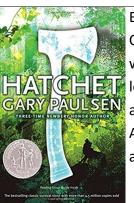




A year 6 residential begins with the bloodied hand of a Crater Lake employee smearing itself across the school bus. Teachers and staff start behaving strangely, and pupils too - who will escape?



When he moves house,
Michael finds someone - or
something - living in the
shed. He lives on beer and
Chinese food, but there is
something different about
him, something
unexplained...



Brian's plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness, and when the pilot dies, he is left to fend for himself, armed only with a hatchet. A gripping tale of survival and mental strength.

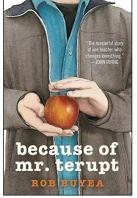










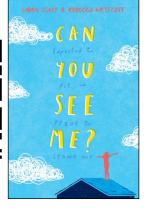


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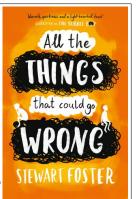




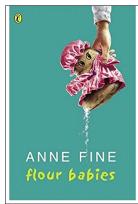




Two stories combine as
Alex, who suffers with OCD,
is bullied by Dan, who is
struggling with his
brother's sudden absence.
The boys are brought
together, but can they learn
to put up with one another?

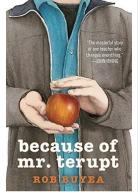


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When the science fair comes around, a class of boys are disappointed that they won't be exploding things, or dissecting animals. Instead, they have to look after sacks of flour, learning important lessons along the way.

Mr Terupt takes over a class of children who are all very different, and don't get along. Told from 7 different perspectives, find out the impact a great teacher can have!



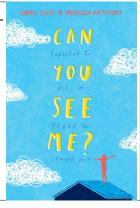
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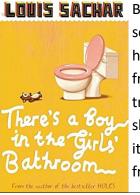




Suzy's best friend dies during the school holidays, leading Suzy to confront their failed friendship as she tries to deal with grief. Themes of bullying, trust and growing up create a fascinating story.

Follow Tally, an autistic 11year-old, as she prepares to move in secondary school. Written alongside Libby Scott, an autistic girl, we learn lots about autism and how we can develop our own understanding.





Bradley Chalkers hates school, and he feels school hates him. He can't make friends, and a counsellor tries to help him. Bradley slowly begins to learn what it means to be a true friend, but is it too late?











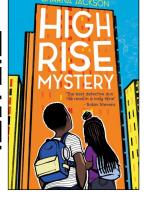


...if you like adventure and mystery













Matthew suffers with OCD, rendering him housebound. He passes the time observing his neighbours, and, when a toddler goes missing, he could be the key to solving his disappearance.



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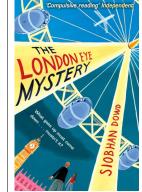


Lily's life is in danger, her father is missing, and she is being hunted by silver-eyed men. She is plunged into a frightening world, aided by Malkin, a mechanical fox, and Robert, the clockmaker's son.

Lying awake at night, Tom hears the clock strike twelve...then thirteen. He investigates, leading him to a secret and mysterious garden that only he can enter.

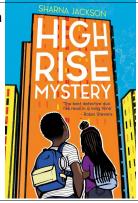


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Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim board the London Eye, but when he doesn't get off again they have to solve the mystery of his disappearance. A real page-turner.

When there is a murder on the Tri Estate, Nik and Norva, two sisters, think they can crack the case. Using notebooks, supersleuthing skills, and lots of bravery, they do their best—but is it enough?





Herbie Lemon's quiet life is turned upside down when Violet Parma bursts into his Lost and Foundery. She is desperate to find out where her parents have gone - but what does that have to do with the monstrous, mythical Malamander?





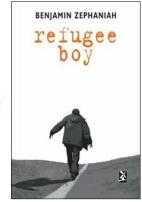






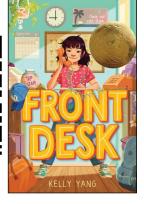


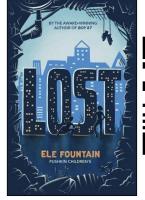
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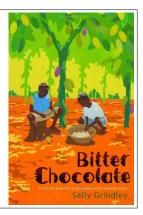








Pascal's life changes when rebels storm his village and he ends up working on a cocoa plantation. He hatches a plan to escape but knows that if he is caught it could mean death.



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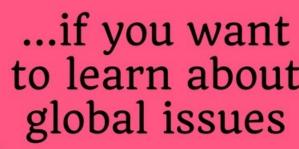


Maya's scientist father disappears in Peru, leaving her to find him. She meets Raul, a native Peruvian, and she learns about the Amazon's natural beauty and power, as well as the truth about her father.

Budi works in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, stitching footballs. He dreams of one day playing in the Premier League, but when a mistake leads him to owing money to a criminal, his life and dreams are at risk.

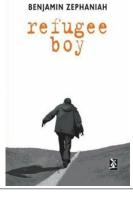


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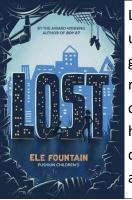


Mia's family move to the US from China, and their experience is different to what they had hoped. Read on to explore issues such as exploitation, racism and equality.



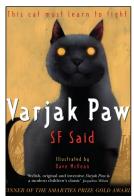


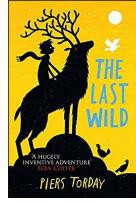
As war breaks out in Ethiopia, Alem's father takes him on holiday in England. However, his dad leaves him there and applies for asylum, and Alem is alone in a foreign land, lonely and lost.



Lola lives a life of privilege, until, one day, her father goes out and doesn't return. She is forced to beg on the streets and, with her brother Amit, must quickly learn to survive among the 'street rats'.











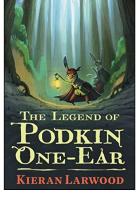


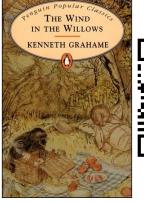
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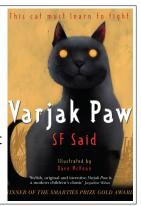








Varjak lives in an old house and has never left home—until he learns about The Way, a secret martial art for cats. He has to use his new skills to survive against dogs, gangs and the mysterious Vanishings...



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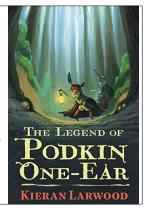
Kester is living in quarantine, and is rudely awoken by pigeons and cockroaches. He learns he can speak to animals - and it is up to him to protect them all before it is too late.

Darkus has to find his missing father, and when a stag beetle crawls up his trouser leg and starts to communicate with him, he is propelled into the adventure of a lifetime.



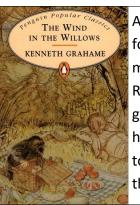
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A wonderful adventure that sees Podkin's warren attacked by the Gorm, a ruthless army of mutant rabbits. Podkin must protect his family with the help of his sister Paz.



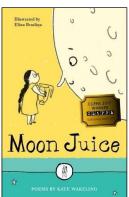


When Peter and his pet fox Pax are separated, both wish to be reunited with the other. A moving tale of love and loss as alternating chapters tell their stories.



A classic animal story, following the misadventures of Mole, Rat, Toad and Badger. They get into lots of trouble and have to learn to work together to protect what they have.

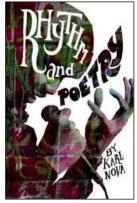




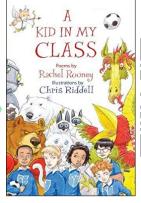






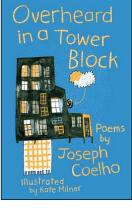


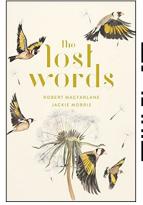
...if you love poetry collections













A lively and imaginative range of poems, all involving wordplay and a range of poetic devices. These are begging to be performed in front of an audience!



## SIX TO READ...



A superb collection of a range of poetry from Carol Ann Duffy, the former children's poet laureate. Lots of different poetic styles to be explored and enjoyed.

A wonderful collection of

poems about children in

Based on Rachel Rooney's

own experiences, some of

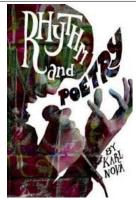
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can even spot yourself.

very familiar - maybe you

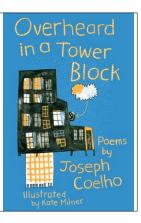
different classrooms.

An award-winning collection of poems from Karl Nova, a hip hop artist. Rhythm and Poetry (Rap) explores his childhood and how words and poetry have become so important to him.



...if you love poetry collections

A wonderful, thought-provoking collection of poems from Joseph Coelho, using his childhood growing up in a towerblock as inspiration. Illustrated by Kate Milner.

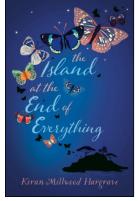




A beautifully illustrated book of 'spells', calls to nature that help us to remember plants and animals that are in danger of being forgotten. Brilliant language and acrostic poetry.

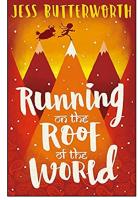




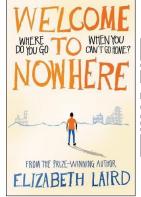








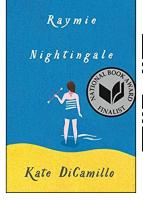
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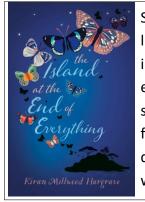




Four children are stranded in the depths of the Amazon jungle, and only have each other's wits to help them survive. That is. until the meet the explorer, a man of mystery, intrigue and a bit of a temper...



SIX TO READ...



Set in the Philippines, Ami lives on Culion Island, inhabited by lepers. The evil Mr Zamora appears to separate Ami from her family, but she is determined to make her way home...

When protests go too far in Sam and Tash's Tibetan home, they make the lifechanging decision to flee to neighbouring India to enlist the help of the Dalai Lama. An unforgettable adventure awaits...

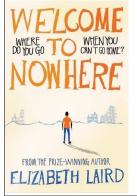


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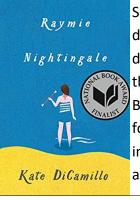
Follow Jingwen and his brother Yanghao as they move to Australia. They have learn a new language, and the boys also deal with some devastating news differently. A brilliant mix of story and graphic novel.





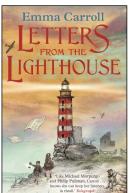


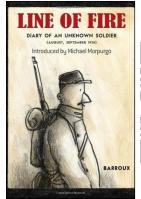
This story follows Omar and is family in the city of Bosra, Syria. When war breaks out, they have no choice but to flee, embarking on a journey fraught with danger - but is anywhere safe?



Set in the USA, Raymie is determined to bring her dad back home, and enlists the help of Louisiana and Beverly. The three girls form an unlikely friendship in a tale of hope, loneliness and loss.

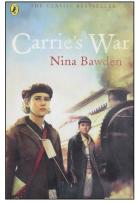










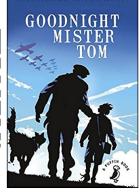


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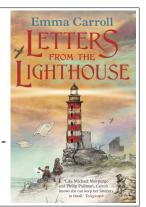


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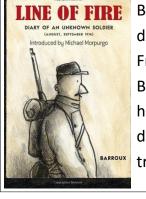




When Olive and Cliff are separated from their older sister, Sukie, they move to Devon. Here they learn of secret letters that are both mysterious and dangerous but how are they linked to Sukie?



# SIX TO READ ...



Based on a soldier's diary from WW1, the French illustrator Barroux shows the hardships and difficulties of life in the trenches.

A story of evacuation as Nick, Carrie and Albert are sent to Wales. Mr. Evans is not the kindest carer, and Carrie tries to help him...but was it the right decision?



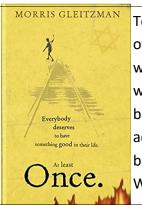
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Willie is evacuated and lives with Mr Tom, where the two learn to love and get along. But when Willie is sent back to London. Mr Tom is worried about his wellbeing, and sets off to find him.





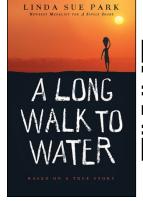
A story of survival in London during the days of the Blitz. Bill should have been evacuated, but decides to stay in London with Julie - can the two survive the horrors of war together?



Told from the point of view of Felix, a Jewish Polish boy who doesn't understand why his parents' books are being burned. An adventure full of heart. based on real events in WWII.

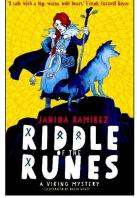




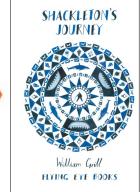






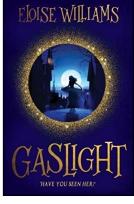


...if you enjoy history





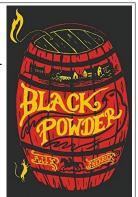




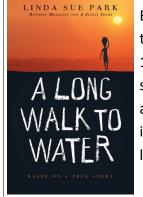




The story of the Gunpowder Plot, seen through the eyes of 12-year -old Tom. Can he trust the Falcon, a man who promises to help save his father from hanging?

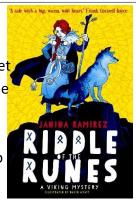


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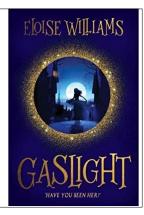
Based on a true story, two tales in Sudan (one from 1985 and one from 2008) show the hardship of war and survival. The stories interconnect to show the lasting impact of war.

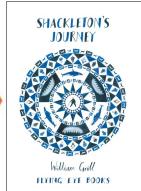
A Viking tale of kidnap, mystery and treasure, as 12-year-old Alva and her pet wolf Fenrir seek to solve the mystery in her town of Kilsgard by deciphering hidden messages...but who sent them?



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Set in Victorian-era
Cardiff, Nansi is surviving
life as an orphan by
working for the merciless
Sid. She learns Sid is
keeping secrets about her
past from her, but dare
she confront him?





Relive the expedition of Ernest Shackleton, a man who dreamed of crossing Antarctica. Tales of bravery and desperation alongside some amazing artwork from William Grill.



Set in London, 1922, Lilian finds a parcel from a famous Egyptologist who has just been found dead. The package holds the key to a curse, and to the mystery of a king's undiscovered tomb...





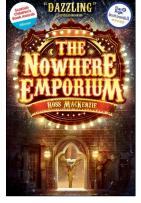


















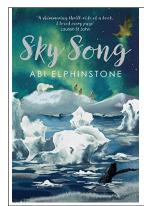




Follow Yanka's journey as she discovers her true past as she tries to discover who her real parents are.. She learns she can talk to animals, meets a house with chicken legs, and finds out about her true self.



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Eska escapes from the evil Ice Queen, but must convince the tribes of Erkenwald to work together in order to bring an end to her tyrannical rule. A wild adventure full of magic.

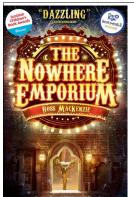
Fionn sets about meeting his destiny as the keeper of the storm, a post held by his grandad. Can he tame the weather? Can he overcome his fear of water? And can he stop others taking his rightful position?



...if you like magic

A tale of three sisters, each of whom possesses a magical object that could break the curse they are under. However, each object could also throw them deeper into trouble...



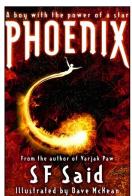


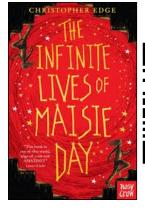
Daniel enters a shop he's never seen before - and realises there is much more to it than meets the eye. Run by a magician, Mr Silver, the shop is the envy of the evil Vindictus Sharpe. Can Daniel help to outrun danger?



Morrigan Crow is a cursed child, and, when she dies, is swept into a new world by Jupiter, a magician. Morrigan faces lots of tests of character and learns what friends and family really mean.





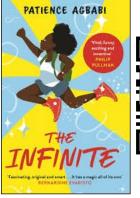






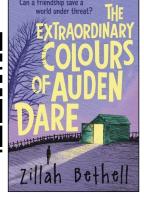


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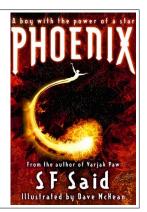








Lucky dreams the stars are singing to him - why else does his body feel so hot? When he is forced to flee his home planet, he arms himself with a weapon and some new friends, starting a quest on an epic scale.



Meg needs to find her scientist father who has mysteriously gone missing. With her little brother Charles and friend Calvin, Meg travels by tesseract, a wrinkle in space-time, on a treacherous journey that leads them into space...

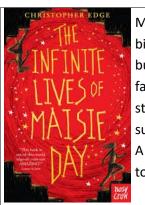


Set during a time when there is a war for water. Auden Dare moves to a new town and quickly discovers something extraordinary - but can he, and his new friend Vivi, keep it a secret for long?

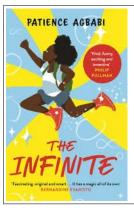


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Maisie Day wakes up on her birthday full of excitement but something is wrong: her family are missing. When she steps outside, her home is surrounded by a black void. A mind-bending adventure to really get you thinking.



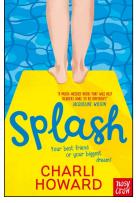
Elle is a Leapling - born on February 29th, Leaplings can time-travel. When she and her friend travel to 2048, she learns other Leapings are disappearing, and her life is in danger...



Disaster strikes the spaceship Orion, leaving 13-yearold Beth in charge. But something is wrong. She doesn't trust the AI help, there is a threat of aliens. and even her own crew is up to no good.

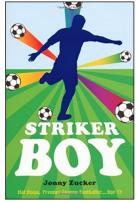




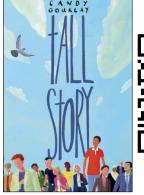








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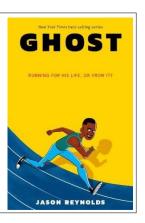




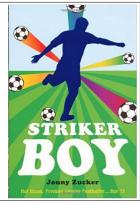




Ghost has always been running away, but, when he chances on a running session, the coach sees a natural talent. Can Ghost steer clear of trouble? And how will his difficult past affect him?



Hatton Rangers are in desperate need of inspiration, and Nat Dixon is the man to do it. The only trouble is, Nat is only 13 - can this secret be kept? And will Nat change



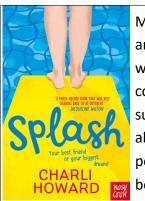
In the present day, Semira and her mother are trapped by a controlling man. Semira finds a diary from 1891, a time of women's rights & freedom found in cycling - and this gives Semira belief.

Hatton's fortunes?



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Molly dreams of becoming an Olympic swimmer, but when the chance to compete arises, she is suddenly full of anxiety about her body. A very powerful story about believing in yourself.

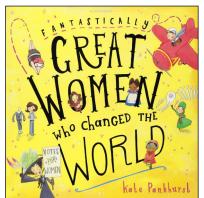


A story told by two
narrators: Andi and
Bernardo. Both love playing
basketball, but Bernardo is
set to leave the Philippines
to go to England. However,
his move might spell
disaster for his hometown...



A history of all things sporting, from the Ancient Mayan civilisation to more modern ideas, such as the Olympics. A must for any sports fan.





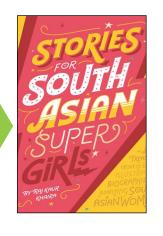






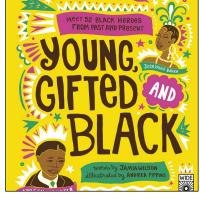


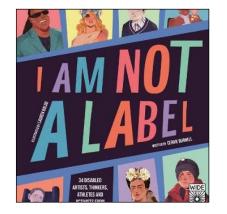
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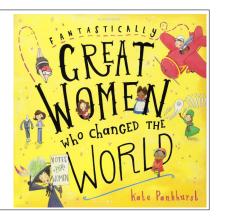








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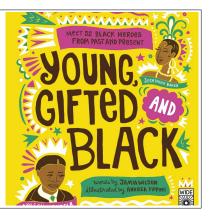
A fantastic series of books that will teach you about amazing people from all walks of life.

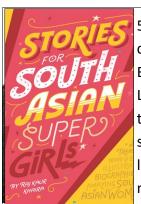
Twenty tales of heroism, adventure, bravery and resilience. There will be some you know of, but this is largely a collection of lesser-known people whose stories are truly inspirational.



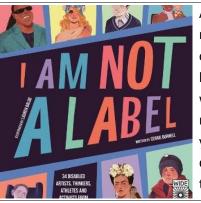
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A collection of 52 inspirational black people, from politicians to musicians, and civil rights campaigners to pioneers.



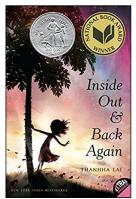


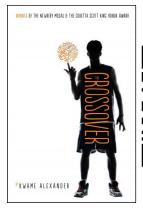
50 famous and undercelebrated women from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and more, this collection includes spies, activists, business leaders, entertainers and much more.



A collection of real-life stories of people who have suffered with physical or mental health, yet have not let difference stop them living.

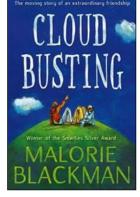




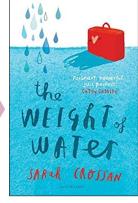








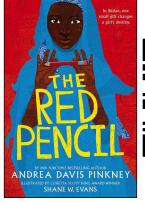
...if you love stories in verse





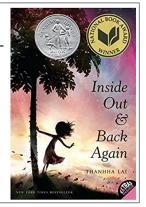




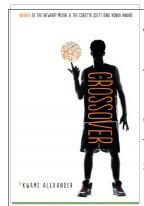




Follow Ha's journey from South Vietnam, a place ravaged by war, to the safety and blandness of Alabama, USA. Told in a poetic style, this story is moving and thoughtful.

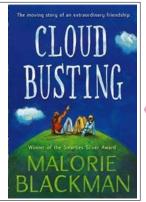


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Josh, a talented basketball player, is twin to Jordan - together, the boys are brilliant, but when a girl comes between them, it threatens their team. A story told in free verse.

Told through a range of poems, the story of Davey and Sam's growing friendship explores themes of trust, friendship and popularity.



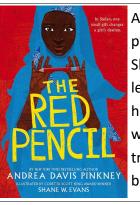
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Kasiekna has arrived in England from Poland, in search of her long-lost dad. However, her school is less than welcoming, and she must learn how to deal with bullying, as well as her own complex feelings.

Jack hates poetry, but
Miss Stretchberry, his
teacher, keeps setting poetry tasks. Told through a
combination of diaries and
poems, follow Jack's
journey of love, dogs and
poetry.

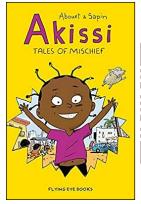




Amira lives in Sudan, a place threatened by war. She dreams of reading, learning and bettering herself, but her mother wants her to live a traditional life. Her journey begins with a red pencil...





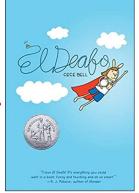






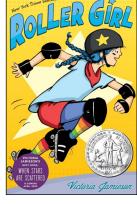


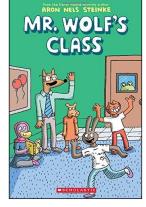
...if you enjoy graphic novels









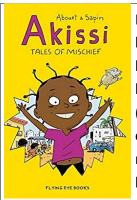




A highly imaginative story of sixteen children who, in their summer holidays, use ordinary cardboard boxes to create a fantasy world of robots, knights, monsters, and more, all while learning about themselves.



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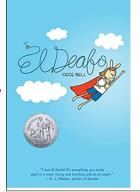


Lots of short, lively and hilarious tales of Akissi's life in the Ivory Coast, based on the author's (Marguerite Abouet) own experiences. There is so much humour to enjoy here.

In Aster's family, all the girls become witches, and the boys shapeshifters. So what do his family say when he declares that he wants to be a witch? A great tale of identity and pursuing your dreams.

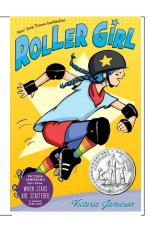


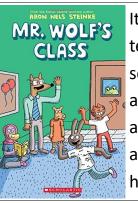
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An autobiographical tale of Cece Bell's youth, as she learned that she struggled to hear before finally turning deaf. She teaches us about true friendship and overcoming adversity.

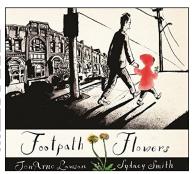
This story explores Astrid and Nicole's lifelong friendship - or what happens when they take different interests. Will their friendship survive? Or will the roller derby win?

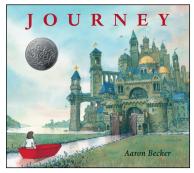




It's Mr Wolf's first day teaching at his new school, and we find out about his fears, as well as the classmates' antics. Warm and full of humour.









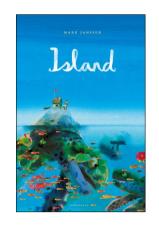




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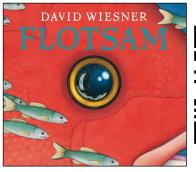
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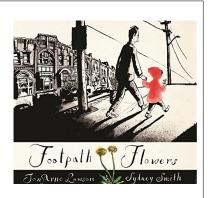




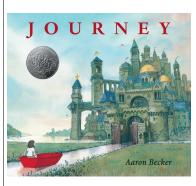




In a town full of darkness. one girl's actions change it for the better. A thoughtful story of hope for our future.



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A girl is ignored at home, and finds solace with her red crayon, taking her on a wondrous and memorable journey.

A graphic novel-style story of a man who leaves his family to start his life in a new country. We experience the confusion and uncertainty of what it must be like for people arriving in new places.



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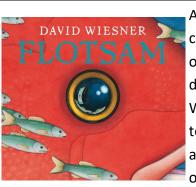
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Island

A girl, her father and her dog get washed up on an island, where they learn to survive and respect their new environment. But all is not as it seems. Amazing, vibrant artwork make this one to remember.

A boy is bullied at school, and his only friend is a bluebird. The bird follows the boy, eventually giving him friendship.





A boy finds an old camera washed up on a shore, and duly inspects it. What he finds teaches him all about the wonders of the deep.