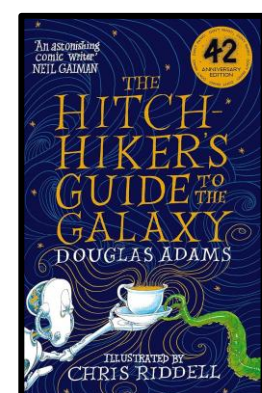
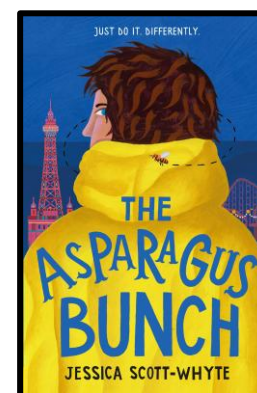
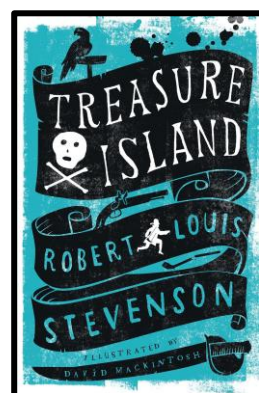
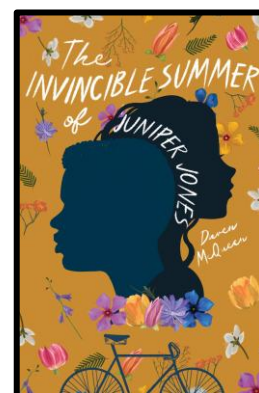
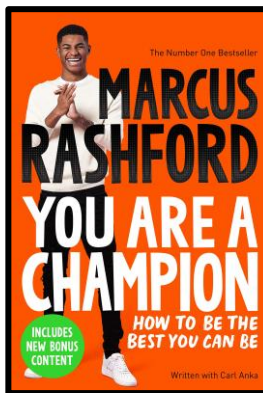
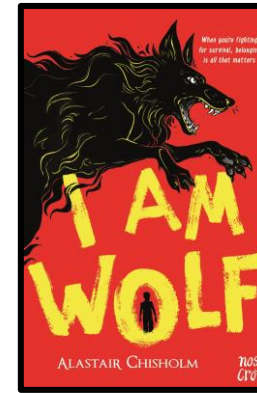
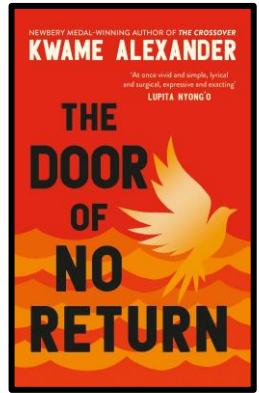
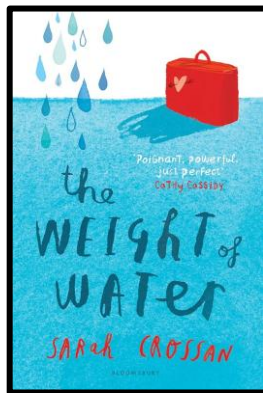
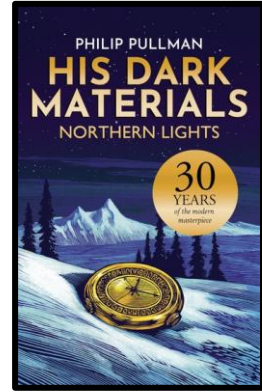
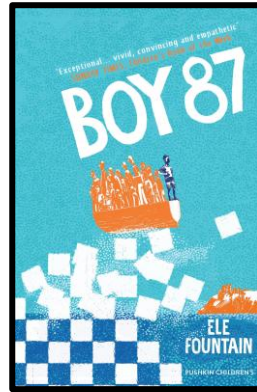
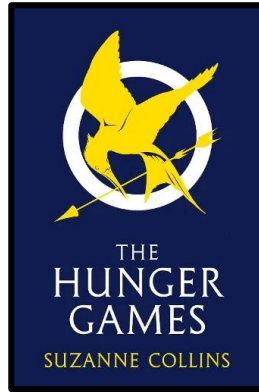
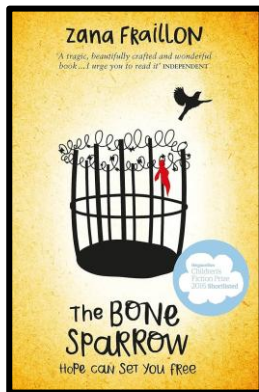
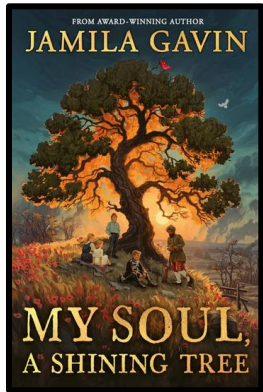


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Adventure / Journeys of Discovery

Where the World Ends - Geraldine McCaughrean	1727 St Kilda, survival, Carnegies
Girl. Boy. Sea - Chris Vick	Survival, coming of age, environment
Blood Red, Snow White - Marcus Sedgwick	Russian revolution, spy thriller
I am Wolf - Alastair Chisolm	Sci-Fi, dystopia, series, belonging
On Silver Tides - Sylvia Bishop	Environment, belonging, family
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Milwood Hargrave	Exploration, cartography, myths
Bog Child - Siobhan Dowd	Carnegies, mortality, peace, Ireland
His Dark Materials - Philip Pullman	Fantasy, philosophical, trilogy

Biography / Diary / Memoir

Notes from a Small Island - Bill Bryson	
Mud, Sweat and Tears - Bear Grylls	Sora
The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank	
I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai	

Classics

The Lord of the Rings - JRR Tolkien	Epic fantasy series
Around the World in Eighty Days - Jules Verne	Adventure, Victorian travelogue
Bridge to Terabithia - Katherine Peterson	Friendship, grief, bereavement, Sora
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Gothic, crime, mystery, Victorians
Treasure Island - R.L. Stevenson	Adventure, pirates, travel

Comedy/ Humour

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy - Douglas Adams	Adventure, sci-fi
The Gifted and the Talented and Me - William Sutcliffe	Coming of age, school story
Humble Pi: A Comedy of Maths Errors - Matt Parker	Non-fiction
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole - Susan Townsend	Coming of age, 1980s
What Happens Online - Nathanael Lessore	Sora - coming of age, gaming
The Beck - Anthony McGowan	Sora - DF – bullying
Steady for This – Daniel Lessore	Adolescence, relationships, music

Dystopia / Tech

Electric Life - Rachel Delahaye	Futuristic society on the surface...
New You Forever - Steve Cole	DF - Ai, media, adventure
Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve	Adventure fantasy
The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins	Coming of age, adventure, thriller
Maze Runner - James Dashner	Post-apocalyptic, sci-fi
Echo Star - Melinda Salisbury	DF - Ai, friendship, sci-fi
The Last Whale - Vick	Climate change, whaling history, ecothriller

Ghosts / Gothic / Horror

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman	Carnegies, coming of age, spooky
Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy	Humorous series, mystery, magic, series
Lockwood and Co - Jonathan Stroud	Mystery, suspense, adventure, series Fir -
Sharon Gosling	Scandinavia, supernatural, wolves
Unwind - Neil Shusterman	Dystopia, sci-fi
Thirteen Chairs - Dave Shelton	Suspense, spooky
Witch Child - Celia Rees	Historical, witchcraft, magic
The Demonata / Zom-B series - Darren Shan	Action packed / zombies

Historical Fiction

Midwinter Blood - Marcus Sedgwick	Vikings to 2073, mystery, horror
I, Coriander - Sally Gardner	C17 th English Civil War, survival, fairy tales
Where the world Ends - Geraldine McCaughrean	1727 St Kilda, adventure, survival
The Door of No Return - Kwame Alexander	Ghana 1860s, slavery, verse, empathy
Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo	WW1, England, Belgium

Injustice

Stitched Up - Steve Cole	DF - sweatshops, Vietnam, slavery
The Crossing - Manjeet Mann	Verse, grief, hope, refugee crisis
When Stars are Scattered - Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed	GN - refugees
Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah	Immigration, social issues
Black Brother, Black Brother - Jewell Parker Rhodes	Siblings, coming of age, historical
Trash - Andy Mulligan	Philippines, poverty, survival
The Bone Sparrow - Zana Fraillon	Australian refugee camp
Boy 87 - Ele Fountain	Human spirit, friendship, survival, refugees
The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones - Daven McQueen	1950s America, friendship, prejudice

Inclusivity

A Way with Words - Sophie Cameron	Communication, friendship, school
The Asparagus Bunch - Jessica Scott-Wyte	Neurodiversity, humour, school
Colin Fischer - Ashley Edward Miller	Neurodiversity, bullying, school
Wink - Rob Harrel	Bullying, school, cancer, eyesight
El Deafo - Cece Bell	GN, hearing loss, USA

Black and British - David Olusoga	NF
From Prejudice to Pride - Amy Lane	NF
The Teenage guide to stress / Positively Teenage - Nicola Morgan	NF
Part of s Story that started before Me	NF

Life / Growing Up/ Coming of Age

Counting by 7s - Holly Goldberg Sloan	Family, grief, loss, resilience
My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece - Annabel Pitcher	Grief, bullying, school, friendship
The Weight of Water - Sarah Crossan	Verse, bullying, immigration, resilience
A Kestrel for a Knave - Barry Hine	1960s, social realism, modern classic
Ravencave - Marcus Sedgwick	Grief, family, ghosts
You are a Champion - Marcus Rashford	NF, motivational
Overheard in the Tower Block - Joseph Coelho	Growing up in the city, poetry
Oxygen - Jason Reynolds	GN, covid, city life
Smoke & Mirrors - Barry Jonsberg	Humour, friendship, magic, resilience

Magic & Fantasy

Deeplight - Frances Hardinge	Underwater fantasy, imagination
Shadow and Bone - Leigh Bardugo	Russian inspired fantasy, action, adventure, series
The Novice/Summoner - Taran Matharu	Coming of age, series
A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness	Carnegies, emotions, grief, families, magical realism

Mystery / Thriller / Crime

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Neurodiversity, coming of age, empathy
Young Sherlock Holmes - Andrew Lane	London 1860s
Girl, Missing & Sister, Missing - Sophie McKenzie	Kidnapping, adoption, identity, series
The Ruby in the Smoke - Philip Pullman	Sally Lockhart Mysteries, historical

Sci Fi

Time Riders - Alex Scarrow	Time travel, action, adventure, history
Mortal Engines / Railhead - Philip Reeve	Adventure, dystopia, series
Rebel Skies - Ann Sei Linn	East Asian mythology, action, trilogy
The Power of Five - Anthony Horowitz	Adventure, dark fantasy thriller, series
Earthfall - Mark Walden	Aliens, battles, survival
I, Robot - Issac Asimov	Philosophical, modern classic, Sora

Spies / Secret Agents

The Medusa Project - Sophie McKenzie	Action, thriller, series
Jimmy Coates - Joe Craig	Adventure, thriller, series
Agent 21- Chris Ryan	Action, adventure series

Sports

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander	GN, basketball, families
Keeper - Mal Peet	Mystery
Rebound - Kwame Alexander	GN, 1980s. basketball, verse
Becoming Muhammad Ali - James Paterson	Verse, boxing
Bounce - Mathew Syed	NF

War & Conflict

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne	WW2, historical, adventure
My Soul a Shining Tree - Jamila Gavin	WW1, 4 perspectives, Belgium, historical
Welcome to Nowhere - Elizabeth Laird	Syria, refugees
You Know What War Is - Yava Steklietska	Autobiography, Ukraine

DF - dyslexia friendly

GN - graphic novel

NF - non-fiction