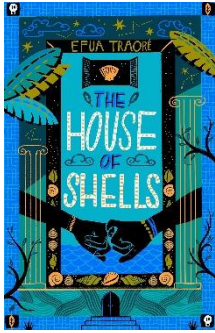
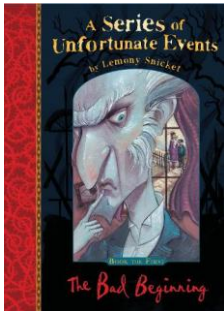
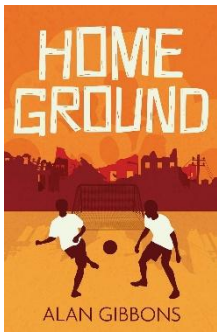
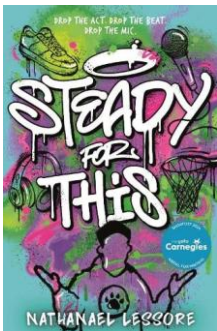


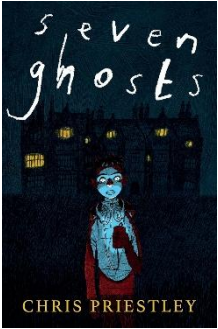
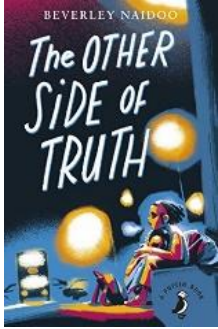
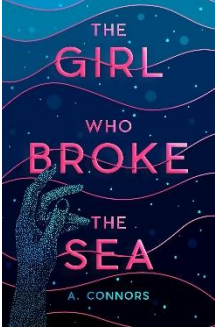
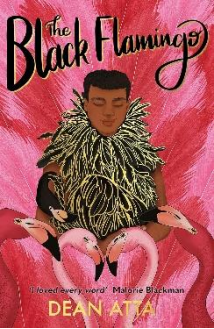


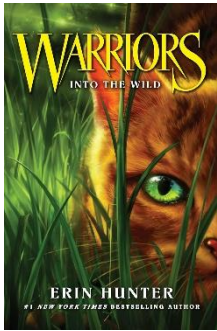
Years 7 and 8 Reading Recommendations from Antares

Please ask us in Antares if you would like any more recommendations, or if you would like some non-fiction recommendations. Happy reading!

Mrs Cooper-Evans and Mrs Keohane, School Librarians

	<i>If you like The Hunger Games you might like:</i> The House of Shells by Efua Traore Kuki refuses to believe in the curse of the Abiku and let it dictate her destiny. Her biggest problem right now is moving house and fitting in at her new school. Drawing from Nigerian Yoruba mythology, this is a thrilling adventure about the power of friendship. Genre: Fantasy, mythology 
	A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent, charming children. Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky. In The Bad Beginning, the siblings encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast. This is the first grisly, gruesome and hilarious instalment in A Series of Unfortunate Events. Genre: Fantasy, comedy
	Home Ground by Alan Gibbons Sam's football team are struggling this season. They keep losing matches and captain Jordan's bad attitude isn't helping anyone. When Sam spots Hasan playing for the refugee team on the next pitch, he can see that Hasan has got talent and invites him along to practice - but Jordan is not ready to accept him so easily. Can Sam help the boys pull together in time for win? Genre: Sport, teen life, quick read, dyslexia friendly 
	Steady for This by Nathanael Lessore A hilarious story following wannabe rap star Shaun, whose life becomes a living nightmare after his livestream practice goes epically wrong. He's finally achieved his dream of going viral, but certainly not in a good way! Genre: Teen life, comedy

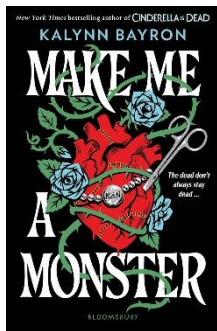
	Seven Ghosts by Chris Priestley Jake and the other finalists in a writing competition have been invited to a stately house for a tour like no other. Their guide tells them of seven ghosts who haunt the halls. But strange shapes and shadows follow Jake as he journeys through the house and with each tale that Jake hears, he begins to feel more uneasy. All is not as it seems and soon Jake will discover that something is very, very wrong ... Genre: Horror, quick read, dyslexia friendly Dyslexia friendly
	<i>If you like Ghost Boys you might like:</i> The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo When twelve-year-old Sade's mother is killed, she and her little brother Femi are forced to flee from Nigeria to Britain. Once in Britain, they face challenge after challenge to be accepted in their new country. This powerful novel explores the issues of family and freedom and the difficulties which come with being a refugee. Genre: Historical fiction Red traffic light icon
	The Girl Who Broke the Sea by A Connors After she gets kicked out of school, Lily agrees to an unusual fresh start: going with her mum to live at Deephaven, an experimental research station at the bottom of the ocean. It's hardly her idea of home. Deephaven has problems - the head scientist has disappeared, just as he was on the brink of a shocking discovery. And in the darkness of the deep, something is stirring ... something dangerous. Genre: Science fiction, adventure
	The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta This verse novel is about a boy coming to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen, who then finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Genre: Teen life Verse novel
	The Nine Night Mystery by Sharna Jackson In this murder mystery full of surprising twists, three kids throw their neighbour Rachel a surprise birthday party. The morning after, Rachel is dead. Whilst Rachel's friends throw a traditional Caribbean Nine Night celebration to help guide her soul to the next world, the kids are determined to find out who killed her. Genre: Mystery



Warriors: Into the Wild by Erin Hunter

'Kittypet' Rusty is invited to leave the 'twoleg' world and join ThunderClan, a wild cat tribe, to train as a warrior. Rusty becomes Firepaw and learns the laws of the wild. When a fearsome outside clan threatens Thunderclan's territory, his warrior skills are put to the test. But how can he protect the clan when he suspects their own deputy of treachery?

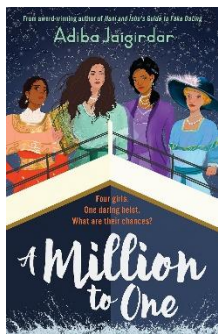
Genre: Fantasy, adventure



Make Me a Monster by Kalynn Bayron

Meka's life is great - her parents' mortuary business is thriving, and she's in love with her perfect boyfriend Noah. Then tragedy strikes and Meka's world is torn apart. Weird things start to happen: weirdest of all, the dead don't seem to be *staying* dead. It turns out the family business is more complicated than it seemed...

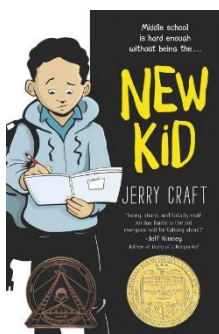
Genre: Fantasy, romance, horror



A Million to One by Adiba Jaigirdar

Four friends have stolen aboard the *Titanic* - a charismatic thief, a daring acrobat, an outstanding actress and a talented artist. They're after the *Rubaiyat* - a book inlaid with priceless jewels. They must work together to pull off the heist of their lives. But careless mistakes, old grudges and new romances threaten to jeopardise everything. And with the *Titanic* sailing ever further north, the girls' chances of survival are a million to one...

Genre: Historical fiction, mystery



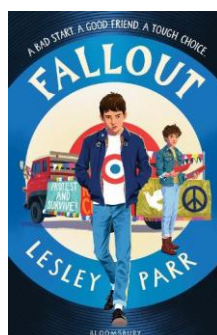
If you like Ghost Boys you might like:

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Jordan is starting at a prestigious private school, where he is one of the few kids of colour. Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds - and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighbourhood friends and staying true to himself?

Genre: Teen life

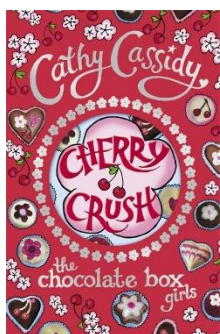
Graphic novel



Fallout by Lesley Parr

Marcus is a boy from a family of criminals, and he feels trapped in that life. But then new girl Emma, with her peace protest banners and political badges, seems to be on his side. Is Marcus's fate decided by his family? Or can he stand up for himself to become the person he really wants to be?

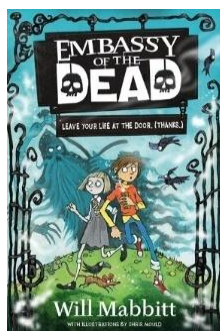
Genre: Teen life, historical fiction



Cherry Crush by Cathy Cassidy

Cherry and Dad are moving to Somerset, where a new mum and a bunch of brand-new sisters await. And on Cherry's first day there she meets Shay - the kind of boy who should carry a government health warning. But Shay already has a girlfriend - Cherry's new stepsister, Honey. Cherry knows her friendship with Shay is dangerous - it could destroy everything. But that doesn't mean she's going to stay away from him...

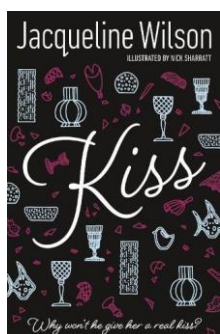
Genre: Romance, teen life



Embassy of the Dead by Will Mabbitt

In this spookily funny book, the living meet the dead and survival is a race against time. When Jake opens a strange box containing a severed finger, he accidentally summons a grim reaper to drag him to the Eternal Void and now he's running for his life! But luckily Jake isn't alone - he can see and speak to ghosts.

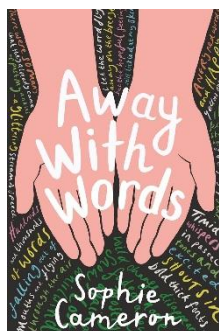
Genre: Comedy, horror



Kiss by Jacqueline Wilson

Sylvie and Carl have been friends since they were tiny children. They've always played together and even have a magic fantasy world that belongs to them alone. Deep down, Sylvie has always believed that they'd end up married. But now as teenagers, things start to change. Carl has a new friend, Paul, taking all his attention. A gritty story of love, rejection and new friendships.

Genre: Romance

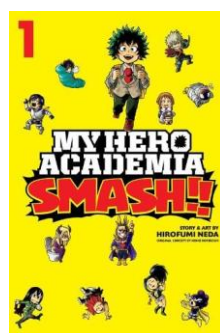


If you like The Hunger Games you might like:

Away With Words by Sophie Cameron

Set in a world where words appear physically when people speak! Gala has just moved from Spain to Scotland, and doesn't speak much English. Natalie has selective mutism. The two girls find their own ways to communicate - but when they are accused of leaving nasty messages for people at school, can they find the words to show everyone who they really are?

Genre: Teen life

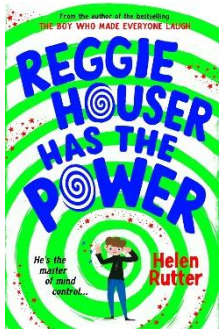


My Hero Academia: Smash! By Hirofumi Neda

The superpowered society of *My Hero Academia* takes a hilarious turn in this reimagining of the best-selling series. Join Midoriya, All Might and all the aspiring heroes of U.A. High for funny gags, ridiculous jokes and superpowered humour!

Genre: Fantasy, comedy, manga

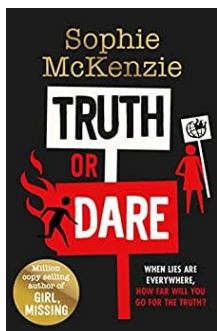




Reggie Houser Has the Power by Helen Rutter

Reggie Houser has ADHD and struggles to make friends at school. But when he sees a hypnotist perform on stage on holiday, Reggie becomes *obsessed* with learning the skills of mind control! His new hypnosis skills start out as a bit of fun, but then a group of mean kids make him use his hypnosis talents for bad. Reggie must decide to use his skills for good only and come to trust his own brain to make decisions.

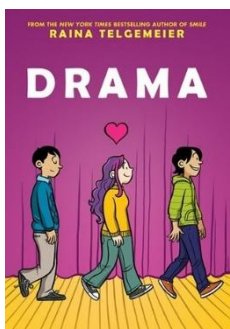
Genre: Comedy



Truth or Dare by Sophie McKenzie

14-year-old Maya has to spend the summer with her grandmother, helping at the family cosmetics firm. Things get exciting when she meets a community of activists who are campaigning against the dumping of chemical waste. Maya is dared into joining one of their protest missions, but doesn't know that her grandmother's business is the target. As danger threatens, Maya must uncover the truth or betray her family forever.

Genre: Mystery, thriller

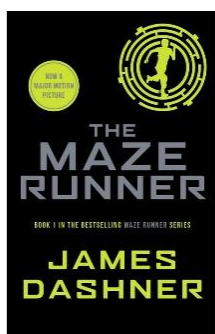


Drama by Raina Telgemeier

This graphic novel is about Callie who loves theatre but doesn't think she can sing. Instead of performing herself, she decides to be the set designer for the school production. There are lots of onstage and offstage dramas that occur once the actors are chosen. And when two cute brothers enter the picture, things get even crazier!

Genre: Teen life, graphic novel

Graphic novel



If you like The Hunger Games you might like:

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Thomas finds himself with an army of boys in The Glade, an encampment at the centre of a terrible maze. The Gladers have no idea why they are there or what has happened in the world outside. They must find a way out or die.

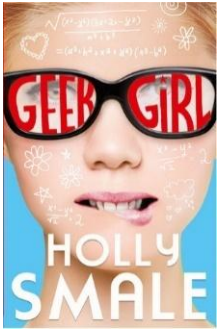
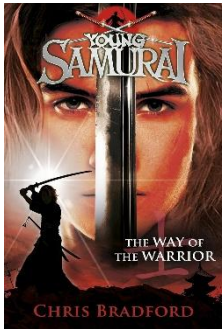
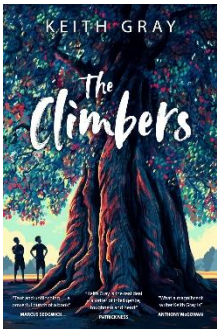
Genre: Dystopian, science fiction



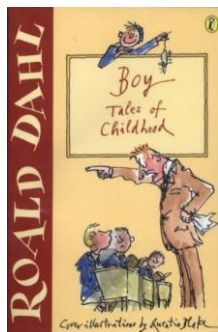
Bite Risk by S J Wills

Sel lives in a normal town, except for one night a month. When the full moon comes out, almost all of the adults turn into werewolves, and it's up to the young people to protect themselves from danger. As the Turned start to escape, can Sel and his friends uncover exactly who, or what, is watching their every move, before it's too late?

Genre: Horror

	Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce In this classic adventure story, Tom is sent away for the summer to stay with his uncle and aunt and is thoroughly fed up about it. But then, lying in bed one night, he hears the old grandfather clock in the hall strike the very strange hour of 13 o'clock. Tom creeps downstairs and finds a magical garden, a new friend and the adventure of a lifetime. Genre: Adventure, time travel
	Geek Girl by Holly Smale Harriet knows a lot of things but she hasn't got a clue about fashion or boys and is utterly socially inept. When she is spotted by a top modelling agent, she grabs the chance to reinvent herself - even if it means stealing her best friend's dream, incurring the wrath of her arch enemy, and repeatedly humiliating herself in front of the impossibly handsome Nick. Genre: Teen life, romance
	Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior by Chris Bradford In August 1611, Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan and rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi. His only hope is to become a samurai warrior- but life at the samurai school is a constant fight for survival. With courage in his heart and his sword held high, can Jack prove himself and face his deadliest rival yet? Genre: Action, historical
	The Climbers by Keith Gray Sully is the best climber in the village. But when a new kid shows up and astonishes everyone with <i>his</i> climbing skills, Sully's status is under threat and there's only one way to prove who is best - a race. Whoever makes it to the top of the tree will become a legend. But something spiteful and ugly has reared its head in Sully... is it worth losing everything just to reach the top? Genre: Teen life, thriller, quick read, dyslexia friendly
	Kicking Off by Eve Ainsworth It's 1917 and Britain is at war. Shy Hettie wants to help the war effort, and signs up to work in the local munitions factory. In the factory are young women who are going to make sporting history. Can Hettie find the courage to join them, and in doing so, find her own place in the world? Based on the thrilling true story of a ladies' football team in the First World War. Genre: Historical, sport

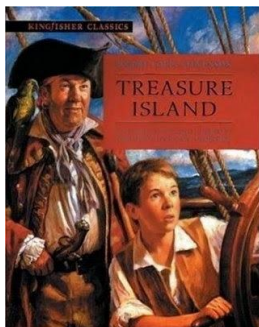
Dyslexia friendly



Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl

In Boy, Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his enviable position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Roald Dahl's boyhood was full of excitement. This book is packed with anecdotes - some funny, some painful and all interesting.

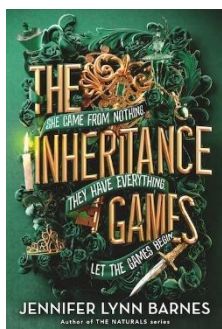
Genre: Autobiography, historical, comedy



Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

One of the most famous pirate stories ever written, Treasure Island is full of adventure on the high seas, with secret treasure maps and desert islands and the one-legged rogue, Long John Silver. It is a tale of treachery, greed, and daring.

Genre: Adventure



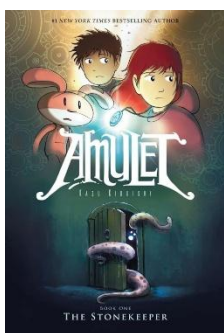
If you like The Hunger Games you might like:

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, will Avery be able to survive?



Genre: Mystery, thriller

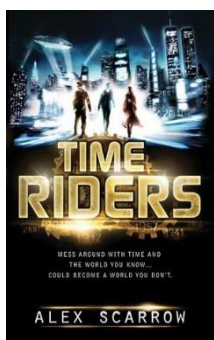


Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

Emily and Navin's new house is dangerous. When a sinister creature lures their mum through a door in the basement, Em, Navin and a mechanical rabbit called Miskit must follow - into a world of demons, robots and talking animals. Together, they must face terrifying monsters if they want to save their mum...

Graphic novel

Genre: Science fiction, graphic novel



Time Riders by Alex Scarrow

Liam O'Connor should have died at sea in 1912. Maddy Carter should have died on a plane in 2010. Sal Vikram should have died in a fire in 2029. Yet moments before death, they are recruited by an agency that no-one knows exists, with only one purpose - to fix broken history. That's why the Time Riders exist: to protect us and to stop time travel from destroying the world...

Genre: Science fiction, thriller

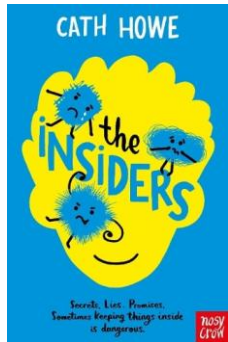


If you like Ghost Boys you might like:

The Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

This captivating story revolves around a teenage Dutch girl who, in 1943, spends her days on secret missions helping neighbours and friends buy food and other sought-after items otherwise not accessible during the Nazi occupation. One day, she is asked to help find a young Jewish girl who had been in hiding but has now disappeared without a trace.

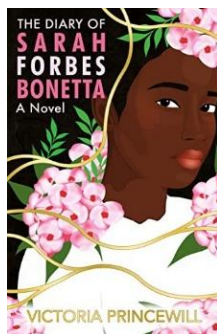
Genre: Historical fiction



The Insiders by Cath Howe

Callie, Ted, Zara, and Nico are best friends. But since being embarrassed at school in a practical joke gone wrong, Ted has stopped talking to the rest of the group. When they decide to investigate some weird things at their school, the rest of the group leave Ted out. This is a story of secrets, lies and friendships.

Genre: Teen life



The Diary of Sarah Forbes Bonetta by Victoria Princewill

This book is based on the true story of the extraordinary life of orphaned African princess Sarah Forbes Bonetta. In 1850, when she was around eight years old, she was rescued by a Captain of the Royal Navy and taken to England where she became the protégé of Queen Victoria. The story will transport you back to Victorian England to the life of a young black girl living between two cultures.

Genre: Historical fiction



The Reluctant Vampire Queen by Jo Simmons

Mo isn't exactly expecting to become Vampire Queen of Great Britain - she's vegetarian for a start. But apparently, she is 'the Chosen One'. And if you're Vampire Queen, you probably don't have to do PE anymore, and when the dreamy Luca, a vampire familiar, turns up, it all suddenly starts to look a bit more appealing ...

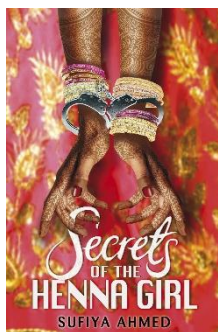
Genre: Comedy



Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets: 1. She lives in a motel, not a big house. 2. Her parents hide immigrants. 3. She wants to be a writer. It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, and also go for her dreams?

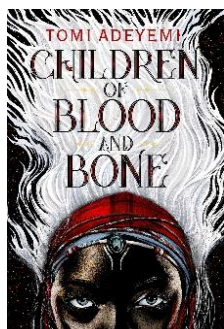
Genre: Teen life



Secrets of the Henna Girl by Sufiya Ahmed

Zeba is like any other girl: enjoying herself, waiting for exam results, and dreaming of the day she'll meet her true love. Except her parents have other plans. Zeba's world is shattered. Her future is threatened by an unthinkable - and forced - duty to protect her father's honour. But does she hold the secrets that will help her escape?

Genre: Teen life

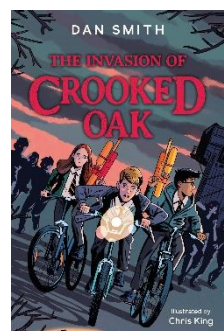


If you like The Hunger Games you might like:

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

A West-African inspired fantasy set in the fictional land of Orisha. It is an action-packed, fast-paced adventure about restoring magic to the world and completing a ritual before the approaching solstice is over and magic is lost forever.

Genre: Fantasy

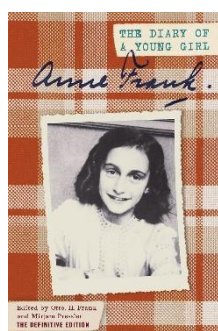


The Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith

A fast-paced horror adventure with an ecological twist. Something sinister is happening in Crooked Oak: ever since the fracking site closed, Nancy's parents have been acting weird. Their eyes are blank, they won't eat – it's like they're no longer themselves. And now the symptoms are affecting others as well, a dark presence is spreading its tendrils across Crooked Oak.

Genre: Horror, quick read, dyslexia friendly

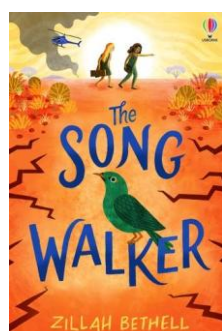
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Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic. In 1942, with the Nazis occupying The Netherlands, a 13-year-old Jewish girl and her family went into hiding and for the next two years they lived in a secret annexe where Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period.

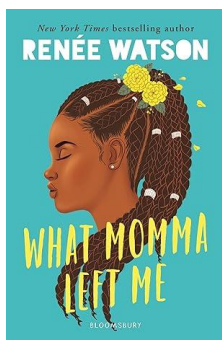
Genre: Autobiographical, historical



The Song Walker by Zillah Bethell

When a young girl wakes up in the middle of the desert, she has no idea who she is. She's wearing one shoe, a silky black dress, and she's carrying a strange, heavy case. She meets Tarni, who is on a mysterious quest of her own. Together, the two girls trek across the vast and ever-changing Australian Outback in search of answers. Except both are also hiding secrets...

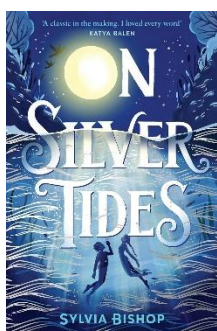
Genre: Fantasy



What Momma Left Me by Renée Watson

Serenity knows she is good at keeping secrets, and she's got a whole lifetime's worth of them. Her mother is dead, her father is gone, and she and her brother have to start over again by moving in with their grandparents. At first, things seem like they could be good but when her brother starts going down the wrong path, fears set in. Can Serenity let go of the past?

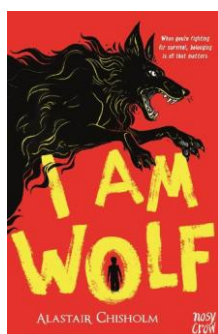
Genre: Teen life



On Silver Tides by Sylvia Bishop

Kelda has always protected her little sister Isla from danger on the rivers, and from the suspicions of their community. For Isla cannot breathe underwater – and so her very existence is forbidden by silvermen's Lore. Now the rivers of England are growing sick: monstrous creatures are awakening and a fierce torrent of blame falls upon Kelda's family...

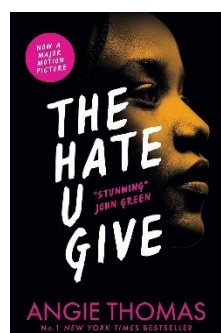
Genre: Fantasy



I Am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm

I Am Wolf is a sci-fi adventure following a boy who lives with his clan on a Construct, a huge technological 'creature'. The clan roams their world, fighting other clans and absorbing them into their own. But then the boy gets separated from his clan and needs to get back to them.

Genre: Science fiction, adventure

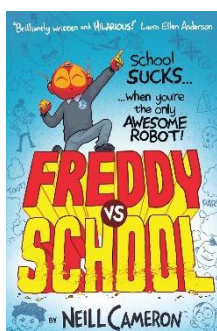
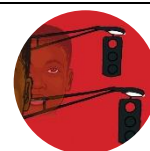


If you like Ghost Boys you might like:

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

16-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised; and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.

Genre: Teen Life



Freddy vs School by Neill Cameron

Okay humans, listen up! My name is Freddy. I live with my Mum and Dad. I go to school. Oh yeah, the main thing: I am an awesome robot, with awesome robotic superpowers! But I'm hardly ever allowed to use them, and definitely not at school, which is going to be a problem...

Genre: Comedy