

# PIXL Reading

## Reading Canon Selection Guide Year 9

Implementing a whole-school approach to reading



***“There is power in shared reading in the classroom – power that is generally underrated.”***

**Doug Lemov, *Reading Reconsidered***

To support schools and leaders of reading with finding a range of engaging texts with significant discounts, we have collated this selection guide, in collaboration with several publishers. We hope it will provide you with a starting point to creating your own canon, as well as to provide a guide for selecting texts for other areas of your provision, such as small group reading intervention, book clubs, the library etc. Read through the Reading Canon Leadership guide for more ideas and information.

It is worth pointing out that this is obviously not an exhaustive list, but it is a starting point. Each school has their own set of circumstances and contexts to bear in mind, and you know your students and context best and should select appropriate texts for this.

Indeed, although the selection has been divided into year groups – this may not work for your students and contexts. Publishers market their books at a range of ages and so applying these to year groups can be very tricky. You may well find that there are texts on the Year 7 canon selection guide that would work well for your Year 8 students and that texts from the Key Stage 4 canon selection guide that may work incredibly well for your Year 9 students. So do browse through the guides to get a feel for what may be best for your students and setting.

If you have students who struggle with reading, please do consider the Super Readable Rollercoaster texts, all of which can be purchased with the discount OUP are offering, as detailed below. You can also find out more here: <https://oup.pagetiger.com/super-readable-rollercoasters?region=uk>

## Information for purchasing texts

- **If you are ordering texts from Hachette**, you can place an order for more than 5 copies with a 40% discount. To place your order and pay via card, please ring our customer services team on +44 (0)1235 759555 or email [hukdcustomerservices@hachette.co.uk](mailto:hukdcustomerservices@hachette.co.uk) including your name, delivery address, contact telephone number along with the ISBNs that you would like to order (please do not include card details on email). Please quote the promotional code PIXLCANONGRID over the phone for 40% off your order.
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- **If you are ordering texts from Usborne**, there are two ways for your school to save money:
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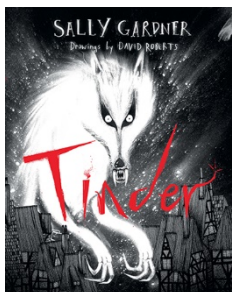
## Modern Classics


## Modern Classics - Hachette

	<p><b>I, Coriander, by Sally Gardner – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444015676</i></p> <p>The story is told by Coriander, daughter of a silk merchant in 1650s London. Her idyllic childhood ends when her mother dies and her father goes away, leaving Coriander with her stepmother, a widow who is in cahoots with a fundamentalist Puritan preacher. She is shut away in a chest and left to die, but emerges into the fairy world from which her mother came, and where time has no meaning. When she returns, charged with a task that will transform her life, she is seventeen.</p> <p>This is a book filled with enchantments — a pair of silver shoes, a fairy shadow, a prince transformed into a fox — that contrast with the heartbreaking loss and cruelty of Coriander's life in the real world. With its brilliantly realised setting of old London Bridge, and underpinned by the conflict between Royalists and Puritans, it is a terrific page-turner, involving kidnapping, murder and romance, and an abundance of vivid characters.</p>
	<p><b>Slated Trilogy, by Terri Terry – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781408319468</i></p> <p>The first book in the bestselling and multi award-winning SLATED trilogy.</p> <p>Kyla's memory has been erased, her personality wiped blank, her memories lost for ever. She's been Slated.</p> <p>The government claims she was a terrorist, and that they are giving her a second chance — as long as she plays by their rules. But echoes of the past whisper in Kyla's mind. Someone is lying to her, and nothing is as it seems. Who can she trust in her search for the truth?</p>
	<p><b>Floodland, by Marcus Sedgwick – RRP £6.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781858817637</i></p> <p>A gripping, prizewinning novel about a girl surviving in a devastated world.</p> <p>Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water, and Norwich is an island. Zoe, left behind in the confusion when her parents escaped, survives there as best she can. Alone and desperate among marauding gangs, she manages to dig a derelict boat out of the mud and gets away to Eels Island. But Eels Island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants are dominated by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too. The belief that she will one day find her parents spurs Zoe on to a dramatic escape in a story of courage and determination that is handled with warmth and humanity.</p>



	<p><b>White Crow, by Marcus Sedgwick – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444001495</i></p> <p>It's summer. Taken from the buzz of London, her friends and what she thinks is the start of a promising romance, Rebecca is an unwilling visitor to Winterfold.</p> <p>Ferelith already lives in Winterfold – it's a place that doesn't like to let you go, and she knows it inside out: the beach, the crumbling cliff paths, the village streets, the woods, the deserted churches and ruined graveyards, year by year being swallowed by the sea.</p> <p>Against their better judgement, Rebecca and Ferelith become friends, and during that long, hot, claustrophobic summer they discover more about each other – and about Winterfold – than either could have wanted. Frightening secrets are uncovered that would have been best long forgotten.</p> <p>Interwoven with Rebecca and Ferelith's stories is that of the seventeenth century Rector and Dr Barrieux, master of Winterfold Hall, whose bizarre and bloody experiments into the after-life might make angels weep, and the devil crow...</p>
	<p><b>Bone Music, by David Almond – RRP £12.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444952919</i></p> <p>This wonderful tale transports the reader from the city to the forests and fells of Northern England. Under a boundless starry sky, the unforgettable Sylvia Carr reconnects with the ancient past and discovers what it really means to be young in the world today.</p> <p>Sylvia, brave hearted and rebellious, moves into wild Northumberland from the city of Newcastle. She feels alien in this huge, silent, seemingly empty landscape, but then she meets Gabriel, a strange yet familiar boy. As they roam the forests and fells together, she sees nature with new eyes. She becomes aware that the past is all around her, and is deep inside herself. From the wing of a dead buzzard, they create a hollow bone – the kind of flute that was created and used in rituals in the distant past.</p> <p>This is a book of hope and joy – a book that celebrates humanity and explores the deep connections between ourselves and nature. It is timely and original. It speaks to young people about what it really is to be a human being alive today.</p>
	<p><b>Ketchup Clouds, by Annabel Pitcher – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781780620312</i></p> <p>Fifteen-year-old Zoe has a secret – a dark and terrible secret that she can't confess to anyone she knows. But then one day she hears of a criminal, Stuart Harris, locked up on death row in Texas. Like Zoe, Stuart is no stranger to secrets. Or lies. Or murder.</p> <p>Full of both heartache and humour, Zoe tells her story in the only way she can – in letters to the man in prison in America. Armed with a pen, Zoe takes a deep breath, eats a jam sandwich, and begins her tale of love and betrayal.</p>



## **Tinder, by Sally Gardner – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781780621487

Otto Hundebiss is tired of war, but when he defies Death he walks a dangerous path. A half beast half man gives him shoes and dice which will lead him deep into a web of dark magic and mystery. He meets the beautiful Safire – pure of heart and spirit, the scheming Mistress Jabber and the terrifying Lady of the Nail. He learns the powers of the tinderbox and the wolves whose master he becomes. But will all the riches in the world bring him the thing he most desires?



## **My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece, by Annabel Pitcher – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781780621869

Five years ago, Jamie's sister, Rose, was blown up by a terrorist bomb. His family is torn apart by their grief. His mum runs away. His dad turns to drink and hate. Rose's surviving twin sister Jasmine stops eating, gets piercings and dyes her hair pink – anything to look different to her twin. But Jamie hasn't cried in all that time. To him, Rose is just a distant memory.

Jamie is far more interested in his cat, Roger, his Spiderman T-shirt, and his deep longing and unshakeable belief that his Mum will come back to the family she walked out on months ago.

But moving away for a Fresh New Start introduces Jamie to something else very interesting – a girl named Sunya. Sunya is bright, exciting and fun, and the one person at school he can call a friend. But how far can this new friendship grow when Jamie is desperate that his dad doesn't find out?

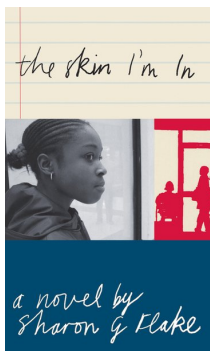
## **Modern Classics - OUP**



## **Noughts and Crosses, by Malorie Blackman – RRP £9.99**

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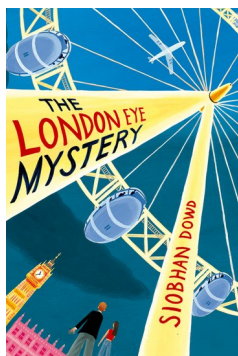
Callum is a nought – a second-class citizen; Sephy is a Cross. In their world, Noughts and Crosses don't mix. Can Callum and Sephy find a way to be together? In what has already become a modern classic, award-winning author Malorie Blackman tackles the issues of prejudice and racism in a way that will thoroughly engage and inspire students.



## **The Skin I'm In, by Sharon G. Flake – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-832675-5

Maleeka Madison is a child with very low self-esteem due to the fact that she is darker skinned than most other black girls. In her new teacher, Miss Saunders, she encounters someone who, she feels, is worse off than she is, as Miss Saunders' skin is blotched with a rare skin condition. The teacher withstands the snickers and shouts from the students but can Maleeka accept friendship and accept the skin she's in?



## **London Eye Mystery, by Siobhan Dowd – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-832900-8

The London Eye Mystery is a fast-paced thriller that will keep your students guessing until the very end.

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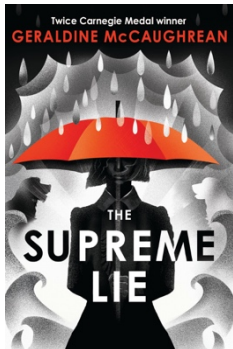


## **Yankee Girl, by Mary Ann Rodman – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9780746067499

It's 1964 and Alice moves to Mississippi from Chicago with her family. Nicknamed 'Yankee Girl' and taunted by the in-crowd at school, Alice soon discovers the other new girl -Valerie, one of the school's first black students – has it much worse.

Alice can't stand the way Valerie is treated, and yet she knows she will remain an outsider if she speaks up. It takes a horrible tragedy to finally give Alice the courage to stand up for what she believes.

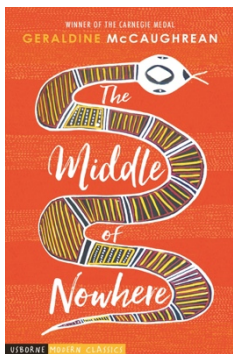


## **The Supreme Lie, by Geraldine McCaughrean – RRP £8.99**

ISBN: 9781474970686

Fifteen-year-old Gloria is maid to Afaia's tyrannical Head of State, Madame Suprema. When the country is hit by unprecedented flooding, Madame Suprema runs away, fearing she will be blamed for the crisis.

To cover up this cowardly act, Gloria is made to step into Madame Suprema's shoes and is thrust into a world of corrupt and desperate politicians. As Gloria becomes aware of the forces toying with her every move, she must take decisions that could save, or end, thousands of lives – including her own...



## **The Middle of Nowhere, by Geraldine McCaughrean – RRP £7.99**

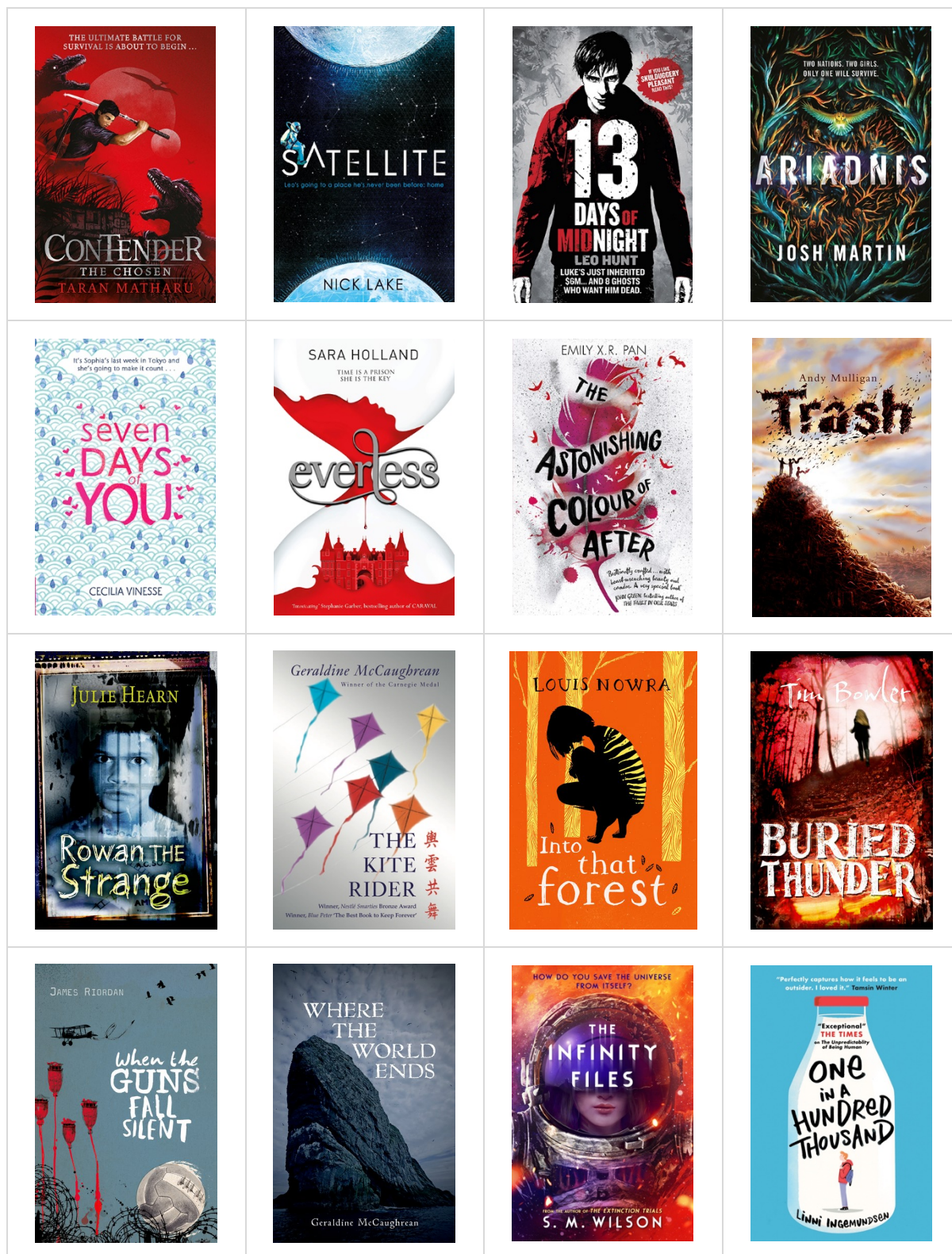
ISBN: 978140957516

When her mother dies from a snake bite, Comity's life in the Australian outback changes for ever.

With her father lost in his grief, Comity makes friends with Fred, the Aboriginal yard boy. But then the evil Quartz Hogg arrives, who delights in playing cruel games. And when he sets his murderous sights on Fred, it's up to Comity to stop him.



## Ours and Others' Worlds



## Ours and Others' Worlds - Hachette

	<p><b>Contender: The Chosen, by Taran Matharu – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444938944</i></p> <p>In a world far from our own, where enemies come in many forms, the ultimate battle for survival is about to begin ... An epic new trilogy from the bestselling author of the Summoner series.</p> <p>CADE CARTER IS LOST          Convicted of a crime he didn't commit, Cade is facing a year in reform school when he finds himself suddenly transported to another realm.</p> <p>BUT THIS NEW WORLD IS NO ESCAPE          Populated by bloodthirsty prehistoric creatures and fierce warriors, Cade's surroundings are full of danger. Along with his fellow students, Cade is forced to become a contender in a deadly game of the highest stakes, controlled by invisible overlords.</p> <p>Who are these brutal rulers, and why did they choose Cade? Before he can find answers, Cade must get ready to fight ...</p> <p>BECAUSE IN THIS GAME, FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION</p>
	<p><b>Satellite, by Nick Lake – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444936773</i></p> <p>The Martian for teens – an epic, highly original space thriller with real science and heartbreaking beauty.</p> <p>Leo has never set foot on Earth. Born and raised with twins Orion and Libra on the Moon 2 Space Station, they have grown up together in the most extraordinary of ways.</p> <p>Now, they are preparing to make their first trip home – their first journey to Earth. But Leo, Orion and Libra cannot possibly imagine the irreversible consequences that their return will set into motion...</p>
	<p><b>Thirteen Days of Midnight, by Leo Hunt – RRP £8.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781408337462</i></p> <p>A thrilling supernatural adventure: dark, funny, with twists at every turn. Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Prize 2016.</p> <p>When Luke Manchett's estranged father dies suddenly, he leaves his son a dark inheritance. Luke has been left in charge of his father's ghost collection: eight restless spirits. They want revenge for their long enslavement, and in the absence of the father, they're more than happy to take his son. It isn't fair, but you try and reason with the vengeful dead.</p> <p>Halloween, the night when the ghosts reach the height of their power, is fast approaching. With the help of school witchlet Elza Moss, and his cowardly dog Ham, Luke has just thirteen days to uncover the closely guarded secrets of black magic, and</p>

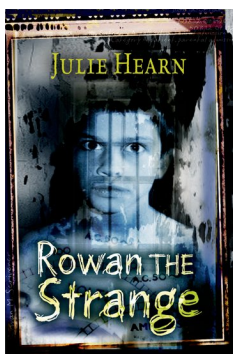
	<p>send the unquiet spirits to their eternal rest. The alternative doesn't bear thinking about.</p>
	<p><b>Ariadnis, by Josh Martin – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781784298210</i></p> <p>We are the ones who came after the comet. We survived the great wave that covered the world. We are the chosen.</p> <p>The first in a breathtaking and unique series, packed with magic, prophecy, and a thrilling competition, for fans of Melinda Salisbury and Victoria Aveyard.</p> <p>Aula and Joomia have been chosen to decide the fate of their people. On their eighteenth birthday, the girls will compete in a mysterious and dangerous trial to prevent a war between their two nations.</p> <p>Now, with just a year left, Aula and Joomia must prepare. There's no time for friendship, no space for love. But how can you train for a deadly challenge you know nothing about?</p> <p>Only one girl will claim Ariadnis's final prize. Only one will survive.</p>
	<p><b>Seven Days of You, by Cecilia Vinesse – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781510200395</i></p> <p>It's Sophia's last week in Tokyo, and she's going to make it count...</p> <p>Sophia has spent her life ping-ponging between different countries and schools, so, in theory, saying goodbye should be easy. But now she's leaving Tokyo – the place that finally felt like home. The only way she can get through this is to make her final week perfect.</p> <p>Then Jamie Foster-Collins shows up, just in time to ruin everything. Jamie and Sophia used to be friends . . . and his return stirs up feelings she thought she'd forgotten.</p> <p>Suddenly, hours and minutes become meaningless. Only time spent together, exploring the hidden streets of the city they love, is real.</p>
	<p><b>Everless, by Sara Holland – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781408349151</i></p> <p>In the land of Sempera, the rich control everything – even time. Ever since the age of alchemy and sorcery, hours, days and years have been extracted from blood and bound to iron coins. The rich live for centuries; the poor bleed themselves dry.</p> <p>Jules and her father are behind on their rent and low on hours. To stop him from draining himself to clear their debts, Jules takes a job at Everless, the grand estate of the cruel Gerling family.</p> <p>There, Jules encounters danger and temptation in the guise of the Gerling heir, Roan, who is soon to be married. But the web of secrets at Everless stretches beyond her</p>



	<p>desire, and the truths Jules must uncover will change her life for ever ... and possibly the future of time itself.</p>
	<p><b>The Astonishing Colour of After, by Emily X.R. Pan – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781510102965</i></p> <p>Life, loss, love and art explode in a kaleidoscope of emotions as one girl must learn the truth about her family's past in order to bring peace to the present. For fans of John Green, Jennifer Niven, Jandy Nelson and Nicola Yoon.</p> <p>Leigh Chen Sanders is sixteen when her mother dies by suicide, leaving only a scribbled note: 'I want you to remember'. Leigh doesn't know what it means, but when a red bird appears with a message, she finds herself travelling to Taiwan to meet her maternal grandparents for the first time.</p> <p>Leigh is far away from home and far away from Axel, her best friend, who she stupidly kissed on the night her mother died – leaving her with a swell of guilt that she wasn't home, and a heavy heart, thinking she may have destroyed the one good thing left in her life.</p> <p>Overwhelmed by grief, Leigh retreats into her art and into her memories, where colours collide and the rules of reality are broken. The only thing Leigh is certain about is that she must find out the truth. She must remember.</p> <p>With lyrical prose and magical elements, Emily X.R. Pan's stunning debut novel alternates between past and present, romance and despair, as one girl attempts to find herself through family history, art, friendship, and love.</p>

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	<p><b>Trash, by Andy Mulligan – RRP £9.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 978-0-19-913716-9</i></p> <p>Raphael, Gardo and Rat are three street kids who sort through mountains of trash for anything they can sell or recycle. When they come across a mysterious bag amongst the rubbish, containing a key and a wallet, they are soon on the run, using their wits and quick tongues to stay ahead of the police.</p>
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## **Rowan the Strange, by Julie Hearn – RRP £9.99**

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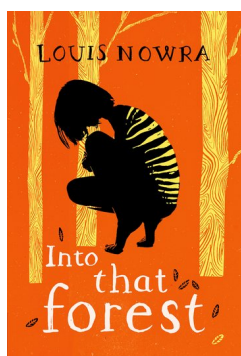
This haunting novel, set at the start of the Second World War, is about mental illness and family relationships, and was shortlisted for the 2010 CILIP Carnegie Medal.



## **The Kite Rider, by Geraldine McCaughrean – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-1382008396

After witnessing his father's death, Haoyou becomes a kite-rider. Strapped to a man-sized kite, he is able to ride the incredible heights, searching for sign of his father's spirit among the clouds. By Haoyou knows it is a dangerous pursuit, where the slightest mistake could bring him plummeting back to Earth.

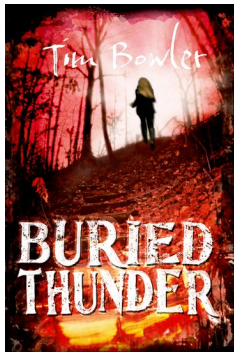


## **Into that Forest, by Louis Nowra – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-830428-9

A powerful and moving story of two girls lost in the Tasmanian bush, saved and raised by two Tasmanian tigers.





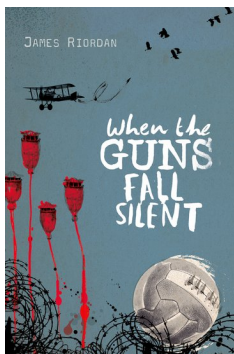
**Buried Thunder, by Tim Bowler – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-272869-2

It was meant to be the perfect venture. A beautiful guesthouse in a beautiful village with a sprawling forest nearby. Maya's parents have sunk all their money and hopes into The Rowan Tree and they're determined to make it work.

Then Maya strays into the forest... and into a nightmare.

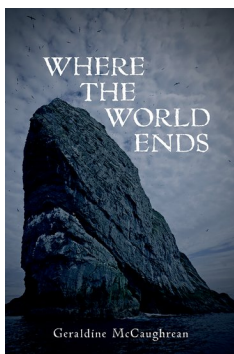
A stunning thriller from an award-winning author.



**When the Guns Fall Silent, by James Riordan – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-273570-6

A powerful, moving and ultimately hopeful story about one boy's journey to the First World War, of the horrors he faced there, and of the time, amongst all the bloodshed, fighting gave way to football on the frozen ground of No-Man's Land.



**Where the World Ends, by Geraldine McCaughrean – RRP £10.50**

ISBN: 978-0-19-842614-1

This historical novel tells of the fight for survival of a group of men and boys, marooned on a remote sea stack off the coast of Scotland. Struggling to comprehend their situation, they begin to believe that nothing but the end of the world can explain why they have been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror.

## Ours and Others' Worlds - Usborne



### **The Infinity Files, by S. M. Wilson – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781474972208

Ash Yang dreamed of being a starfighter pilot. But when she crashes out of her final test – literally – she somehow lands the most powerful job in the universe. As Guardian of the Infinity Files, she must secretly planet-hop through the galaxies, stealing or returning treasures that have the power to stop wars...or start them.

But when her home planet is the one at war, can she use her new skills to save it?



### **One in a Hundred Thousand, by Linni Ingemundsen – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781474940641

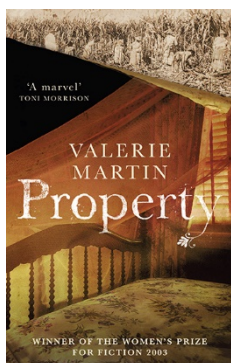
Fifteen-year-old Sander wishes he was like everyone else. But he has silver Russell syndrome, a condition that affects one in a hundred thousand. It means he is smaller than all the other kids in school, a place where the biggest and the loudest get all the attention. Like Niklas.

Everyone thinks Niklas is cool and good-looking – except Sander. He doesn't like the way Niklas always brags, behaves like a jerk and lies. Niklas is one of life's tall people and next to him, Sander always ends up feeling small.

But Sander is different more ways than one. He notices things other people miss, and he's notice something about Niklas...

## Literary Heritage


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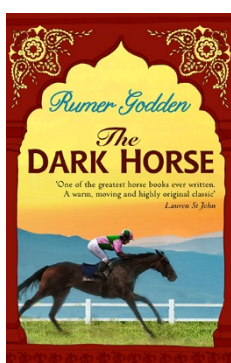
### **Property, by Valerie Martin – RRP £8.99**

ISBN: 9780349117324

Manon Gaudet is unhappily married to the owner of a Louisiana sugar plantation. She misses her family and longs for the vibrant lifestyle of her native New Orleans, but most of all, she longs to be free of the suffocating domestic situation. The tension revolves around Sarah, a slave girl who may have been given to Manon as a wedding present from her aunt, whose young son Walter is living proof of where Manon's husband's inclinations lie.

This private drama is being played out against a brooding atmosphere of slave unrest and bloody uprisings. And if the attacks reach Manon's house, no one can be sure which way Sarah will turn . . .

Beautifully written, PROPERTY is an intricately told tale of both individual stories and of a country in a time of change, where ownership is at once everything and nothing, and where belonging, by contrast, is all.



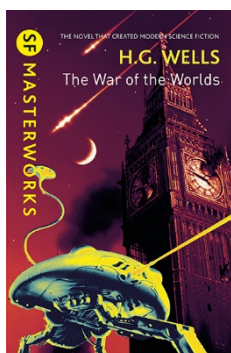
### **The Dark Horse, by Rumer Godden – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781844088522

All horses can walk – some badly, some well, but to a few is given a gift of movement feline in its grace, a slouching, flowing continuous movement that is a joy to watch. Dark Invader strode in glorious rhythm, his great shoulders rolling, muscles rippling along his flanks under the satin skin.'

Dark Invader is a beautifully bred racehorse, but after a disappointing first season he is sold in disgrace and shipped from England to Calcutta. With love and gentle handling 'Darkie' wins the hearts of the people and becomes the firm favourite for India's most famous race, the Viceroy Cup.

But three days before the race Dark Invader disappears. Can he be found before it is too late?

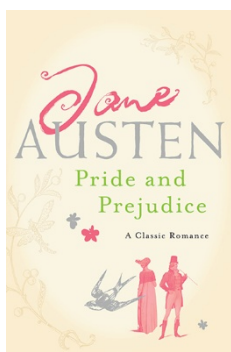


### **The War of the Worlds, by H.G. Wells – RRP £8.99**

ISBN: 9781473218024

One night a shooting star is seen over the skies of Surrey. The next day, it's discovered to have been a mysterious metallic cylinder from Mars. What comes next is a terrifying alien attack, as tentacled Martian invaders emerge from the cylinder and prey on humankind using shocking new weapons against which the people of Victorian England can offer no resistance.

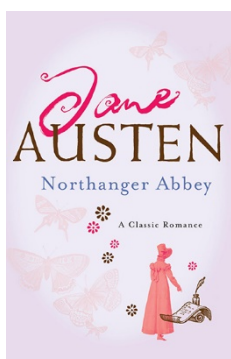
The aliens begin to devastate the area in their tripod machines, and as our narrator struggles to return to his wife, the fight for London – and the world – begins.



## **Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen – RRP £8.99**

ISBN: 9780755331468

'I had not known you a month before I felt that you were the last man in the world whom I could ever be prevailed on to marry.' Romance, misunderstandings, finding Mr Right and finding out who's Mr Wrong – Pride and Prejudice is as relevant today as it has ever been. It's the enchanting and enduring story of Lizzy Bennet (one of literature's most engaging heroines), proud Mr Darcy, of true love, families, villains and heroes and of course, pride and prejudice.



## **Northanger Abbey, by Jane Austen – RRP £8.99**

ISBN: 9780755331444

Catherine Morland should know better. She's the very ideal of a nice, normal girl. But Catherine is cursed with an overactive imagination. She is also obsessed with lurid Gothic novels, where terrible things happen to the heroine. Which gets her into all sorts of trouble...

When Catherine visits Bath and meets funny, sharp Henry Tilney, she's instantly taken with him. But when she is invited to the Tilneys' home, the sinister Northanger Abbey, fantasy starts to get in the way of reality. Will she learn to separate out the two?

## **Literary Heritage - OUP**



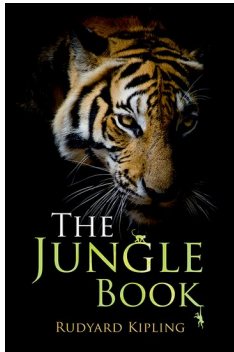
## **Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson – RRP £9.99**

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If you like action and adventure, pirates and mystery, Treasure Island is definitely the story for you! Not only does this edition include the original text of this classic tale, the comprehensive questions will engage all readers.

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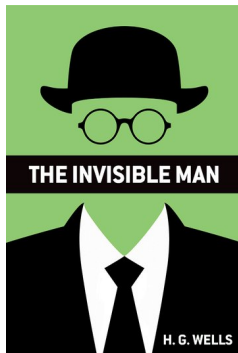
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Whether it's danger, survival or friendship, Mowgli the man-cub has to learn the ways of the jungle...

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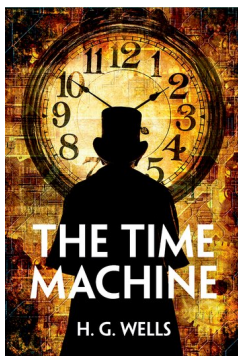
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**The Invisible Man, by H. G. Wells – RRP £9.99**

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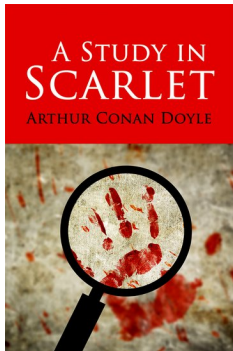
Townsfolk soon suspect something sinister underneath Griffin's creepy, bandaged exterior and are horrified by the chilling revelation that he is, in fact, completely invisible. His invisibility gives Griffin an untouchable power, and he will stop at nothing to get what he wants.



**The Time Machine, by H. G. Wells – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-839623-9

When the Time Traveller explains his theory about travelling through time to his dinner guests, they are initially sceptical. He returns a week later, pale and limping, with an astonishing tale about encountering strange new worlds and different species. The guests are left wondering if he sets foot in his Time Machine again, will he ever return?

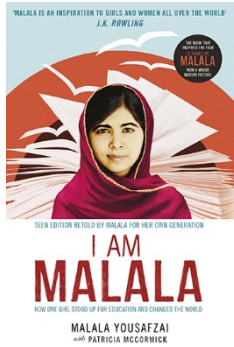
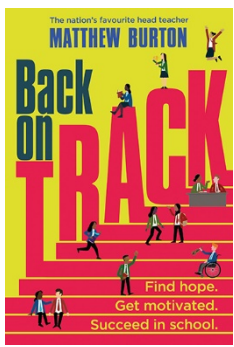

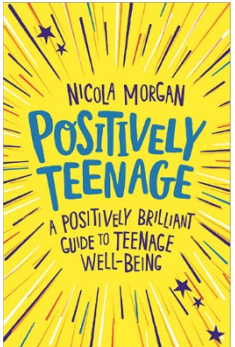
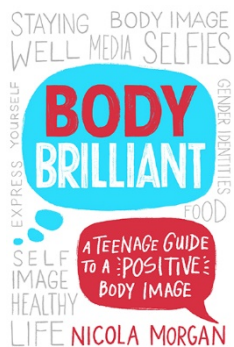
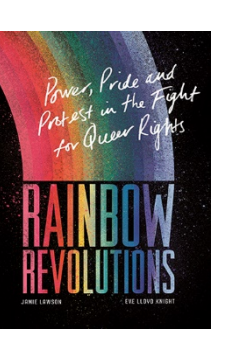
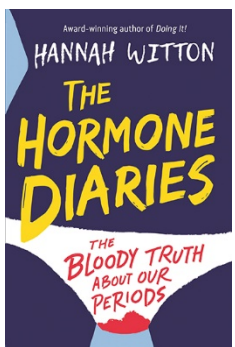
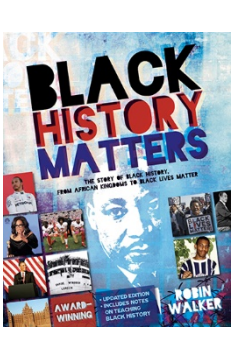
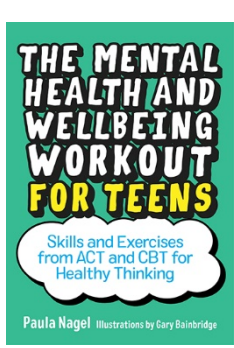
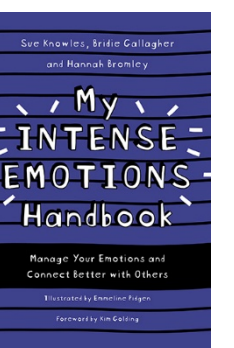


**A Study in Scarlet, by Arthur Conan Doyle – RRP £7.99**

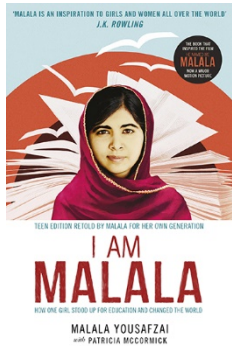
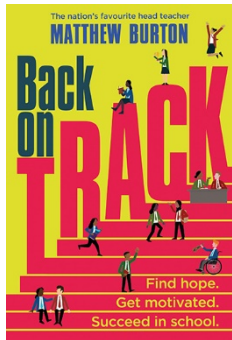

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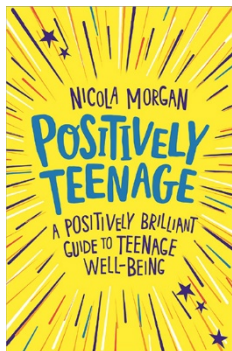
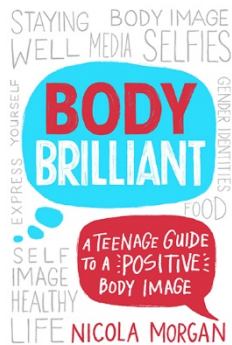
Dr Watson and Holmes embark on their first case together. A man is found murdered, with no apparent physical wounds and a grimace fixed on his face. The police are mystified, but using Holmes' astonishing skills of deduction and logic, the famous pair uncover a story of deceit, love and revenge that spans years and stretches across continents.

## Non-Fiction

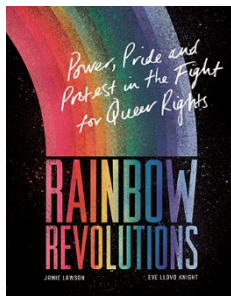
			
			
			

## Non-Fiction - Hachette

	<p><b>I am Malala, by Malala Yousafzai &amp; Patricia McCormick – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781780622163</i></p> <p>I Am Malala tells the remarkable true story of a girl who knew she wanted to change the world – and did.</p> <p>Raised in the Swat Valley in Pakistan, Malala was taught to stand up for her beliefs. When terrorists took control of her region and declared girls were forbidden from going to school, Malala fought for her right to an education. And, on 9 October 2012, she nearly paid the ultimate price for her courage when she was shot on her way home from school.</p> <p>No one expected her to survive.</p> <p>Now, she is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest person ever to win a Nobel Peace Prize.</p>
	<p><b>Back on Track, by Matthew Burton – RRP £8.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781526364067</i></p> <p>Whether facing exams, a big change or having to make up for lost time, Head Teacher Matthew Burton is here to help students get motivated again.</p> <p>From ways of catching up and overcoming the tough times, to skills for beating assessment stress, problem solving and tapping into your potential, this is the one-stop guide for kids who are in need of a bit of hope, some soothing words of advice and a good old pep talk to get them going in school again.</p> <p>Whatever it is that young people are worried about, this book is crammed with advice so that though things at school might seem really hard, they will soon be back on track and raring to go.</p>
	<p><b>What's the T?, by Juno Dawson – RRP £8.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781526362827</i></p> <p>Discover what it means to be a young transgender and/or non-binary person in the twenty-first century in this frank and funny guide for 14+ teens, from the author of This Book is Gay. In What's the T?, Stonewall ambassador, bestselling trans author and former PSHE teacher Juno Dawson defines a myriad of labels and identities and offers uncensored advice on coming out, sex and relationships with her trademark humour and lightness of touch. Juno has also invited her trans and/or non-binary friends to make contributions, ensuring this inclusive book reflects as many experiences as possible, and features the likes of Travis Alabanza and Jay Hulme.</p>

	<p>The companion title to the <i>This Book Is Gay, What's the T?</i> tackles the complex realities of growing up trans with honesty and humour, and is joyfully illustrated by gender non-conforming artist Soofiya.</p>
	<p><b>Positively Teenage, by Nicola Morgan – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781445158143</i></p> <p>The media so often portray adolescence negatively but this book shows you how to approach these years far more positively so that you can really flourish and be in control. You'll find simple strategies to develop a positive attitude, growth mindset, self-understanding, determination and resilience and you'll see how those strengths will help you cope with any challenges, enjoy life and achieve your potential.</p> <p>Full of practical, proven strategies for physical and mental health, <i>Positively Teenage</i> will show you lots of ways to flourish physically and mentally – from doing things you enjoy to learning new skills; looking after your diet, exercise and attitude to being healthy online; getting great sleep to understanding your personality – allowing you to take control of many areas of your life. With these new strengths and skills, you can survive any storms and thrive on the challenges of your exciting life.</p> <p>Scattered throughout are <b>POSITIVE BOOSTS</b>: quick ideas for actions you can take to build positivity and well-being. Add them into your life and use your imagination and your new understanding to invent others.</p> <p><i>Positively Teenage</i> gives you the power to let yourself flourish, achieve and be who you want to be. Use your powers well! Be truly, positively, teenage! Stand tall, stretch your arms wide, take a deep breath and say, loudly (or in your head), 'I can do this!'</p>
	<p><b>Body Brilliant by Nicola Morgan – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781445167367</i></p> <p>We're all bombarded with information and images – through the media and our peers – about being too big, too small, being cool, being popular or having the 'right' kind of clothes. This book addresses the body issues that nearly everyone worries about at some point in their lives and gives practical and mindful solutions to work through worries, using real-life examples, quotes and anecdotes from young adults interviewed especially for this book.</p> <p>'Body Brilliant' explores psychological pressures that make us see our bodies in certain ways, positively or negatively, as well as considering how adolescent body changes, gender identity and gender expectations, sexuality and sexual orientation affect self-image, and looks at issues such as body dysmorphia and eating disorders.</p> <p>'Body Brilliant' also encourages you to think about how you view differences in others and understand that variety is a brilliant thing. And that being yourself is much better than being just like everyone else. Learn to celebrate the differences that make every body brilliant!</p>





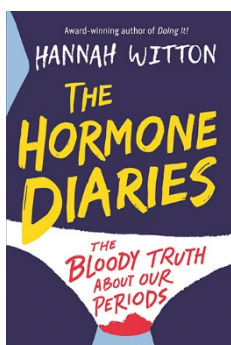
## Rainbow Revolutions, by Jamie Lawson – RRP £12.99

ISBN: 9781526361257

On June 28 1969, around one o'clock in the morning, New York City Police raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar in Greenwich Village, New York...

What happened that night would come to be a defining moment in the LGBTQ+ rights movement and for queer people everywhere.

From the impassioned speeches of bold activists Karl Ulrichs and Audre Lorde to the birth of Pride and queer pop culture, Rainbow Revolutions charts the dramatic rise of the LGBTQ+ rights movement, and celebrates the courageous individuals who stood up and demanded recognition. With bold and beautiful illustrations by pop artist Eve Lloyd Knight.



## The Hormone Diaries, by Hannah Witton – RRP £9.99

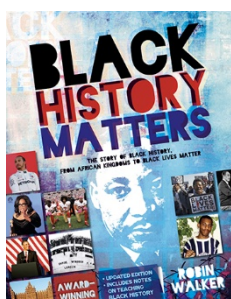
ISBN: 9781526361462

When it comes to periods, we're often expected to cope with it quietly. But our periods and our hormones affect every area of our lives – so I am done with scuttling to the toilet with a tampon up my sleeve.

It's clear that I'm not the only one aching to be more open about this. When I reached out to the online community, I received an outpouring of raw, real and hilarious stories about what we go through simply for having a uterus.

From first periods to first coils, pimples to hot-water bottles and PCOS to endometriosis, The Hormone Diaries is your essential companion on the hormone rollercoaster. Filled with Hannah's insights, fascinating research and those priceless crowdsourced stories, it's the reassuring hug we all need.

At least 50 per cent of the world has to deal with this stuff – it's time we started talking about it.

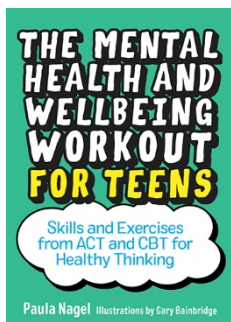


## Black History Matters, by Robin Walker – RRP £9.99

ISBN: 9781445166902

Black history is an integral part of world history. From the injustices of the past and present, we can learn and be inspired to make the world we live in more fair, equal and just.

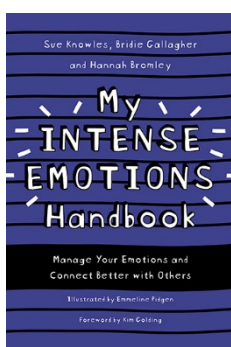
Black History Matters chronicles thousands of years of black history, from African kingdoms, to slavery, apartheid, the battle for civil rights and much more. Important and inspiring black personalities, from Olaudah Equiano to Oprah Winfrey, are highlighted throughout, while achievements and progress are balanced alongside a look at the issues that continue to plague black communities.



**The Mental Health and Wellbeing Workout for Teens, by Paula Nagel – RRP £12.99** ISBN: 9781785923944

This easy-to-understand, engaging guide arms teens with healthy thinking habits and coping strategies for staying on top of their mental health. Using tried and tested therapeutic techniques, readers are given the tools to build their own personalised mental health ‘workout’ to boost their emotional resilience and wellbeing.

Informed by the experiences of teens themselves, this friendly guide gives practical tips and strategies on how to overcome everyday stresses and ditch negative thinking ‘frenemies’ before they develop into more serious issues. Teens will be better equipped to recognise negative thoughts and emotions, monitor their mood and behaviour, and flex their positive thinking muscles in order to combat the mental health blips we all face sometimes.



**My Intense Emotions Handbook, by Sue Knowles, Birdie Gallagher, Hannah Bromley – RRP £12.99** ISBN: 9781787753822

This is a guide to the emotional and interpersonal issues you may encounter as a young adult, packed with advice and real-life stories of hope and resilience from people in similar situations. This book will help you to gain an understanding of the influence of your early emotional experiences, and share tried-and-tested strategies, drawing on a range of psychological approaches and evidence-based strategies.

This book also looks at how emotions can affect our relationships, with a focus on building empathy for others, getting what you want out of friendships and relationships and dealing with the hard parts like boundaries and saying no, making amends when needed, and recognising and breaking problematic relationship patterns.

With personal stories and resources throughout, this is a guide to refer to as little or often as you like, helping you to understand your emotions and find the strategies that work best for you.

## Key Issues and Concepts


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## Key Issues and Concepts - Hachette

	<p><b>The Ones That Disappeared, by Zana Fraillon – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781510101586</i></p> <p>Some stories need to be told... A moving, beautifully-written and poignant novel about child trafficking and the search for freedom.</p> <p>Kept by a ruthless gang, three children manage to escape from slavery. But freedom isn't just waiting on the outside. Separated, scared and looking after a small child, Esra will do whatever she can to reunite with her friend Miran, who was captured by the police – the police who she mustn't trust.</p> <p>Hiding in the shadows of the forest, Esra is found by a local boy, a boy with his own story. Together they will create a man out of mud. A man who will come to life and lead them through a dark labyrinth of tunnels until they finally have the courage to step above ground. Until they finally have the courage to speak their story. Until they finally have the courage to be free.</p>
	<p><b>A Thousand Perfect Notes, by C.G. Drews – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781408349908</i></p> <p>An emotionally charged story about the power of dreams, and how passion can turn to obsession.</p> <p>Beck hates his life. He hates his violent mother. He hates his home. Most of all, he hates the piano that his mother forces him to play hour after hour, day after day. He will never play as she did before illness ended her career and left her bitter and broken. But Beck is too scared to stand up to his mother, and tell her his true passion, which is composing his own music – because the least suggestion of rebellion on his part ends in violence.</p> <p>When Beck meets August, a girl full of life, energy and laughter, love begins to awaken within him and he glimpses a way to escape his painful existence. But dare he reach for it?</p>

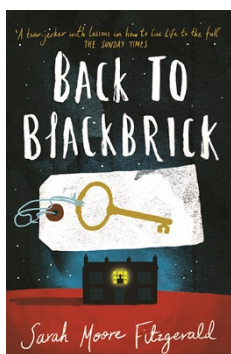


	<p>Thrilling and powerfully written, this is an explosive debut for YA readers which tackles the dark topic of domestic abuse in an ultimately hopeful tale.</p>
	<p><b>Silence is Goldfish, by Annabel Pitcher – RRP £7.99</b>  ISBN: 9781780620022</p> <p>‘I have a voice but it isn’t mine. It used to say things so I’d fit in – to please my parents, to please my teachers. It used to tell the universe I was something I wasn’t. It lied.’</p> <p>Fifteen-year-old Tess doesn’t mean to become mute. At first, she’s just too shocked to speak. And who wouldn’t be? Discovering your whole life has been a lie because your dad isn’t your real father is a pretty big deal. Tess sets out to find the truth of her identity, and uncovers a secret that could ruin multiple lives. But can she ask for help when she’s forgotten how to use her voice?</p>
	<p><b>Gender Explorers, by Juno Roche – RRP £12.99</b>  ISBN: 9781787752597</p> <p>In this life-affirming, heartening and refreshing collection of interviews, young trans people offer valuable insight and advice into what has helped them to flourish and feel happy in their experience of growing up trans.</p> <p>Speaking openly and candidly about their gender, their experiences of coming out, their aspirations, and their fears – accompanied by interviews and support from their parents and carers – this book is beautiful proof of the potential for trans children to live rich and fulfilling lives when given the support and love they need.</p> <p>With their trademark candour and empathy, Juno Roche gives voice to a generation of gender explorers who are making gender work for them, and in the process, reveals a kinder, more accepting world, that we should all be fighting for.</p>
	<p><b>Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes – RRP £6.99</b>  ISBN: 9781510104396</p> <p>A heartbreaking and powerful story about a black boy killed by a white police officer, drawing connections with real-life, from award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes.</p> <p><b>ALIVE.</b> Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn’t get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat.</p> <p><b>DEAD.</b> As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common... Bit by bit, Jerome begins to understand what really happened – not just to him, but to all of the ghost boys. A poignant and gripping story about how children and families face the complexities of race and racism in today’s world.</p>



	<p><b>Splinters of Sunshine, by Patrice Lawrence – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444954777</i></p> <p>After a fun Christmas Eve decorating the tree and singing along with his mum to Queen, fifteen-year-old Spey wakes up on Christmas morning to find the ex-prisoner father he's never met asleep on the sofa.</p> <p>Then he receives a mysterious package in the post: a torn envelope filled with half a collage he made with his old friend Dee on her sixth birthday. Dee bounced between schools and pupil referral units until a tragedy meant she ended up in care outside of London, drawn into the world of county lines gangs. They haven't spoken for years, but Spey is sure she must be in danger. He just doesn't know where she is.</p> <p>There's only one person Spey can think of who might be able to help ... On a roadtrip like no other, can Spey and his dad find Dee, and will they be ready to confront a criminal gang together?</p>
	<p><b>Only Mostly Devastated, by Sophie Gonzales – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444956481</i></p> <p>When Ollie meets Will over the summer break, he thinks he's found his Happily Ever After. But once summer's ended, Will stops texting him back, and Ollie finds himself short of his fairy-tale ending.</p> <p>A family emergency sees Ollie uprooted and enrolled at a new school across the country – Will's school – and Ollie finds that the sweet, affectionate and comfortably queer guy he knew from summer isn't the same one attending Collinswood High. This Will is a class clown, a basketball jock and, well, a bit of a jerk.</p> <p>Ollie isn't going to pine after a guy who isn't ready for a relationship. But as school life repeatedly throws them together, from music class to the lunch table, Ollie finds his resolve weakening. With the noisy drama of their friends as the backdrop – from ambitious Juliette and frosty Lara, to big-hearted Darnell and king-jock Matt – Ollie has a decision to make. The last time he gave Will his heart, Will handed it back to him trampled and battered. Ollie would have to be an idiot to trust him with it again. Right?</p>
	<p><b>Perfect on Paper, by Sophie Gonzales – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444959277</i></p> <p>Her advice, spot on. Her love life, way off.</p> <p>Darcy Phillips:</p> <p>Can give you the solution to any of your relationship woes - for a fee.          Uses her power for good. Most of the time.          Really cannot stand the new Australian jock at school, Alexander Brougham.</p> <p>Has maybe not the best judgement when it comes to her best friend, Brooke...who is in love with someone else.</p> <p>Does not appreciate being blackmailed.</p>

	<p>But when Brougham catches Darcy in the act of collecting letters from locker 89 - out of which she's been running her questionably legal, anonymous relationship advice service - that's exactly what happens. In exchange for keeping her secret, Darcy begrudgingly agrees to become his personal dating coach. The goal? To help him win his ex-girlfriend back.</p> <p>Darcy has good reason to keep her identity secret. If word gets out that she's behind the locker, some things she's not proud of will come to light, and there's a good chance Brooke will never speak to her again.</p> <p>Okay, so all she has to do is help an entitled, bratty, (annoyingly hot) guy win over a girl who's already fallen for him once? What could possibly go wrong?</p>
	<p><b>The Paper &amp; Hearts Society, by Lucy Powrie – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444949230</i></p> <p>Tabby Brown is tired of trying to fit in. She doesn't want to go to parties – in fact, she would much rather snuggle up on the sofa with her favourite book.</p> <p>It's like she hasn't found her people ...</p> <p>Then Tabby joins a club that promises to celebrate books. What could go wrong? EVERYTHING – especially when making new friends brings out an AWKWARD BUZZING feeling all over her body.</p> <p>But Olivia, Cassie, Henry and Ed have something that makes Tabby come back. Maybe it's the Austen-themed fancy-dress parties, or Ed's fluffy cat Mrs Simpkins, or could it be Henry himself ...</p> <p>Can Tabby let her weird out AND live THE BEST BOOKISH LIFE POSSIBLE?</p>
	<p><b>The Boy Who Steals Houses, by C.G. Drews – RRP £7.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781408349922</i></p> <p>Can two broken boys find their perfect home? By turns heartbreaking and heartwarming, this is a gorgeously told, powerful story.</p> <p>Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing – each teenager assuming Sam is a friend of another sibling. Sam finds himself inextricably caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie.</p> <p>But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him.</p>



## **Back to Blackbrick, by Sarah Moore Fitzgerald – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781444007091

When Cosmo keeps his promise to his granddad to go to Blackbrick, he finds himself in the forgotten corner of a distant past, one that his granddad has, strangely, never really talked about. Here friendships come to life, there are new beginnings, a lifetime of memories and everything is still possible...

An extraordinary debut novel with a fantastic voice perfect for fans of Annabel Pitcher and Siobhan Dowd.

## **Key Issues and Concepts - OUP**



## **Unique, by Alison Allen-Grey – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-275576-6

Dominic has always been a disappointment to his ambitious father, but he has never understood why. Then he discovers that he had an older brother who died before he was born. Where his brother was a brilliant academic and scientist, Dominic prefers to 'waste' his time painting. His father cannot forgive him for it.

Dominic decides to try to find out about his brother, but he discovers more than he bargained for. Their father had Dominic's dead brother cloned, and Dominic is the result.

How can he live with this mind-blowing discovery? If the truth is ever made public, it could put people's lives in danger – including his own.

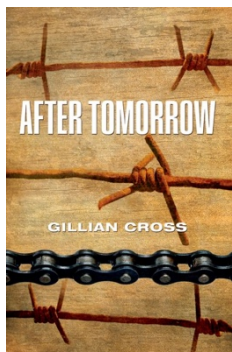


## **Tightrope, by Gillian Cross – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-275589-6

It's a beautiful, blank wall and Ashley can't resist tagging it – even though she has to climb high on to a roof to reach it with her spray cans. But someone dangerous is watching her every move.

Ashely is balancing on a tightrope. And when she falls, he'll be waiting.



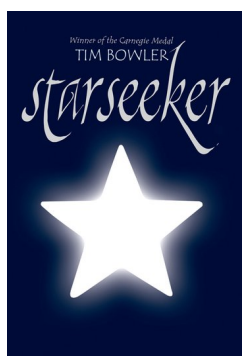
## **After Tomorrow, by Gillian Cross – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-839089-3

Educational thriller of this gripping survival thriller from Carnegie Medal-winning author Gillian Cross.

*'The raiders headed right for us. There were half a dozen of them. Heavy, tall men with packs on their backs. And guns in their hands.'*

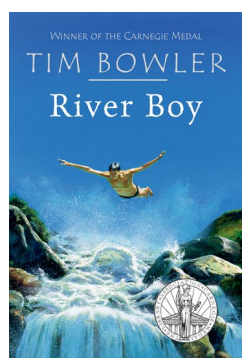
Money is worthless. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. Matt and his little brother, Taco, escape through the Channel Tunnel. Their mother said they would be safe on the other side. She was wrong.



## **Starseeker, by Tim Bowler – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-1382008457

Luke is in trouble. Skin and his gang have a job for him. They want him to break into Mrs Little's house and steal the jewellery box. They want him to prove that he's got what it takes. That he's part of the gang. But Luke finds more than just a jewellery box in the house. He finds something so unexpected it will change his life forever.

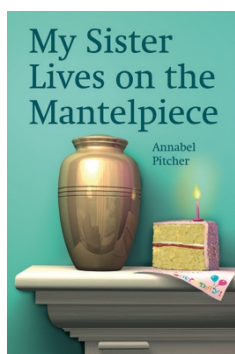


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Grandpa is dying. He can barely move his hands anymore, but stubborn as ever, refuses to stay in hospital. He's determined to finish his last painting, 'River Boy', before he goes.

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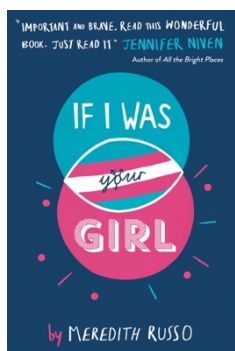


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Jamie's sister Rose was blown up by a terrorist bomb. His parents are wracked by their grief, but to Jamie, Rose is just a memory. He is far more interested in his cat, his birthday Spiderman t-shirt, and in keeping his new friend Sunya a secret.

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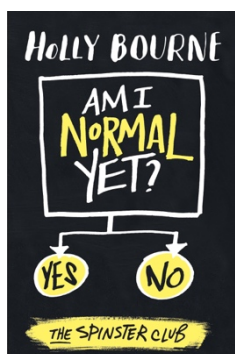
ISBN: 9781474923835

Amanda Hardy is the new girl at school.

Like everyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is holding back. Even from Grant, the guy she's falling in love with.

Amanda has a secret.

At her old school, she used to be called Andrew. And secrets always have a way of getting out...



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All Evie wants is to be normal. And now that she's almost off her meds and at a new college, where no one knows her as the girl-who-went-nuts, there's only one thing left to tick off her list.

But relationships can mess with anyone's head – something Evie's new friends Amber and Lottie know only too well. The trouble is, if Evie won't tell them her secrets, how can they stop her making a huge mistake?



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