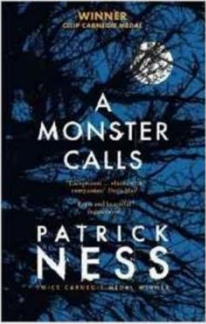


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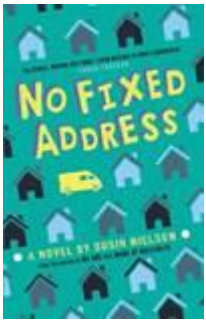


*A Monster Calls

Author: Patrick Ness
Interest age: 11+
Reading age: 11+

Visceral, dark, sad, beautiful, hopeful and really, really angry, this is a beautifully structured, dense, layered novel about the monster that touches us all at some point. This extraordinary book was the first ever to win both the CILIP Carnegie and the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medals.

- ✓ Turned into a film.
- ✓ An award winner



*No Fixed Address

Author: Susan Nielsen
Publisher: Andersen Press
Interest age: 11-15
Reading age: 11+

If Felix can win Canada's biggest junior quiz show, he and his mum can stop living in a car park. Or is that just wishful thinking? Felix's story is hard to put down and the gritty issue of homelessness is tackled with sensitivity and gentle humour.

- ✓ A book published in 2020
- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ A book set in a different country
- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge



*Kerb-Stain Boys: The Crongton Broadway Robbery

Author: Alex Wheatle
Publisher: Barrington Stoke
Interest age: 12+
Reading age: 12+

Briggsy, his best friend Terror and the love of Terror's life, Caldonia, are 14 year olds living on the wrong side of the tracks. Soon, their vague fantasy of robbing a post office descends into farce. A hilarious, thrilling and uplifting read that's a breath of fresh air.

- ✓ A young adult best-seller
- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ Can finish in one day challenge



*The House in Poplar Wood

Author: K E Ormsbee
Publisher: Chronicle Books
Interest age: 10-14
Reading age: 12+

Thirteen-year-old twins, Felix and Lee, live in the same house but lead very separate lives. Skilfully combining a gripping plot, intriguing characters and a convincing alternative world, populated by sinister beings, this is a dark and compelling novel.

- ✓ Over 300 pages
- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge



Stargazing

Author: Jen Wang
Interest age: 11-16
Reading age: 9+

Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese-American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. But after Moon moves in next door, these unlikely friends are soon *best* friends. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she has visions, sometimes, of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars. Who reassure her that earth isn't where she *really* belongs.

- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ A book set in a different country
- ✓ Can finish in a day

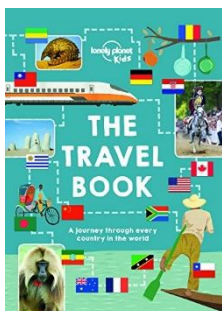


Stay A Little Longer

Author: Bali Rai
Publisher: Barrington Stoke
Interest age: 12+
Reading age: 8+

Since Aman's father died, nothing has been the same. Then she befriends a new neighbour, who is lonely too. This warm, optimistic book carries a vital message about the importance of confronting and resisting homophobia in all parts of society.

- ✓ Can finish in a day challenge
- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge
- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ A book set in a different country



*The Lonely Planet Kids Travel Book

Author:
Publisher: Lonely Planet
Reading age: 9+

Take a world tour through 200 countries with this brand new edition of the bestselling kids' version of Lonely Planet's popular *The Travel Book*, loaded with thousands of amazing facts on wildlife, how people live, sports, hideous and mouthwatering food, festivals and a wide range of other quirky insights on every page.

- ✓ A text based upon true events
- ✓ A book set in a different country



Firebird

Author: Elizabeth Wein
Publisher: Barrington Stoke
Interest age: 12+
Reading age: 10+

The atmosphere and setting of World War Two Russia are brought vividly to life through Anastasia: she's a young woman full of hope and dreams, yet entirely a product of her country. This novella packs a real punch.

A text based upon true events

- ✓ A book set in a different country
- ✓ A book based upon a time in history
- ✓ Can finish in a day



*Bone Talk

Author: Candy Gourlay
Publisher: David Fickling Books
Interest age: 10+
Reading age: 10+

Samkad is a boy from a remote Filipino "headhunter" tribe called Bontok in the highlands of the Philippines, back in around 1899 – on the brink of invasion by American invaders. A brilliant, exciting and fascinating adventure story.

- ✓ A book set in a different country
- ✓ A book based upon a time in history



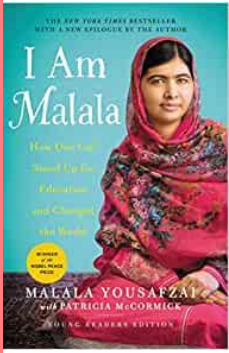
*Sheets

Author: Brenna Thummler
Publisher: Cub House Press
Interest age: 11+
Reading age: 11+

At just 13, Marjorie has to run the family launderette. When a plan emerges to turn it into a posh yoga retreat, unexpected help comes from some sheet-wearing ghosts. A beautiful, modern, clever and funny graphic novel about bereavement and family.

A book set in a different country

- ✓ A book with a strong female protagonist
- ✓ Can finish in a day

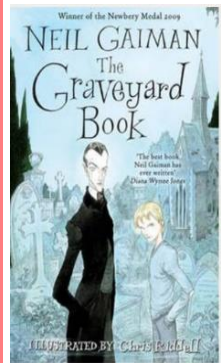


*[I Am Malala](#)

Author: Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive.

- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ An autobiography
- ✓ A text based on true events



*[The Graveyard Book](#)

Author: Neil Gaiman

Interest age: 11+
Reading age: 11+

After his family are killed, Bod is brought up in a graveyard by ghosts – an array of century-spanning characters who care for him, impart wisdom and even teach body-fading skills. But Bod sometimes goes beyond the graveyard into the world of the living – and here his life is under threat from the sinister man Jack, who has pursued him since he was a baby. It won the Booktrust Teenage Prize.

- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ More than 300 pages



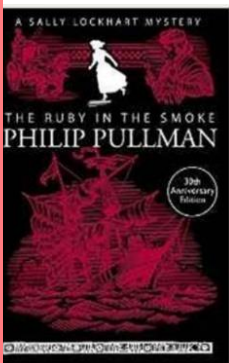
*[The Lie Tree](#)

Author: Frances Hardinge

Interest age: 13+
Reading age: 13+

Faith is clever, curious and interested in everything around her - but because she is a girl, no-one pays her any attention, so she's learned to exist in the background. Faith's father is a famed natural scientist, who is forced to flee to a remote island under a cloud of scandal, dragging his family with him. When he dies in mysterious circumstances, Faith links his death to a strange plant in her father's possession, the Lie Tree. This tree, when fed lies, bares fruit that reveal deep secrets to whoever eats them.

- ✓ A book based on a time/event in history
- ✓ An award winner
- ✓ More than 300 pages



*[Ruby in the Smoke](#)

Author: Philip Pullman

Interest age: 12+
Reading age: 12+

After the sudden death of her father, Sally Lockhart is forced to go to live in London with an obnoxious cousin. There, she receives an anonymous letter containing a warning so dire that it makes a man die of fear at her feet. Determined to discover the truth about what happened to her father, Sally is soon plunged into a dangerous and terrifying adventure that takes her to the dark heart of Victorian London.

- ✓ A book that's been turned into a film
- ✓ A book with a strong female protagonist



*[Northern Lights](#)

Author: Philip Pullman

Interest age: 11+

Reading age: 11+

Lyra and her animal daemon live a carefree life amongst the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. Yet the destiny that awaits her will take her far from her home, to the magical frozen lands of the Arctic, amongst the witch-clans and ice-bears. Here, she will discover the truth about her identity, which will have immeasurable consequences reaching beyond her own world.

- ✓ A book that's been turned into a film
- ✓ A Young Adult best seller
- ✓ A book with a strong female protagonist
- ✓ More than 300 pages



[The Bone Sparrow](#)

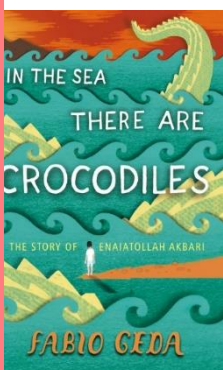
Author: Zana Fraillon

Interest age: 11+

Reading age: 11+

Born in a refugee camp, Subhi has never seen the outside world. At night, he dreams that the sea finds its way to his tent, bringing with it unusual treasures. And one day it brings him Jimmie: an illiterate young girl who lives near the refugee camp. *The Bone Sparrow* is a beautiful, heartbreaking, hopeful and deeply moving novel that explores a tragic and relevant topic with incredibly skill.

- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge
- ✓ A book based on a time/event in history
- ✓ An award winner



[In the Sea there are Crocodiles](#)

Author: Fabio Geda

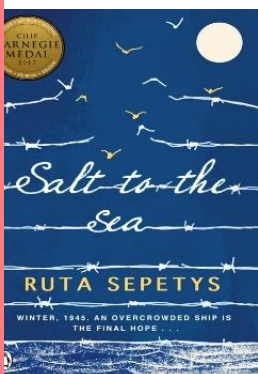
Interest age: 12+

Reading age:

10+

Enaiatollah's journey begins when his mother leaves him at a refugee camp in Pakistan. From here Enaiatollah uses his wits and the help of fellow 'illegals' as he struggles to survive in search of a better life. This search takes him through Iran, Turkey, Greece and finally Italy on a journey full of perils. On his travels Enaiatollah does all kinds of jobs and meets all sorts of people – those who try to stop him and a few that help him on his way.

- ✓ A book based on a true event or person
- ✓ A book set in a different country
- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge



[Salt to the Sea](#)

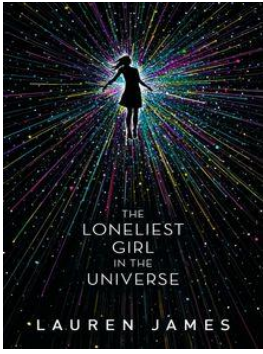
Author: Ruta Sepetys

Interest age: 15+

Reading age: 15+

In 1945, the Second World War is drawing to a bloody end. For the German people and their surrounding allies, it is a time to flee from the approaching Russian army. Without food or possessions, Joana, Florian and Emilia - a heavily pregnant 15-year-old Polish girl – attempt to reach the boats taking civilians to safety. Their cross-country trek is brutal and violent - but will the boat be any better?

- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge
- ✓ A book based on a time/event in history
- ✓ An award winner



*[The Loneliest Girl in The Universe](#)

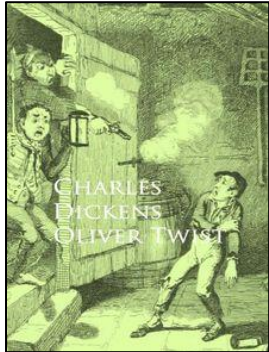
Author: Lauren James

Interest age: 12+

Reading age: 14+

Romy is the only surviving crew-member of a spaceship travelling to a new planet, on a mission to establish a second home for humanity. Alone in space, she is the loneliest girl in the universe until she hears about a new ship which has launched from Earth – with a single passenger on board. A boy called J...

- ✓ A book set in the future
- ✓ A book with a strong female protagonist
- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge



*[Oliver Twist](#)

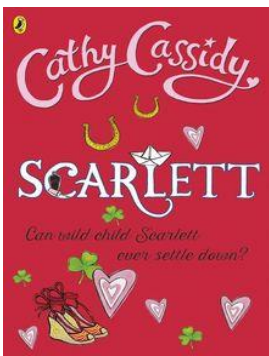
Author: Charles Dickens

Interest age: 11+

Reading age: 12+

The story is of the orphan Oliver Twist, who starts his life in a workhouse and is then sold into apprenticeship with an undertaker. He escapes from there and travels to London, where he meets the Artful Dodger, a member of a gang of juvenile pickpockets led by the elderly criminal Fagin.

- ✓ A book written before 1914
- ✓ A book that's been turned into a film
- ✓ A teacher's recommendation



*[Scarlett](#)

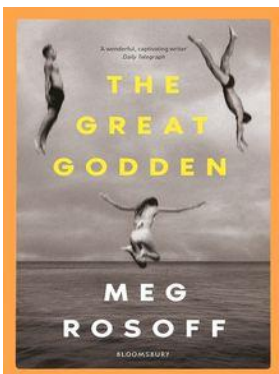
Author: Cathy Cassidy

Interest age: 12+

Reading age: 9+

Twelve-year-old Scarlett is a rebel: outrageous clothes, tongue stud, total contempt for authority and thinks she is totally cool. Inside she constantly mourns the loss of the perfect family life she remembers before her father left, and bitterly resents the super-efficient mother who hasn't time for her. Scarlett's story is often funny, but the serious hurt she is feeling is ever-present.

- ✓ A book by a local author
- ✓ A book about overcoming a challenge
- ✓ A book with a strong female protagonist



*[The Great Godden](#)

Author: Meg Rosoff

Interest age: 12+

Reading age: 12+

This is the story of one family, one dreamy summer – the summer when everything changes. In a holiday house by the sea, in a big, messy family, one teenager watches as brothers and sisters, parents and older cousins fill hot days with wine and games and planning a wedding.

- ✓ A book published in 2020
- ✓ An award winner