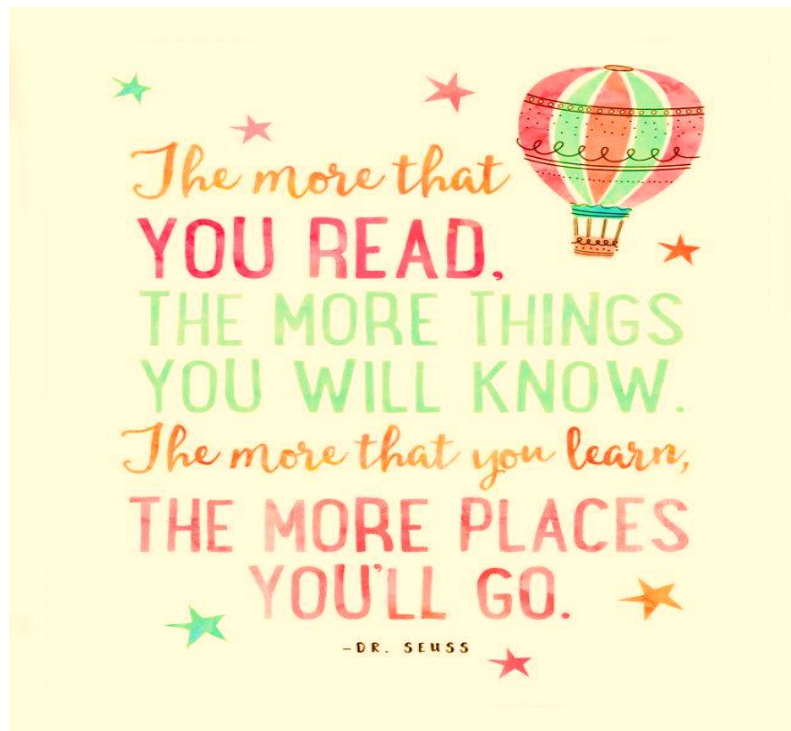


Year 11

Read Around the World
Build Empathy



Had to cancel your plans to travel?
Read around the world instead

- **Reading just 20 minutes per day** builds empathy for others, creates a strong vocabulary, and positively affects and boosts your mental and physical health
- Put your phone away so you are not distracted
- Record and rate the books you read
- Discuss books with your friends and family, or try using a website like [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com)
- Ask yourself the following questions while you read:

✓What is the text about?

✓What are the most exciting things happening in the text?

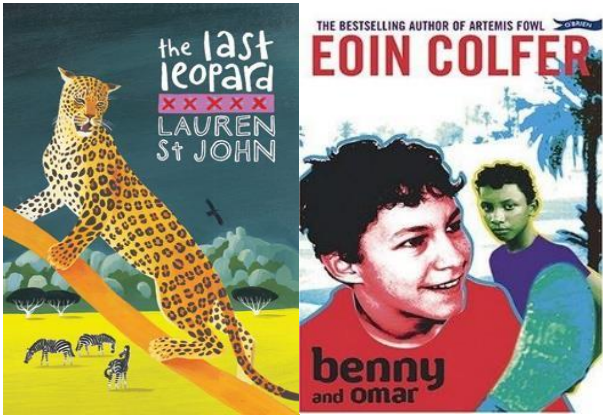
✓Are there any parts I do not understand?

✓Where can I research additional information to enhance my reading experience?

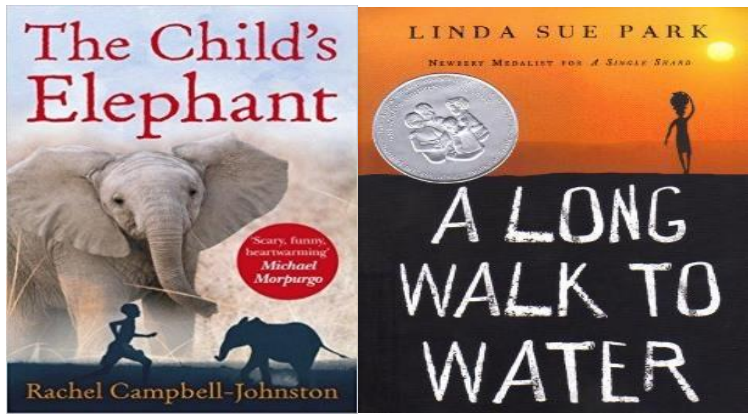
✓How will my reading experiences build on my empathy skills?

Africa

Zimbabwe & Tunisia

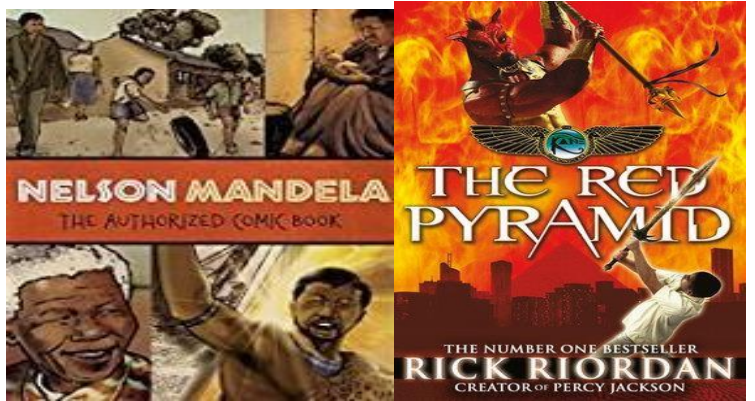
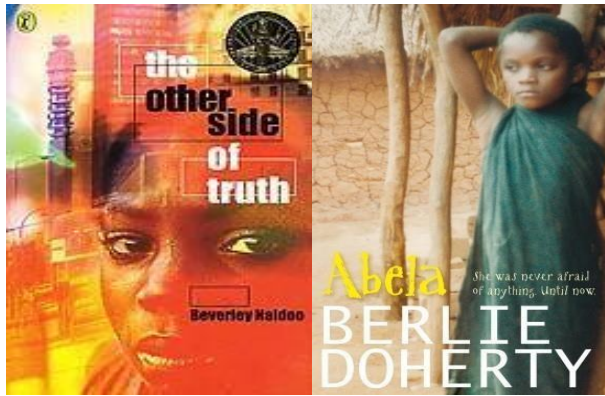


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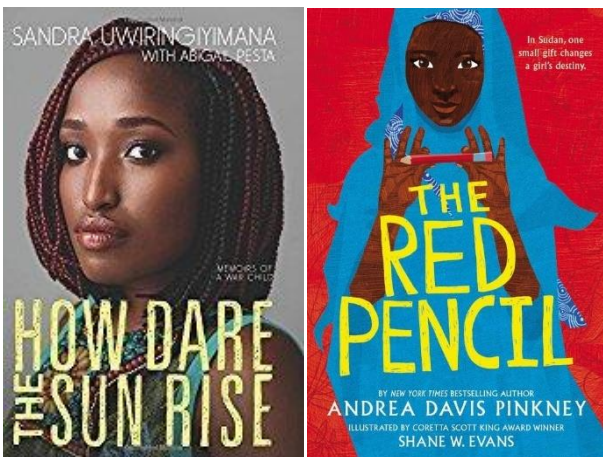


Nigeria & Tanzania

South Africa & Egypt

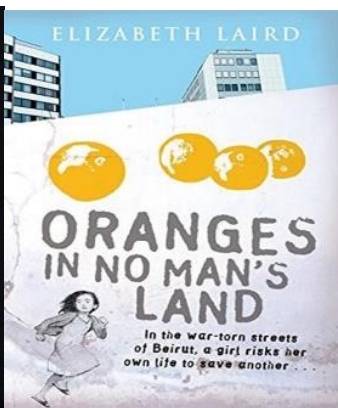
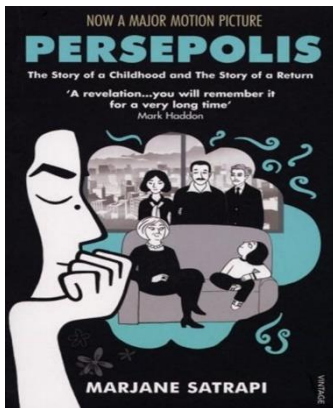


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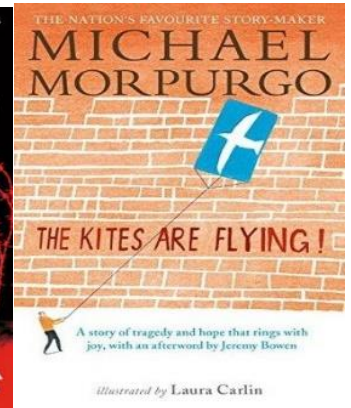
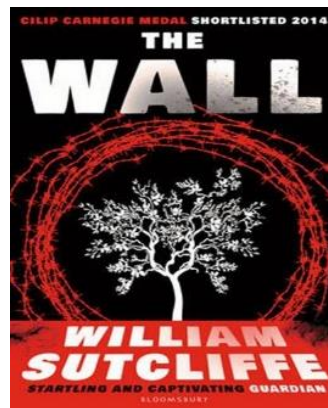


Middle East

Iran & Lebanon

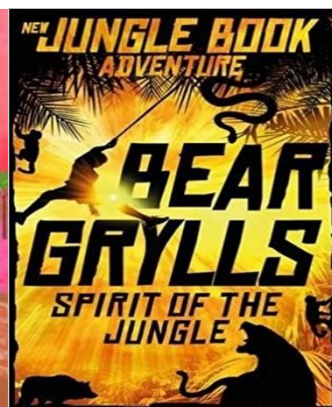
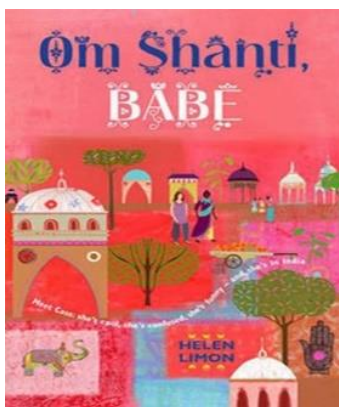


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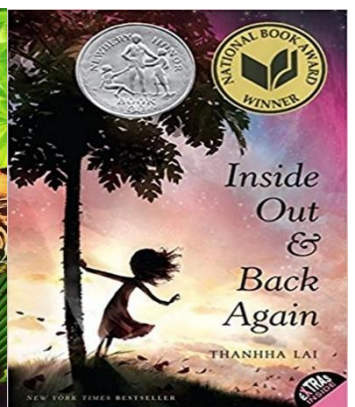
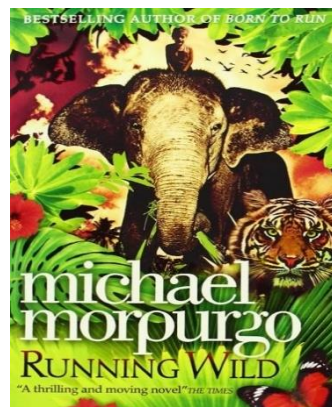


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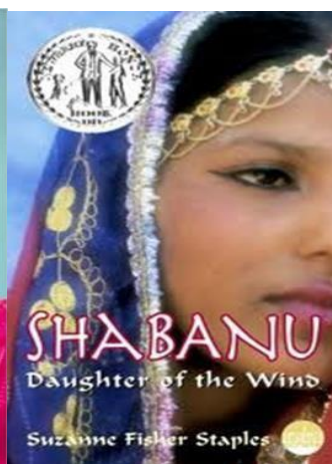
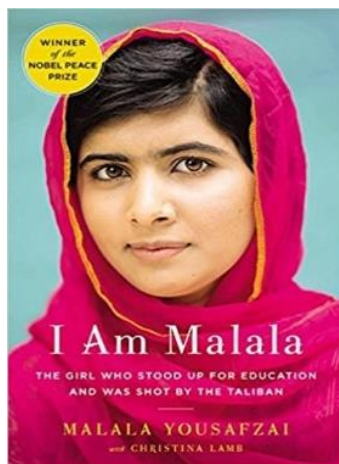
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Indonesia & Vietnam



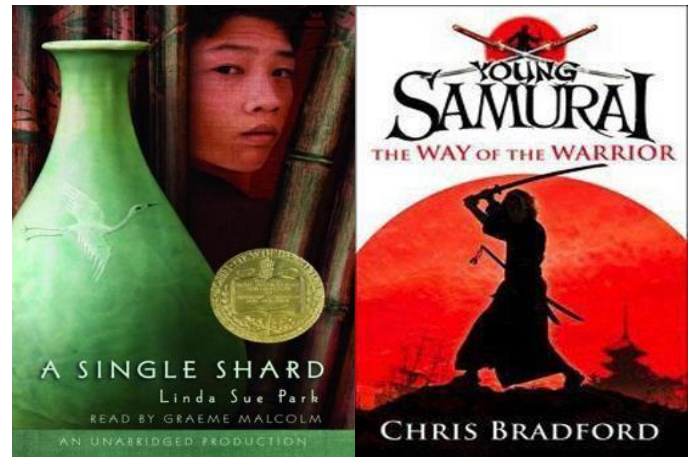
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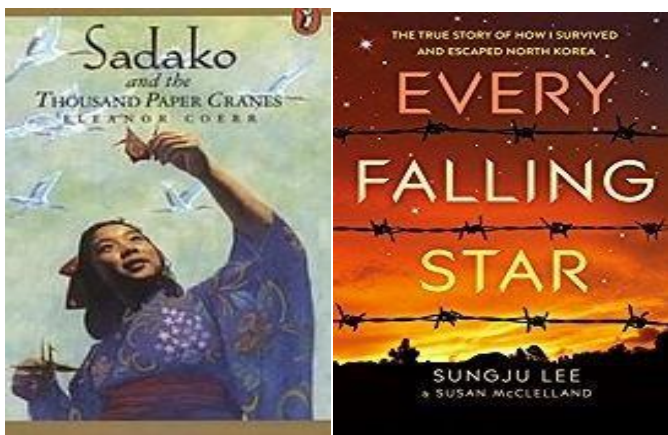
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Korea & Japan

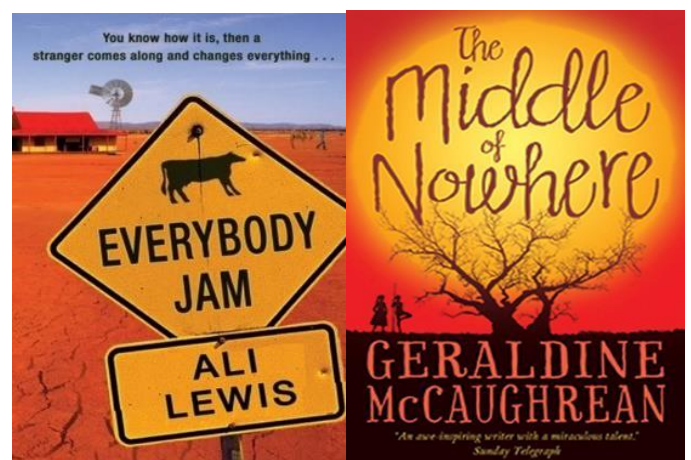
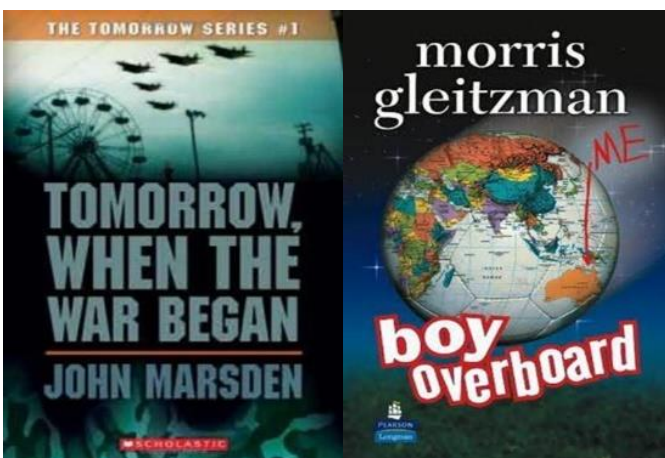


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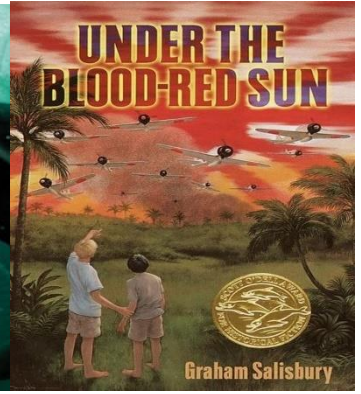
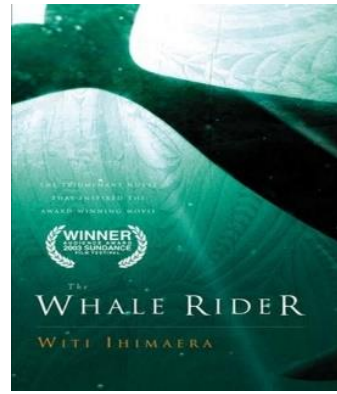
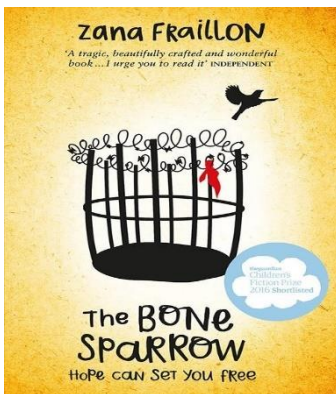


Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific

Australia

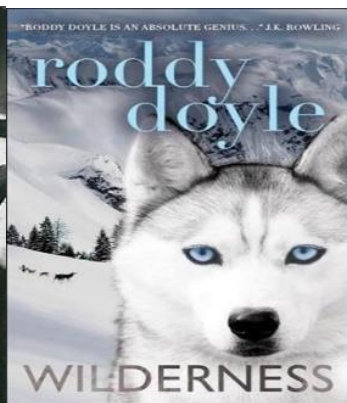
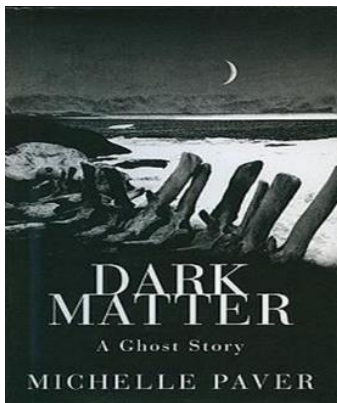


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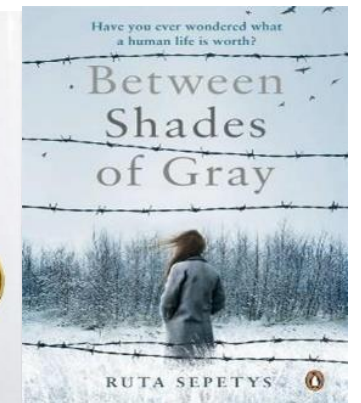
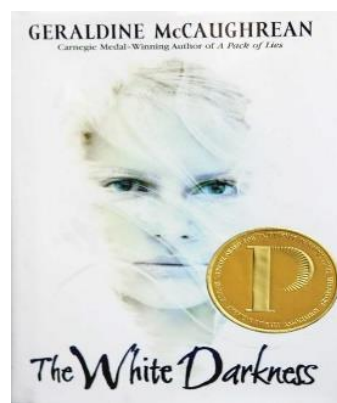


Arctic, Antarctic & Lapland

Svalbard (Arctic) and Lapland

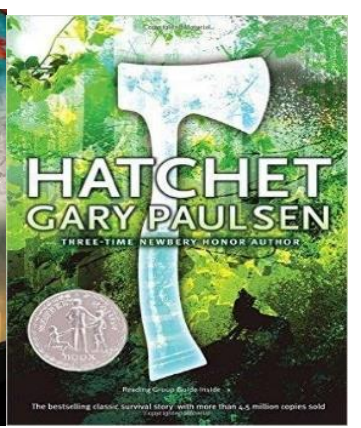
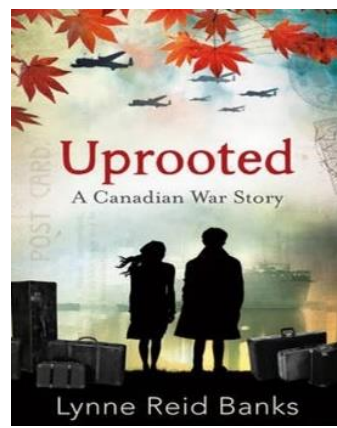
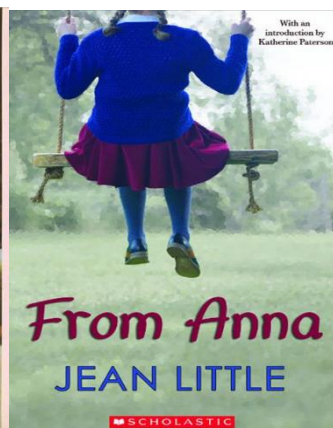
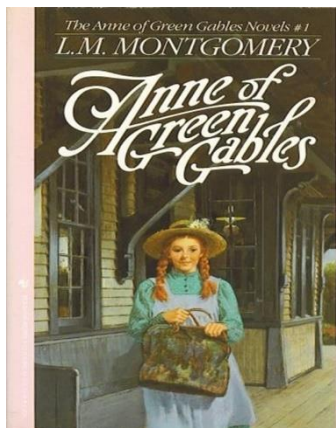


Antarctic & Siberia

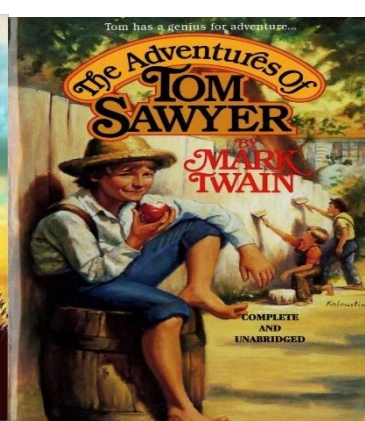
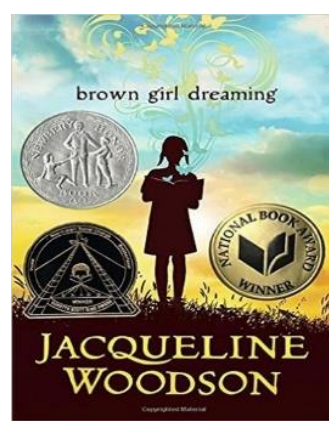
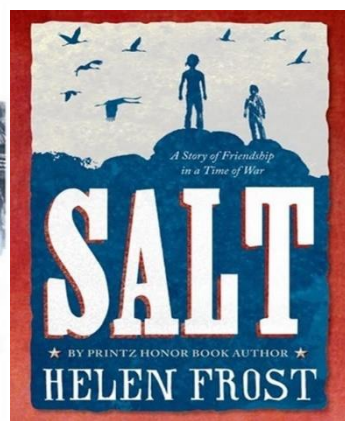
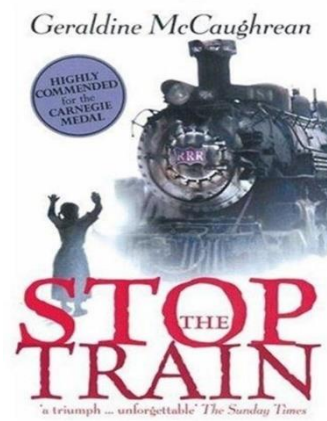
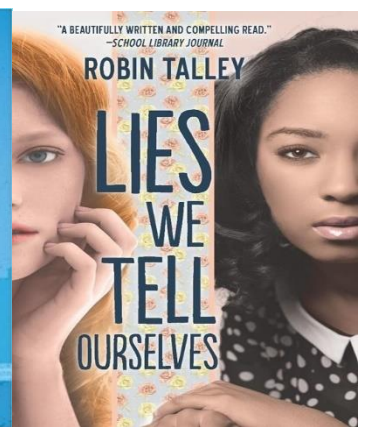
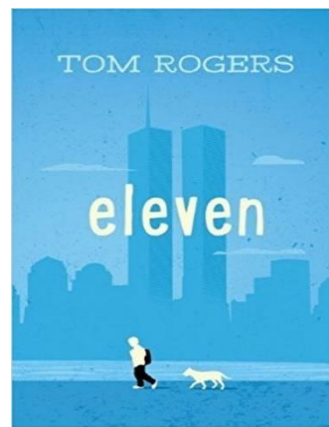
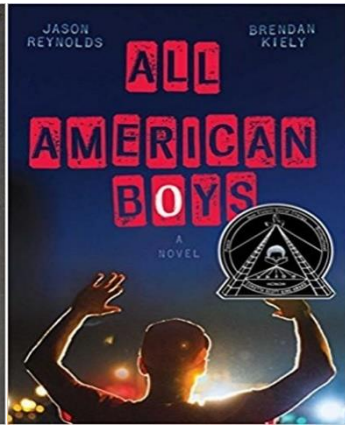
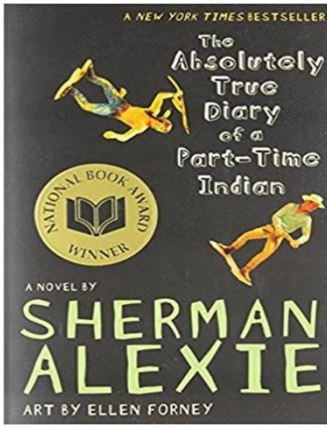


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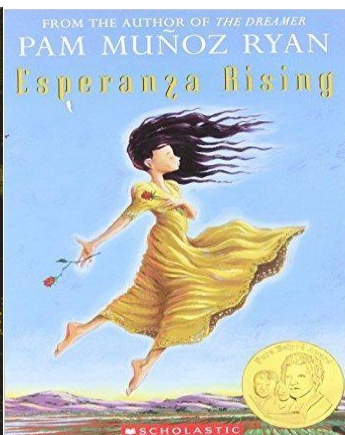
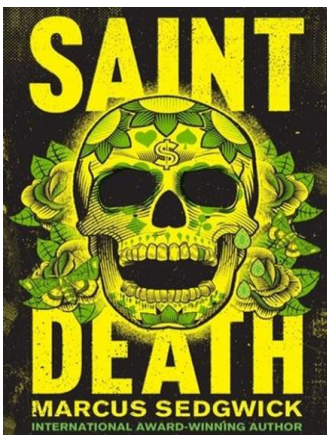


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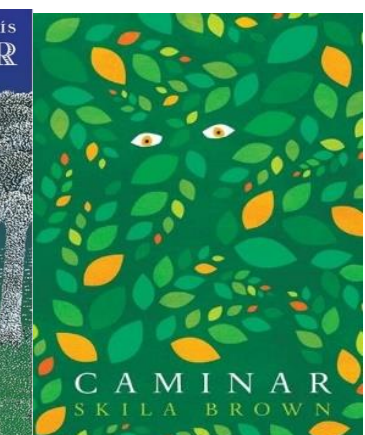
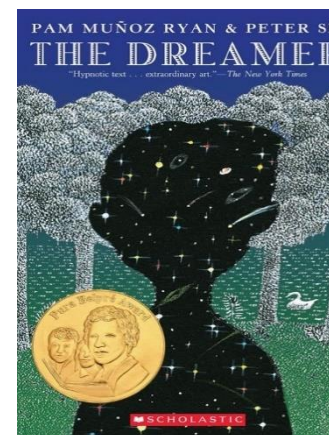


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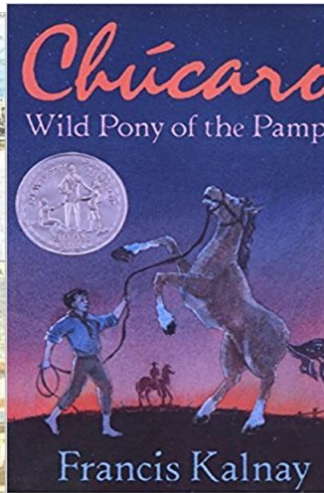
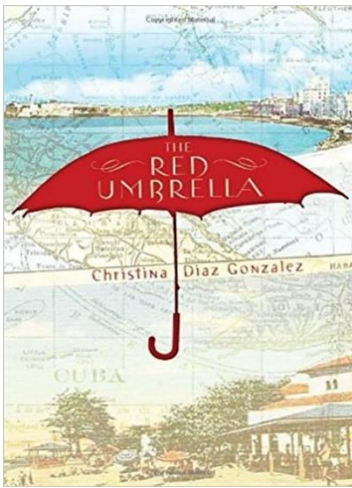
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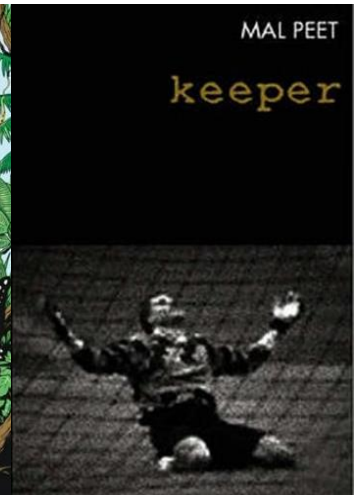
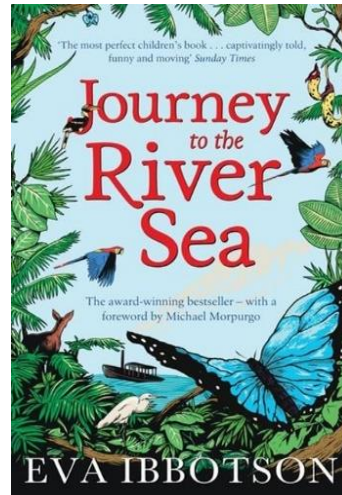
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Cuba & Argentina

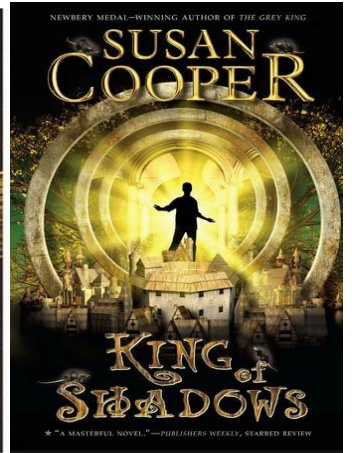
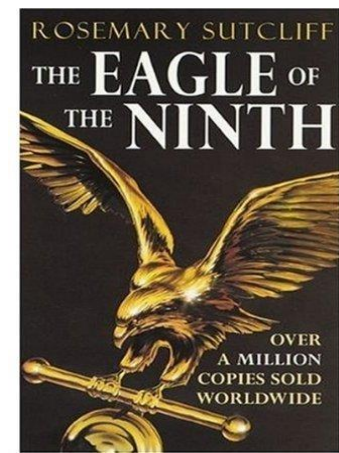
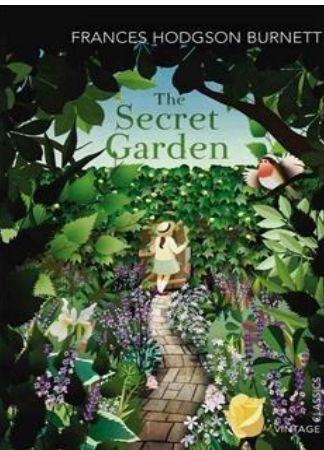
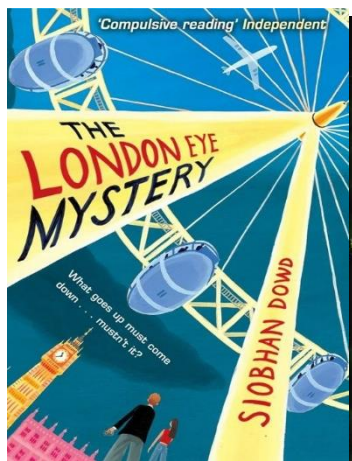


Brazil & the Amazon Rainforest

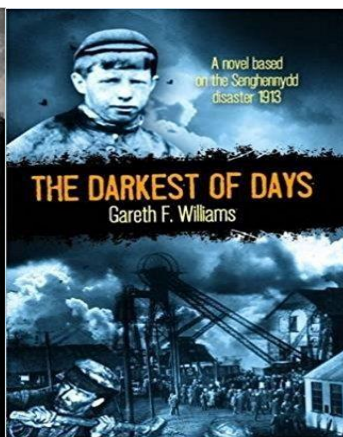
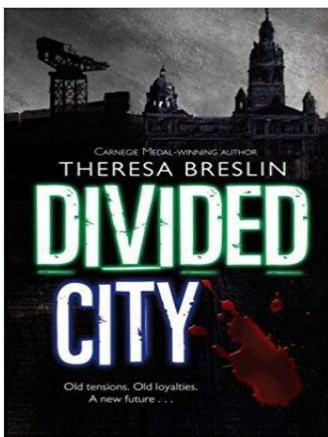


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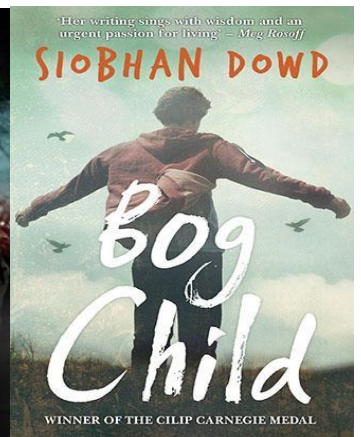
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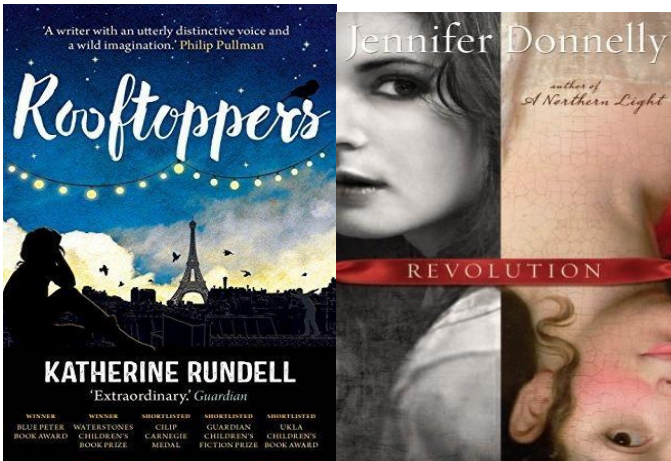
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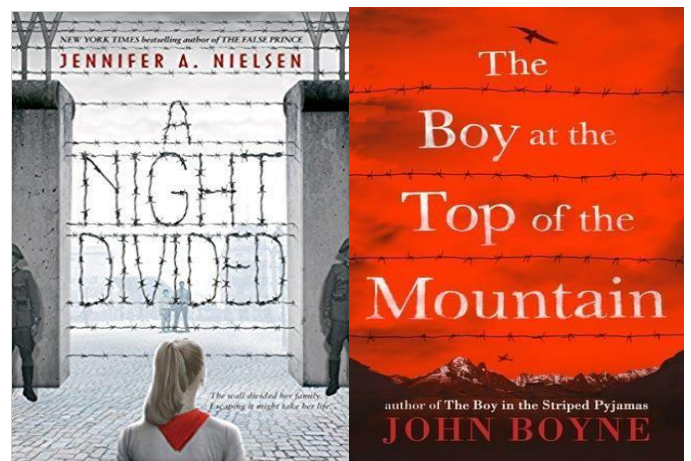
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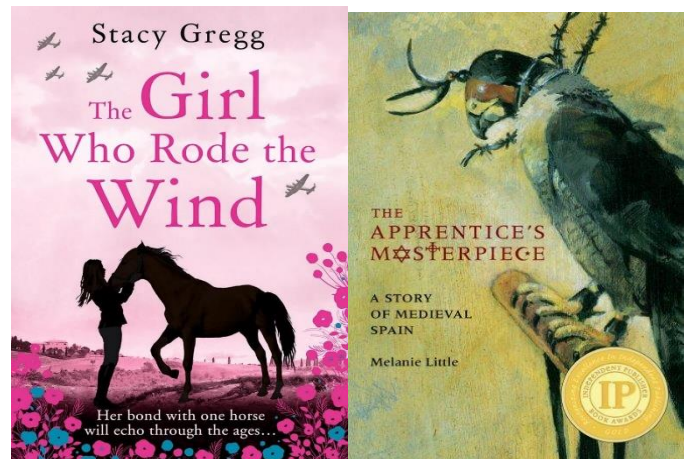
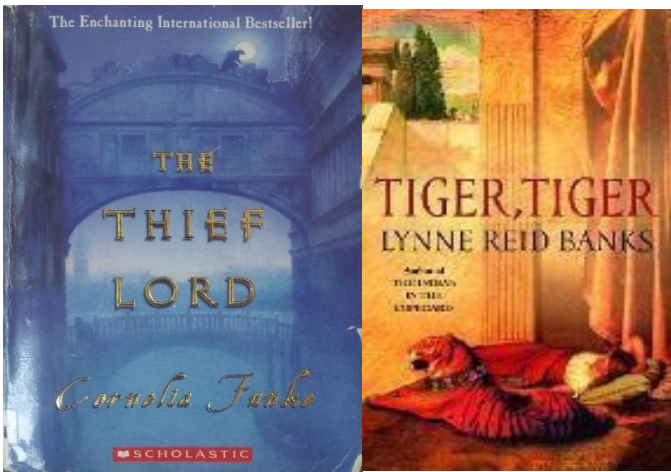
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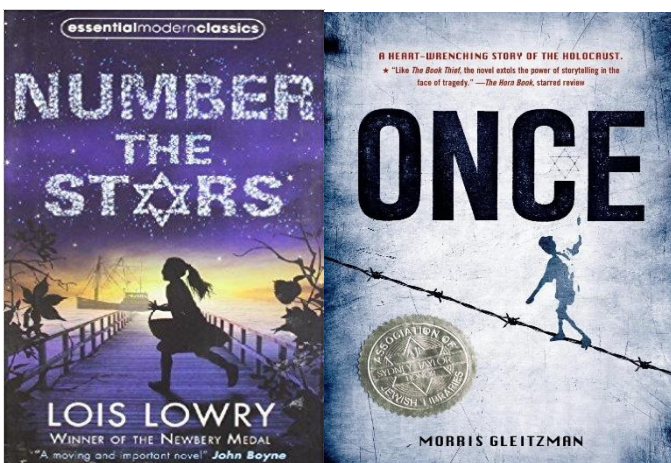
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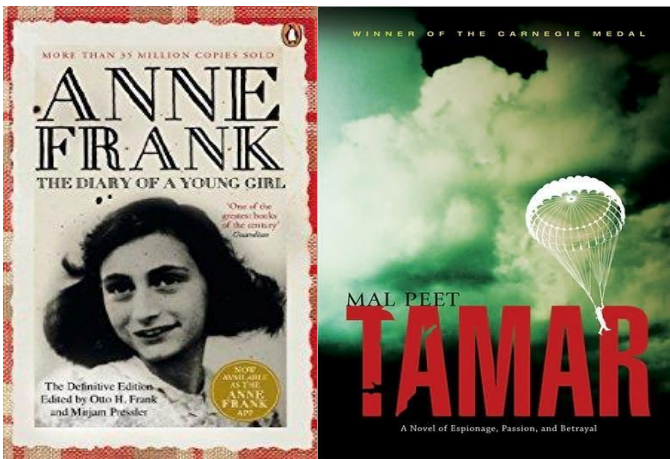
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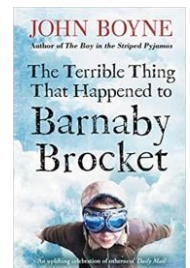


Feeling isolated?

The last year of lockdowns has been long and tough. These books mainly focus on characters who are physically isolated from others, either as individuals or as a group. Some stories address psychological isolation.

The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket by John Boyne

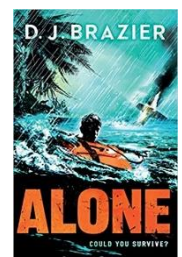
There's nothing unusual or different about the Brocket family - and they're keen to keep it that way. But when Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of gravity - and floats. Soon, the Brockets decide enough is enough. The neighbours are starting to talk. They never *asked* for a weird, abnormal, *floating* child. Barnaby has to go . . .



Betrayed and frightened, Barnaby floats into the path of a very special hot air balloon – and so begins a magical journey around the world, with a cast of extraordinary new friends.

Alone by DJ Brazier

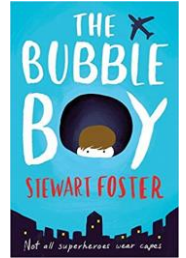
The trip of a lifetime - that's what it was supposed to be, paid for with money Gran left thirteen-year-old Sam in her will, but when the small plane taking Sam and his Dad back to the airport crashes in the jungle, Sam is left alone and terrified. As time passes with no sign of rescue, Sam grows weaker and has to dig deep to find levels of resolve and resourcefulness he never knew he had in order to survive. Desperate and close to giving up, Sam's spirits are lifted by the arrival of an otter cub



whose companionship and loyalty give Sam the strength he needs to keep going. But when disaster strikes, Sam has to make the hardest decision of his life. Can Sam save his friend and make it out of the jungle alive?

The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster

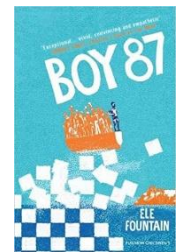
Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever. This is the story of how Joe spends his days, copes with his loneliness and frustrations, and looks - with superhero-style bravery, curiosity and hope - to a future without limits. Expect superheroes, super nurses and a few tears from this truly unique story.



Boy 87 by Ele Fountain

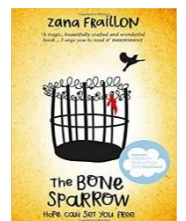
Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friend home from school. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe.

Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister, and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will become separated from the people he loves.



The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

Born in a refugee camp, all Subhi knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high, the nice Jackets never stay long, and 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.

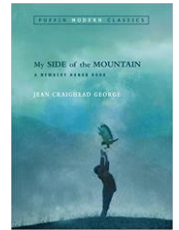


Carrying a notebook that she's unable to read and wearing a sparrow made out of bone around her neck - both talismans of her family's past and the mother she's lost - Jimmie strikes up an unlikely friendship with Subhi beyond the fence.

As he reads aloud the tale of how Jimmie's family came to be, both children discover the importance of their own stories in writing their futures.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Sam Gibley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods--all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever.



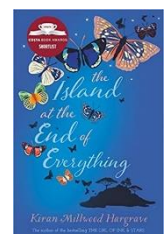
Shine by Candy Gourlay

Monsters are in the eye of the beholder. Rosa suffers from a rare condition that renders her mute. She lives on the strange island of Mirasol where the rain never seems to stop. In the gloom of the island, its superstitious population are haunted by all sorts of fears ...they shun people who suffer from Rosa's condition, believing them to be monsters. So Rosa must live hidden away in an isolated house with its back to the rest of the world, with only the internet for a social life. But Rosa has no desire to leave Mirasol. This is where her mother died and every night she lights a candle on the windowsill. The islanders believe this is the way to summon ghosts, and Rosa wants her mother back. One day she is befriended by a boy online who calls himself Ansel95 - and she quickly realizes that this is one friendship that can take place in the real world. Can she really trust him? What does he want from her? And then Mother turns up at the front door.



The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Amihan lives on Culion Island, where some of the inhabitants - including her mother - have leprosy. Ami loves her home - with its blue seas and lush forests, Culion is all she has ever known. But the arrival of malicious government official Mr Zamora changes her world forever: islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Banished across the sea, she's desperate to return, and finds a strange and fragile hope in a colony of butterflies. Can they lead her home before it's too late?



Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe.



But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .

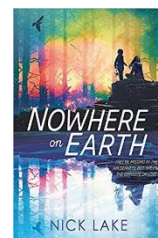
Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson

Matthew Henson was simply an ordinary man. That was, until Commander Robert E. Peary entered his life, and offered him a chance at true adventure. Henson would become navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer. This is his incredible and often untold story. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers but engaging for all. Based on a true story.



Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake

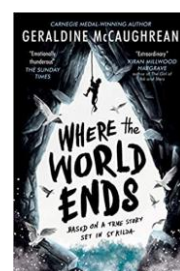
Sixteen-year-old Emily is on the run. Between her parents and the trouble she's recently gotten into at school, she has more than enough reason to get away. But when she finds a little boy named Aidan wandering in the woods, she knows she needs to help him find his way home. But getting home is no easy matter, especially when Emily finds out that Aidan isn't even from Earth. When their plane crashes into the side of a snowy mountain, it's up to Emily to ensure Aidan and their pilot, Bob, make it off the mountain alive. Pursued by government forces who want to capture Aidan, the unlikely team of three trek across the freezing landscape, learning more about each other, and about life, than they ever thought possible.



Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean

Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stack to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home.

Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned - cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive?



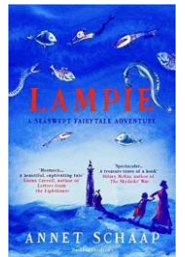
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker

Pax was only a kit when his family was killed and he was rescued by 'his boy', Peter. Now the country is at war and when his father enlists, Peter has no choice but to move in with his grandfather. Far worse than leaving home is the fact that he has to leave Pax behind. But before Peter spends even one night under his grandfather's roof he sneaks out into the night, determined to find his beloved friend. This is the story of Peter, Pax, and their journeys back to each other as war rampages throughout the country.



Lampie by Annet Schaap

Every evening Lampie the lighthouse keeper's daughter must light a lantern to warn ships away from the rocks. But one stormy night disaster strikes. The lantern goes out, a ship is wrecked and an adventure begins. In disgrace, Lampie is sent to work as a maid at the Admiral's Black House, where rumour has it that a monster lurks in the tower. But what she finds there is stranger and more beautiful than any monster. Soon Lampie is drawn into a fairytale adventure in a world of mermaids and pirates, where she must fight with all her might for friendship, freedom and the right to be different.



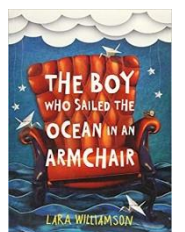
The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters. Page-turning, heartbreaking, but ultimately life-affirming, this story is perfect for fans of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* and *Wonder*. It is a book that will make you laugh and cry.



The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair by Lara Williamson

Becket Rumsey is all at sea. His dad has run away with him and his brother Billy in the middle of the night. And they've left everything behind, including their almost-mum Pearl. Becket has no idea what's going on - it's a mystery. So with the help of Billy and a snail called Brian, Becket sets out on a journey of



discovery. It's not plain sailing but then what journeys ever are? An extraordinary story of courage, dreams and finding your way, from the bestselling author of *A Boy Called Hope*

Read stories. Build empathy. Make a better world.

Empathy is our ability to understand and experience someone else's feelings. It builds stronger, kinder communities. It's a crucial life skill that we need to learn, thrive and contribute. We're not born with a fixed quantity of empathy – it's a skill we can all learn. Excitingly, research shows that books are a powerful tool to develop it. When young people identify with book characters, they learn to see things from others' points of view.

Try some of these graphic, verse, poetry, short stories and novels.

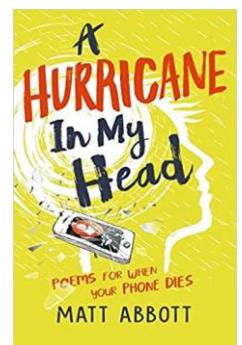
Clouds Cannot Cover Us Jay Hulme

This poetry collection is both a cry of anguish and an exploration of family, heritage and self-identity. Beautiful life-affirming poetry that makes no judgements but inspires us to reflect upon our dreams, accept our differences and enjoy the best of what makes us human.



A Hurricane in my Head by Matt Abbott

Explore the uncertainties of becoming a teenager, the confusion of emotions stirred by first love, and a gorgeous poem recognising that a teacher is also a person! A very child-centred poetry collection that is all about understanding others.



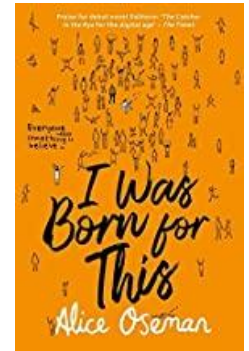
The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery and Illustrator Natsko Seki

Mizuki is worried about her troubled grandfather who 60 years ago lived through the horrors of Hiroshima. Plagued by guilt about a girl he had hoped to save, he relives the trauma. A heartfelt, ultimately hopeful novel which helps us understand the feelings of those affected by the nuclear bomb in the deep way that only fiction can.



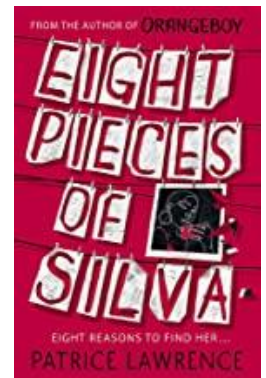
I Was Born for This by Alice Oseman

Jimmy is finding that a life of fame in a teenage boy band is fraught with anxiety. His voice alternates with that of Angel, a lovely, funny Muslim girl obsessed with the band. Their lives collide as everything changes. Great book for exploring deep emotions.



Eight Pieces of Silva by Patrice Lawrence

A disturbing mystery set on a housing estate. Vivid characterisation is achieved through the voices of dual narrators. Becks is a lesbian teenager and the outspoken sister in a blended family, left to fend for herself by older sister Silva. Suspense builds as Becks uncovers Silva's obsession with a boy, and her vulnerability.

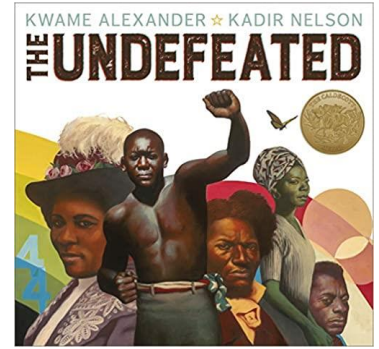


Gloves Off by Louisa Reid

This verse novel explores body image, self-confidence and bullying that explodes into brutal violence. Lily and her mother Bernadette are victims of an unforgiving society. Experiencing life in their shoes may just make us think before we rush to judge others.



The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander & Kadir Nelson
A dramatic, heart-stopping poem presented as a picture book – about black lives blighted by prejudice and yet undefeated. Beautiful illustrations add even more emotional depth. An exceptional book for our times, and in the context of Black Lives Matter.



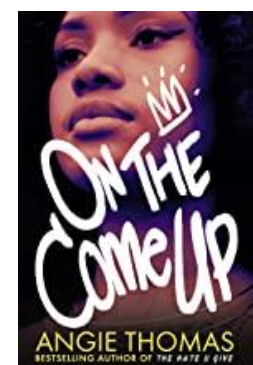
The Gone Book by Helena Close
Skateboarder Matt's Gone Book is a record of life after his mum left. We feel viscerally the rawness of life in the left-behind family, and the chaos in three boys' lives. Raw, funny, violent, incredibly real.



And the Stars Were Burning Brightly by Danielle Jawando
Nathan is 15, and his brother Al has just committed suicide. Agonisingly, he and friend Megan try to find out why. Written with such empathy that we too experience the fury, guilt and grief of those left behind. Ultimately a celebration of life.



On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
16-year-old Bri has ambitions of being a great rapper. We feel the pressures on her and will her on – to fight for her dream and be true to herself. Powerful insights into the obstacles of poverty and prejudice many young black people have to overcome.



Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

A fine verse novel in which we experience the very different perspectives of two sisters – Camino in the Dominican Republic and Yahaira in New York. Until their father is killed in a plane crash they don't know of each other's existence. Through their eyes, we confront uncomfortable economic and gender power inequalities. Ending with love and understanding, this wonderful book will stay with you for a long time.



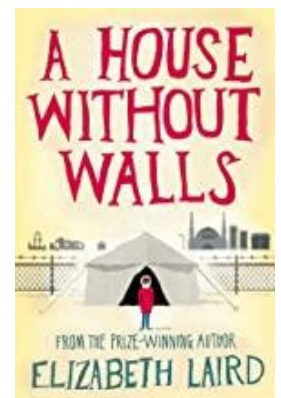
Run, Rebel by Manjeet Mann

Amber fears her dad and worries about her mum. We share the anger and the secret dreams of a girl living in an oppressive and violent household. Amber's resilience and determination to lead a better life offer ultimate hope in this powerful verse novel.



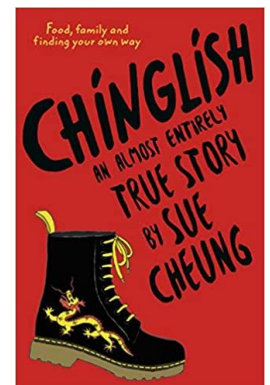
A House Without Walls by Elizabeth Laird

Safiya and her family have to escape war-torn Syria and seek refuge with family in Jordan. It isn't easy, but the family gradually rebuild their lives. Safiya is a vivid character who shows us that even in extreme situations people have resilience, dreams and dignity.



Chinglish by Sue Cheung

Teenager Jo Kwan lives in a flat above a Chinese takeaway. She dreams big but life is difficult as she struggles with depression, a violent father and bullying classmates. This beautifully written book is an emotional read, offering authentic insight into the life of a vulnerable girl.



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