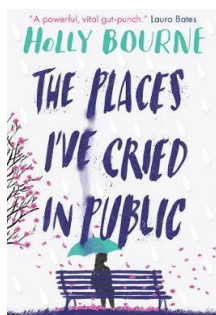


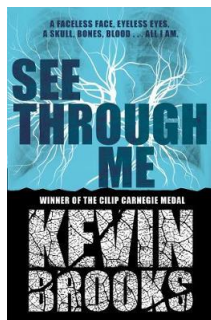
Education Library Service Recommended Secondary Fiction Summer Term 2020



Bourne, Holly **The Places I've Cried in Public**

Usborne Pbk 7.99 9781474949521
Interest 14+ Reading age: 14+
age:

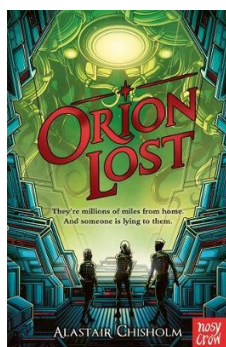
Amelie recalls incidents, as she visits places and goes over her broken relationship with her boyfriend. She realises that he has been mentally and physically abusive to her, controlling her by what he says. Includes detailed, yet not explicit sexual references. Compelling but disturbing read for older teens.



Brooks, Kevin **See through me**

Egmont Pbk 7.99 9781405293914
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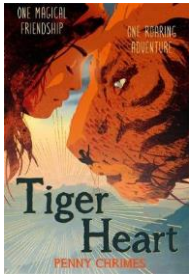
Sixteen year old Kenzie suddenly is taken ill at home and wakes up in a darkened hospital room. She has a rare genetic condition which makes her skin transparent, revealing the muscles, bones etc inside her. It shocks everyone who sees her and she feels repulsed when she sees herself. Then a photo of her is leaked and the press attention is enormous. She is prized to try to find out the secret of her skin's invisibility. Raises lots of issues for discussion for older teens.



Chisholm,A **Orion Lost**

Nosy pbk 6.99 9781788005920
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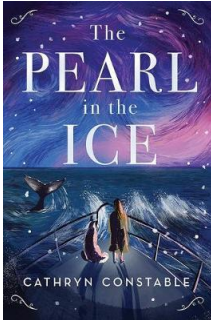
The transport ship Orion is four months out of Earth bound with settlers for a new planet when there is an "Event" which damages the ship and leaves everyone on board in cryogenic sleep. Ship needs to wake a crew, and the only possible crew are 6 young people. What can possibly go wrong! Absolutely marvellous space adventure. Many twists and turns to the plot keep the reader's attention. Excellent characterisation, and the exploration of leadership and a mismatched team working together are gripping. Thoroughly enjoyable for either gender with a satisfying end which would also allow for a sequel.



Chrimes, Penny **Tiger Heart**

Hachette Pbk 7.99 9781510107045
Interest 10 Reading age: 10
age:

An adventure story with a magical journey. There is some Cockney rhyming slang and colloquialisms, which are explained at the end of the book but this does not detract from the story.



Constable, Cathryn **The Pearl in the Ice**

Chicken House Pbk 6.99 9781912626519
Interest 10+ Reading age: 10+
age:

A twelve-year-old girl embarks upon an adventure when she stows away on her father's naval ship instead of going to her new boarding school. Excellent adventure with a well-handled mystery element and plenty of twists and turns in the plot to keep the reader hooked. Very good characterisation, particularly Marina the feisty heroine. Overall a very enjoyable leisure read.



Elliott, Joseph **The Good Hawk**

Walker Pbk 7.99 9781406385854
Interest 12+ Reading age: 11+
age:

Set in a mythological Scotland, three young people find themselves the only survivors when their clan is attacked by warriors and they are forced to leave their home island of Skye. Agatha is a good Hawk. She patrols the sea wall, and does it with pride, no matter what anyone else says about her right to be there. Contains violent scenes including character deaths. Agatha has Down's Syndrome and around half of the book is narrated from her perspective. She is presented positively throughout and has an active, crucial role in the events of the story. A gripping story with a strong sense of place, lots of real jeopardy and a fast moving plot. Agatha is a brilliant character who discovers she has a special talent. First in a trilogy.



Huddleston, Tom **Floodworld**

Nosy Crow Pbk 6.99 9781788004343
Interest 11 Reading age: 11
age:

Kara and Joe live in a future flooded London and they try to survive by finding a living from the ruins. However, they obtain a mysterious map and find themselves involved in a conspiracy and on the run. Everyone seems to be after them. Includes some violence with guns and death. Easy to read with an action plot and good characters.



Parker, Natalie Seafire
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Usborne Pbk 7.99 9781474966580
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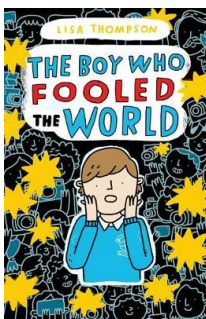
Caledonia Styx let down her guard once - and her family were murdered by ruthless warlord Aric Athair who controls land and sea with his blood-thirsty Bullets, boy soldiers he controls with drugs. Now captain of a ship with a crew of girls who have lost everything to him, she has sworn never to show mercy again. But when a rogue Bullet, Oran, saves the life of Caledonia's best friend, she faces an impossible choice. If she lets the boy live, could he help them bring down Athair - or will he destroy them all? Fast paced fantasy adventure with good main characters. Engaging and easy to read. There is to be a sequel where the romance between Cal and Oran may develop, and we may meet Aric. May be enjoyed by those who enjoyed "The Hunger Games".



Rahman. All the Things We Never Said
Yasmin

Hot Key Pbk 7.99 9781471408298
Interest 14+ Reading age: 12+
age:

Mehreen's anxiety and depression are taking over her life, and she can't bear her 'Chaos' any more. So she joins a website that matches people with partners and allocates them a date and method of death: the pact. Mehreen is paired with Cara and Olivia. As the girls meet in secret, the desperation that brought them together leads to a mutually supportive friendship. They start to realise that life can be worth living. Before long, all three want out of the pact. But the website won't let them stop, and a sinister game begins. Relatable characters and despite the theme of teenage suicide there is much amusing dialogue and this is what engages the reader. The developing teenage friendship of three vulnerable girls and its ups and downs is heart warming. However, contains very strong language throughout, scenes of sexual assault, scenes of self-harm and attempted suicide - all fairly graphically described. Definitely one for older teenagers.



Thompson, The Boy who fooled the world
Lisa

Scholastic Pbk 6.99 9781407185132
Interest 10 Reading age: 10
age:

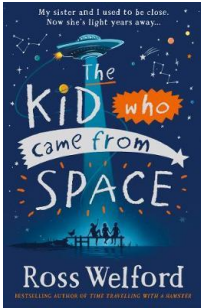
Cole comes from a family which struggles to make ends meet, so often feels the odd one out - not going on school trips as his family can't pay etc. One day a famous artist, who was a former pupil, comes to his school and asks Cole's class to do a painting. She really likes Cole's painting and takes it to her gallery, and it is sold for £1,000. She asks if he'll do more paintings. Cole feels the pressure of trying to paint and tries lots of times but tells a lie about his second painting. When the truth is discovered things come crashing down around him. Cole wants to solve the mystery of a painting at his Mum's museum too. A great read about an everyday family. Compelling.



Walker, Dan The Light Hunters

Uclan Pbk 7.99 9781912979103
Interest 10+ Reading age: 10+
age:

Lux is a 12-year-old boy who is a Light-healer. His Mum, Dad and sister died in a monster attack, so he lives with his Grandad, the local clock repairer. Light healing is not allowed where he lives, so he keeps his gift secret, till Maya, his best friend, is injured in a monster attack and then Lux uses his power to heal her. This brings him to the attention of a shadowy figure who wants Lux to join him, but Lux feels this man is evil. Lux becomes part of the Light Hunters (good) who want to save Lux's town from a monster. Fast-paced, compelling and enjoyable read. Easy to read and great reading for pleasure.



Welford, Ross The Kid Who Came From Space

Harper Pbk 6.99 9780008333782
Collins
Interest 11+ Reading age: 10+
age:

A small village in the wilds of Northumberland is rocked by the disappearance of twelve-year-old Tammy. Only her twin brother, Ethan, knows she is safe - and the extraordinary truth of where she is. It is a secret he must keep, or risk never seeing her again. But that doesn't mean he's going to give up. Together with his friend Iggy and the mysterious (and very hairy) Hellyann, Ethan teams up with a spaceship called Philip, and Suzy the trained chicken, for a nail-biting chase to get his sister back that will take him further than anyone has ever been before. A very engaging and intriguing plot, strong believable characters with a strong emotional element.

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