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<td>Avery, Tom</td>
<td>My brother's shadow</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>£6.99</td>
<td>9781849397827</td>
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<td>Kaia dreams about her brother every night, she's frozen in the moment that she found him dead. When a new boy starts in her class who doesn't talk, doesn't appear to have a name and seems to be as lost as she is, Kaia befriends him and starts to tell him all about herself. The boy never comments, but appears to listen to her. Eventually, she finds herself thawing and engaging with her other classmates. Well written book with a poetic and lyrical quality.</td>
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<td>Blackman, Malorie</td>
<td>Robot girl</td>
<td>Barrington Stoke</td>
<td>£5.99</td>
<td>9781781124598</td>
<td>11+</td>
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<td>Claire is keen to find out what her dad has been working on in his lab. He's been really excited about it and Claire knows it must be something that will make him even more famous. But the big reveal isn't at all what she expected and now Claire has a dilemma on her hands - what do you do when your dad has created a monster?</td>
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<td>Catnip</td>
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<td>9781846471810</td>
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<td>10+</td>
<td>When Jessie's gran gets a white puppy, it's the start of a downward spiral of worrying behaviour. At school Jessie's class is studying the rise to power of the Nazi party and soon Jessie starts seeing alarming parallels between modern life in her sleepy village and that of 1930s Germany.</td>
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<td>Dhami, Narinder</td>
<td>13 hours</td>
<td>Tamarind</td>
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<td>Anni's mother is ill and is regularly convinced the house has been broken into. One day, to her horror, Anni realises that this time her mother's fears have come true. A group who believed the house was empty take over their attic. Anni is terrified they are terrorists and are going to harm the Prime Minister who is due to visit the area the next day. In a bid to trick them Anni tries to hide in the attic and learns more than she bargained for about her family history. Weaves a tense thriller with the issue of child carers.</td>
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Elson, Jane  
*How to fly with broken wings*  
Hodder  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781444916768  
Interest age: 10+  
Reading age: 10+  
A heart-warming tale about a boy with Aspergers who just wants to make friends and to learn to fly. But Finn and the boys from the estate bully him until he jumps from a high wall and breaks his ankle. Then he makes his first friend, Sasha Barton. Sasha is determined to put things right. Poignant story with the backdrop of a deprived London estate with gang violence. Split narration between Willem and Sasha very effective in providing good characterisation. Fast paced story.

Gibbons, Alan  
*End game*  
Indigo  
Pbk  
£9.99  
9781780621807  
Interest age: 13+  
Reading age: 11+  
Nick knows he’s been in a car crash. He knows he is in hospital. And he knows he feels furious with his father. What he doesn’t know is why. As his memories start to return, Nick finds himself remembering what happened the night he drove his father’s car into a tree and why he was so angry with his ex-soldier and MP father. Well told with the truth slowly emerging from the point of view of Nick in a coma in a hospital bed. Violence and some swearing. Shortish read from this established author.

Hounam, Donald  
*Gifted*  
Corgi  
Pbk  
£7.99  
9780552571876  
Interest age: 14+  
Reading age: 12+  
15-year-old Frank Sampson is a forensic sorcerer on a headless murder case. But he is easily distracted. By Kazia, the supposed victim’s beautiful, and possibly dangerous, niece. By Marvo, his police colleague, who seems dead set on making his life difficult. By the terror that he’s losing his gift - the ability to work magic. Original and compelling fast paced thriller with excellent characters. Some swearing, magical rituals and violence.

Landman, Tanya  
*Buffalo soldier*  
Walker  
Pbk  
£7.99  
9781406314595  
Interest age: 14+  
Reading age: 12  
At the end of the American Civil War, Charley - a young African-American slave - is freed to live in a terrifyingly lawless land. Charley disguises herself as a man and joins the army. This is a grim story but with good characters which is based on a real black woman who joined the US army in disguise at this time. There is rape, lynching, and torture all briefly but not graphically described.

MacPhail, Cathy  
*Devil you know*  
KelpiesTeen  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781782501794  
Interest age: 11+  
Reading age: 12+  
Forced to move to a run-down Glasgow council estate, Logan thinks he's pretty lucky to have made any friends - let alone Baz and the boys. When they get caught up a local turf war, the aftermath leads him deeper into a world of real-life gangs, threats and lethal revenge. The action is fast paced and the characters are realistic. A twist at the end is completely unexpected and turns everything on it’s head.
Betty Plum has never been in love or even kissed a boy. But when Toby starts at her school it's like Betty has been hit by a love bomb! Betty wishes her mum hadn't died when she was a baby. She really needs her mum here to ask her advice. And that's when she finds hidden letters written by her mum for just these moments. Letters about what real love is all about. Entertaining story for young teens about all sorts of relationships.

When Genesis wakes up the morning after a date, she is strapped to a bomb and there's an earpiece stuck in her ear. To her horror, Genesis has become an agent of mass destruction. Can she save herself and the people she will inevitably kill if she follows instructions? Chilling and riveting read, written in short sentences. Includes swearing and scenes of death.

When he's sent to Latham House, a boarding school for sick teens, Lane thinks his life may as well be over. But when he meets Sadie and her friends - a group of sarcastic nerds who break the rules whenever they can - he realises that maybe it's just beginning. This is a dark but touching story about friendships, and ill-fated love. Told from both Lane and Sadie's point of view, the dialogue is clever but dark. The book is made up but it is a story about what could happen if drug resistant infection becomes a reality.

Stanley 'Carrot' Harris is ginger, tubby, adopted and definitely not cool. On his 13th birthday, he receives a card from his long-lost birth mother, asking to meet up. But Stanley isn't sure: what if he's a big disappointment to her? So he decides to send a stand-in Stanley, someone God's gift to mothers. Great writing which is accessible, heart-warming and funny. A serious topic but dealt with in a light-hearted way.

Cameron and his mother have been on the run for five years. Cameron has been told his father is violent, abusive and hunting them. They come to settle in an isolated run down farm house where there is a story that the previous owner killed his wife and son, and was in turn killed by his pack of guard dogs. Cameron begins to think he is seeing and hearing ghosts associated with the past events and this starts him questioning his sanity. Excellent dark, tense, supernatural thriller. Would appeal to boys.
Walter, Jon  
Close to the wind

David Fickling  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781910200179  
Interest age: 10+  
Reading age: 10+

There's a ship down at the dock. There are places for a few if you have enough money and if you know the right people, you might get a ticket. This journey will take Malik to a country which promises safety and a new life. The only problem is, his family don't have tickets and people are stopping at nothing to get a place on board. Engaging and moving story of a young refugee escaping from a land at war.

Whipple, Natalie  
Fish out of water

Hot Key  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781471404306  
Interest age: 14+  
Reading age: 14+

Mika Arlington has her perfect summer all planned out, but the arrival of both her estranged grandmother and too-cool Dylan are going to make some very big waves in her life. Told with wit and warmth, this is a story about prejudice, growing up and the true meaning of sticking by your family.

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