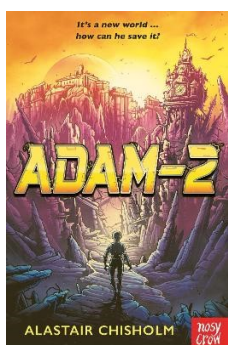


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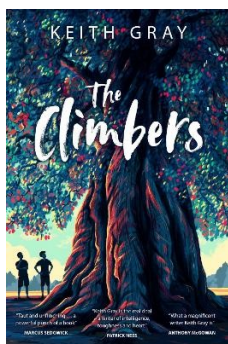


Chisholm, Alastair

Adam-2

Nosy Crow	Pbk	7.99	9781788006101
Interest age:	10+	Reading age:	10+

The robot Adam-2 has been locked in the basement of a lost building for over two hundred years - until one day he is discovered by two children, and emerges into a world ruined by a civil war between humans and advanced intelligence. Hunted by both sides, Adam discovers that he holds the key to the war, and the power to end it - to destroy one side and save the other. But which side is right? Surrounded by enemies who want to use him, and allies who mistrust him, Adam must decide who - and what - he really is. Features a non-binary character who uses the pronouns ze/hir. Well written, fast paced, drama Sci-Fi, raises lots of questions for discussions, the nature of being human, the problems raised by the advance of technology against the backdrop of an exciting robot -uprising.

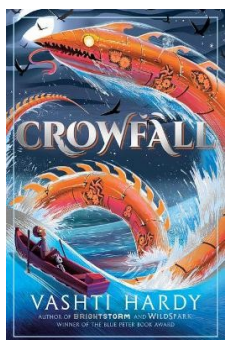


Gray, Keith

The Climbers

Barrington Stoke	Pbk	7.99	9781781129999
Interest age:	12+	Reading age:	8+

Sully is the best tree climber in the village, but feels angry and threatened when new kid Nottingham shows up and astonishes everyone with his climbing skills. Sully's status is under threat and there's only one way to prove who's best and that's challenging the other boy to climb the great Yew tree in the park and the winner will get to name it. But something spiteful and ugly has reared its head in Sully. Is it worth losing everything just to reach the top? Immersive story with very good characterisation for a short story. The rivalry and teenage relationships are very well drawn and compelling. Some mild swearing appropriate to the drama. Overall a very good short leisure read.

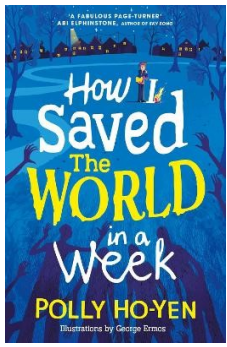


Hardy, Vashti

Crowfall

Scholastic	Pbk	6.99	9781407197272
Interest age:	9+	Reading age:	9+

Orin Crowfall has grown up on the island of Ironhold where mechanical technology controls everything, but he has an irrepressible love of nature. When he makes the shock discovery that the Island's leadership are corrupt, he finds himself on the run and adrift in a small boat in the middle of the ocean. But then he and his robot friend Cody reach a green and lush land where people and nature live in harmony. But even here, all is not as it seems, and Orin is desperate to make the dangerous journey home to try and save his family and fellow islanders. Plagued by perilous seas and freak storms, and with a terrifying sea monster on their tail, can Orin and his new friend save his home? Gripping adventure tale with a strong environmental theme running through it that holds the reader's attention from the first page. Excellent characters that the reader roots for and imaginative interesting world building. Overall would make a super leisure or group read, and could complement discussions about ecology.

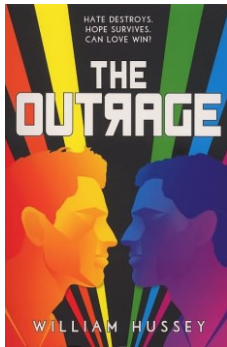


Ho-Yen, Polly

How I saved the World in a week

Simon and Schuster Pbk 7.99 9781471193545
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Billy's mum isn't like other mums. All she wants is to teach him the Rules of Survival - how to make fire, build shelter and find food. She likes to test Billy on the rules until one day she goes too far, and Billy is sent to live with a dad he barely knows. Then the world changes suddenly and forever, as people begin to be infected with a mysterious virus that turns their skin grey. As chaos breaks out and Billy has to flee the city, he knows that this is what his mum was preparing him for - not just to save his family, but to save the whole world .A very intriguing story great mix of science fiction and reality. The main character, Billy is well portrayed, and his friendships well drawn out. A book full of empathy, adventure a real page turner.

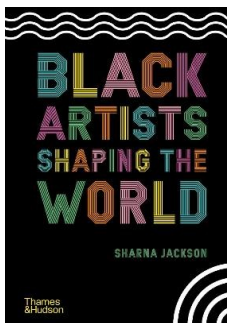


Hussey, William

The Outrage

Usborne Pbk 7.99 9781474966184
 Interest age: 14+ Reading age: 12+

In a future England in the iron grip of a far-right government, two gay teenagers join the resistance trying to overthrow it. Welcome to England, where the Protectorate enforces the Public Good. Here, there are rules for everything - what to eat, what to wear, what to do, what to say, what to read, what to think, who to obey, who to hate, who to love. Your safety is assured, so long as you follow the rules. Gabriel is a natural born rule-breaker. And his biggest crime of all? Being gay. A very moving and powerful novel, characterisation of the two main characters extremely well drawn. The plot is cleverly constructed and keeps the readers interest with its constant momentum. Useful for classroom discussion, Human and Civil Rights and LGBTQ+ .

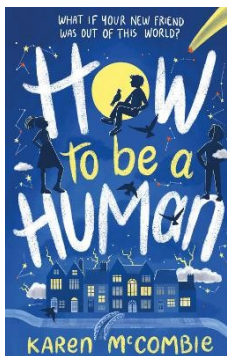


Jackson, Sharna

Black artists shaping the world

Thames and Hudson Hbk 14.99 97803500652596
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

An exciting collection of Black artists from all around the world . A depiction of each artists work is inspiring and motivating for young readers.



McCombie, Karen

How to be a human

Little Tiger Pbk 6.99 9781788951098
 Interest age: 10 Reading age: 9

Kiki and Wes are 11 years old. They discover an alien around school and the three become friends. Star Boy's space pod has crashed in the grounds of Fairfield Academy. Here he watches and learns about humans. Star Boy's curiosity grows, and he becomes known to Wes and Kiki and the three become friends and aim to help him not be discovered as an alien at school. Kiki and Wes come from single parent families and both miss the absent parent. Empathy throughout. An enjoyable read which is great for Reading for Pleasure.

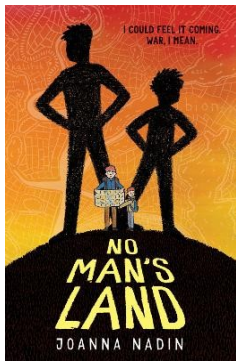


Moate, Maddie

STUFF

Puffin Hbk 12.99 9780241489437
 Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 10+

An illustrated book of facts about how people around the world make things using unusual resources in an eco-friendly way.An informative and attractive book ,great for browsing.

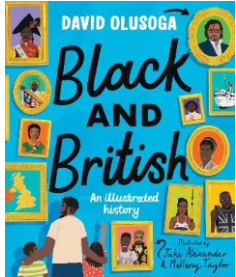


Nadin, Joanna

No Mans Land

UCLAN Pbk 7.99 9781912979615
Interest age: 10 Reading age: 10

A dystopian story set in a future Britain which is far right. War is looming and Alan is a 10-year-old boy caught up in the confusion. As Albion is on the brink of war with Europe Alan and his 5 year old younger brother, Sam are sent away to safety to live in a community. The boys want to be with their Dad and find the whole situation and society's perceptions confusing. A compelling story which is easy to read but highlights issues of acceptance, families, society and prejudice.

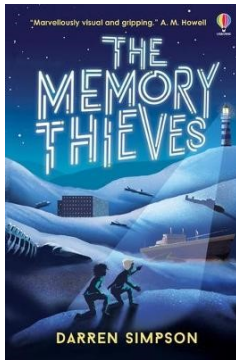


Olusoga, David

Black and British an illustrated history

Macmillan Hbk 16.99 9781529052954
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

An illustrated guide to Black British history, from the Romans to Windrush to modern day. An important title to cover a much-needed stock gap in history collections. This is a children's edition of the bestseller Black and British: A Forgotten History.



Simpson, Darren

The Memory Thieves

Usborne Pbk 7.99 9781474976695
Interest age: 11 Reading age: 11

Cyan lives in the Elsewhere sanctuary and can't remember life prior to this. Here children are freed from the dark memories of their past life. He finds a warning carved in the whale bones on the beach and wonders what had happened in his life. When a new resident, Jonquil wants to disobey the rules and talk about her past and Dr Haven uses force to remove her, Cyan wants to find out the truth about what happens in the Elsewhere Sanctuary. Well written and maintains the tension and intrigue throughout.



Winter, Tamsin

Girl (in real life)

Usborne Pbk 7.99 9781474978484
Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 12+

Eva is the centre of her parents' vlog, since before she was born. They have made it into a business. Eva is getting sick of being the star of the show and being made to pose for photographs, having matching Mum and daughter outfits and sponsored posts. Eva is outraged when her Mum announces her first period on the vlog. She wants to find a way to stop the vlog. Throughout the story she tells her parents she is unhappy and wants to stop, but they don't seem to take her seriously. A well written and compelling story about the pros and cons of social media.

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