

Education Library Service Recommended Secondary Fiction Spring Term 2018



Cook, Trish

Midnight sun

Hodder	Pbk	7.99	9781444941784
Interest age:	14+	Reading age:	12+

17 year old Katie Price has a rare disorder, that makes exposure to the smallest amount of sunlight deadly. After nightfall Katie's world begins, when she takes her guitar to the local train station and plays for the people coming and going. When Charlie sees her playing guitar one night, fate intervenes and the two embark on a star-crossed romance. A moving and compelling tale with likeable characters which easy to read. One for the girls.



Foster, Stewart

All the things that could go wrong

Simon & Schuster	Pbk	6.99	9781471145421
Interest age:	10+	Reading age:	10+

Dan is angry and he's taking it out on the weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house to go to school. Then the boys' mums arrange for them to be together for the whole of the school holidays - what could possibly go wrong? Told from alternate chapters by Dan and Alex the reader sees the viewpoint of both characters and the other relationships around them. Easy to read with a humorous touch.



Gibbons, Alan

The beautiful game

Barrington Stoke	Pbk	6.99	9781781126912
Interest age:	9+	Reading age:	8+

At an Old Trafford game, Lennie hears Man U fans chanting about Hillsborough. Enraged, he joins in with a chant about the Munich Disaster of '58. Appalled, his dad and granddad take Lennie on a whistlestop tour of the dark side of the beautiful game. Dad and Granddad have experienced racism and survived the Hillsborough disaster. Useful Barrington Stoke which gives factual information about football disasters with racism and gender issues.

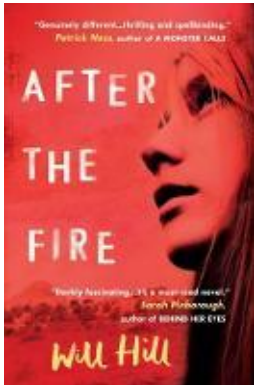


Gratz, Alan

Refugee

Scholastic Pbk 6.99 9781407184326
Interest age: 11+ Reading age: **10+**

Three children go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. Josef, escaping the Nazis in 1939. Isabel, Castro's Cuba in 1994 and Mahmoud running from Aleppo in 2015. Separated by continents and decades, shocking connections tie their stories together in the end. Some character deaths and some violence, not graphically described. Fast paced stories, all based on real refugee experiences and sympathetically told.



Hill, Will

After the fire

Usborne Pbk 8.99 9781474924153
Interest age: 14+ Reading age: 13+

Father John controls everything inside The Fence. He knows what is right, and what is wrong. Moonbeam is starting to doubt, though. Inspired by the events of the 1993 Waco Siege, this is an engaging story about the grip a charismatic and disturbed leader can have on those who are looking for an escape from the outside world. Told from the viewpoint of Moonbeam of her life before and after the cult was broken up by the police and FBI. Contains violence and sexual references.

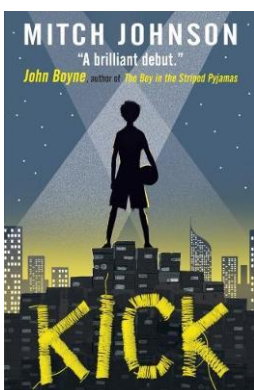


Hoyle, Tom

The Challenge

Macmillan Pbk 6.99 9781447286776
Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 10+

Ben lives in a small village in the Lake District. When his best friend's body is discovered in a lake, Ben is very upset, particularly as he doesn't have many friends at school. A few months later, Sam and Jack, who are twins, start in his class and make a special effort to befriend him. It isn't long before Ben realises that the twins aren't quite what they seem. A psychological thriller which is very easy to read, with an unpredictable ending. Minor violence, but nothing too gory.



Johnson, Mitch

Kick

Usborne Pbk 6.99 9781474928151
Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 12+

Budi's ambition is to be a footballer instead of working in a Jakarta sweatshop making football boots. But one unlucky kick of his football brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. Story reveals the poverty, violence and danger of living in the slums of Indonesia but also the warmth of family love and friendship. Great characters which introduce global issues to those who like sporty stories.

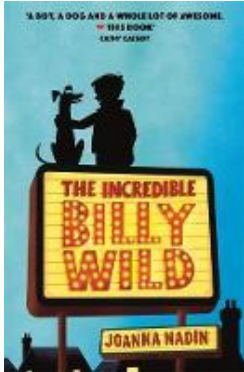


Lord, Emery

The start of you and me

Bloomsbury Pbk 7.99 9781408888377
Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 12+

Can you plan happiness? It's been a year since Paige's first boyfriend died in a swimming accident and it's time she rejoined the real world. So she makes a plan: Date a boy (Ryan Chase seems like the perfect choice); attend parties (with best friends by your side); travel; swim (terrifying). But when she meets Ryan's nerdy cousin, Max, he opens up her world and Paige's plans start to change. Sweet story about loss and recovery. A well written girly love story.



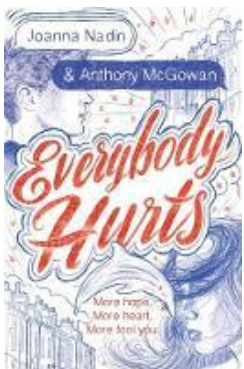
Nadin, Joanna

The incredible Billy Wild

Little Brown Pbk 6.99 9781510201255
Books
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9+

When Billy discovers a greyhound hiding in his shed, he sets out to hide her from his Dad and "Other Nan". But keeping a greyhound hidden is a hard task. Billy takes a big, brave decision - one that he knows will get him into big trouble but which might just save Dog and hundreds like her.

Told in the form of Billy's letters, this is a touching, warm and humorous story told from a 10 year old's perspective.



Nadin, Joanna & McGowan, Anthony

Everybody hurts

Atom Books Pbk 7.99 9780349002910
Interest age: 14+ Reading age: 12+

Matt and Sophia live in the same city, but they come from opposite sides of the tracks. They definitely should never have fallen in love at first sight, but, to their great surprise, they do. That's the easy part. It's what to do next that they struggle with. They betray themselves; then they betray each other. In the end they learn, the hard way, what it takes for love to survive.

Great characters & dual narration device is effective. Moving & funny. Contains strong language, sex scenes, violence and underage drinking.



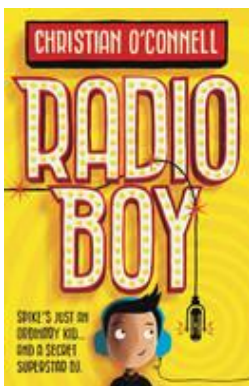
Nicoll, Tom

Boyband of the Apocalypse

Stripes Pbk 6.99 9781847158314
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Thirteen-year-old Sam and his friends have to save the world from the Four Horsewomen of the Apocalypse masquerading as an evil boy band who are plotting the end of the world. A ludicrous plot but a fun, tongue-in-cheek story with some digs at modern talent shows and boyband culture.

Will have wide appeal.



O'Connell, Christian Radio Boy

Harper Pbk 6.99 9780008183325
Collins
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

When 11-year-old Spike is fired from his show on hospital radio, he sets up his own pirate radio station broadcast from his garden shed, disguising his voice and going by the name Radio Boy. Word gets around and soon Radio Boy is a star, but no-one knows who he is! Then Spike goes too far with his mocking of the school headmaster and a hunt is launched for the mysterious Radio Boy.

Easy to read fun story. Great for reluctant readers too, particularly boys.



Walker, Dan Sky Thieves

OUP Pbk 6.99 9780192747013
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Zoya Delarose wakes aboard a creaking flying pirate ship in the dead of night. She has no idea why she was smuggled aboard from the orphanage where she has lived all her life, or that her life is about to change forever. Up in the clouds, Zoya discovers a world of meteor storms, sword fights, long lost treasure, and most surprisingly of all friendship, honour and trust. With deadly enemies closing in, can Zoya find the strength to fight back?

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