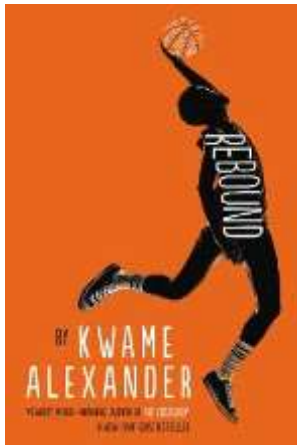


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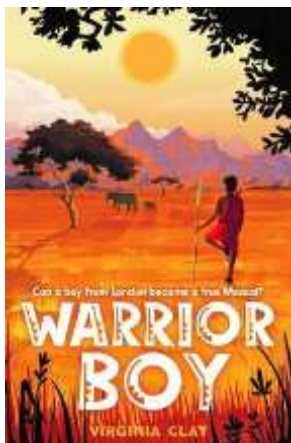


Alexander, Kwame

Rebound

Anderson Pbk 7.99 9781783447206
Press
Interest 13+ Reading age: 12+
age:

1988, USA. Charlie has just lost his father, a sudden and unexpected death which he is struggling to come to terms with. He starts mixing with the wrong crowd so his mother sends him off to his grandparents for the summer where he discovers a new interest, basketball, and a friendship with his cousin Roxie. A quick read, told in rhyme which could appeal to reluctant older boys.

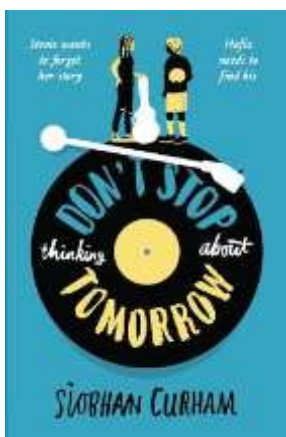


Clay, Virginia

Warrior Boy

Chicken Pbk 6.99 9781911490371
House
Interest 9+ Reading age: 9+
age:

London boy Ben is going to Kenya to meet his Maasai family for the first time. He meets his cousin, Kip, and the two become great friends and have to pass tests set by their grandfather, if together they are to survive the Savannah. A gripping tale.

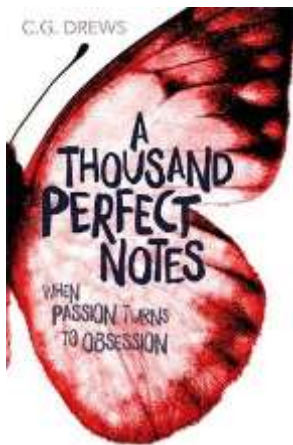


Curham, Siobhan

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow

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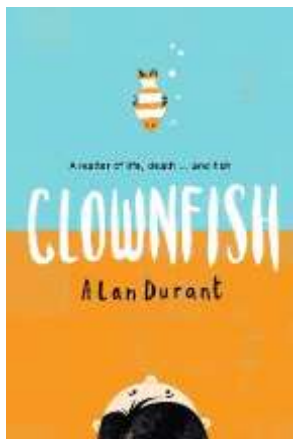
Stevie is passionate about music. It is what keeps her going when things are difficult at home as she cares for her mother who is ill with depression. Hafiz loves football but hasn't played since he set out on the long journey from Syria. Together they form a friendship that will help save them both. Told in alternate short chapters by Stevie and Hafiz, this is an engaging and easy to read story about friendship, and shows topical issues surrounding young carers and young refugees.



Drews, C. G. A Thousand Perfect Notes

Orchard Pbk 7.99 9781408349908
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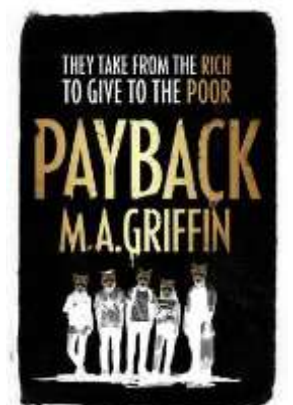
Beck begins a new friendship with August which helps him gain the courage to stand up to his physically and mentally abusive mother who lives her broken dream of being a famous pianist through him. It is when she hits his younger brother he calls the police and Beck and Joey finally get a chance to live their lives without fear. A very powerful story, which hooks the reader from the beginning. The scenes of violence, however, may be upsetting to some.



Durant, Alan Clownfish

Walker Pbk 6.99 9781406374629
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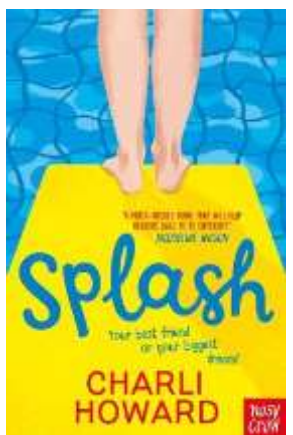
One day, while 12 year old Dak is at school, his dad has a heart attack and dies very suddenly. On a visit to the aquarium, which Dak and his Dad used to enjoy visiting together, he comes to believe that his Dad has turned into one of the clownfish. When the aquarium is threatened with closure he and his new friend Violet spearhead the campaign to save it. A poignant, humorous and moving story which engrossed me from the start. Well drawn believable characters. Occasional swearing.



Griffin, M A. Payback

Chicken Pbk 7.99 9781911077817
 House
 Interest 14+ Reading age: 12+
 age:

Payback has one mission: to steal from the rich and give to the poor. Its dramatic heists create a sensation on social media. When Payback fan Tom is recruited, he accidentally brings with him a shady money man - who's not the only one on their tail. As the net closes in, the teenagers of Payback fight to stay alive. Fast paced political thriller with some grit and a real sense of jeopardy. Good characters with lots of opinion on the way society is run, seemingly for the benefit of those with lots of money.



Howard, Charli Splash

Nosy Crow Pbk 6.99 9781788001700
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 age:

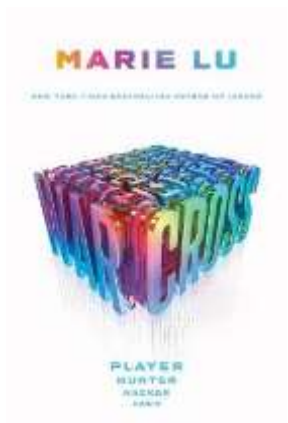
Molly has secret dreams of becoming an Olympic swimmer but has always lived in the shadow of her manipulative friend, Chloe. When she finally has the chance to compete in a swimming contest and define herself on her own terms will she take it? Or will she give up on her dreams for a shot at popularity? Fast paced, easy to read and well written book, dealing with issues of body image, family, friends and the transition to secondary school.



Joelson, Penny Girl in the Window

Electric Monkey Pbk 7.99 9781405286169
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age:

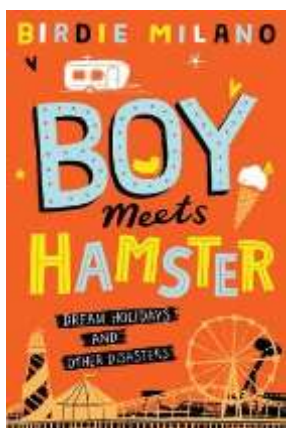
Nothing ever happens on Kasia's street. And Kasia would know, because her illness, ME, makes her spend days stuck at home, watching the world from her bedroom window. So when she sees what looks like a kidnapping, she's not sure whether she can believe her own eyes. However she sees a girl in the window opposite - did she see something too? But when Kasia goes to find her she is told the most shocking thing of all. There is no girl. Deals with the effects of ME on the daily life of a teenager together with a mystery story.



Lu, Marie Warcross

Penguin Pbk 7.99 9780241321447
Interest 12+ Reading age: 12+
age:

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game - it's a way of life. Struggling to make ends meet, Emika Chen hacks illegally into the game. She's convinced she'll be arrested, and is shocked when she gets a call from the game's creator with an irresistible offer. He needs a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem - and he wants Emika for the job. Entertaining read. Well-paced exciting plot with good characters.



Milano, Birdie Boy Meets Hamster

Macmillan Pbk 6.99 9781509848652
Interest 11+ Reading age: 11+
age:

14-year-old Dylan Kershaw's idea of a dream holiday is not a £9.50 break at Starcross Sands, Cornwall's crummiest caravan park. But it turns out that Starcross Sands might not be so bad after all, especially if Dylan can win the heart of Jayden-Lee, the gorgeous boy in the caravan next door. There's only one thing standing in true love's way: the park's massive hamster mascot, Nibbles, who seems to have it in for both Dylan and his romantic chances. Nice romance story which is humorous and fun, with great characters.



Nadin, Joanna Where Do You Go, Birdy Jones?

Hachette Pbk 6.99 9781510201262
Interest 10+ Reading age: 10+
age:

Eleven-year-old Birdy feels alone and as though she doesn't belong at home, or school. Her sanctuary is at her Grandad's pigeon loft, with Dogger, her only friend. A contemporary tale about finding yourself, dealing with loss, new beginnings, the importance of family and communication.



Patrick, S. A. A Darkness of Dragons

Usborne Pbk 6.99 9781474945677
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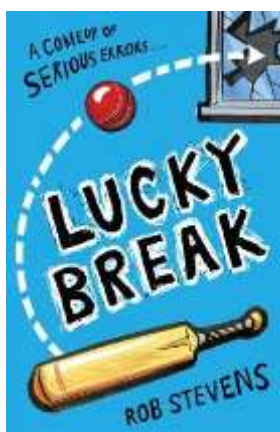
After playing a forbidden spell-song to save a village from rats, 12-year-old apprentice piper Patch Brightwater is thrown in jail. One of the rats he tried to rid the village of turns out to be Wren - a girl under a rat-shaped curse. Together they befriend Barver, a fearsome dracogriff, and set off on a grand adventure filled with sorcerers, dragons, bandits - and one very deadly enemy. An extension of the Pied Piper story which builds on the original story well. First in a series.



Singer, Nicky The Survival Game

Hodder Pbk 7.99 9781444944525
Interest 13+ Reading age: 12+
age:

In a near future where climate change has redefined political borders across the globe, fourteen-year-old Mhairi is trying to return home from Khartoum to her native Isle of Arran. The world is a shell of what it once was. Now, you must prove yourself worthy of existence at every turn, at every border checkpoint. Powerful writing which is both an adventure story and a look at human resilience. Can our modern values of tolerance and understanding survive in an overpopulated, climate changed world?



Stevens, Rob Lucky Break

Anderson Pbk 6.99 9781783446575
Press
Interest 11+ Reading age: 10+
age:

13 year old Leon had a twin brother, Lenny, who died in a freak road accident. Leon feels very responsible for his death and nothing has been the same in his family since his brother died. When a new boy, Arnold, starts at Leon's school they soon become great friends with Arnold helping Leon to start enjoying life again. Although the premise of the book is Lenny's death, there is a lot of humour. A thought provoking book dealing with grief and death effectively.



Torday, Piers The Lost Magician

Quercus Hbk 12.9 9781786540515
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Interest 9+ Reading age: 9+
age:

Set in 1945, 4 siblings who have survived the Blitz are sent away from home to an English country house. Here they step through a magical library door and into the world of Folio, an enchanted world of fairies, knights, bears and tree gods. Where knowledge and imagination are important in a saving both worlds. Similar to The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe.

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