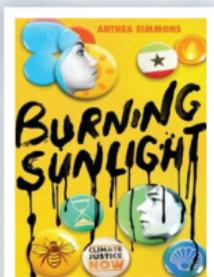
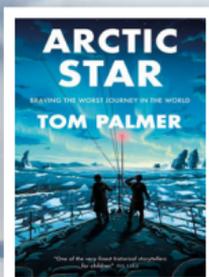




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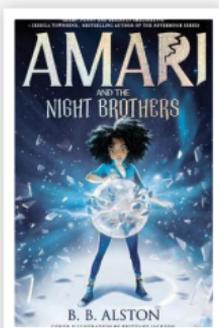
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## ALSTON, B.B

### Amari and the Night Brothers

When Amari's bright and brilliant older brother goes missing she finds herself unexpectedly invited to join the mysterious Bureau of Supernatural Affairs. There she must pit her wits against dark forces within the Bureau and try to solve the mystery of what has happened to her brother.

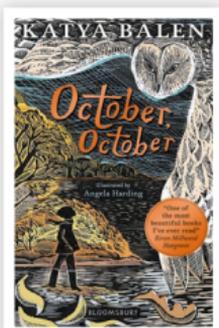


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## BALEN, KATYA

### October, October

October Holt is wild and free and loves her life in the woods; her world is suddenly overturned when her dad is rushed to hospital and she must learn how to live in the city with her estranged mum. Will October ever return to the wild? A story of not perfect endings but finding the story that's right for you.



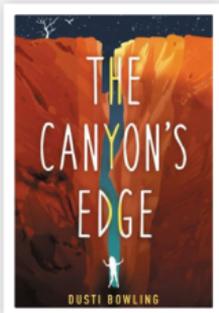
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## BOWLING, DUSTI

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### The Canyon's Edge

Nora is hiking in the searing heat of the desert with her dad, when the unthinkable happens and she is stranded in the canyon. She must overcome both physical and psychological obstacles if she is to survive. Written mostly in verse, this tense and fast-paced read will keep you on the edge of your seat!



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## BRUTON, CATHERINE

### Following Frankenstein

Bankrupt and obsessed with Frankenstein's Monster, Maggie's father sets out to find him once more. Maggie is determined to follow and change their fortune. A rich mix of historical reference and a spectacular cast of characters combine in this sweeping adventure that crosses continents.

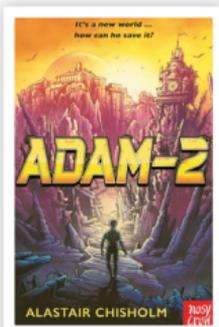


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## CHISHOLM, ALASTAIR

### Adam-2

In a dystopian future, Adam-2 is discovered after 200 years in isolation. The world has changed; the humans that discover him are hostile and mistrusting. Adam-2 finds himself stuck between two forces; is he for humans or robots, or can he find a third way? A gripping sci-fi adventure.



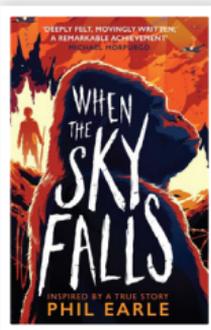
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## EARLE, PHIL

### When the Sky Falls

Joseph, is an angry young boy who arrives in war-torn London to stay with Mrs F. She is the keeper of the city's zoo and Joseph accompanies her to look after Adonis the gorilla, with whom he discovers an affinity. Inspired by a true story, this is an outstanding novel that celebrates courage, resilience and acceptance.

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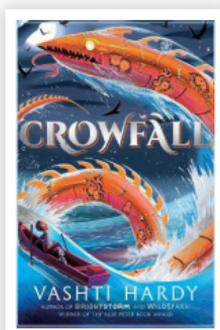
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## HARDY, VASHTI

### Crowfall

Owen Crowfall and Ironhold's destiny is powerfully linked to overturning Commander Forge's evil plan! Can Owen, a lowly West Tipper, save the Eard, his Island's life force? A fabulous fantasy story all about friendship and becoming who you are meant to be.

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## HOPE, LUCY

### Fledgling

Cassie lives in a dark house on top of a hill with her eccentric parents. One night, a tiny cherub flies into her bedroom, triggering a series of magical happenings that Cassie must figure out before the dark forces close in around her family and best friend, Raphael. Gloriously gothic, an original fantasy from a debut author.

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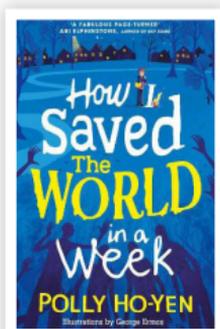
## HO-YEN, POLLY

### How I Saved the World in a Week

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Billy's mum is always teaching Billy survival skills, but he has no idea when he will need to use them. When his mum goes into hospital, and Billy goes to live with his dad, he realises that something strange is happening and he needs all of his skills to save himself and others. Will he be able to do it?

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## JONES, ROSIE

### The Amazing Edie Eckhart

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Can Oscar and Edie navigate their friendship now they've started secondary school? Edie discovers things about herself she had never realised. A great read celebrating friendship and differences.



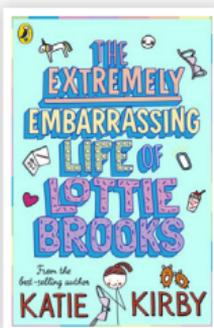
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## KIRBY, KATIE

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### The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks

The hilarious and light-hearted diaries of Lottie Brooks, aged 11 and 3/4. Join her as she starts high school - negotiating fun, friendships and frappuccinos, not to mention a few embarrassing incidents along the way!



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## MCNICOLL, ELLE

### Show Us Who You Are

When progressive organisation Pomegranate researches creating holograms of the recently departed it seems like a wonderful idea. But Cora and her friend Adrien, both neurodivergent, become suspicious of the company's ethos and motives and must fight to make their voices heard.

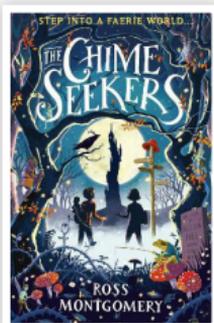


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## MONTGOMERY, ROSS

### The Chime Seekers

When a mysterious stranger steals Yanni's baby sister, Yanni is plunged into an enchanted fantasy world where he must complete a series of fiendishly dangerous tasks to outwit the evil faerie ruler and save his sister.



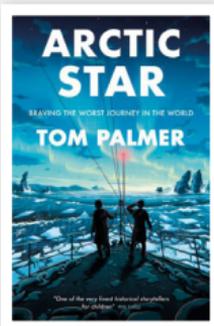
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## PALMER, TOM

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### Arctic Star

Frank, Joseph and Stephen are three best friends, on board a Royal Navy convoy ship during World War 2 and delivering supplies through the icy waters of the Arctic Seas. Will the boys survive the perishing cold and torpedo attacks to make it back home alive? A brilliant and well-researched historical story, with dyslexia-friendly text.



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## PRIESTLEY, CHRIS

### Freeze

Maya's class are tasked with writing and then reading out their spooky stories. The stories feel all too real to Maya and why is the mysterious new girl featuring in them too? Six inter-linked spooky tales that will give you the chills.

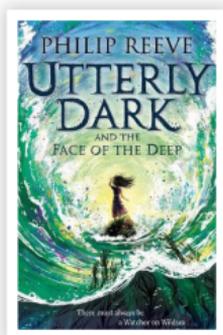


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## REEVE, PHILIP

### Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep

Utterly Dark, orphaned at birth and ward of the Watcher of Wildsea is determined to keep the mysterious forces that threaten Wildsea, her beloved island, at bay. A magical adventure that will grip the reader from start to finish.



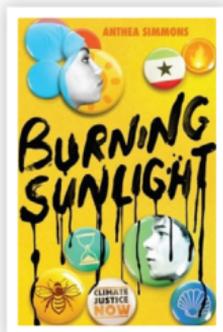
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## SIMMONS, ANTHEA

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### Burning Sunlight

Zaynab has recently arrived from Somaliland to live in rural Devon. Lucas is intrigued by her passion for campaigning against climate change. Then Zaynab discovers a fossil fuel plan that could affect her home country and thousands of lives...will Lucas and Zaynab join forces and learn to work together before it's too late?



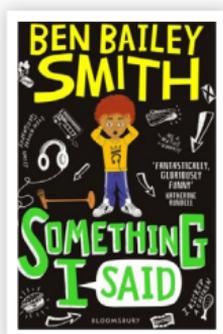
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## SMITH, BEN BAILEY

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### Something I Said

Cam loves words and is really funny but when his 'spoken word' turn goes more 'comedy stand up' than 'poetry reading' it sparks an unlikely chain of events. A fantastically funny and relatable novel about school, life, family and friends.



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## TRAORÉ, EFUA

### Children of the Quicksands

Great storytelling which weaves modern and traditional Nigeria in this gripping and imaginative tale as Simi discovers her family's history. A captivating story with a mesmerising front cover, this is the author's first novel. It all starts with Simi having to stay with her grandmother in a remote location with no phone or internet coverage...

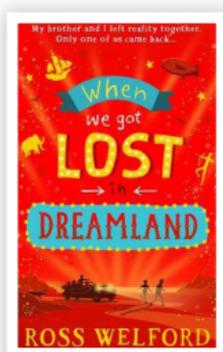


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## WELFORD, ROSS

### When We Got Lost in Dreamland

What would you do if you could 'live' your dreams? Malky and Seb are brothers who gain possession of a 'Dreaminator'. Incredible adventures can sometimes lead to terrifying ends. 12 year old Malky finds he has to travel back to the Stone Age to save his younger brother, Seb, before it's too late. A brilliant read.



Here are just a few ideas of the great books you might like to read as you start secondary school.

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