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TO ANOTHER
DIMENSION



Reading Ideas for Y7 & Y8 Summer 2021

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Adventure

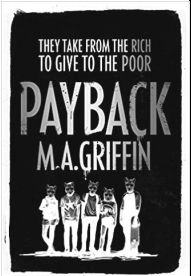
Skysteppers by Katharine Rundell

High above the streets of Paris live the rooftoppers, a secret gang of children who eat, sleep and tumble amongst the chimney pots.

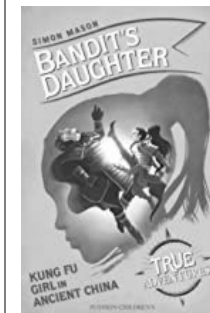
But for Matteo and Mercedes the adventure is only just beginning, as the pair find themselves on a wild hunt across Paris - tearing over the roofs in search of hidden treasure in a race against an enemy who would seek to destroy that which they love best.

Payback by M A Griffin

Payback, an enigmatic anticapitalist group staffed by teens, has one mission: to steal from the rich and give to the poor. Being Robin Hood was never this hard...!



Bandit's Daughter: Kung Fu Girl in Ancient China (True Stories) by Simon Mason



At the beginning of the 11th century, General Yang sends his son Zongbao to exterminate the bandit living in Dragon-Taming Wood. In the forest, Zongbao is surprised by the bandit's teenage daughter, a kung fu prodigy, who challenged him to unarmed combat. Her deal? If Zongbao wins, she will lead him to her father's secret hideout. If she wins, she will take him to her father as her prisoner.

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

Finn has always been different, and in the tiny fishing village of Stromhead he sticks out like a sore thumb. Always told to keep away from the water, he's felt that something was missing until one day he dives in and finds that, swimming with the dolphins, he feels completely at home.

But his new friends are in danger of being injured by the rubbish that floats out into the water - and now a supermarket is going to release thousands of balloons that could drift out to sea and cause even more damage. Desperate to help the dolphins, Finn goes to the Lighthouse Crew, a group of kids who have always left Finn out. Will they be able to set aside their differences to save the dolphins? And what will Finn discover about his past along the way?

Anthologies

WOW 366! by Various

Every story in this book is just 366 words long, so you only need a minute to enjoy an awesome tale by one of today's top authors. Share them with your friends, or keep them all to yourself. Read one, or read them all... What are you waiting for?



Mystery & mayhem : twelve deliciously intriguing mysteries by Katherine Woodfine

Twelve mysteries. Twelve authors. One challenge: can you solve the crimes before the heroes of the stories? These are twelve brand-new short stories from twelve of the best children's crime writers writing today.

A must for fans of crime fiction and detection!

King Arthur and a World of Other Stories by Geraldine McCaughrean

These are the stories our ancestors told to explain how the world began; or they are the legends of half-remembered heroes and people whose lives were changed by magic. A collection of short myths and legends.

Fear and Trembling by Kate Agnew and Kevin Crossley-Holland

Teenagers love horror, both in verse and in stories. This book introduces them to the genre through a mixture of well-known and much loved texts as well as less familiar but equally eerie tales from the past, taking the these in its broadest sense.

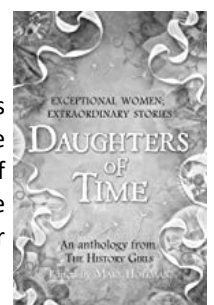


Dr Who: 11 Doctors, 11 Stories by Various

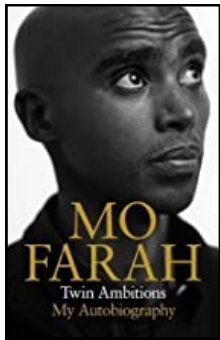
This anthology is the perfect collection of adventures for 'Doctor Who' fans. It is the culmination of a year-long series of ebooks, written by some of the most exciting writers living in our galaxy today.

Daughters of Time by Mary Hoffman

Look through fresh eyes at the stories of some of history's most remarkable women, in this inspiring collection of short stories by the finest female authors writing historical fiction for children today.



Autobiography/Biography



Mo Farah: Twin Ambitions by Mo Farah

This is the boy from Mogadishu, Somalia, who came to Britain at the age of 8, leaving behind his twin brother, with a few words of English and wanting to play for Arsenal. Fortunately his PE teacher spotted his turn of speed on the pitch and began to ease this human cheetah towards the racetrack. This is Mo Farah's autobiography.

Spitfire by Jonathan Glancy

First flown in 1936, the Spitfire soon came to symbolize Britain's defiance of Nazi Germany in the summer of 1940. Flown by pilots of many nations, it saw service as far afield as Australia and the Soviet Union. This book is a celebration of a great British invention, of the men and women who flew it and supported its development.

The biography of an aircraft!

10 People that Changed the World by Ben Hubbard

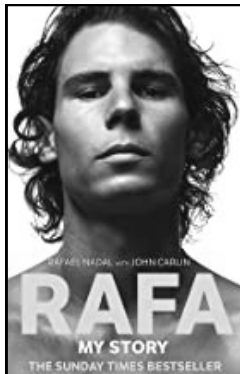
From Christopher Columbus and Galileo Galilei to Rosa Parks and Osama Bin Laden, some people throughout the centuries have had a profound effect on world history. This book takes a closer look at 10 of those and considers their influence and how they have changed the world - for better or worse.

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai tells her story - from her childhood in the Swat Valley to her shooting, recovery and new life in England. She's a girl who loves cricket, gossips with her best friends, and, on the day of the shooting, nearly overslept and missed an exam. A girl who saw women suddenly banned from public, schools blown up, the Taliban seize control, and her homeland descend into a state of fear and repression. This is the story of her life and her passionate belief in every child's right to education, her determination to make that a reality throughout the world and her hope to inspire others.

Rafa: My Story by Rafael Nadal and John Carlin

This autobiography gives Nadal's millions of fans what they've been waiting for - a glimpse behind the racquet to learn what really makes Nadal - an intensely private person who until now has never talked about his personal and family life - tick.



Classics

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

When Mole goes boating with Ratty instead of doing his spring-cleaning, he discovers a whole new world. As well as adventures on the river and in the Wild Wood, there are high jinks on the open road with that reckless ruffian, Mr Toad of Toad Hall. Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad become the firmest of friends, but after Toad's latest escapade, can they join together and beat the wretched weasels once and for all? A classic animal adventure.

The Nation's Favourite selected by Gryff Rhys Jones

A collection of classic poems. In response to a unique poll organised by the BBC TV programme Bookworm, the nation voted for its top 100 poems. This book contains all of the winners including classics such as The Lady of Shalott, The Ancient Mariner and If.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The original pirate story, Treasure Island tells the story of young Jim Hawkins, who finds himself with the key to a fortune. For he has discovered a map that will lead him to the fabled Treasure island. But a host of villains, wild beasts and deadly savages stand between him and the stash of gold. Not to mention the most infamous pirate, Long John Silver.



The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett



The well-loved story of Mary, who is brought back from India as a forlorn and unwanted child, to live in her uncle's great lonely house on the moors. Then one day she discovers the key to a secret garden and, like magic, her life begins to brighten in so many ways. Frances Hodgson Burnett's enchanting novel of friendship and rejuvenation is one of the greatest classics of children's literature.

The Little Prince by Antoine de St-Exupery

Originally written in French, *The Little Prince* tells the unforgettable tale of a young boy with golden hair and a habit of repeating questions until they are answered.

Known as the "little prince", the boy recounts his life story while the narrator - a pilot, like the author - repairs his plane, racing against his eight-day supply of water.

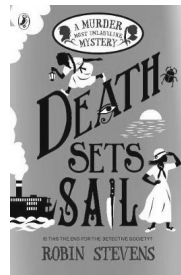
"All grown-ups were children once, although few of them remember it"

This is a classic for all ages,

Crime/Mystery

Death Sets Sail by Robin Stevens

The ninth and final novel in the number-one bestselling, award-winning Murder Most Unladylike series.



Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are in Egypt, taking a cruise along the Nile. They are hoping to see some ancient temples and a mummy or two; what they get, instead, is murder.

Also travelling on the *SS Hatshepsut* is a mysterious society called the Breath of Life: a group of genteel English ladies and gentlemen, who believe themselves to be reincarnations of the ancient pharaohs. Three days into the cruise their leader is found dead in her cabin, stabbed during the night.

It soon becomes clear to Daisy and Hazel that the victim's timid daughter is being framed - and they begin to investigate their most difficult case yet.

Who Killed Darius Drake by Rodman Philbrick

When genius orphan Darius employs school tough guy Arthur 'Bash-Man' to help him find out who sent a note asking 'who killed Darius Drake?', they get caught up in a mystery. Darius's grandfather was imprisoned for forging evidence in the hunt for a diamond necklace, and it's still missing. So they start searching - and find tons of trouble!

The Tortured Wood by Malcolm Rose

Dillon is struggling to make friends at his new school, and he begins to suspect there's something that the tightknit community is trying to hide. He finds refuge in the wood that seems to be at the very heart of the mystery. Will the wood give up its dark secret, or is Dillon being drawn into a trap?

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

Annabelle has lived in Wolf Hollow all her life: a quiet place, still scarred by two world wars. But when cruel, manipulative Betty arrives in town, Annabelle's calm world is shattered, along with everything she's ever known about right and wrong.

The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne by Jonathan Stroud



Scarlett McMain is a shoot-first-ask-questions-later kind of outlaw. She survives on bank heists, her wits - and never looking back. That is until she meets Albert Browne, a boy with a dark past and an even darker talent. Thrown together in a lawless future Britain, populated by strange and savage beasts, the two must escape across the wilderness - with deadly enemies close behind.

Eco-fiction/Cli-fi

The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble

Ella and her brother Emery are alone in a city that's starving to death. If they are going to survive, they must get away, upcountry, to find Emery's mum. But how can two kids travel such big distances across a dry, barren and dangerous landscape? Well, when you've got a few big doggos, the answer is you go mushing. When Emery is injured, Ella finds herself suddenly responsible for safely navigating the wheeled dog-sled through rough terrain, and even rougher encounters with desperate people.

The Survival Game by Nicky Singer

Imagine a world ...

Where there are too many people on a too-hot earth and your only chance of salvation is to journey north. Where you must prove yourself worthy of existence at every turn, at every checkpoint.



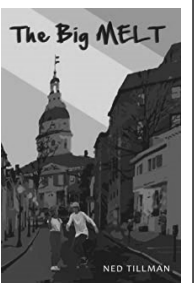
Blood Sun by David Gilman

Desperate to uncover the secret of his mother's death, Max Gordon is chased into the night by a ruthless mercenary. His search takes him from the desolate hills of Dartmoor to the endangered rainforest of Central America - where the devastation hides a sinister secret.

The Big Melt by Piers Torday

Sleepy Valley is similar in many ways to the town where you live. Things seem fine, but no one is thinking about the future.

A series of climate catastrophes descends on Sleepy Valley, and Marley and Brianne must struggle to save their town and the world as they know it. Through their struggles, they find their voices and purposes for living.



Exodus by Julie Bertagna

It is 2099 - and the world is gradually drowning, as mighty Arctic ice floes melt, the seas rise and land disappears forever beneath storm-tossed waves. For fifteen-year-old Mara, her family and community, huddled on the fast-disappearing island of Wing, the new century brings flight. Packed into tiny boats, a terrifying journey begins to a bizarre city that rises into the sky, built on the drowned remains of the ancient city of Glasgow. But even here there is no safety and, shut out of the city, Mara realises they are asylum-seekers in a world torn between high-tech wizardry and the most primitive injustice. To save her people, Mara must not only find a way into the city, but also search for a new land and a new home...

Fantasy/Magical

Mortal Engines *by Philip Reeve*

London is hunting its prey.

For too long, London has been hiding in the hills, safe from bigger, faster, hungrier cities. Now, London must feed.

As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down.



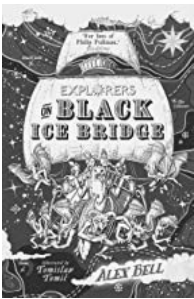
Keeper of the Lost Cities *by Shannon Messenger*

Twelve-year-old Sophie Foster has a secret. She's a Telepath—someone who can read minds. It's a talent she's never known how to explain. Everything changes the day she meets Fitz, a mysterious (and adorable) boy who appears out of nowhere, and who can also read minds like her. She discovers there's somewhere she does belong, and that staying with her family will put her in grave danger. In the blink of an eye. Sophie is forced to leave behind everything and start a new life in a place that is vastly different from what she has ever known.

Explorers on Black Ice Bridge

by Alex Bell and Tomislav Tomic

Stella Starflake Pearl is eagerly anticipating her next expedition. Then disaster strikes when Stella's father, Felix, is snatched by a fearsome witch. Stella must bring her magic ice princess tiara to Witch Mountain or she will never see Felix again! But no one ever returns from Witch Mountain.



The Windsinger *by William Nicholson*

In Aramanth, exams are everything. When Kestrel rebels, her family are sentenced to the harshest punishment. To save them, Kestrel learns the secret of the wind singer and she sets out to discover the true source of the evil that grips Aramanth.

Mind Games *by Terri Terry*

n a future world, life is tightly controlled by the all-powerful PareCo. Standing out from the crowd is dangerous so misfit Luna hides her secrets carefully, not realising her own power. Unlike her friends and family, Luna has never been able to plug into Realtime, PareCo's virtual world, where almost everyone now lives their lives. So how do PareCo know about Luna, and why do they want her for their elite think tank? The truth is hidden in a web of shining silver secrets, and the corrupt authorities would do anything to keep it that way.

Funny

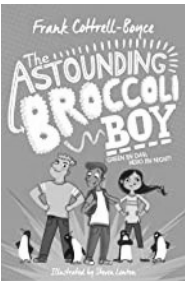
And then I turned into a Mermaid *by Laura Kirkpatrick*

Molly Seabrook's dull seaside life is turned upside down when she turns 13 and is let in on the family secret: she's PART-MERMAID! While this does explain why her bonkers Mum is always skinny-dipping, Molly isn't exactly thrilled. She already has to dress as a haddock to promote the family fish 'n' chip shop, and now this? Growing up is hard enough without sprouting a fish tail in Double Maths, or disguising your gills from the cute boy at the ice cream kiosk.

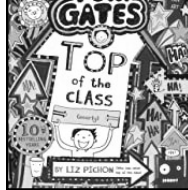
Join Molly as she navigates the stormy sea of social awkwardness, best friend fallouts and the World's Most Embarrassing Family – all while attempting to hide her (Very Weird) new double identity. Will she sink or swim? You'll have to wait and SEA . . .

The Astounding Broccoli Boy *by Frank Cottrell-Boyce*

Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is 'Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared', and he has memorized every page of it. He could even survive a hippo attack. He knows that just because something is unlikely doesn't mean it won't ever happen...



Tom Gates: Top of the Class *by Liz Pichon*



TIPS FOR BEING TOP OF THE CLASS

(Sadly...I did NONE of these things.)

1. Stay awake in lessons (it helps.)
2. Don't draw HILARIOUS pictures of your teachers.
3. AVOID the class bully to stay out of trouble.
4. Don't let Mum and Dad write ANYTHING in your school planner.

5. Don't let your grumpy sister Delia BOSS you around. (Technically not a school issue - but still important.)

I'm TRYING to get voted onto the school council as well - but thanks to the ABOVE list it's not exactly going to plan.

Death or Ice Cream? *by Gareth P Jones*

Larkin Mills is no ordinary town. It's a place of contradictions and enigma, of secrets and mysteries. A place with an exquisite ice cream parlour, and an awful lot of death.



Dear Scarlett *by Fleur Hitchcock*

This is a funny, moving and absorbing story about a young girl's attempts to learn more about her dead father through the objects she finds in a cardboard box he's left her. Scarlett and her friend, Ellie, go on a sometimes hilarious, sometimes scary, journey of discovery, following the clues and always remembering to 'keep looking up'. Was Scarlett's dad a thief? Was he a spy? And what does it mean to be his daughter?

Historical

Little Bird Flies *by Karen McCombie*

Bridie lives on the remote Scottish island of Tornish, the youngest of three sisters. Although she loves her island, with its wild seas and big skies, she guiltily nurses a secret dream of flight to America and the freedom of the New World. But her family are struggling under the spiteful oppression of the new Laird, and it seems that even some of the Laird's own household are desperate to leave. When the Laird's full cruelty becomes apparent, there's no more time for daydreams as Bridie needs to help the people she loves escape to safety.

Gladiator: Street Fighter *by Simon Scarrow*

Now a member of Julius Caesar's palace, Marcus' training continues in the city of Rome. The streets are plagued by vicious gang war attacks, and Caesar must employ his own gang leader, who learns of a plot to murder him. Only Marcus can go in undercover. But he's in terrible danger.



Burning Mountain *by Lucy Adlington*

One second. That's all it takes to change from alive to dead. War only happens to other people in far off places. Right? Craig and Denise are about to find out that life can explode when you least expect it.

WW2 fiction.

Respect: The Walter Tull Story *by Michaela Morgan*



Tully and his brother don't have much. But they do have each other. And Tully has an amazing talent. Football. But when the First World War begins, Tully must fight for respect on the battlefield not the pitch ... Based on the amazing true story of Walter Tull, a First World War hero and one of the first black British professional football players.

Where the World Ends *by Geraldine McCaughrean*

In the summer of 1723, 8 boys and 3 men were marooned on a rocky stack in the middle of the sea at the edge of the Outer Hebrides. This book tells the story of how they survived nine months of deadly storms, madness and starvation with only a few ropes and baskets, and their own fortitude and endurance to save them.

Shadows of the Silver Screen *by Christopher Edge*

Penelope Tredwell is the feisty thirteen-year-old orphan heiress of the bestselling magazine, *The Penny Dreadful*. Her masterly tales of the macabre are gripping Victorian Britain, even if no one knows she's the author.

Horror/Ghosts

City of Ghosts *by Victoria Schwab*



Ever since Cass almost drowned (okay, she did drown, but she doesn't like to think about it), she can pull back the Veil that separates the living from the dead... and enter the world of spirits. Her best friend is even a ghost. So things are already pretty strange. But they're about to get much stranger. When Cass's parents start hosting a TV show about the world's most haunted places, the family heads off to Edinburgh, Scotland. Here, graveyards, castles, and secret passageways teem with restless phantoms. And when Cass meets a girl who shares her "gift," she realizes how much she still has to learn about the Veil -- and herself.

Anya's Ghost *by Vera Brosgol*

Of all the things Anya expected to find at the bottom of an old well, a new friend was not one of them. Especially not a new friend who's been dead for a century. Falling down a well is bad enough, but Anya's normal life might actually be worse.

Demon Road *by Derek Landy*

Killer cars, vampires, undead serial killers: they're all here. And the demons? Well, that's where Amber comes in ... Sixteen years old, smart and spirited, she's just a normal American teenager until the lies are torn away and the demons reveal themselves. Forced to go on the run, she hurtles from one threat to another, revealing a tapestry of terror woven into the very fabric of her life. Her only chance rests with her fellow travellers, who are not at all what they appear to be...

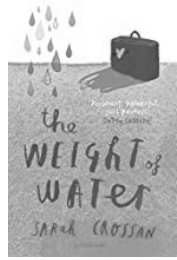
The first in the Demon Road trilogy by the popular author of Skulduggery Pleasant.

The Screaming Staircase *by Jonathan Stroud*

There's a lost ghost child trapped in a mirror and wanting to pull you in; an evil Soul Eater waiting for its next victim; a ghost walk with a haunting twist; and the spirit of a drowned boy who needs to be put to rest. These and many more spine-chilling tales will make you scream, shiver and gasp. Open if you dare...



Poetry/Verse



The Weight of Water *by Sarah Crossan*

Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienka and her mother leave Poland and head for the UK to find her father. Life is lonely for Kasienka. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school Kasienka finds it impossible to make new friends.

How to Make a Snail Fall in Love with You *by Steven Appleby and Lindsay MacRae*

The poems in this collection are all based around the theme of emotion. They look at happiness, sadness, anger, jealousy and joy and range from the serious to the humorous.

Everything All At Once *by Steve Camden*

What is secondary school for you? Friends; enemies. A haven; a jungle. Somewhere lonely; somewhere full of life.

Here is a story of one day at one secondary school, told entirely in verse, each poem/ chapter a different student's perspective, capturing in one perfect snapshot all the wonderfulness and terribleness of being a teenager.



Sci-Fi/Dystopian

Aurora Rising *by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff*

The year is 2380, and the graduating cadets of Aurora Academy are being assigned their first missions. Star pupil Tyler Jones is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but his own boneheaded heroism sees him stuck with the dregs nobody else in the Academy would touch:

A cocky diplomat with a black belt in sarcasm
A sociopath scientist with a fondness for shooting her bunkmates
A smart-ass tech-whiz with the galaxy's biggest chip on his shoulder
An alien warrior with anger management issues
A tomboy pilot who's *totally* not into him, in case you were wondering
NOBODY PANIC!



How to Bee *by Ben MacDibble*

Set in a future Australia in a time when there are no bees and children are employed to scramble through the fruit trees with feathered wand, much like the pear farmers of Hanyuan in China are forced to do today. Peony wants to be a bee, a hand pollinator: she's light, she's fast, and even though she is a year too young, she's going to be the best bee the farm has ever seen - except when you're only 9, it's hard to get everyone around you to go along with your plan.

Remade *by Alex Scarrow*

Leon and his younger sister Grace have recently moved to London from New York and are struggling to settle into their new school when news of an unidentified plague in Beijing begins to fill the news. Within a week the virus hits London. They witness people in the streets turning to liquid before their eyes, and they run for their lives. A month after touching the earth's atmosphere the virus has assimilated the world's bio-mass. But Leon and Grace are amongst a small minority of people who are immune for a reason - a reason they need to figure out before it's too late.



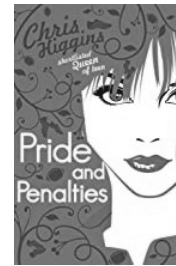
Black Panther: A Nation Under our Feet *by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Chris Sprouse*

A graphic novel chronicling the final days of the kingdom of Wakanda! As Zenzi and the People poison Wakanda's populace against their king, a cabal of nation-breakers is assembled.



With few allies of his own to call on, T'Challa must rely on his elite secret police, the Hatut Zeraze, and fellow Avenger Eden Fesi, a.k.a. Manifold! Meanwhile, Shuri's spirit journeys through the Djalia... but what awaits her there?

Sporting Stories



Pride and Penalties *by Chris Higgins*

Charlotte doesn't want a lot - just to play rugby and for her Dad to be proud of her. But her brother Will's the rugby star of the family, only he's got very different stars in his eyes! Soon they're both keeping secrets and so is their mum!

Slam Dunk *by Donna King*

Thirteen-year-old Ashlee Carson is a basketball star. Tall and blonde, she takes after her father, a former professional player. But her mother has ambitions that go beyond the basketball court. She wants Ashlee to focus on her studies. When Ashlee gets the chance to compete for a place on the national girls' team, she heads for Florida. Can she count on her deadbeat dad for support? And will her mother ever forgive her?

Ice Claw *by David Gilman*

A deadly avalanche in the peaks of the Pyrenees speeds towards the oblivious competitors in an X-treme sports challenge. Max Gordon's race to win has just become a race to survive. In a life-or-death struggle, a mysterious monk passes on a vital clue, which plunges Max into the heart of an ancient secret.

Football Fever *by John Foster*

A collection of poems about goals, fans, yobs, cheers, fouls, boots, scarves, crowds and strips. You'll also see falling stars, blind referees, magic sponges, dream teams, fizzy drinks, wet Saturdays, hairless half-backs and a game of two halves.



Thrillers

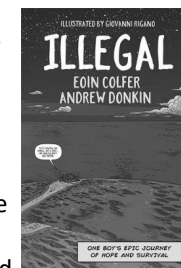
Shadows *by Tim Bowler*

Jamie does not share his father's single-minded ambition that he will be a world squash champion and is desperate to escape from the verbal and physical abuse that will follow when he fails. When he helps a girl in danger, he puts things in perspective.



Illegal *by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin*

Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.



An exciting graphic novel.

Hacked *by Tracy Alexander*

Dan had been diagnosed as ADHD as a child. He quite liked the ritalin, but then he got into computers, and for his parents a geek was better than something feral. It was hard to remember when the genuine hacking started; but free phone credit was the first illicit, tangible 'real-life' results of a hack, though not the last. By the time Dan is contacted online by Angel, he is eager for the challenge laid before him - creating tricky bits of code. But Dan begins to suspect that something more nefarious may be planned for his code than he thought. He will have to decide what truly matters more - protecting his anonymity and freedom or preventing a deadly terror attack.

Good Girl, Bad Blood *by Holly Jackson*

Pippa and Ravi Singh have released a true crime podcast and are insistent their detecting days are behind them until a local boy goes missing. Jackson ensnares readers in another highly addictive web, woven from the dark shadows of small-town secrets.



Traditional Tales



Arthur: the Seeing Stone *by Kevin Crossley-Holland*

The year is 1199, the place the Welsh Marches, where young Arthur de Caldicot practises his tilting and archery, learns to be a dutiful page to his father, and waits impatiently to grow up and become a knight. One day his father's friend Merlin gives him a shining black stone. When Arthur starts to see stories in the stone, his life quickly becomes entwined with that of his namesake, the boy who pulls the sword from the stone.

Medieval life meets Arthurian legend.

The Feral Child *by Che Golden*

Maddy is fed up. Since her parents died, she's been stuck with her grandparents in the tiny village of Blarney. She's sick of Ireland, sick of her stupid cousins, and most of all she's sick of her grandad's ridiculous stories aobut the faerie people who live in Tír na nÓg. But as Halloween approaches, strange things start to happen in the village. And when the little boy next door disappears, Maddy begins to think her grandad's stories aren't so silly after all ...

The Girl Who Speaks Bear *by Sophie Anderson*

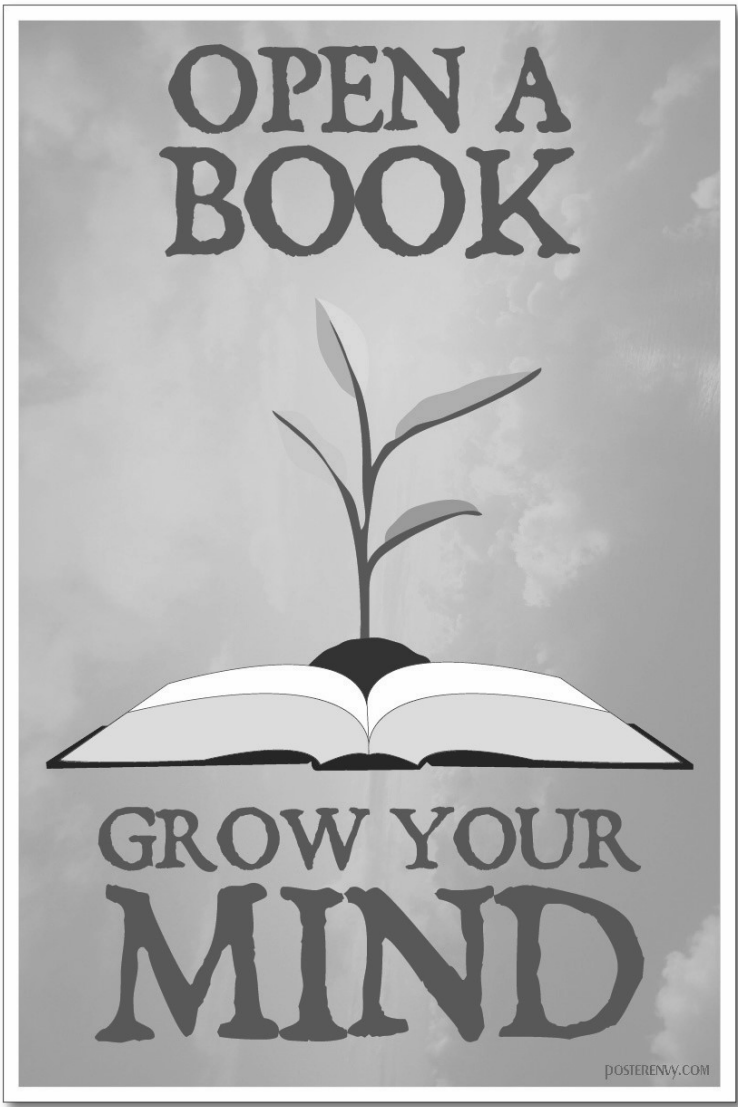
Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins - from icy rivers to smouldering mountains meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.

Based on Russian fairytales

Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood *by Artur Fujita, Sam Hart and Tony Lee*

The year is 1192. Prince John is getting fat and wealthy on blood money while the king fights in Jerusalem. When Robin of Loxley returns home from the Crusades, he soon discovers that things are not as they should be. The sheriff now governs Nottingham with an iron fist. In the heart of Sherwood Forest, Robin devises a heroic plan.

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