

S1 & S2 Reading List

ALMOND, David **Skellig**

Michael and his family move to a new home. Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, he discovers a strange part human 'creature'. Skellig, as the creature likes to be known, is ill-mannered, with questionable personal hygiene, but in persevering with their kindness towards him, Michael and Mina find a bond forms which will change their lives forever.

ALMOND, David **Clay**

Davie and his friend Geordie watch the arrival of a new boy, Stephen Rose, in their town. He seems to have come from nowhere, and when he arrives to live with his distant aunt, the local 'loony', 'Crazy Mary', no one envies his new home.

ALMOND, David **Heaven eyes**

Three children escape from the hardships of a children's home and meet Heaven Eyes who shows them friendship and love for the first time. An story of trust and friendship.

ARKSEY, Neil **MacB**

Bansie and MacB have spent all summer working to get into the football team. A fortune teller promises that they will both be captain. It's a load of rubbish, naturally. No one plays better than Duncan King, captain and star striker. But then Duncan has a terrible accident – if it is an accident. Banksie starts to have doubts. Is it fate or is it MacB?

BERTAGNA, Julie **Exodus**

It is based on a world in the future which has been drastically affected by global warming. Mara - the main character, lives on an island that is drowning but none of the inhabitants want to face up to the fact that the floods will not stop.

BITTON-JACKSON, Livia **I have lived a Thousand Years**

(You will find this book in the Non-Fiction section: Code Number 940.53)

This is the story of Elli Friedmann, who was 13 years old when the Nazis invaded Hungary. It describes the process of occupation, the family's separation, Elli's deportation to Auschwitz with her mother and her remarkable survival.

BLACKMAN, Malorie **Thief**

From the moment Lydia starts her new school, things go from bad to worse. Accused of stealing the school sports cup and then of pushing someone under a car, she runs away, only to find herself caught in a mysterious storm which transports her into the future.

BLACKMAN, Malorie **Tell Me No Lies**

Gemma and Mike - two kids hurt by their past are now inextricably linked. Their effect on each others' lives will be explosive.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Framed**

Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage - and when he's not trying to persuade his sisters to play football, Dylan is in charge of the petrol log. And that means he gets to keep track of everyone coming in and out of Manod - what car they drive, what they're called, even their favourite flavour of crisps. But when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Millions**

When a bag stuffed full of money falls from a passing train to Damian's feet, he's sure it is a gift from God. But Britain is days away from joining the Euro, so soon the cash will be worthless.

BOWLER, Tim **River Boy**

Grandpa is dying. He can barely move his hands any more but, stubborn as ever, refuses to stay in hospital. He's determined to finish his last painting, 'River Boy', before he goes. At first Jess can't understand his refusal to let go, but then she too becomes involved in the mysterious painting. And when she meets the river boy himself, she finds she is suddenly caught up in a challenge of her own that she must complete - before it's too late . . .

BOWLER, Tim **Blade: Breaking Free**

Blade's touched the edge of death. His injuries have left him exposed-and vulnerable. Now his enemies have tracked him down, and Blade knows they'll show no mercy. If he doesn't get away, he's dead. But he's weak. And he doesn't know what scares him more . . . breaking free from those hunting him-or breaking free from his own past.

BOYNE, John **The Boy In The Stripped Pyjamas**

Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. He is oblivious to the appalling cruelties being inflicted on the people of Europe by his country. All he knows is that he has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas. Bruno's friendship with Shmuel will take him from innocence to revelation. And in exploring what he is unwittingly a part of, he will inevitably become subsumed by the terrible process.

BRESLIN, Theresa **Whispers in the Graveyard**

Solomon's mum has left home; his dad drinks and his teachers have lost patience with him. His refuge is a corner of the kirkyard and the rowan tree that grows there. The tree is uprooted and as it dies a terrible force is released.

BRESLIN, Theresa **Saskia's Journey**

Saskia Granton is intrigued by an invitation to visit her mysterious great-aunt Alessandra up on the Scottish coast. It's a chance to rediscover her lifelong love of the sea, but Saskia also slowly realizes how little she really knows about her roots. Somehow, she needs to understand the past if she is to find the direction she needs for her future. Just as the sea must eventually give up its bounty, so too her great-aunt must reveal the secrets of the past - the terrible toll of lives claimed by the sea, and the very personal tragedy that left Alessandra herself so isolated. Only then can Saskia break the cycle-

BRESLIN, Theresa **Divided City**

A young man lies bleeding in the street. It could be any street, in any city. But it's not. It's Glasgow. And it's May - the marching season. The Orange Walks have begun. Graham doesn't want to be involved. He just wants to play football with his new mate, Joe. But when he witnesses a shocking moment of violence, suddenly he and Joe are involved - with Catholics and Protestants, a young Muslim asylum-seeker and his girlfriend, and all the old rivalries - and fears...This is a gripping tale about two boys, who must find their own answers - and their own way forward - in a world divided by differences.

BRIGGS, Andy **Villain.net. Dark Hunter**

Jake Hunter was once an ordinary schoolboy with a computer. Until he discovered Villain.net. Now he is an extraordinary schoolboy with a dark side, a bad attitude and an addiction to the villainous powers he can download from the website. And when Jake Hunter - aka the Hunter - breaks out of prison, he has one thing on his mind: revenge. He is going to get his family back, avenge himself on hero Psych, who has wiped all memory of him from their minds, and then destroy heroes and villains. But both the Hero Foundation and the Council of Evil have other plans for the vilest villain the world has ever seen. Both sides want him. Who will get him?

BUCKLEY-ARCHER, Linda **Gideon the Cutpurse**

An encounter with an anti-gravity machine catapults Peter Schock and Kate Dyer back to the 18th century. While a massive police hunt gets underway to find the missing children in the 21st Century – in 1763 hardened criminal, The Tar Man, steals the anti-gravity machine and disappears into the London underworld.

CASSIDY, Anne **Talking To Strangers**

A chilling page-turner from the award-winning author of LOOKING FOR JJ. Ten-year-old Caroline has disappeared, last seen climbing into a black car with a strange man. Maggie, caught up in the mystery, sees menace everywhere - her new neighbour owns a black car and she sees him bury a child's belongings in his back garden. Maggie must find out the truth but can she trust her own judgement?

CHOLDENKO, Gennifer Al Capone does my shirts

When Moose Flanagan and his family move home, yet again, and become residents of the famous prison island Alcatraz, things get interesting. First of all, they share the island with a few other families and a lot of pretty heavy-duty criminals including Al Capone. And secondly, Moose's sister is starting a new school, which everyone hopes will help her become more integrated with those around her. When Moose comes up with some cunning money-making schemes based on his famous co-residents, he does not count on his sister becoming inadvertently involved.

COLE, Stephan The Aztec Code

Jonah Wish is in an elite team of teenage thieves lead by master criminal Nathaniel Coldhardt. Coldhardt plans every mission with absolute precision. So when Jonah and the rest of the team break into a highly secure compound to steal a precious sword, they can't quite believe it when they discover that someone has beaten them to it.

COLFER, Eoin Half Moon Investigations

Fletcher Moon may be half-size and still at school, but that doesn't stop him being a fully qualified detective called in to solve many a minor mystery that others can't.

COLFER, Eoin The Supernaturalist

Unwanted by his parents, 13-year-old Cosmo suffers the fate of all orphan children in Satellite City. He is dipped in a vaccine vat and whisked off freight class to the Clarissa Frayne Institute for Parentally Challenged Boys. His only hope lies in adoption, death or escape.

COLFER, Eoin Artemis Fowl

Criminal mastermind, 12 year old Artemis Fowl doesn't know what he has taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. First in a series about **Artemis Fowl**

CORMIER, Robert Tunes For Bears To Dance To

Eleven-year-old Henry escapes his family's problems by watching the woodcarving of Mr. Levine, an elderly Holocaust survivor, but when Henry is manipulated into betraying his friend he comes to know true evil.

CRAIG, Joe Jimmy Coates: Killer

An eleven-year-old boy discovers he has strange powers, and a future that holds mystery, adventure - and death! Who are the mysterious men chasing Jimmy across the city? Why are they after him? What are Jimmy's parents hiding and who can he trust?

CREECH, Sharon Walk Two Moons

Salamanca Hiddle is travelling across the United States with her eccentric grandparents. On her journey, she tells the story of her friend Phoebe, a girl of wild imaginings. But beneath Sal's funny anecdotes is the deeper story of Sal's mother, who left home and never returned.

CROSS, Gillian Tightrope

Eddie Beale looks after his friends, as long as they entertain him. When he takes notice of Ashley, she is happy to put on a show and be part of the excitement. Then she realises someone is stalking her and leaving messages that get uglier. Can Eddie help? And if he does, what price will she pay?

DONALDSON, Julia Running On The Cracks

Leo's running from her past. Finlay's running into trouble. Together, they stumble into a crazy new world of secrets, lies and Chinese food. But someone is on Leo's trail

DOWD, Siobhan The London Eye

Ted and his older sister, Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye; but after half an hour when it lands he is not there. How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? So Ted and Kat overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin.

DOWD, Siobhan Bog Child

Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him - his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck, blackmailed into acting as courier to God knows what, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls.

DUNBAR, Fiona The Truth Cookie

Lulu is perfectly contented with life with her mad dad until the deadly vamp Varaminta le Bone comes along. She senses that Varaminta isn't as sweet as she seems, and with the help of a magic cookbook she conjures up an enchanted recipe that will make her secret wish come true, save her dad and reveal the true Varaminta.

ELLIS, Deborah The Breadwinner

Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by the Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana, her mother and sisters must stay inside. Four days later, the food runs out. They face starvation. So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. The sequel is called **Parvana's Journey**

FINE, Anne Goggle Eyes

A very funny account of how to cope when you can't stand your mother's new boyfriend.
Lots of other good titles by this author including **Madame Doubtfire** and **The Tulip Touch**.

FORDE, Catherine Fat Boy Swim

Fourteen-year-old Jimmy Kelly is 'Fat Boy Fat,' the largest kid in his Scottish community, who is made to feel useless at everything. Only his family know he's a whiz in the kitchen, and Jimmy's determined to keep it that way. After all, what would people say if they discovered that 'Big Blob Kelly' had one special talent and it involved food? So when GI Joe, the toughest coach at school, finds out his secret, Jimmy's sure he's doomed. But, Coach proposes a deal: If Jimmy helps him, Coach will help Jimmy . . . swim. With each stroke Coach teaches him, Jimmy feels like he's getting closer to recognizing the Shadow Shape that's been haunting his dreams. And closer to Ellie, whose chocolate brown curls look good enough to eat. Coach and Ellie know there's more to Jimmy than meets the eye. Now it's time for Jimmy to stop hiding and realize it

FRANK, Anne Diary Of A Young Girl

In Amsterdam, in the summer of 1942, the Nazis forced teenager Anne Frank and her family into hiding. For over two years, they, another family and a German dentist lived in a 'secret annexe', fearing discovery

FRENCH, Jackie Hitler's Daughter

The bombs were falling, the smoke was rising from the concentration camps, but all Hitler's daughter knew was lessons with Fraulein Gelber, the hedgehogs she rescued from the cold and infrequent visits from her beloved Duffi, her father. Was it just a story? Did Hitler's daughter really exist? If you were Hitler's daughter, would it all be your fault? Could you still love your own father if he had done what Hitler did? Mark, a contemporary child, starts to question his own beliefs as he listens to the story that Anna weaves

FREEDMAN, Dan Golden Goal

There's a massive buzz around Jamie Johnson. His dreams of becoming a professional footballer seem to be coming true, after years of hoping and practising. But, just when he seems close to living the dream, a shocking event turns his world upside down. Jamie finds himself facing his toughest times yet. He's never been a quitter, but can he rise to the challenge?

FUNKE, Cornelia The Thief Lord

Two orphaned children are on the run, hiding among the crumbling canals and misty alleyways of Venice. Befriended by a gang of street children and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord, they shelter in an old, disused cinema. On their trail is a bungling detective, obsessed with disguises and the health of his pet tortoises. But a greater threat to the boys' new-found freedom is something from a forgotten past - a beautiful, magical treasure with the power to spin time itself.

FUNKE, Cornelia Dragon Rider

Go on a journey across the world in the company of a silver dragon, a brownie and a small boy, who are looking for a safe place for the last dragons to hide away. They are pursued by a larger-than-life baddie in the shape of a giant golden dragon and along the way they meet and are helped by many magical and fantastic creatures. This is a good old-fashioned fantasy adventure. Great fun!

FUNKE, Cornelia Inkheart

Meggie has been surrounded by books her whole life. But her father, Mo, has never read aloud to her and refuses to do so. The arrival of the mysterious Dustfinger makes everything clear. If Mo reads out loud, he brings characters to life, and when this last happened, Meggie's mum disappeared into a story in exchange for a very bad character appearing! This is a stunning book with unique characters and great twists and turns. You may never dare to read aloud again! First book in a trilogy. The story continues in *Inkspell*

GAIMAN, Neil Coraline

Just as the mice did not get Coraline's name wrong, their warning message was also not wrong. She finds a secret corridor behind a locked door, a corridor that takes her into a house very similar to her own, but with counterfeit parents and a terrible quest on which her survival - and more, depends.

GIBBONS, Alan The Lost Boys Appreciation Society

When Mum dies in a car crash Gary, John and Dad have to rebuild their lives. It is a bigger challenge than any of them could have imagined.

GOLD, Leslie Ann Hannah Goslar Remembers

The story of Hannah Goslar, who was friends with Anne Frank before she went into hiding and who lived in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation. A Jew herself, she was to meet Anne again in Bergen Belsen.

GORDON, Roderick Tunnels

Fourteen-year-old Will Burrows lives with his family in London. He has little in common with them except a passion for digging which he shares with his father. When his father suddenly disappears down an unknown tunnel, Will decides to investigate with his friend Chester. Soon they find themselves deep underground where they unearth a dark and terrifying secret - a secret which may cost them their lives.

GRANT, Michael Gone

Suddenly there are no adults, no answers. What would you do? In the blink of an eye, the world changes. The adults vanish without a trace, and those left must do all they can to survive. But everyone's idea of survival is different. Some look after themselves, some look after others, and some will do anything for power...Even kill. For Sam and Astrid, it is a race against time as they try to solve the questions that now dominate their lives...

GRAY, Keith Creepers

Derwent Drive was known as the Speed Creep. A continual chain of Dashes into Blind. We'd all heard the story about the Creeper who dropped Blind into a garden, only to discover he was standing in a dog pound. It was also the longest creep; twenty-five houses all in a row, no bends, no kinks. And no Creeper had ever done the lot. But Jamie and I reckoned we could do it. Jamie was the best Creeper around. He was the best Buddie you could have. And he was mine. Ever heard about 'creeping' before? Probably not. Nobody really talks about it. That doesn't mean it doesn't happen. It does. Creeping over back fences all the way down a street without getting caught; without being hurt. It happens more than you might think. It's probably happening somewhere tonight.

GRAY, Keith Malarky

Brook High is a great grey concrete ants' nest of a school. John Malarkey is the new kid, thrown in at the deep end of Year 11. He's the wrong person in the wrong place at the wrong time. Through what at first appears to be a random meeting, he helps a girl called Mary Chase out of tricky situation, but is subsequently accused of stealing report cards to sell to students so they can write their own bogus reports. He quickly realises it was all a set-up, and that he's been used to take the fall.

GRAY, Keith The Ostrich Boys

Kenny, Sim and Blake are about to embark on a remarkable journey. Stealing the urn that contains the ashes of their best friend Ross, they set out to travel 261 miles from Cleethorpes on the English east coast to the tiny hamlet of Ross in southern Scotland. After a depressing and dispiriting funeral they feel that taking Ross to Ross will be a fitting memorial for a fifteen-year-old boy who changed all their lives through his friendship. Little do they realise just how much Ross can still affect life for them even though he's dead.

HADDON, Mark The Curious Incident OF The Dog IN The Night Time

'The dog was lying on the grass in the middle of the lawn in front of Mrs Shears' house. It looked as if it was running on its side, the way dogs run when they think they are chasing a cat in a dream. But the dog was not running or asleep. The dog was dead. There was a garden fork sticking out of the dog.' The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's, a form of autism. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

HARRIS, M G Invisible City

When his archaeologist father goes missing after an air crash in Mexico, Josh and his mother are distraught. But after he discovers his dad was murdered, Josh is caught up in a race to find the legendary Ix Codex - a lost book of the ancient Maya containing a prophecy about the end of the world...

First book in a series ***The Joshua Files***

HENDERSON, J A Bunker 10

At eight o'clock in the evening, on Monday 24th December 2007, Pinewood Military Installation exploded. No official cause was given for the incident. Inside Pinewood were 185 male and female military personnel - a mixture of scientists and soldiers. There were also seven teenagers at Pinewood. This is the story of their last day.

HENDRY, Frances Chandra

Chandra is looking forward to her arranged marriage - her new husband is open-minded and modern-thinking. But when he dies shortly after their wedding Chandra realizes that she is now the property of her husband's family who blame her for their son's death. She escapes into the desert and eventually finds her way home - but her husband's family are hot on her heels.

HIAASEN, Carl Hoot

Roy Eberhardt has just moved to Florida. He misses the mountains and in the school bus he is bullied by the enormous and stupid Dana Matherson. Then he becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. An entertaining read!

If you enjoy this try ***Flush*** - the story of two children who try to stop a casino ship from dumping sewage into the sea.

HIGSON, Charlie Silverfin

The adventures of the teenage James Bond at school at Eton and in Scotland, at the remote home of his Aunt Charmian and Uncle Max. A local Laird, in his ominous castle nearby, is conducting horrific scientific experiments that prove he is very mad indeed and a threat to society who must be defeated.

First in a series about the Teenage Bond

HOROWITZ, Anthony Stormbreaker

When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, Alex Rider goes from schoolboy to superspy within days as his world is turned upside down. Forcibly recruited into MI6, Alex has to take part in grueling SAS training. Then, armed with his own special set of secret gadgets, he's off on his first mission.

First in the ***Alex Rider*** series

IBBOTSON, Eva The Star of Kazan

Set in Vienna in the late 19th century, this is the story of Annika. No one knows who she really is. Adopted by a cook and housekeeper after she was found on the steps of a church as a baby, the story follows her quest to discover her true identity.

JARVIS, Robin The Alchemist's Cat

This story, the first in the Deptford Histories series explains the origin of the evil monstrous cat, Jupiter, whose tale is continued in the ***Deptford Mice trilogy***.

JAUNCEY, James The Reckoning

Standing on the beach watching the early morning-mist roll in off the sea, Fin is thinking about the day when he can escape to the mainland. His sister got away, but no one has heard from her in two years. Fin's thoughts are interrupted by the sound of a car on the bridge above him. He hears doors slam, voices, a scream and then, for a brief moment, he glimpses a figure falling through the fog. It's a young girl and she dies in Fin's arms. Did the dead girl jump or was she pushed? Sceptical of the official suicide verdict, Fin is determined to find the truth, a hunt that will lead him closer to his missing sister and to a shocking secret at the heart of his island community.

LAIRD, Elizabeth The Garbage King

This is the story of children who live on the very edge of destitution. Dani and Mamo, and the gang of street boys that they join, have nothing and share everything. Their courage, loyalty and determination enable them to survive in the harshest of worlds

LANDY, Derek Skulduggery Pleasant

Stephanie's uncle Gordon is famous for his horror fiction but when he dies and leaves his house to Stephanie she soon discovers that his works of fiction were in fact based on all the sinister events in the house. With evil forces threatening her, Stephanie finds help against the vampires and villains in the unlikely form of Skulduggery, the wisecracking, singing, dancing skeleton of a dead wizard.

LASSITER, Rhiannon Outland

Book two of the Borderland trilogy, about a group of teenagers who travel into a parallel world. After the chaos caused by Alex, Zoe, Laura and Morgan in book one, it is time to put things back to rights. But can they ever put right the damage they have done? The stories combine exciting plots with strong characterization and insights into the real concerns of this age group.

McNAB, Andy Boy Soldier

Danny Watts' grandfather, Fergus, was a traitor who betrayed his country and his Regiment for money - drug money. He was arrested and left to rot and die in a Columbian jail. At least, that's what seventeen-year-old Danny is told when his hopes of becoming a soldier are destroyed for ever. But Danny knows that his grandfather is alive living in secret under an assumed name - but where? Burning with fury and desire for revenge, Danny sets out to track down his grandfather and expose him. In doing so, he sets in train an explosive sequence of events which throw Danny and Fergus together on the run from the people who want Fergus, and now Danny, dead.

MacPHAIL, Catherine Into the Shadows

Ram has no memory of who he is, his background, or where he has come from. He awakes in a darkened corridor of a block of flats with no idea of how he has got there. And then, the lift door nearby opens and inside is a dying man. Ram is now the murder suspect and on the run.

*First in the four part **Nemesis** series*

MacPHAIL, Catherine Run Zan Run

'Ivy turned on her. 'I told you I'd get you, didn't I? Well,' her next words sent shivers through Katie. 'Tonight's the night.' Katie is being bullied at school - and cannot get anyone to believe her. She feels frightened and alone. Until one day when she is cornered by Ivy and her fellow bullies on the town dump. Katie is terrified, there is nowhere left to run. But suddenly, as if by magic, a girl called Zan rises from the rubbish in the dump and leaps to Katie's defence. But Zan is not willing to talk to Katie - all she wishes to do is keep her identity a secret. Slowly Katie learns the truth about Zan, and when she does, she realises Zan has much more to lose than the safety of her cardboard box. A gripping story that really brings the issue of bullying to a head.

MAH, Adeline Yen Chinese Cinderella

Chinese Cinderella is a young girl who finds her self searching for her own destiny after she is thrown out of her home. She soon meets up with a group of orphaned children, all from very different backgrounds, who live with an old lady called Grandma Wu. Chinese Cinderella realises her destiny is to help the lives of others and the young group set out on a mission to rescue a group of American pilots whose plane has crashed after a bombing raid in Japan. This is an unforgettable story based on true events of the Second World War and inspired by the adventure stories Adeline Yen Mah wrote as a child growing up in Shanghai.

MAGORIAN, Michelle **Goodnight Mister Tom**

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of WW2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London...

MAGORIAN, Michelle **Just Henry**

From the award-winning author of "Goodnight Mister Tom" comes "Just Henry": a gripping mystery-thriller and an insightful snapshot of time, set in post-war Britain. It's 1949 and life is bleak for Henry. He misses his father who died a war hero, and he escapes from his annoying stepfather and stepsister whenever he can and goes to the cinema - his passion. One day in the cinema queue he meets Mrs Beaumont who also loves films, and lends Henry a camera for his school project. Henry is disgusted that he's been put in a group with Jeffries, the son of a man who went AWOL, and Pip, who was born illegitimate; but he's about to learn that tolerance and friendship are more important than social stigmas. Henry will need his new friends when he processes the film and makes an alarming discovery. Like a bomb waiting to explode, Henry's world is about to unravel.

MARKS, Graham **Takedown**

In 2667 clean energy is being produced using the Charm Principle but when something goes very wrong with the atmosphere there's only one week left to save the world. Dachron Amok is chosen to travel back in time to see if he can correct the error in the energy producing calculation. Hours later Steve Anthony wakes in 2007 with a headache and a ruthless soldier in his brain begging him to save the world.

MORGAN, Nicola **Fleshmarket**

Set in the 1820s in Edinburgh, a city of cruel contrasts between the lives of the rich and poor, and home to the infamous Burke and Hare, who sold their murder victims to brilliant anatomist Dr Robert Knox. This is the evocative, often harrowing story of a boy who must survive the pain of his mother's death, at the hands of Doctor Knox.

MORPURGO, Michael **Private Peaceful**

This book must be read! It is moving and gripping. A superb account of family life leading up to and during the First World War, which really brings home the impact on young men, really just teenagers, who were called up to fight for their country in the trenches. Tommo remembers and relives his childhood, spent with brothers Charlie and Big Joe, and close friend Molly. We experience the circumstances of Charlie and Tommo going to war, and the promises they made to those back at home. The book has an unusual structure, arranged during the longest night of Tommo's life. In the morning an unavoidable tragic event must happen. Not for the faint hearted?

MUCHAMORE, Robert **The Recruit**

A terrorist doesn't let strangers into her flat because they might be undercover police, but her children bring their mates home. She doesn't know that a kid has bugged her house. The kid works for CHERUB. CHERUB kids slip under adult radar and get information that sends criminals to jail.

NICHOLSON, William **The Wind Singer**

In the walled city of Aramant exams are everything. When Kestrel Hath dares to rebel, the Chief Examiner humiliates her father and sentences the whole family to the harshest punishment. Desperate to save them, Kestrel learns the secret of the wind singer, and she and her twin brother Bowman, set out on a terrifying journey to the true source of the evil that grips Aramant.

First in the *Wind on Fire* Trilogy

NIX, Garth **Sabriel**

Sabriel is sent as a child across the Wall to the safety of a school in Ancelstierre where everything is rational and based on science. But when her father dies she must return home to the Old Kingdom where magic is commonplace and the dead walk. She has inherited the role of the Abhorsen whose task is to lay the disturbed dead back to rest. First book in *The Old Kingdom* trilogy

OPPEL, Kenneth **Airborn**

They are bigger than the titanic! Heavier than the Eiffel Tower! Lighter than air! Airborn is set in an imaginary past where giant airships rule the skies. It's the story of Matt Cruse, a 15 year old cabin boy of the 900 foot luxury airship, Aurora. Matt finds himself caught up in a quest. Can he solve a mystery before it's too late? Full of action with pirates, shipwrecks and frightening predators! The story continues in *Skybreaker*

PAOLINI, Christopher **Eragon**

The story begins as Eragon, a young farm boy from Carvahall discovers a mysterious "Stone" and takes it home hoping to sell it and make some money. However, the Stone turns out to be a dragon egg, and when the egg hatches Eragon is then very quickly drawn in to a world of adventure, magic and all the time he has to keep an eye out for pursuers that mean to harm him.

You can follow the next stage of the quest in *Eldest*

PEET, Mal **Tamar**

A thrilling and moving story about love, betrayal and belonging. When Tamar's grandfather, an intensely private man, falls from a balcony to his death, he leaves behind a box with Tamar's name on it. For a long time Tamar refuses even to think about it...until one hot June day she opens it to reveal a series of clues and hidden messages from her grandfather. She and her cousin Johannes follow the clues and discover that her name also belonged to someone else over half a century before; someone involved in the terrifying world of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied Holland during the Second World War. As she pieces together the mystery her grandfather left behind, another Tamar's story is unravelled; a story of passionate love, jealousy and tragedy played out amongst the daily fear and horror of war.;

PEET, Mal **Exposure**

This is the third "Paul Faustino" novel by multi-award-winning Mal Peet. A massive soccer star has it all, but someone is plotting his downfall...Revered as a national hero...married to the desirable Desmerelda...cherished by the media...soccer star, Otello, has it all. But a sensational club transfer sparks a media frenzy, and when he is wrongly implicated in a scandal, the footballer's life turns into a tragic spiral of destruction. South America's top sports journalist, Paul Faustino, witnesses the power of the media in making and breaking people's lives.

PERERA, Anna **Guantanamo Boy**

Khalid, a fifteen-year-old Muslim boy from Rochdale, is abducted from Pakistan while on holiday with his family. He is taken to Guantanamo Bay and held without charge, where his hopes and dreams are crushed under the cruellest of circumstances. An innocent denied his freedom at a time when Western boys are finding theirs, Khalid tries and fails to understand what's happening to him and cannot fail to be a changed young man.

PULLMAN, Philip **Northern Lights**

A powerful fantasy of an alternative world, where each human is accompanied by their personal daemon, and armoured bears rule the North Pole.

The story is continued in *The Subtle Knife* and *The Amber Spyglass*.

REEVE, Philip **Mortal Engines**

The book is set in a far-future age of traction cities that roll around a barren landscape, with the strong preying on the weak (capturing their inhabitants and recycling their parts). Tom and Hester have been thrown out of a city on wheels that's left them stranded and starving in the middle of nowhere while it hares off after its prey.

First Book in the *Mortal Engines* Quartet

RIGBY **Goal**

This is a terrific story of a young Latino boy, who spotted by an ex-scout, playing in a park in Los Angeles, wins himself a trial at one of England's Premier League clubs - Newcastle United. Struggling to cope with the gritty Northern weather, the rivalries and jealousies from other players and dodgy scouts, he has just this one shot at fulfilling his dream. He has the skill, but does he have the pace and stamina necessary for success?

SACHAR, Louis **Small Steps**

In this sequel to *Holes*, Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes. He is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him?

SAGE, Angie **Magyk**

A baby girl is rescued from a snowy path in the woods. A baby boy is stillborn. A young Queen is taken ill. An ExtraOrdinary Wizard mysteriously resigns from his post - and all on the same night. A string of events, seemingly unconnected, begins to converge ten years later, when the Heap family receives a knock at the door.

First in a series about **Septimus Heap**

SHAN, Darren **Lord Loss**

Grubbs Grady opts out of a family trip never anticipating that he's about to take a terrifying journey into darkness where demons and werewolves haunt his waking nightmares.

The first novel in a new horror series from the author of the **Darren Shan Saga**

SMITH, Dodie **I Capture The Castle**

This is the journal of Cassandra Mortmain; an extraordinary account of life with her extraordinary family. First, there is her eccentric father. Then there is her sister, Rose - beautiful, vain and bored - and her stepmother, Topaz, an artist's model who likes to commune with nature. Finally, there is Stephen, dazzlingly handsome and hopelessly in love with Cassandra. In the cold and crumbling castle which is their home, Cassandra records events with characteristic honesty, as she tries to come to terms with her own feelings. The result is both marvelously funny and genuinely moving.

SPARKS, Ali **Frozen In Time**

1956 Freddy and Polly have always known their father is a genius. So they've never minded helping him with his experiments. Even when that means being put into cryonic suspension-having their hearts frozen until their father wakes them up again. They know it will only be for an hour or two, so there's nothing to worry about... 2009 Ben and Rachel have resigned themselves to a long, boring summer. Then they find the hidden underground vault in the garden-and inside it two frozen figures, a boy and a girl. And as if that isn't spooky enough, when Rachel accidentally presses a button, something unbelievable happens... Can Polly and Freddy adapt to the twenty-first century? Will their bodies survive having been in suspension for so long? And most important of all, what happened to their father-and why did he leave them frozen in time?

Jerry Spinelli **Milkweed**

He's a boy called Jew, Gypsy, Stopthief who lives in the streets of Nazi occupied Warsw and has the job of stealing food for himself and other orphans. A dark story of heartbreak, hope and survival and the perseverance of a simple boy.

SWINDELLS, Robert **Timesnatch**

Kizzy and her brother, Fraser, are the only witnesses when the time machine invented by their physicist mother works for the first time, bringing an extinct butterfly into the present. But when the news breaks, Kizzy and Fraser find themselves caught in a terrifying spiral of events and their mother's dream starts turning into a nightmare.

SWINDELLS, Robert **Shrapnel**

It's the height of World War Two. Britain is being ravaged by bombs and most young men are off fighting. Gordon wishes he was too. Maybe then he wouldn't get bullied for having a cowardly family ...Gordon's dad didn't serve in World War One, and now his older brother Raymond isn't serving in World War Two - he's gone missing. When Gordon finds a revolver hidden in his house, he tracks Raymond down, but ends up involved in more than he'd bargained for. Raymond enlists Gordon's help to deliver and collect some 'packages'. But is the work actually for the government? And will it have terrible consequences?

TAYLOR, G P **Shadowmancer**

Obadiah Demurral is a sorcerer who is seeking to control the highest power in the Universe. He will stop at nothing. The only people in his way are Raphah, Kate, Thomas and the mysterious Jacob Crane.

First book in a Trilogy

VALENTINE, Jenny **The Ant Colony**

Number 33 Georgiana Street houses many people and yet seems home to none. To runaway Sam it is a place to disappear. To Bohemia, it's just another blip between crises, as her mum ricochets off the latest boyfriend. Old Isobel acts like she owns the place, even though it actually belongs to Steve in the basement, who is always looking to squeeze in yet another tenant. Life there is a kind of ordered chaos. Like ants, they scurry about their business, crossing paths, following their own tracks, no questions asked. But it doesn't take much to upset the balance. Dig deep enough and you'll find that everyone has something to hide!

VOAKE, Steve **Blood Hunters**

In the middle of the Mexican jungle a small scientific team prepares to embark on an exploration of the world's deepest sinkhole; a naturally-formed underwater shaft that no one has ever reached the bottom of. Three thousand miles away, Joe McDonald's father is arrested for murder. Joe and his friend Giles are desperate to prove his innocence, but when more people are attacked in mysterious circumstances, Joe begins to suspect that a predator is on the loose. Could the attacks in Joe's town be linked to his dad's research at the university? Could Dad's colleague have brought something back with him from the expedition in Mexico? Suddenly the search for justice becomes a desperate fight for survival ...

WALDEN, Mark **H.I.V.E.**

HIVE is a high-tech Hogwarts, a top secret school of advanced villainy where students are trained for six years to become criminal masterminds
First book in a series.

WARD, Rachel **Numbers**

Since her mother's death, fifteen-year-old Jem has kept a secret. When her eyes meet someone else's, a number pops into her head - the date on which they will die. Knowing that nothing lasts forever, Jem avoids relationships, but when she meets a boy called Spider, and they plan a day out together,

Wilson, Lesley **Saving Rafael**

There was a vehicle pulling up outside. I heard the booted feet running up the stairs, then the hammering on the apartment door and the shouting. 'Open up! Gestapo!' You're fifteen years old. You're in love. Only this is Nazi-ruled Berlin and he's a Jew, so it's against the law to love him. There are spies everywhere. And they're taking the last Jews away from Berlin. To the gas chambers. This novel of love and courage in the face of danger is one that you won't be able to put down.

WOODING, Chris **Storm Thief**

Orakos is a dark and dangerous mid-ocean city where anything can and does happen and no-one can ever enter or leave. Terrifyingly powerful probability storms lash the city and rule the lives of its inhabitants. One such storm leaves boy thief Rail with a strange artifact everyone seems to want. It holds the answer to the secrets of the sea city but also puts Rail's life at risk, forcing him to flee.

ZEPHANIA, Benjamin **Face**

How could Martin know when he accepts a lift late one night that it will change his life for ever? The car crashes at speed and he is left horribly scarred. This is a powerful story of bravery in the face of dreadful odds. And it isn't only Martin who has to be courageous. You might also like to try **Refugee Boy**, which deals with the issue of asylum seekers.