

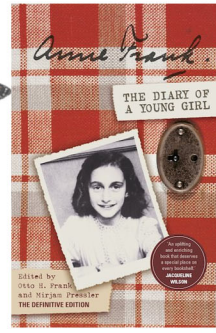
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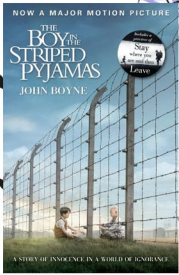
Private Peaceful By Michael Morpurgo

Too young to be enlisted, Thomas Peaceful has followed his older brother to the battlefield in WWI, and now every moment he spends thinking about his life means another moment closer to danger.



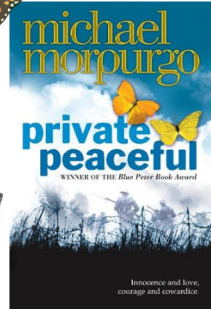
I am David By Anne Holm

David escapes from a prison camp in Eastern Europe, where he has lived all life. With only a compass, a few crusts of bread, his two aching feet, and some vague advice to seek refuge in Denmark, is that enough to survive?



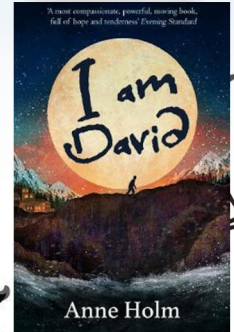
The Boy with the Striped Pyjamas By John Boyne

Bruno leaves Berlin after his father is promoted to commandant at Auschwitz concentration camp. Bruno's innocence leads him to develop a friendship with a Jew on the other side of the fence, which leads to a tragic end.



The Diary of a Young Girl By Anne Frank

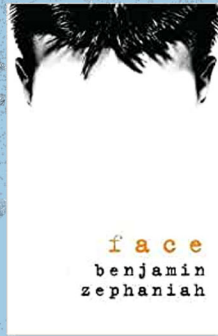
One of the most famous accounts of living under the Nazi regime during WWII, through the eyes of thirteen-year-old Jewish girl, Anne Frank, who went into hiding when the Nazi persecution of Jews intensified.



CRIME

Stone Cold By Robert Swindells

When Link runs away from his stepfather, he ends up sleeping rough. Then he meets Gingers and he learns the tricks of survival. But children are disappearing from London streets. Will Link be next?

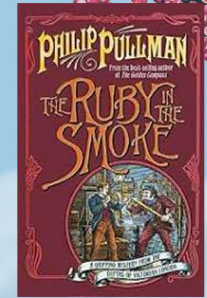


Face By Benjamin Zephaniah

Martin is on top of the world. His credibility is sealed and Natalie is proud of him. But Martin's life is about to completely change when his face is badly scarred in a joyriding accident.

The Garbage King By Elizabeth Laird

The stories of how two Ethiopian boys wind up living rough on the streets of Addis Ababa and what they have to do to survive.



The Ruby in the Smoke By Phillip Pullman

In 19th-century London, 16-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.



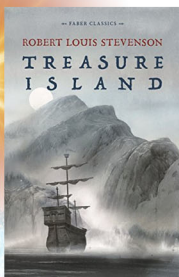
CLASSICS

The Wind in the Willows By Kenneth Grahame

Join in the adventures of Ratty, Mole, Badger and the inimitable Toad. Mole and Badger love their friend Toad until he becomes involved in crime. Can they save him from himself?

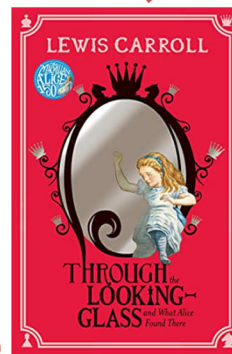
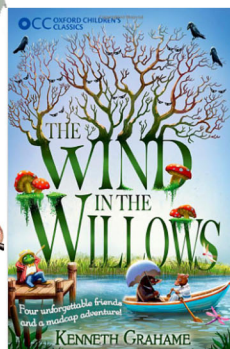
Of Mice and Men By John Steinbeck

George and his simple-minded friend Lennie dream of a place to call their own, but after they go to work on a ranch in the Salinas Valley of California, their dreams become a nightmare.



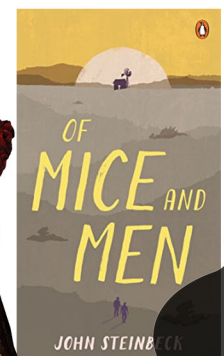
Treasure Island By Robert Louis Stevenson

Young Jim Hawkins discovers an old treasure map and sets out on a harrowing voyage. As Jim soon learns, there are also dangerous men seeking the same treasure.

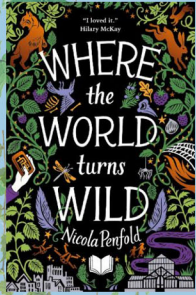


Alice Through the Looking Glass By Lewis Carroll

When Alice climbs through the mirror in her room, she discovers a strange world where curious adventures await.



DYSTOPIAN

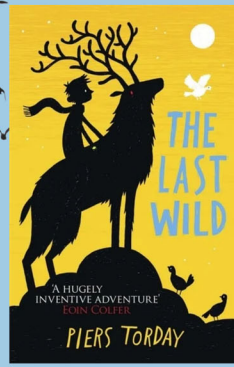
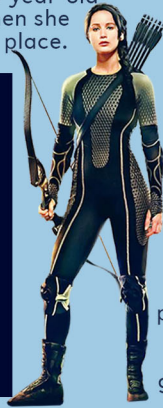


Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold

Juniper and Bear live in a city where nature is feared and forbidden. When Juniper learns they are the focus of a sinister plan, they must leave and go out into the Wild. Soon they discover the brutal realities of life outside the city.

Hunger Games By Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16-year-old Katniss's skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place.



The Last Wild by Piers Torday

Kester Jaynes is told there's something wrong with him, so when he meets a flock of talking pigeons, he thinks he's gone crazy. But the animals need him. Together they must embark on a great journey. But can Kester save the animals from extinction?

Mortal Engines By Philip Reeves

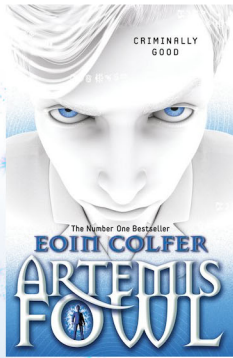
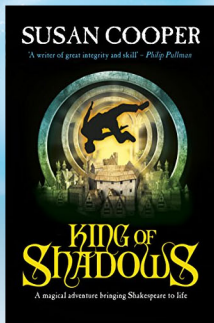
A young assassin is stalking her prey through the city. Hester Shaw's plot is foiled by a young apprentice who has finally stumbled into a real adventure. Tom's intervention leaves the pair stranded in the Out-Country.



FANTASY

King of Shadows By Susan Cooper

Nat wakes up one morning to find himself in the past, acting at the Globe Theatre. His co-star is William Shakespeare himself! Nat's new life is blazing with excitement and edged with danger, but why is he there?

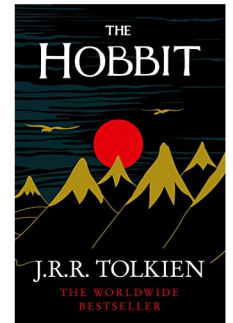
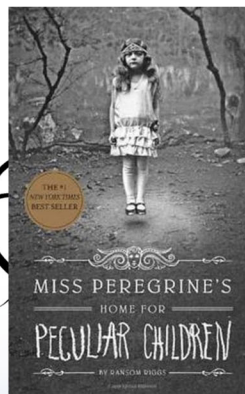


Artemis Fowl By Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind, but he doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy - Captain Holly Short. These fairies are armed and they are dangerous.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children By Ransom Riggs

When sixteen-year-old Jacob discovers an abandoned orphanage, he learns the children who lived there may have been quarantined and may also still be alive.



The Hobbit By J.R.R. Tolkien

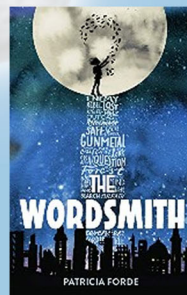
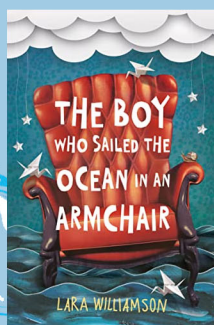
Bilbo Baggins' life is turned upside down when he joins the wizard Gandalf and thirteen dwarves on their quest to reclaim their stolen treasure.



MYSTERY

The Boy who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair By Lara Williamson

Becket's dad runs away with him and his brother in the middle of the night, leaving behind Becket's almost-mum, Pearl. With the help of Billy, Becket sets out on a mission to find out what's going on.



The Wordsmith By Patricia Forde

Letta, charged with collecting and saving words, uncovers a sinister plan to suppress language, which would rob the people of Ark of the power of speech. Letta soon realises she must also save the culture itself

A Wrinkle in Time By Madeleine L'Engle

A strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure—one that will threaten their lives and our universe.



The Secret of Nightingale Wood By Lucy Strange

It's 1919 and Henrietta discovers that Hope House is full of strange secrets. One night she ventures into the darkness of Nightingale Wood. What she finds there will change her whole world...