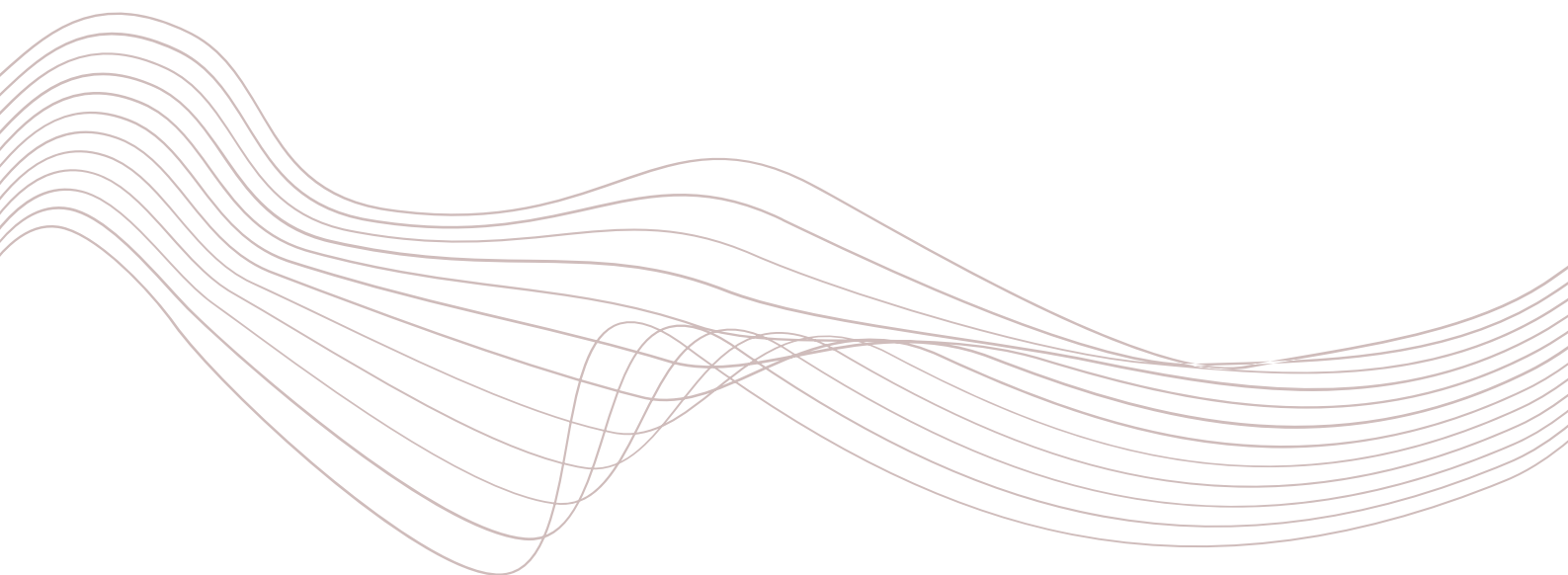
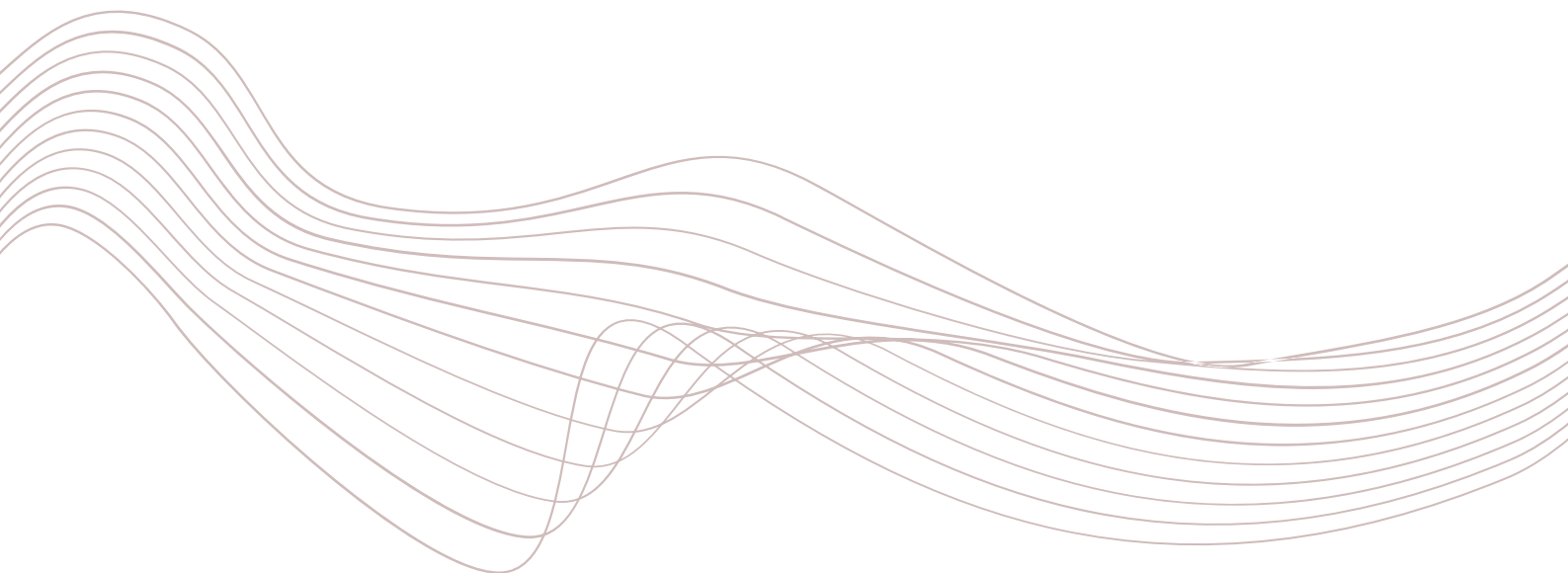




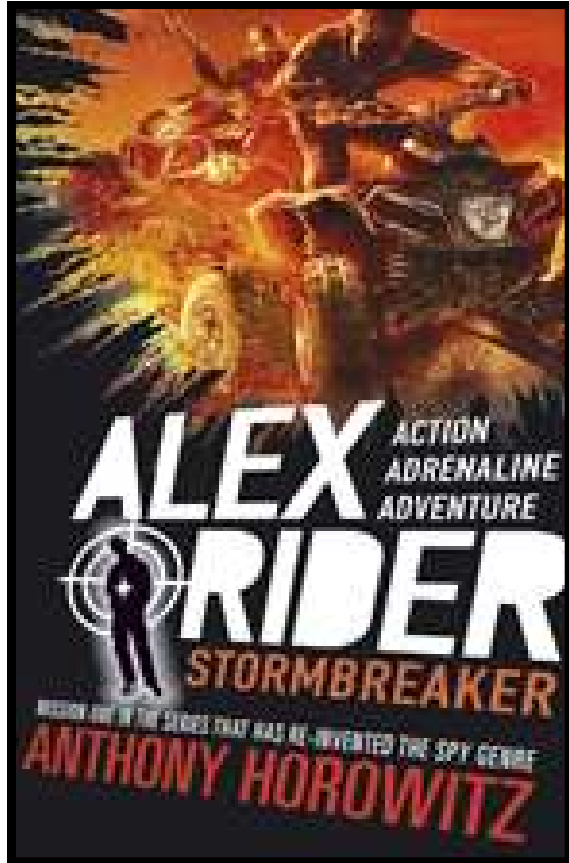
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YEAR 7 RECOMMENDED BOOKS





'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz



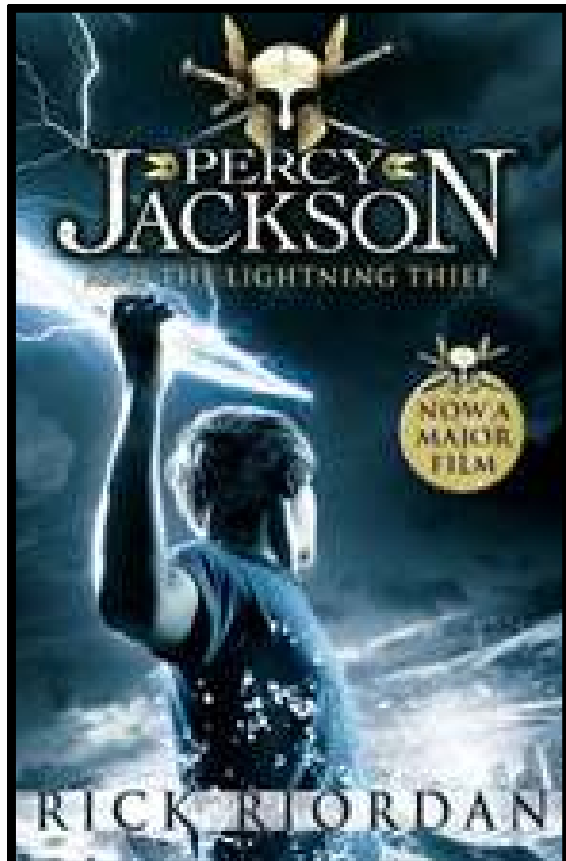
Teenage spy, Alex Rider, is brought into the world of espionage after discovering the truth about his uncle. Join him as he foils the plans of various criminal masterminds whilst avoiding danger around every turn.

Genre: Adventure

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'Percy Jackson' series by Rick Riordan



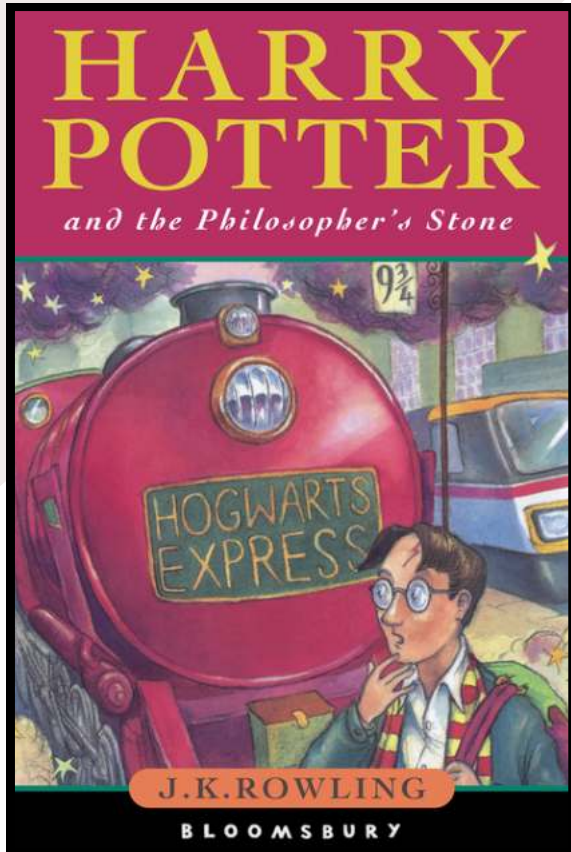
These books follow Percy. An ordinary boy who discovers that he is actually son of the Greek god, Poseidon. But this status means danger for Percy as many are out to kill him...

Genre: Adventure

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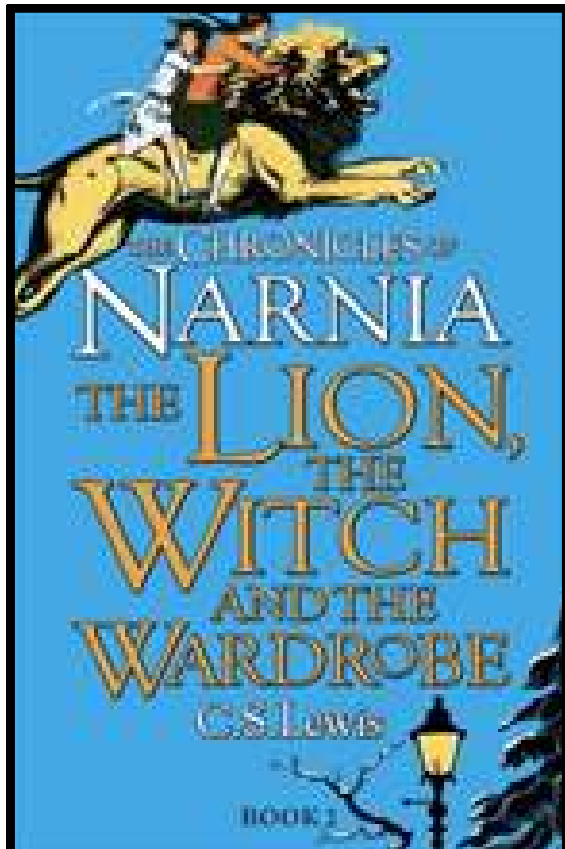
'Harry Potter' series by J. K. Rowling



Harry is left on his aunt's and uncle's doorsteps after his mum and dad are killed by the most evil wizard known in the wizarding world. Brought up with no knowledge of the wizarding world, Harry is shocked to find out on his 11th birthday that he has been accepted into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Genre: Fantasy

'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' by C. S. Lewis



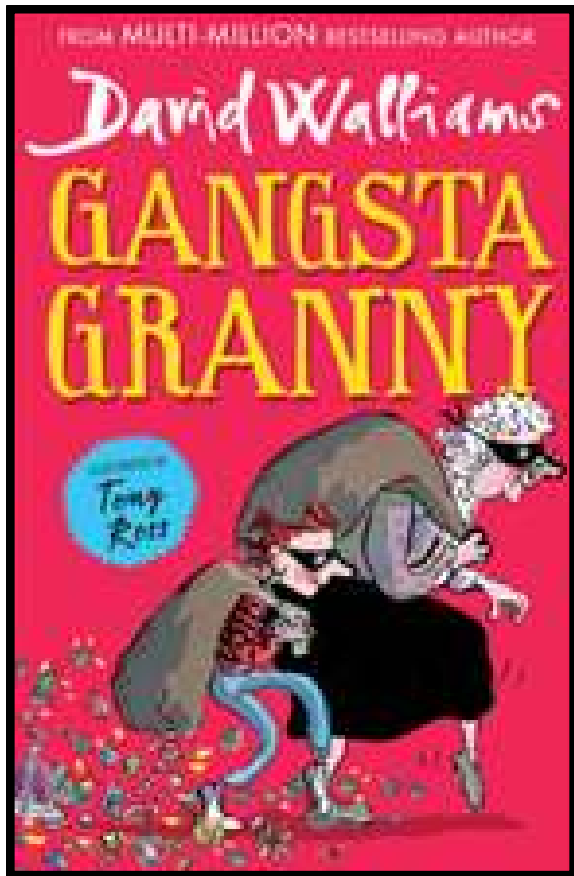
Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter are evacuated from London during the Second World War. But the house they are sent to has a secret. By going through a magical wardrobe, the siblings find themselves in the winter frozen land of Narnia. They soon discover that the land wasn't always like this and that there is, in fact, a prophecy which states that the four children are destined to overthrow the White Queen who rules the land and restore Narnia.

Genre: Fantasy

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'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams



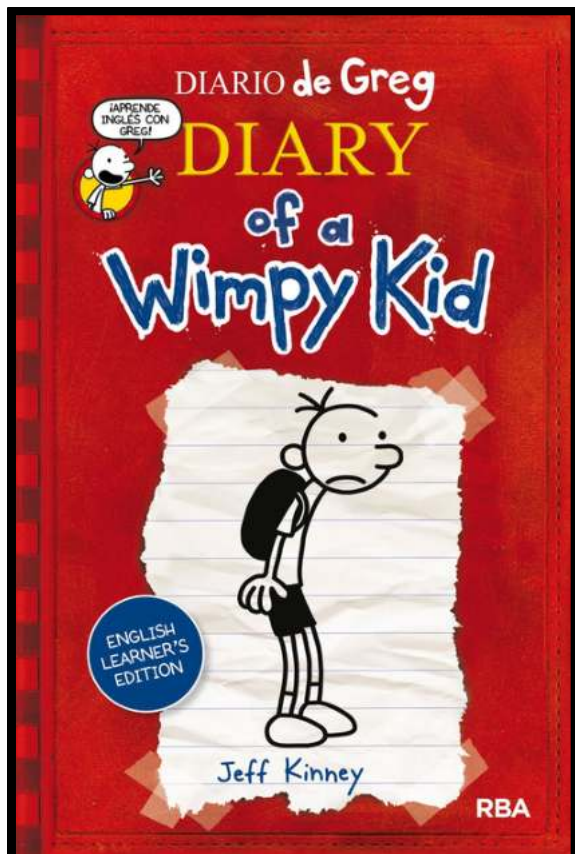
Ben hates visiting his Granny every Friday evening. When he calls his parents S.O.S style, Granny overhears. Thinking that her grandson doesn't love her, the next morning is quite tense. That is until Ben discovers a biscuit box which is heavier than usual. Heavier because it contains diamonds, rings, necklaces and earrings. Why does his granny have this jewellery hidden in her biscuit tin?

Genre: Humour

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'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney



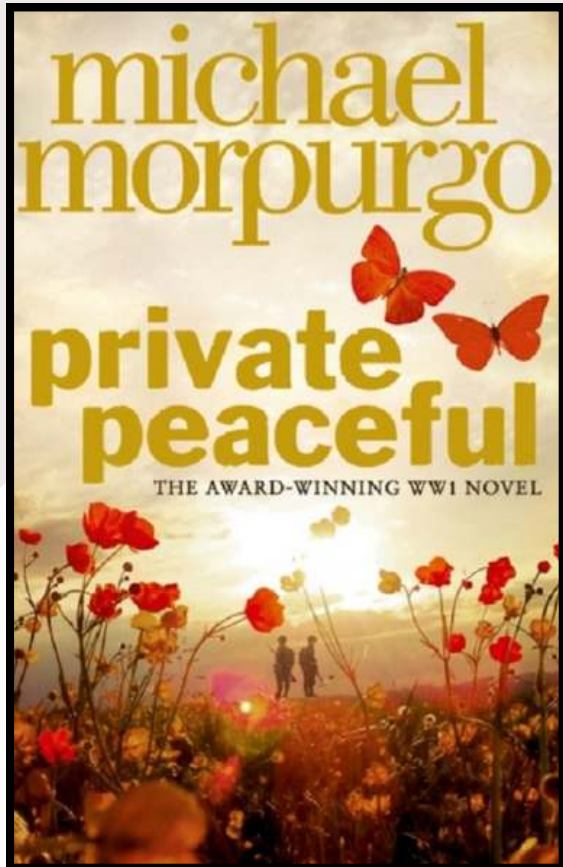
This book follows Greg Heffley as he tries to become popular in school. Through his many adventures, Greg has to deal with growing up and all the troubles it brings.

Genre: Humour

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'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo



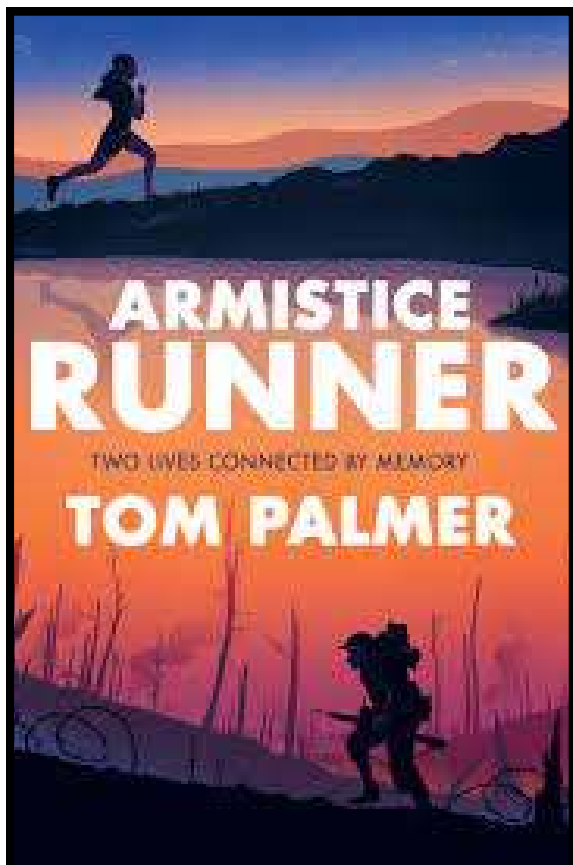
Told from the perspective of Tommo, a soldier on the front in World War One, the story is set over 24 hours as he looks back over his life and memories. He reminisces about his father's death, his big brothers and school friend Molly.

Genre: Historical

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'Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer



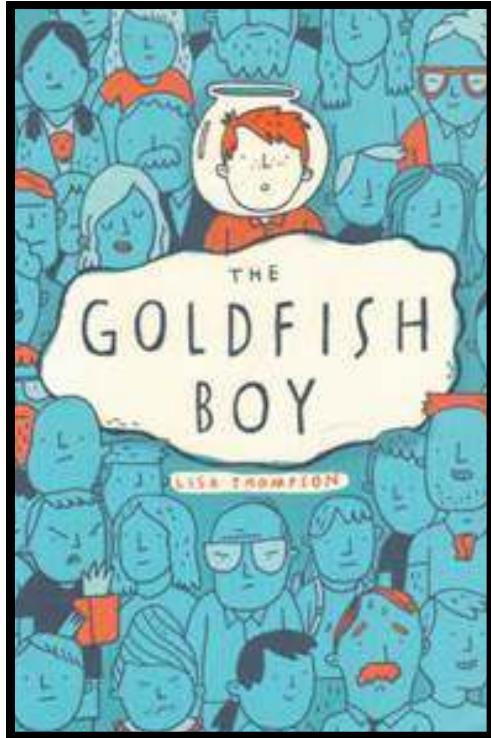
Lily has lots of worries. She's struggling to compete in her fell-running races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help Lily reconnect with her gran and even give her the inspiration she needs to push through and win?

Genre: Historical

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'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson



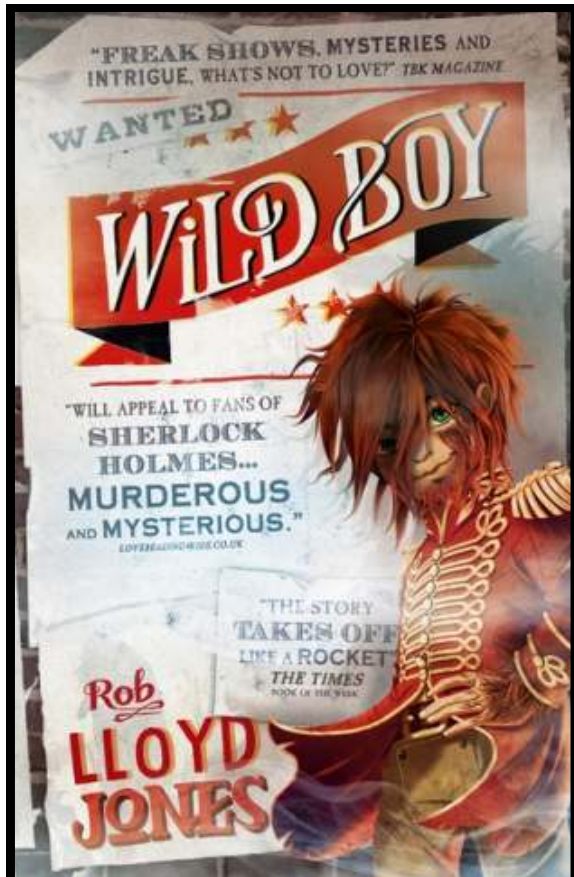
Matthew Corbin mainly stays indoors watching "the neighborhood goings ons" from his bedroom window. He hasn't even been to school. When a toddler goes missing, Matthew realises that his knowledge on the local area may help in finding the missing child. Yet with OCD, every day is a challenge. Can he help find the child without leaving the house?

Genre: Crime

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'Wild Boy' by Rob Lloyd Jones



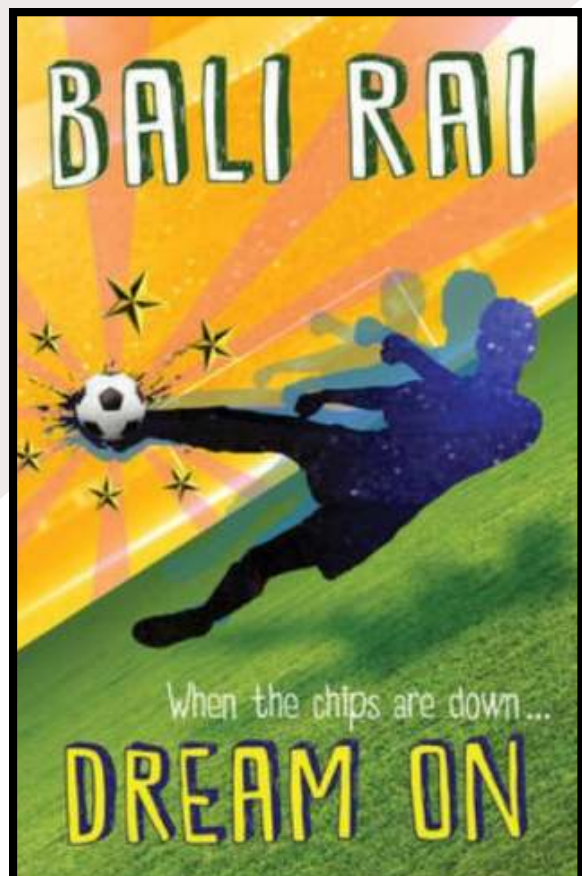
This book is set in the seamy, smoggy underworld of Victorian London, 1841. A boy covered in hair, raised as a monster, condemned to life in a travelling freak show. A boy with an extraordinary power of observation and detection. A boy accused of murder; on the run; hungry for the truth.

Genre: Crime

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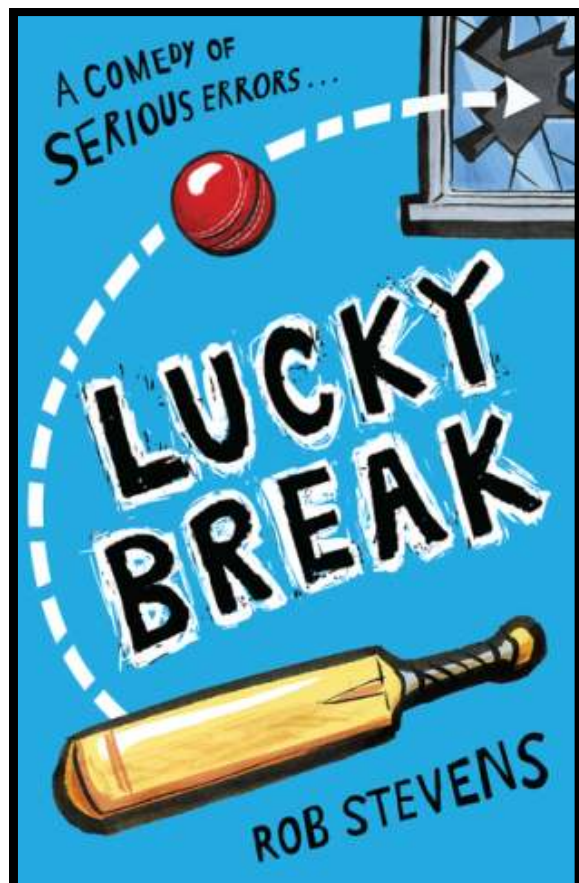
'Dream On' by Bali Rai



Baljit works in his dad's chippy but dreams of football stardom. When the chance of a lifetime comes along in the form of a national team's rep, he is sure that his parents will disapprove and so a chain of lies begins. Will Baljit's fibs mean the end of his potential football stardom, or will his dreams win out?

Genre: Sport

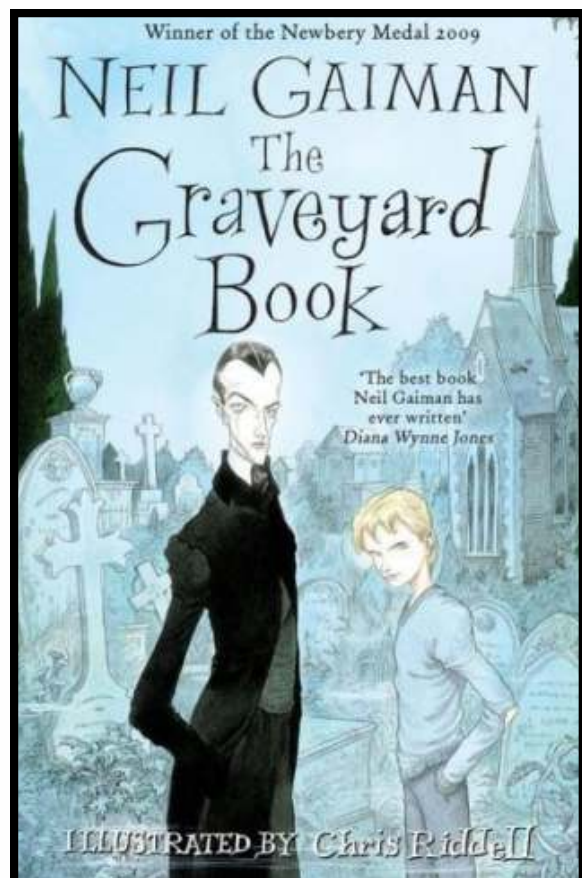
'Lucky Break' by Rob Stevens



When a new boy, Arnold, starts at Leon's school, he has no idea what to think: Arnold doesn't understand jokes, sarcasm is lost on him and he can be completely blunt. Leon has never met anyone like Arnold before, and an unlikely friendship blossoms.

Genre: Sport

'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman



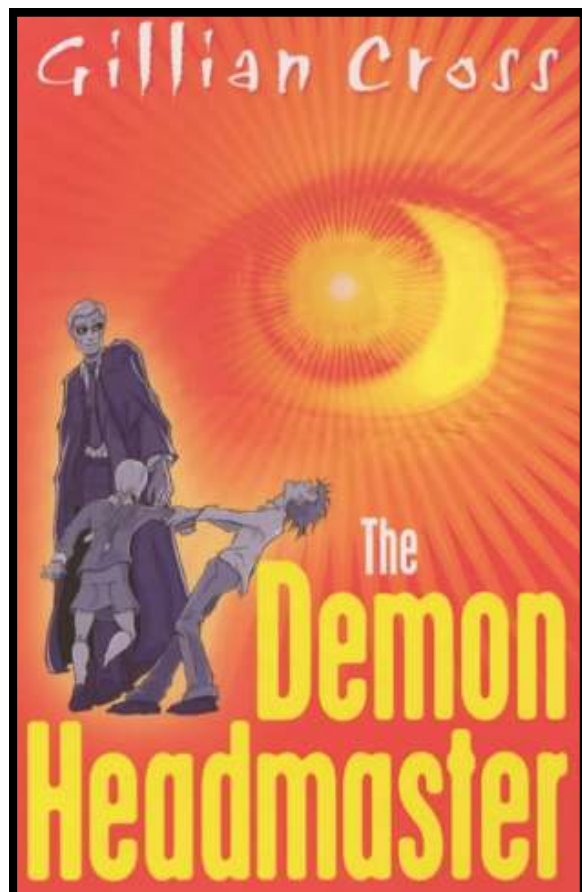
When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him - after all, he is the last remaining member of the family.

Genre: Horror

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'The Demon Headmaster' by Gillian Cross



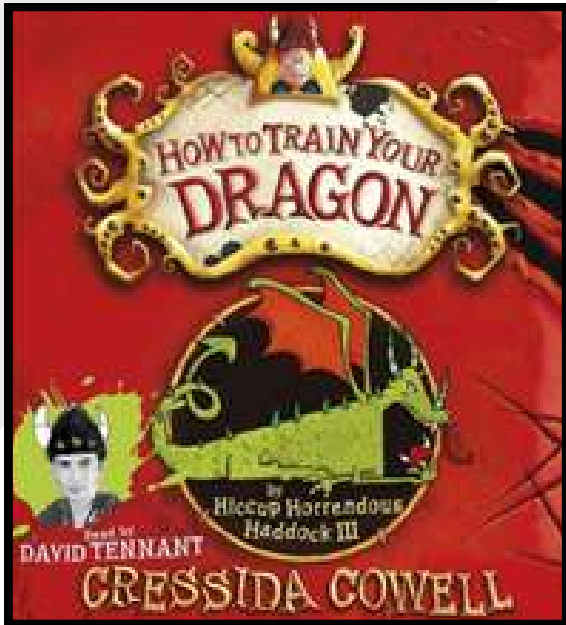
Dinah moves in with the Hunter family and starts going to the same school as her foster-brothers Lloyd and Harvey. It's not easy, as they seem to hate her, and school is really strange. Pupils suddenly talk like robots and do weird things - even Dinah finds herself acting oddly. She's sure the headmaster has some kind of power over them, and is determined to find out more. But the Demon Headmaster is equally determined to stop her.

Genre: Horror

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'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell



Hiccup, our protagonist, has to complete a rite of passage by capturing a dragon. After attempts to train the dragon, Toothless, the two become friends. But when a storm washes up three sea dragons that could endanger the village, Hiccup is chosen to negotiate with them and try and save the tribe.

Genre: Animal

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'I, Cosmo' by Carlie Sorosiak



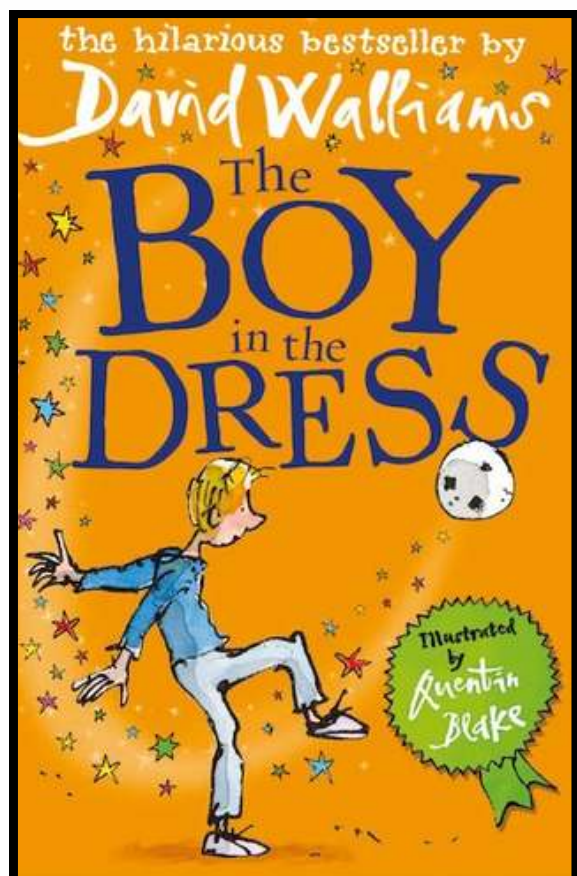
Cosmo and Max are best friends. They were born at the same time. But Cosmo is a dog and Max a human. Life is about to become very turbulent for Max and Cosmo but can they stick together?

Genre: Animal

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'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams



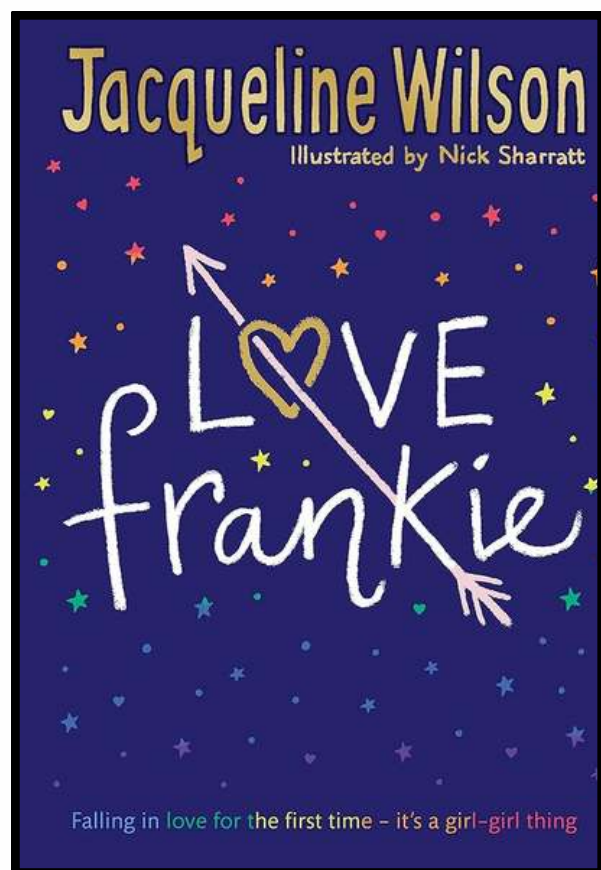
Dennis loves football. But he also loves fashion. His family don't understand his love of clothing and, since his mother left home, he starts to feel isolated. When Dennis meets Lisa, who aspires to be a designer, he realises that it is ok to be different and to be himself.

Genre: Humour/ LGBTQ+

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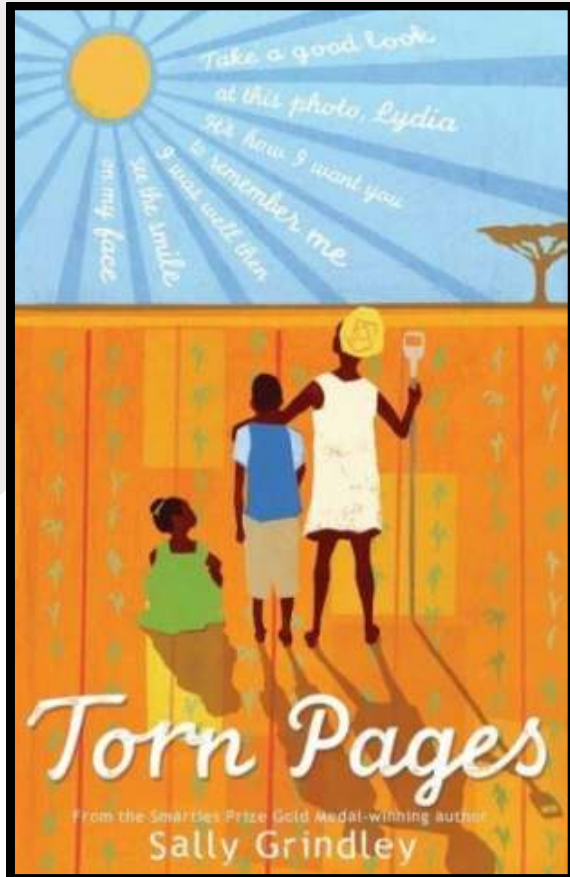
'Love Frankie' by Jacqueline Wilson



Frankie is fourteen and has MS. She is having to deal with this condition as well as facing the problems of growing up. When one of the people who was bullying Frankie begins to make friends with her, it starts to turn into something more than friendship.

Genre: LGBTQ+

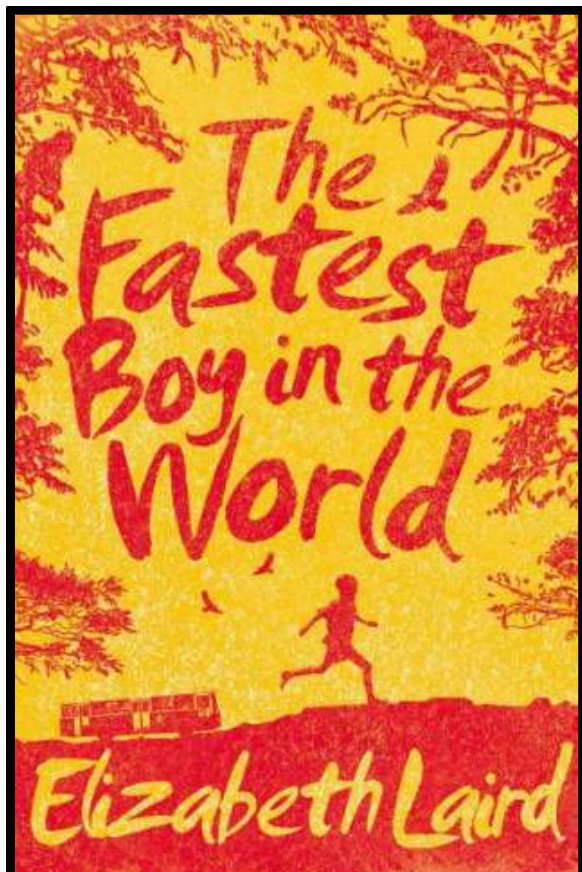
'Torn Pages' by Sally Grindley



There's something about a storm in the middle of the night that gathers a family close. It's as if nothing else exists outside that huddle of love in a blacked-out room which, try as it might, the storm cannot overwhelm. The storm that Liddy faces is the storm of AIDS, which is attacking their small African community. It has taken away her mother and father from her forever. With her brother, Joe, Liddy must try to bring up Kesi, their little sister. There is never enough to eat, they cannot afford to go to school, and even their grandmother goes out her way to make life difficult for them. But their mother's voice of love is still there to guide them, in the handwritten diary which she left for them.

Genre: Multiculturalism

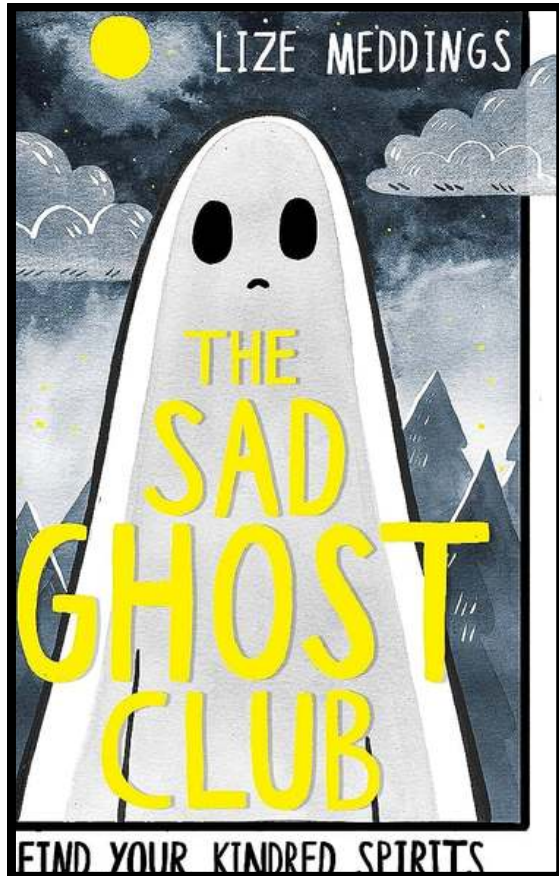
'The Fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird



Eleven-year-old Solomon loves to run! The great athletes of the Ethiopian national team are his heroes and he dreams that one day he will be a gold-medal-winning athlete like them. When his grandfather announces that he's going to take Solomon to Addis Ababa, Solomon cannot believe his ears. Solomon's joy is increased when he realises that the Ethiopian running team will be doing a victory parade through the city that day. But Solomon's grandfather has other plans. Solomon learns that the strict old man is a war hero who once risked his life to save a friend and has been in hiding ever since. When his grandfather collapses, Solomon knows that getting help from his village is up to him.

Genre: Multiculturalism

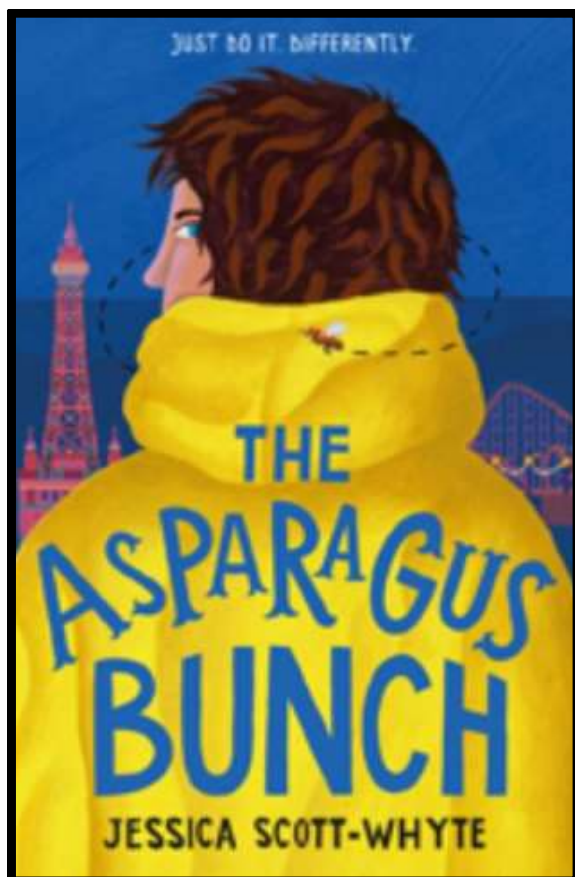
'The Sad Ghost Club' by Lize Meddings



The idea of going to a social party fills Sam with much anxiety. But after plucking up the courage to finally go, Sam meets Socks, another ghost who finds it hard to connect with others. Slowly the two start to share their feelings and realise that maybe they are not that alone after all.

Genre: Graphic Novel/Mental Health

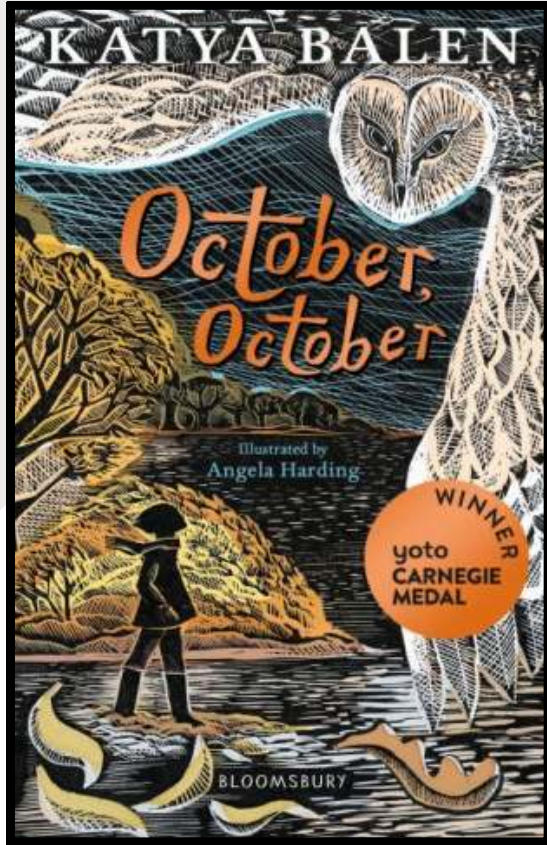
'The Asparagus Bunch' by J. Scott-Whyte



It's often said that the first day at a new school can be nerve-wrecking, but for 13-year-old Leon Crothers, joining his seventh new school, simply raises the question of who or what will be the reason for his departure. A funny novel exploring themes of neurodiversity and dyslexia.

Genre: Friends/Disability Awareness

'October, October' by Katya Balen



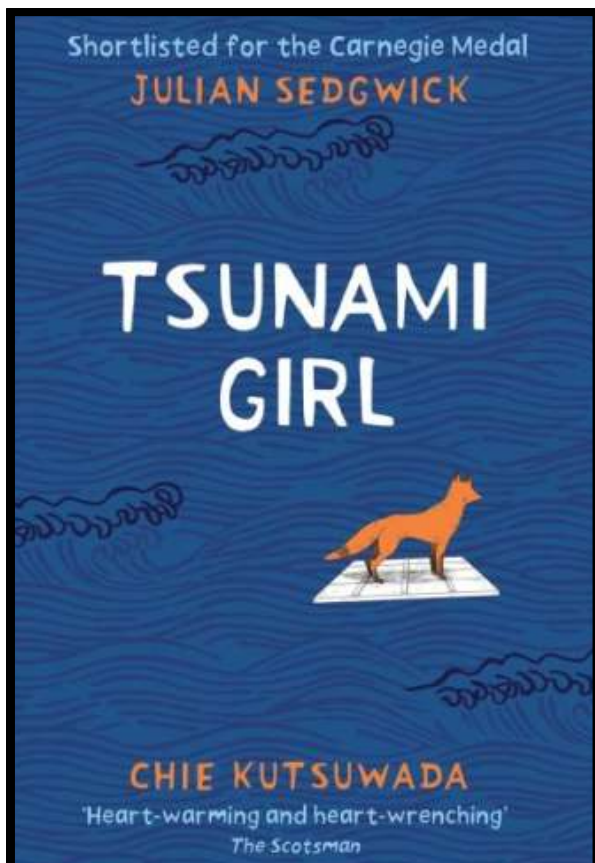
October lives in the woods, off the grid with her father. The woman she calls her mother lives in the city and abandoned them. But when October's dad suffers a severe injury, October is forced to move in with her 'mother' and experience the overwhelming city for the first time...

Genre: Family

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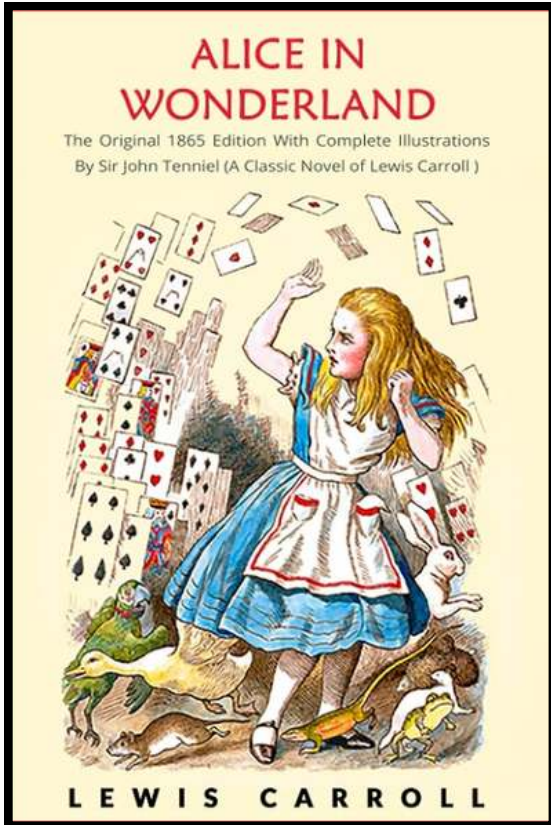
'Tsunami Girl' by Julian Sedgwick



When Yuki visits her grandfather in Japan, she is caught up in a catastrophic tsunami and earthquake. Her beloved grandad is lost. A year later, Yuki is still struggling to come to terms with what happened and is determined to discover the truth.

Genre: Family/Graphic Novel

'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll



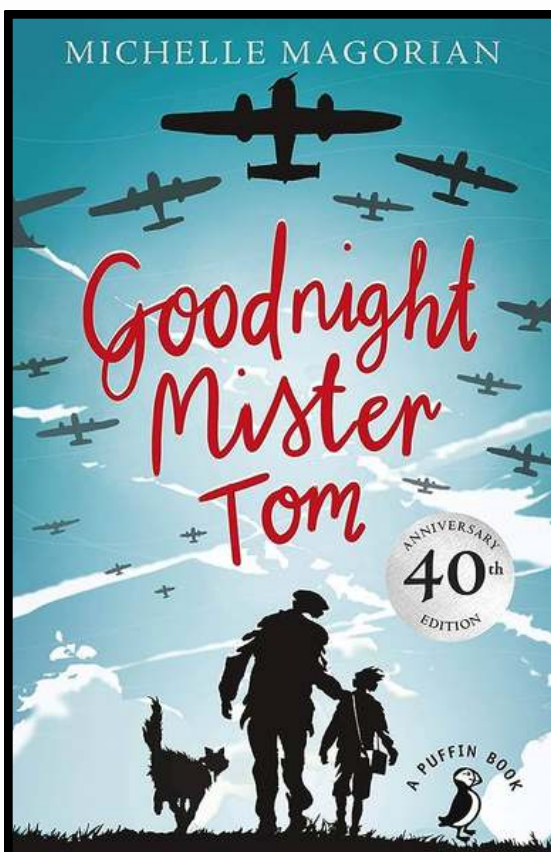
A classic book that starts with Alice literally falling down a rabbit hole into the crazy world of Wonderland. Here, she meets a White Rabbit who is convinced he is always late, a Walrus and a Carpenter, a Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat and the terrifying Queen of Hearts. In a world which is quite mad, how does the logical Alice fair?

Genre: Adventure/Classic

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'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian



Willie Beech is an evacuee, being sent from the city to the countryside at the outbreak of World War 2. He lodges with Thomas Oakley, a gruff widower. At first, the two do not get along but soon grow to like one another. When Willie is called back to London by his abusive mother, Tom becomes concerned for Willie's welfare and goes to London to find him.

Genre: Historical/Classic

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