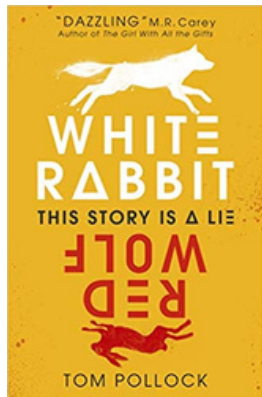
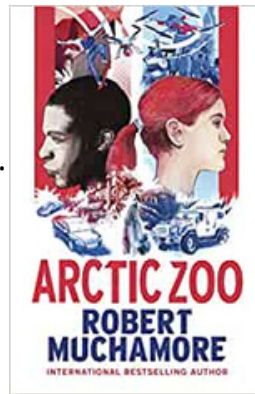


Year 9 Recommended Reads

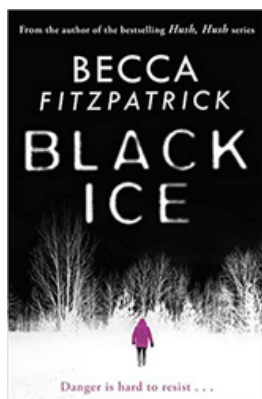
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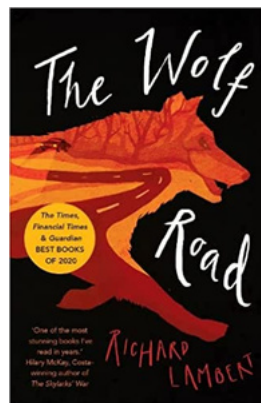
Peter is afraid of everything and must confront terror when his mother is stabbed. Dragged into a world of espionage and violence where state and family secrets intertwine.



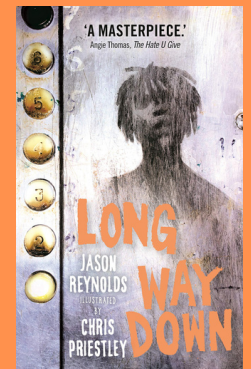
Following two teenagers living very different lives, ARCTIC ZOO is an arresting thriller about protest, mental health and flawed leadership.



Britt and Korbie are relieved to find two knights in shining armour after a freak storm. But Britt quickly realises that the girls need to get off the mountain, fast.

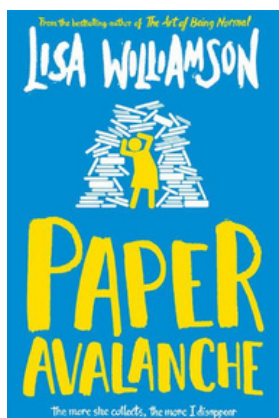


When Lucas survives the car accident that kills his parents, one memory stays with him - of the wolf that caused the crash.

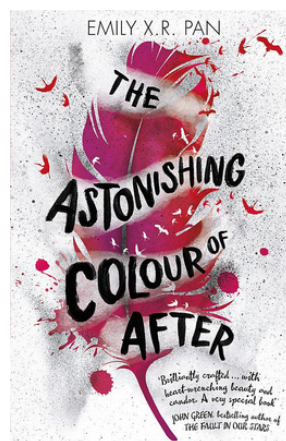


When Will's brother is shot he doesn't cry. Doesn't snitch. Wants revenge. But then he sees, Buck a friend who died years ago. And Dani, who was shot years before that.

Realistic:



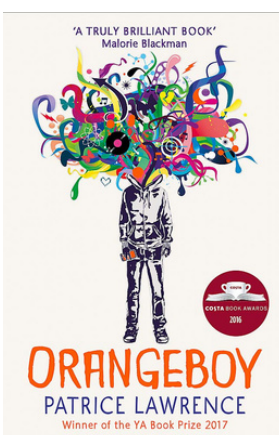
The more she collects, the more I disappear. Ro has no one to confide in about what its like at home until Tanvi arrives at school and Noah moves in next door.



Leigh is 16 when her mother dies by suicide, leaving only a scribbled note: 'I want you to remember'. She travels to Taiwan to meet her maternal grandparents for the first time.



Aidan and Iona were both born on the day of the Northern Ireland peace deal. When the two meet on neutral territory, the differences between them seem insurmountable.

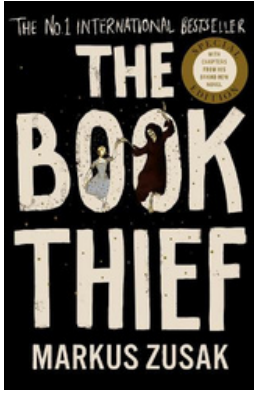


When a mysterious tragedy strikes, Marlon is determined to reveal the chain which leads to the criminal world. A simply written a pacey crime thriller.

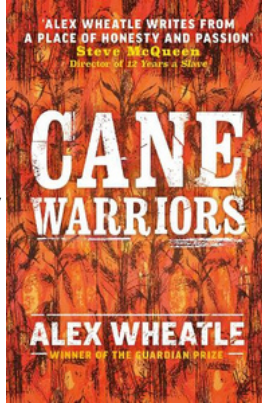


When Jay's cousin Jun dies he travels his home in the Philippines. The stories he hears don't fit with who he knew Jun to be. Can Jay find the answers he seeks?

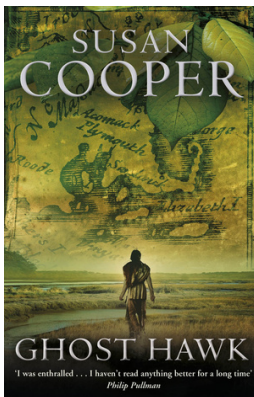
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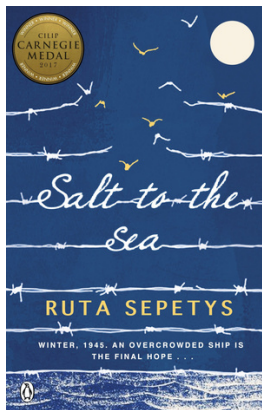
It is 1939. In Nazi Germany, the country is holding its breath. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, nothing will ever be the same again.



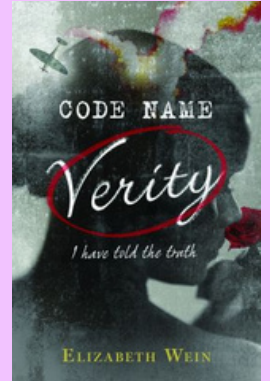
Moa wants to fight for the freedom of all the enslaved people in the nearby plantations. But before they can escape, Moa and his friend must kill their overseer.



Tensions between native tribes and the invaders are rising. Little Hawk's fate becomes entwined with John, a young boy, who dares to question intolerance.



Four young people trek across Germany, bound together by their desperation to reach the ship that can take them away from the war-ravaged land.



When a vital mission goes wrong, she becomes a prisoner of war. 'Verity' writes her account. Is it truth or lies? Is it honour or betrayal?

Fantasy:



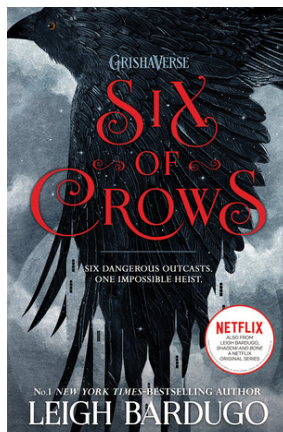
Deka lives in Otera, an ancient kingdom. But Deka bleeds gold she faces a fate worse than death. Until she is saved by a mysterious woman who tells Deka of her true nature...



Who will guard the living when the dead arise? Sabriel endures almost impossible challenges whilst discovering her own supernatural abilities – and her destiny.



Most people only know one London; but what if there were several? Kell is one of the last Travelers magicians with a rare ability to travel between parallel Londons.

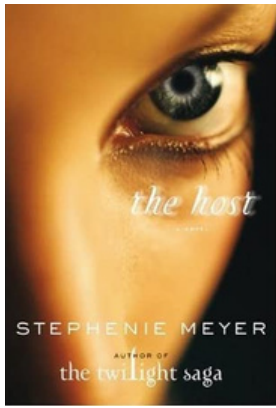


A convict.
A sharpshooter.
A runaway.
A spy.
A Heartrender.
A thief.
Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Magical mayhem.



A secret society called 'Legendborn' that hunt demons. A mage who calls himself a 'Merlin' attempts – and fails – to wipe Bree's memory of everything she saw.

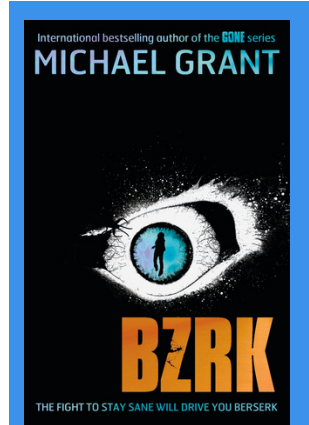
Science Fiction:



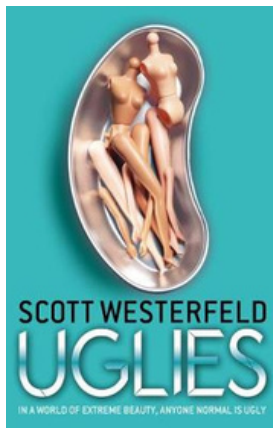
Earth has been invaded by a parasitic alien race known as "Souls". One Soul faces a predicament when the her human host refuses to give up her body.



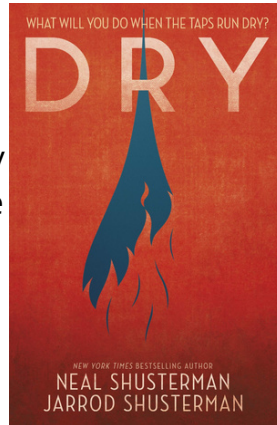
Wade Watts searches for an Easter egg in a worldwide virtual reality game, the discovery of which would lead him to inherit the game creator's fortune.



A global war is raging. You can't see it. It's inside you. It's a fight for free choice. Every day could be their last. In this war there are only two outcomes: victory or madness.

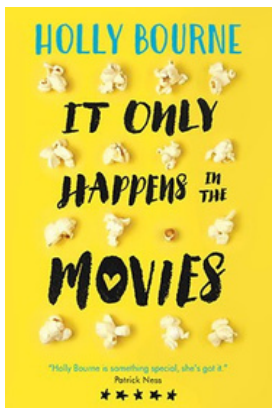


Everyone is considered an "ugly" until their sixteenth birthday when they receive extreme cosmetic surgery to make them "pretty". There is opting out.



The drought has been going on for a while now. Then the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's street turns into a warzone of desperation.

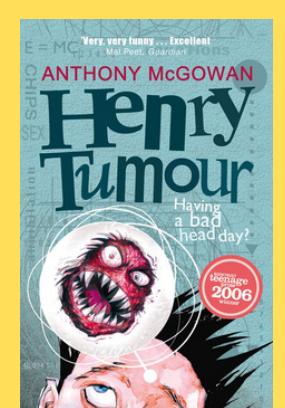
Funny:



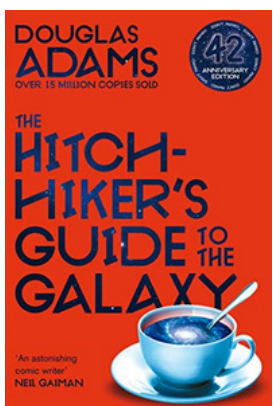
When Audrey meets Harry, it's the start of a truly cinematic romance – or is it? Holly Bourne tackles real love in this hugely funny and poignant novel.



When it comes to relationships, Colin's type is girls named Katherine. But he's always getting dumped. A comic novel about reinventing oneself.



Hector has a problem: he has a brain tumour. Not only that, it starts to take control of Hector. Can Hector overpower his tumour in order to get what he really wants . . .

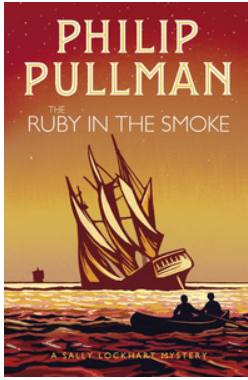


It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished and his best friend announces that he's an alien.

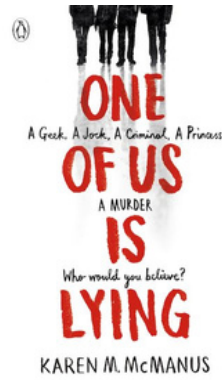


Greg and Earl decide to make a film for Rachel, whose been diagnosed with leukaemia. A hilarious and truthful look at friendship and high school.

Mystery:



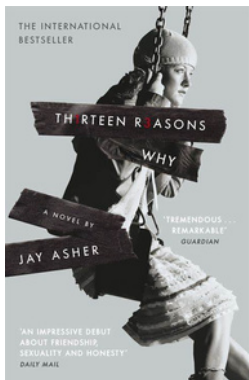
Soon after Sally Lockhart's father drowns at sea, she receives an anonymous letter. The dire warning it contains makes a man die of fear at her feet...



Five kids walk into detention. Only four walk out. One of them is a murderer... but which one do you believe, and which one is lying?



Someone is out to get Head Girl Chiamaka and talented musician Devon and expose their secrets. Someone holds all the aces and intends on much more than a high-school game...



Clay returns home from school to find a package with his name on it. Inside he discovers cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker who committed suicide two weeks earlier...



Kelsey is supposed to keep a low profile, but that plan is shattered with a dramatic car accident. Now her mother is missing and she knows she's next.

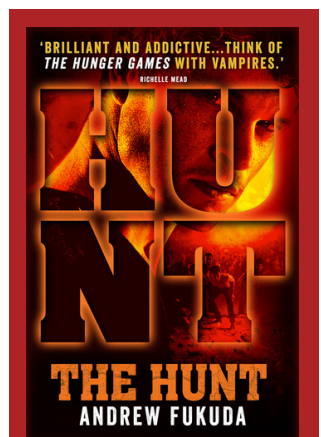
Horror:



Jake can't decide what's worse: being a medium forced to watch the dead or being one of the few Black students at St Clair Prep. Both are a living nightmare...



When Jamie's mum is taken by strange creatures, he's dragged into Department 19, the government's most secret agency. But something is stirring...



Gene is a human, and he knows the rules. Keep the truth a secret. It's the only way to stay alive in a world of night. His need to survive is strong but is it worth his humanity?

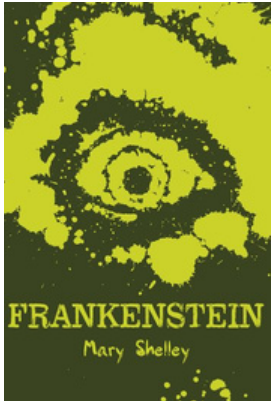


The Hollow sisters are strange. Ever since they disappeared, returning a month a later with no memory of what happened to them, odd, eerie things seem to follow in their wake..



Sometimes I believe the baby will never stop crying. With guilty secrets weighing down on her, Amanda can't be sure if the true evil lies in the land, or within her soul...

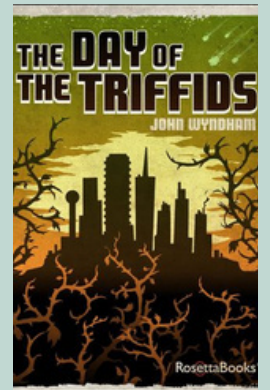
Classics:



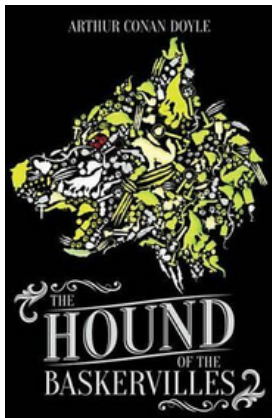
Frankenstein's monster is stitched together from the limbs of the dead. The result is a monster who sets out on a journey to seek his revenge.



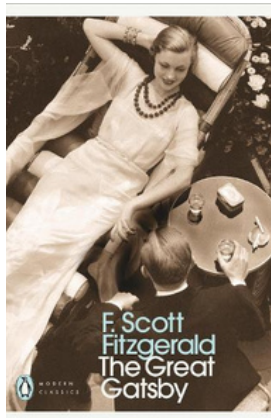
Catherine's wild imagination and excessive fondness for Gothic novels has skewed her worldview and interactions with others to great comic effect.



A freak cosmic event makes Earth's population blind. A menace stalks them all. The Triffids, mobile plants with lethal stingers and carnivorous appetites, seem set to take control.

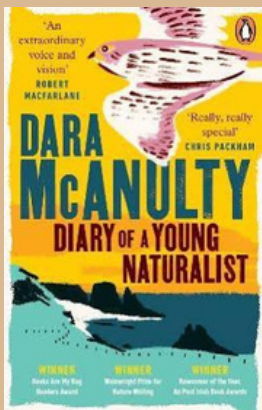


The ancestor of the now dead Henry sold his soul to the devil, and the family has been haunted by a large hound ever since. But foul play not spectres are suspected...

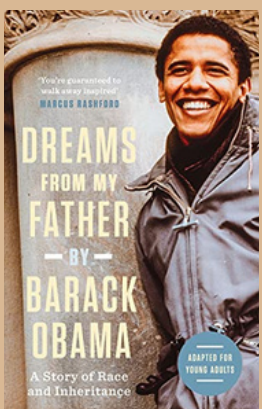


Beneath the shimmering surface of his life, Gatsby is hiding a secret: a silent longing that can never be fulfilled. And soon, this destructive obsession will force his world to unravel.

Biography:



Explores the natural world through the eyes of Dara McAnulty, an autistic teenager coping with the uprooting of home, school, and his mental health, while pursuing his life as a conservationist and environmental activist.



A revealing portrait of a young Black man asking questions about self-discovery and belonging. On his journey from a humble background, he forges his own path through trial and error while staying connected to his roots.

Graphic Novels:

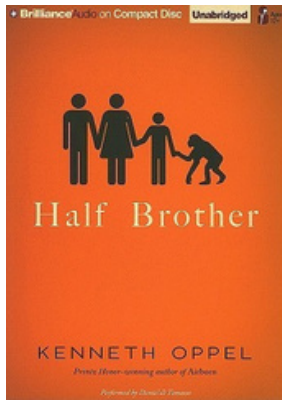


Maus tells the story of a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. Using cats and mice we study the bloody prints of history and track its meaning for those who come next.

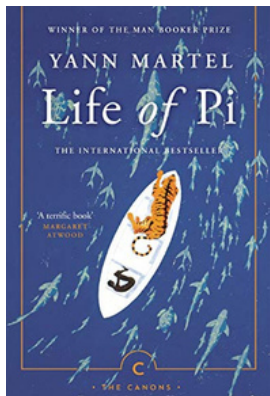


Ti n loves his family and his friends... but Ti n has a secret he's been keeping from them, and it might change everything. He helps his mother learn English, but can he find the words to talk to her about his sexuality.

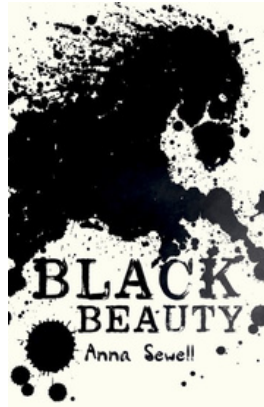
Animal Stories:



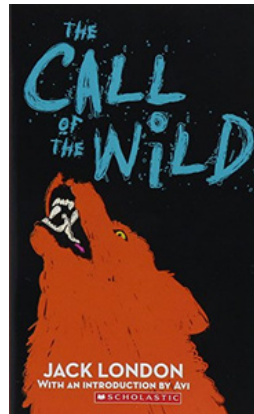
Ben Tomlin has been an only child for thirteen years. So when his research-scientist parents bring home a baby chimp to raise as a human child, Ben's life is turned upside-down.



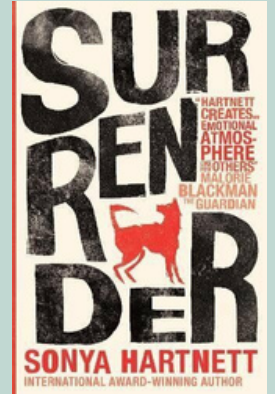
After the tragic a cargo ship, one lifeboat remains. The only survivors from the wreck are a 16 year-old Pi, a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger.



Each short chapter recounts an incident in Black Beauty's life, he meets many hardships and recounts many tales of both cruelty and kindness.



A dog named Buck is stolen from his home and sold as a sled dog. The novel follows his journey of self-discovery as he learns to survive in the wild and embrace the call of nature.



Gabriel is dying. He relives his brief twenty years, remembering his parents', his wild friend Finnigan who encouraged him to do terrible things, and his dear dog Surrender.

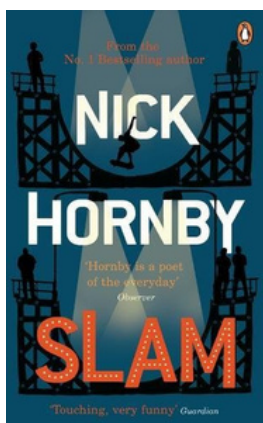
Sports:



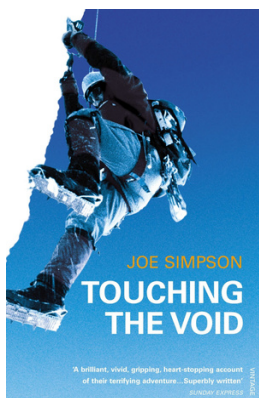
Lily's Dad encourages her to find self worth through boxing after a particularly bad bullying incident. It's a challenge to confront her fears.



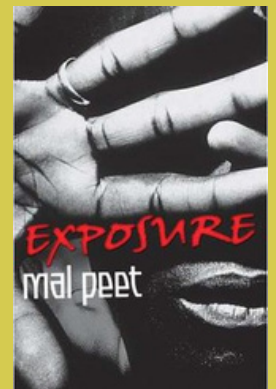
As the Olympics close in, Audrey has no idea who to trust or what her future holds. The only thing she can do is hope that in the end it will be enough for gold.



When an accident with big consequences occurs, Sam finds he can't skate his way out. But has he got what it takes to confront his problems head on?

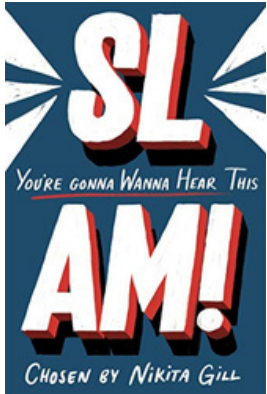


In 1985 two young mountaineers set off to conquer an unclimbed route. They reached the summit but then a horrific accident mid-descent forced one friend to leave another for dead.



An *Othello* retelling. Football star, Otello, has it all, including the beautiful Desmerelda. When he is wrongly implicated in a scandal, the his life turns into a tragic spiral of destruction.

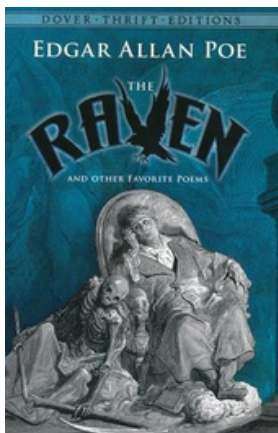
Poetry:



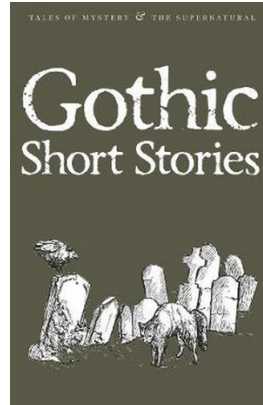
This is the perfect introduction to the world of modern poetry. Inspiring, empowering, and often hilarious, SLAMs are a platform for well-known and emerging talent from all walks of life where every style of poetry has a home.



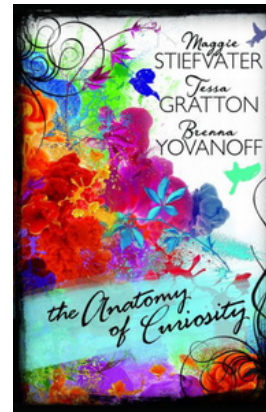
Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?



Some present powerful, nightmarish images of the macabre and bizarre, while others have at their heart a profound sense of love, beauty and loss. All are linguistic masterpieces that demonstrate Poe's gift for poetry.



Covering the spectrum of Gothic story-telling - tales of madness and violence, of shape-shifters and spectres, that express some of the deepest fears of the human mind – insanity, sexuality, death and the often terrible power of the past to catch up with the present.

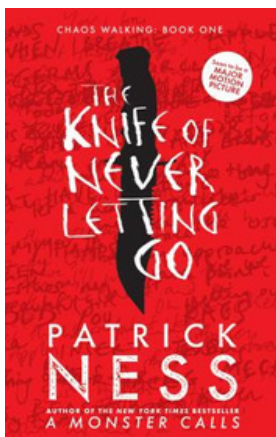


In Brooklyn, a young woman learns to speak her mind from a very curious sort of tutor. In a land convulsed by war, a young soldier disarms bombs with the person he doesn't know how to love. In a place shrivelled by drought, a young writer tries to tread water in an unusual sea.



From the foggy streets of Victorian London to the eerie perfection of 1950s suburbia, the everyday is invaded by the evil otherworldly. Characteristically flesh-creeping, terrifying tales of revenge and supernatural stirrings that will leave readers wide awake long into the night.

Popular Series:



Dig into some tried and tested favourites. Follow Todd as he flees from the men who hunt him - and can hear his thoughts! Discover a world of destiny, magic and power along with farm boy Eragon. Or watch as Katniss and Peta try to survive a fight to the death.