

Year 8 Suggested Reading

Humour and Comedy

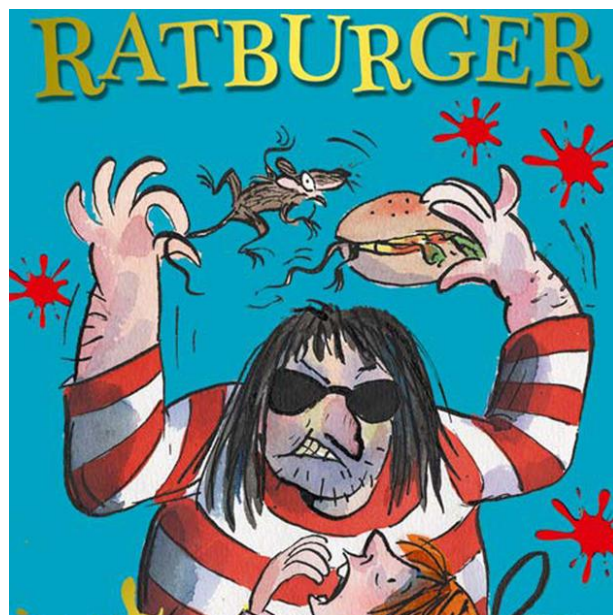
Scroll through the list to view a few of the titles suggested by our Librarians here in school for your year group.

Ratburger by David Walliams

Hot on the heels of bestselling Gangsta Granny comes another hilarious, action-packed and touching novel – the story of a little girl called Zoe.

Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother Sheila is so lazy she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully Tina Trotts makes her life a misery – mainly by flobbing on her head. And now the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat! And guess what he wants to do with it?

The clue is in the title...

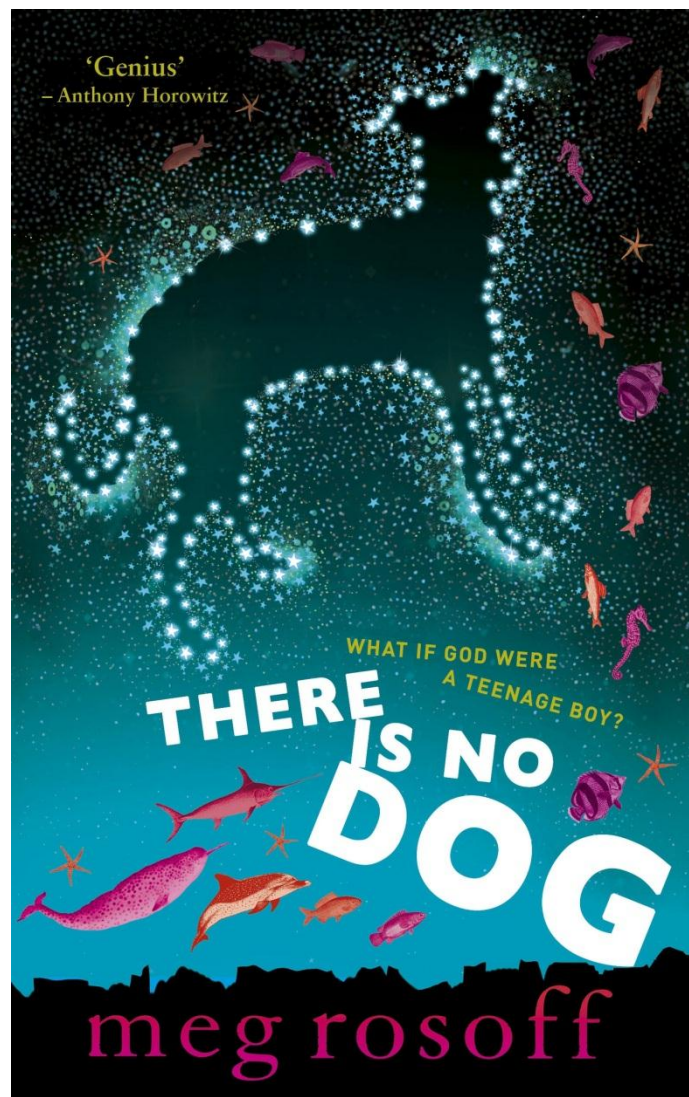


There is No Dog by Meg Rosoff

In the beginning there was Bob. And Bob created the heavens and the earth and the beasts of the field and the creatures of the sea, and twenty-five million other species including lots and lots of gorgeous girls. And all of this, he created in just six days....Six days! ... Congratulations, Bob! No wonder Earth is such a mess.

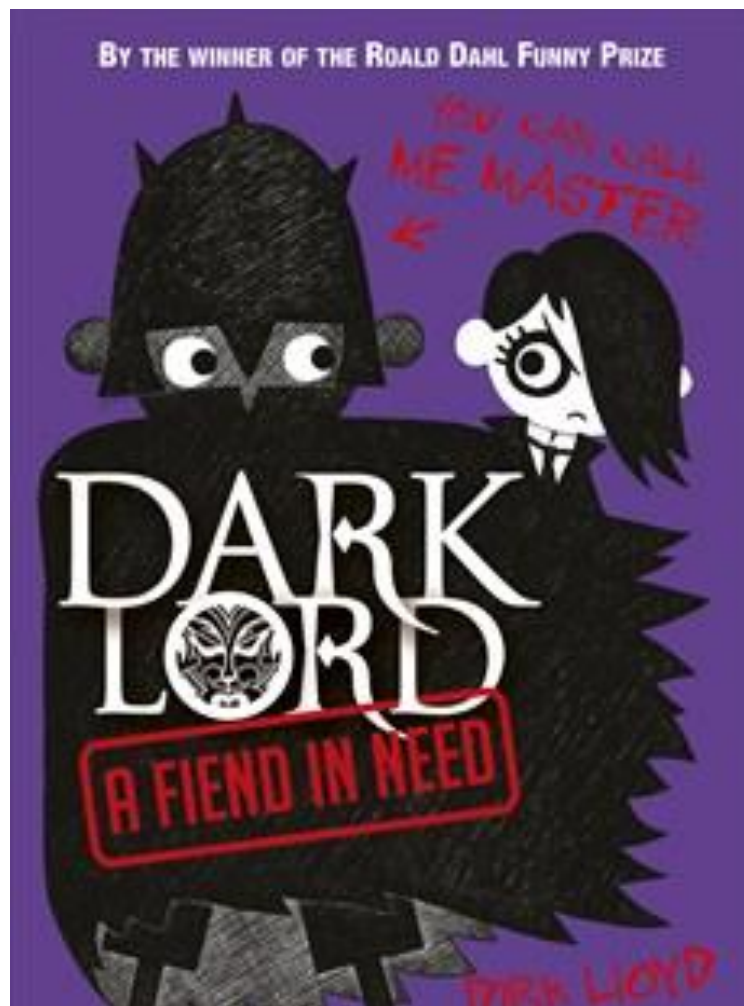
Imagine that God is a typical teenage boy. He is lazy, careless, self-obsessed, sex-mad -- and about to meet Lucy, the most beautiful girl on earth. Unfortunately, whenever Bob falls in love, disaster follows. Let us pray that Bob does not fall in love with Lucy.

(www.megrosoff.co.uk)



A Fiend in Need by Jamie Thomson

After acclimating to the inane customs of the blathering human fools, Dirk Lloyd has managed to make contact with his home in the Darklands. Unfortunately, his powers have betrayed him yet again. His new, and dare he say it, good friend Sooz has been transported to his Iron Tower of Despair, where she awaits what is sure to be a slow and painful end. Little does Dirk know that Sooz has formed her own alliances as the new Dark Mistress of his former kingdom. Dirk must find a way to get Sooz home, especially before his arch-nemesis Lord Hasdruban vanquishes Dirk once and for all. In this equally hilarious and clever sequel, Dirk attempts to regain his evil stranglehold on the Darklands and survive another year in school.



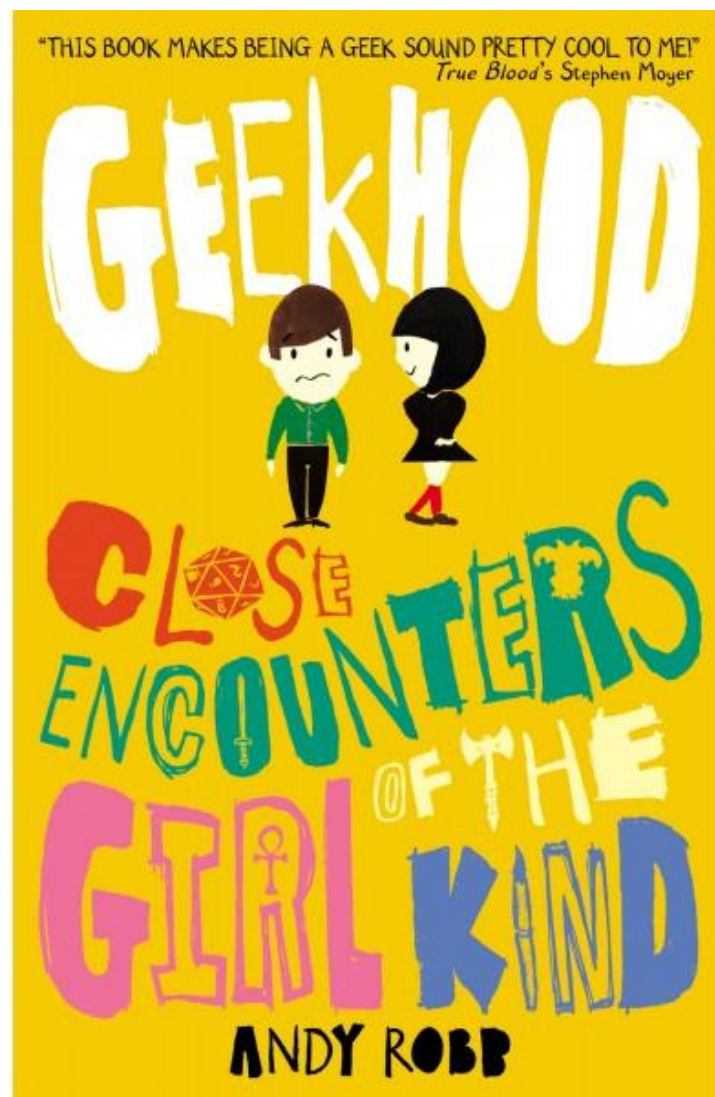
Geekhood – Close Encounters of the Girl Kind by Andy Robb

Fourteen-year-old Archie is a Geek to his core.

In the world of role-playing games, he's a Level 5 Mage, capable of summoning the Undead. In this world, things are rather different. With no rule book to navigate Life's Big Challenges – warring parents, a crass step-father, orc-like school bullies and crap hair – he's teetering on the brink...

Then a Beautiful Girl appears in his Geeky world... Despite the fact that the closest he's come to an encounter with a girl is painting an Elven miniature, Archie embarks on a Daring Quest to win her heart.

(www.theandyrobbsite.co.uk)



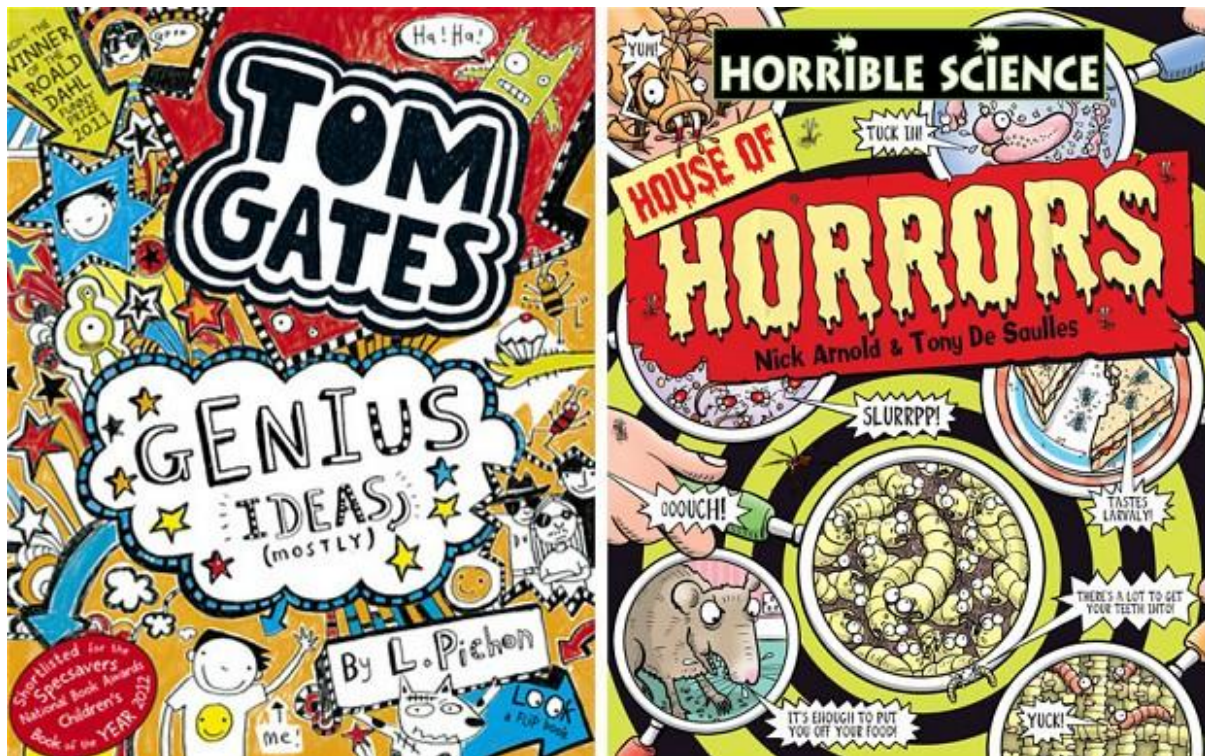
Tom Gates Series by Liz Pichon

Tom Gates is the master of excuses for late homework: dog attacks; spilt water; and, lightning.

Tom's exercise book is full of his doodles, cartoons and thoughts, as well as comments from his long-suffering teacher, Mr Fullerton.

After gaining five merits for his "Camping Sucks" holiday story, Tom's work starts to go downhill - which is a pity, as he's desperate to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him.

(www.lizpichon.co.uk)



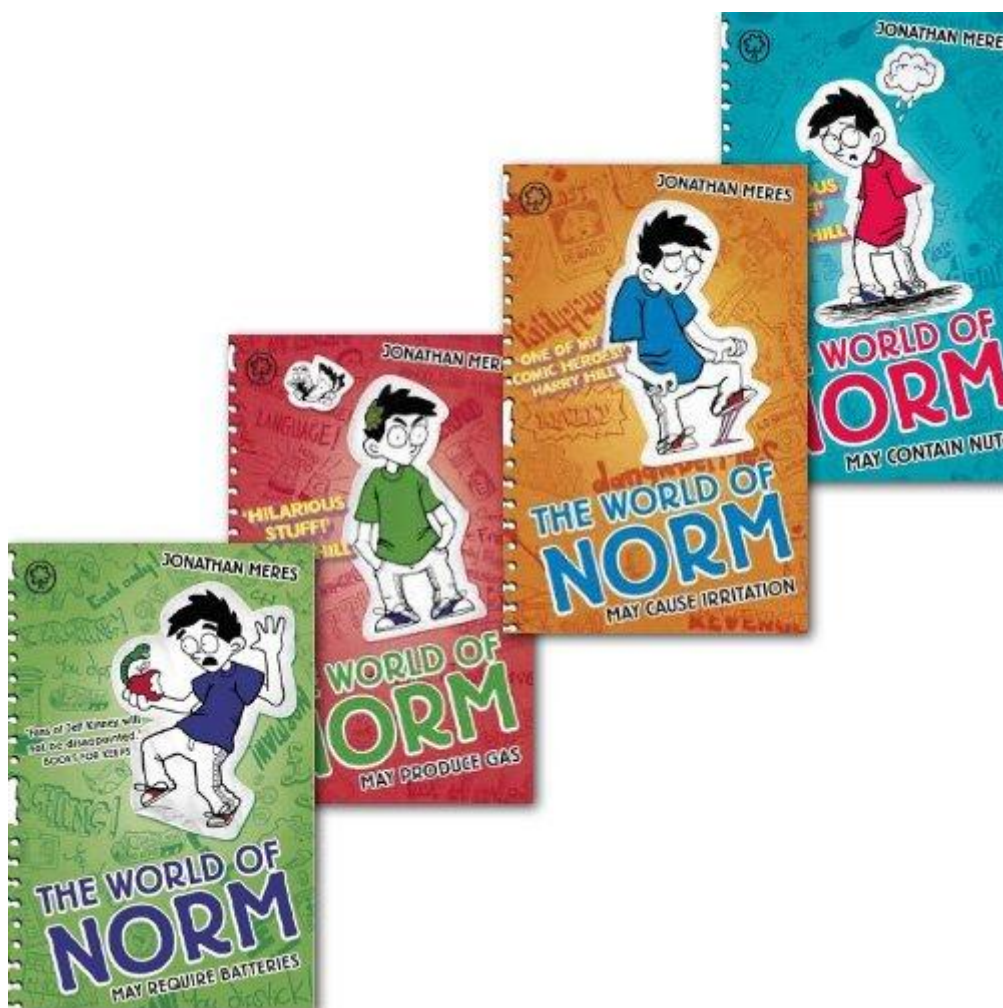
World of Norm series

by Jonathan Meres

Why on earth did Norm's family have to move, anyway? In their old house he'd never tried to pee in anything other than a toilet. And when Norm is in bed, he's kept awake by his dad snoring like a constipated rhinoceros!

Will life ever get less unfair for Norm?

(www.jonathanmeres.com)

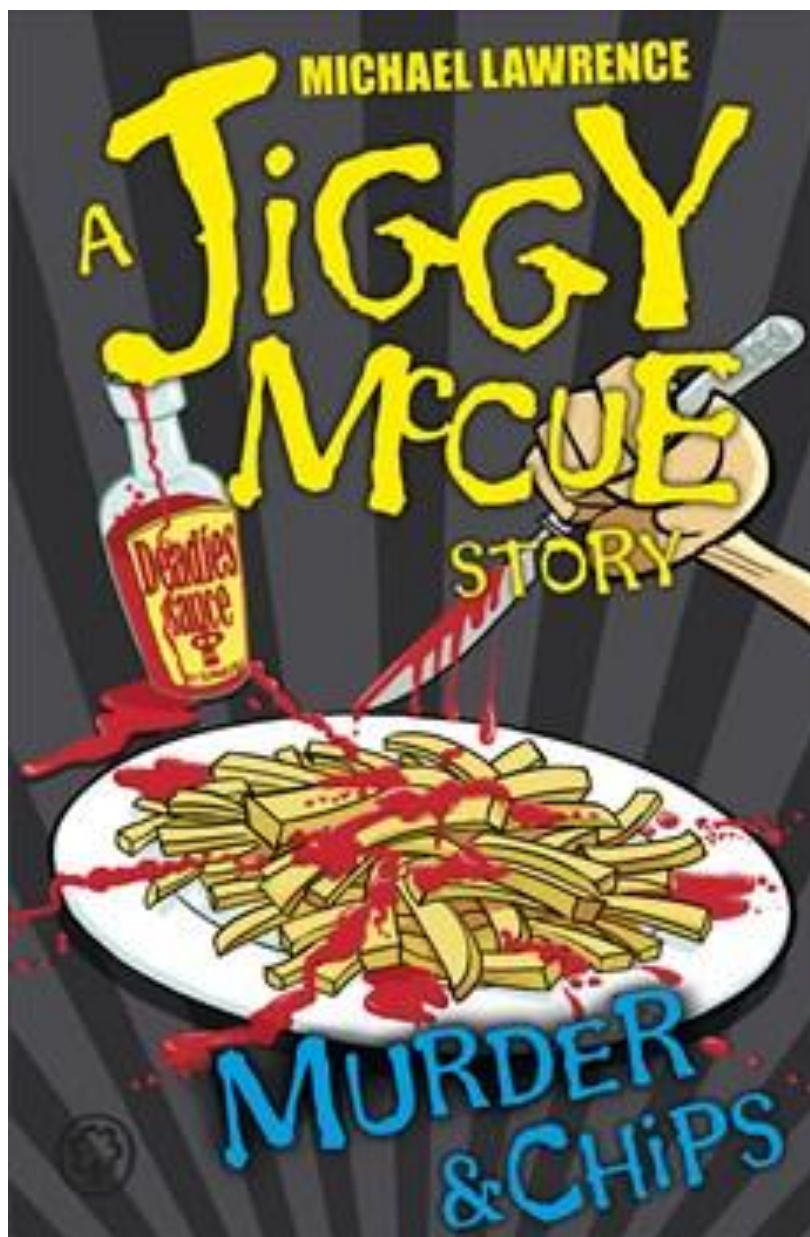


Murder and Chips

by Michael Lawrence

When Jiggy and co get a little stressed about their upcoming exams, Jiggy's mum reckons she has the perfect solution: a murder mystery weekend! Unfortunately for Jiggy, it's not entirely relaxing. Can he stop the murderous madness before it's too late?

(www.jiggymccue.com/author)



The Wimpy Kid Diaries

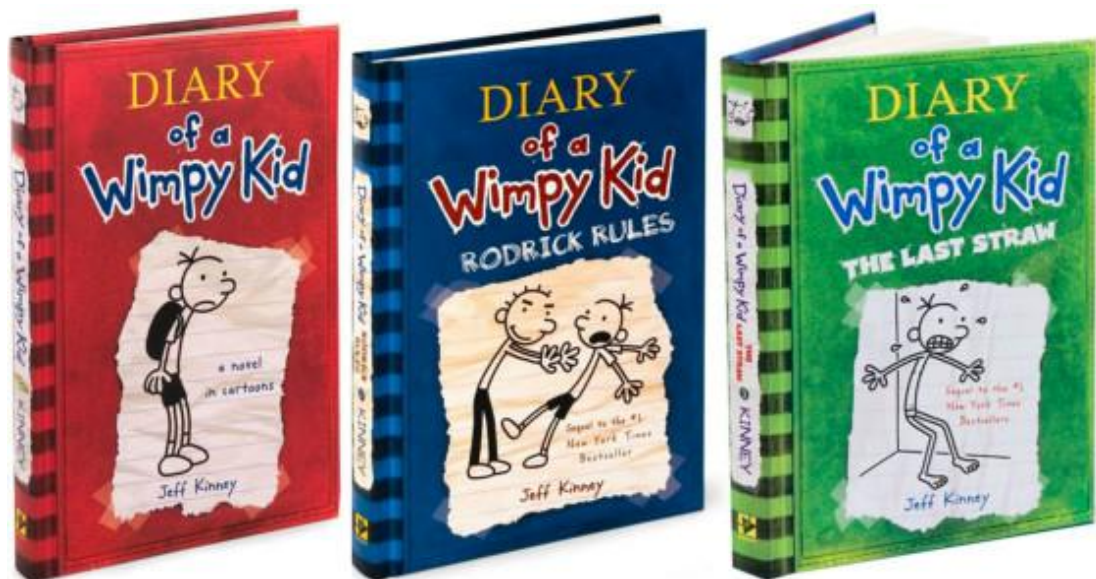
by Jeff Kinney

Greg is one of three children. According to Greg, his little brother, Manny, "never gets in trouble, even if he really deserves it," and his older brother Rodrick is always getting the best of Greg.

In his diary, Greg details his daily activities, starting with the first day of middle school and his warnings to readers about choosing where to sit in class. How does Greg feel about middle school? He thinks it's dumb because, "You got kids like me who haven't hit their growth spurt yet mixed in with these gorillas who need to shave twice a day."

A funny set of books that will amuse young people.

(www.wimpykid.com)



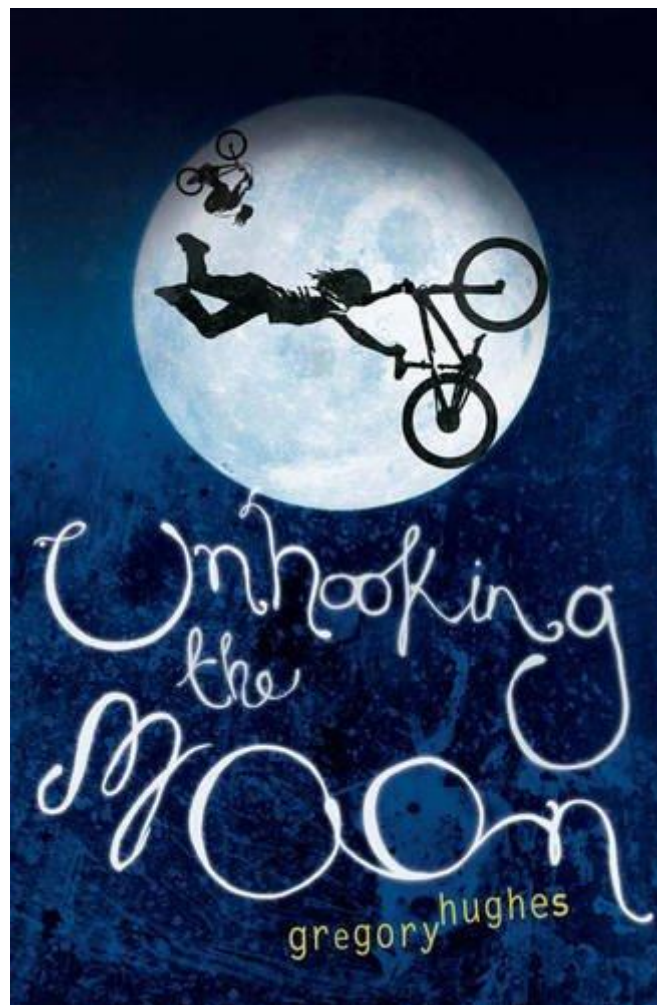
Unhooking the Moon

by Gregory Hughes

Meet the Rat: A dancing, football-playing gangster-baiting ten-year-old. When she foresaw her father's death, she picked up her football and decided to head for New York. Meet her older brother Bob: Protector of the Rat, but more often her follower, he is determined to find their uncle in America and discover a new life for them both.

On their adventures across the flatlands of Winnipeg and through the exciting streets of New York, Bob and the Rat make friends with a hilarious con man and a famous rap star, and escape numerous dangers. But is their Uncle a rich business man, or is the word on the street, that he something more sinister, true? And will they ever find him?

Hughes has created a funny, warm, unique world that lives and breathes. Like *I Capture the Castle*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Curious Incident*, Hughes' story and characters will resonate for many and for years to come.

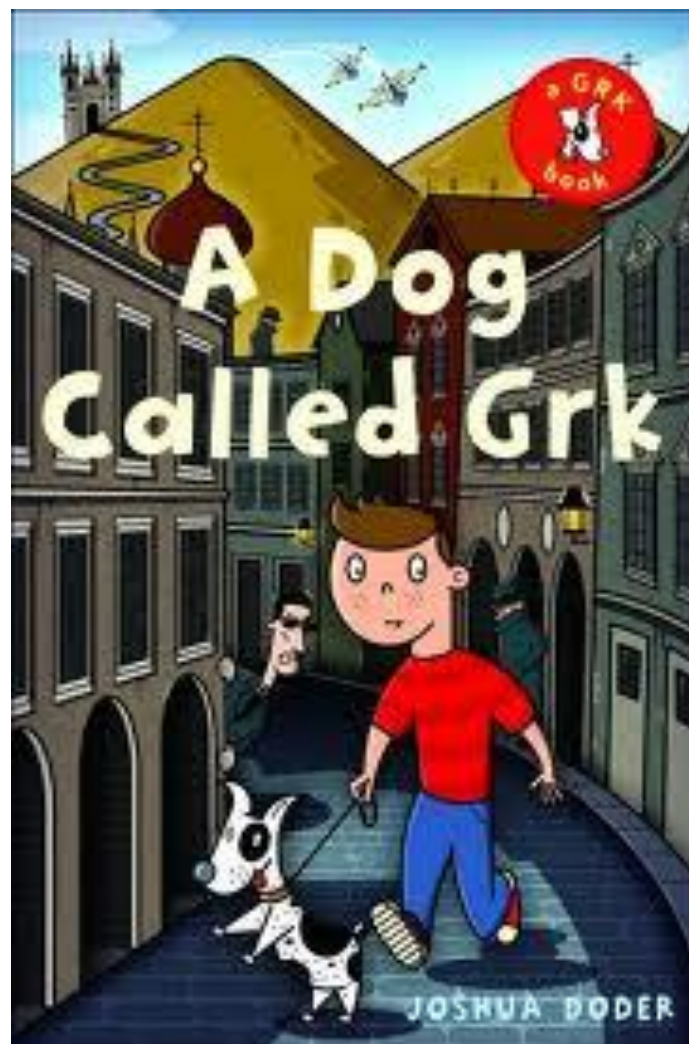


A Dog Called Grk by Joshua Doder

When Tim is followed home by a dog on the street, he's determined to find out who the friendly stray belongs to. But with a little investigating, Tim discovers that Grk's owners don't live in his town, or even in his country. Max and Natascha Raffifi, Grk's owners, have been kidnapped with their ambassador parents by the evil Colonel Zinfandel and taken to a prison in Eastern Europe!

Tim knows he's about to undertake a mission his parents wouldn't exactly approve of. He sneaks out of the house in the middle of the night with Grk, catches a taxi to the airport, then hops a plane to Stanislavia.

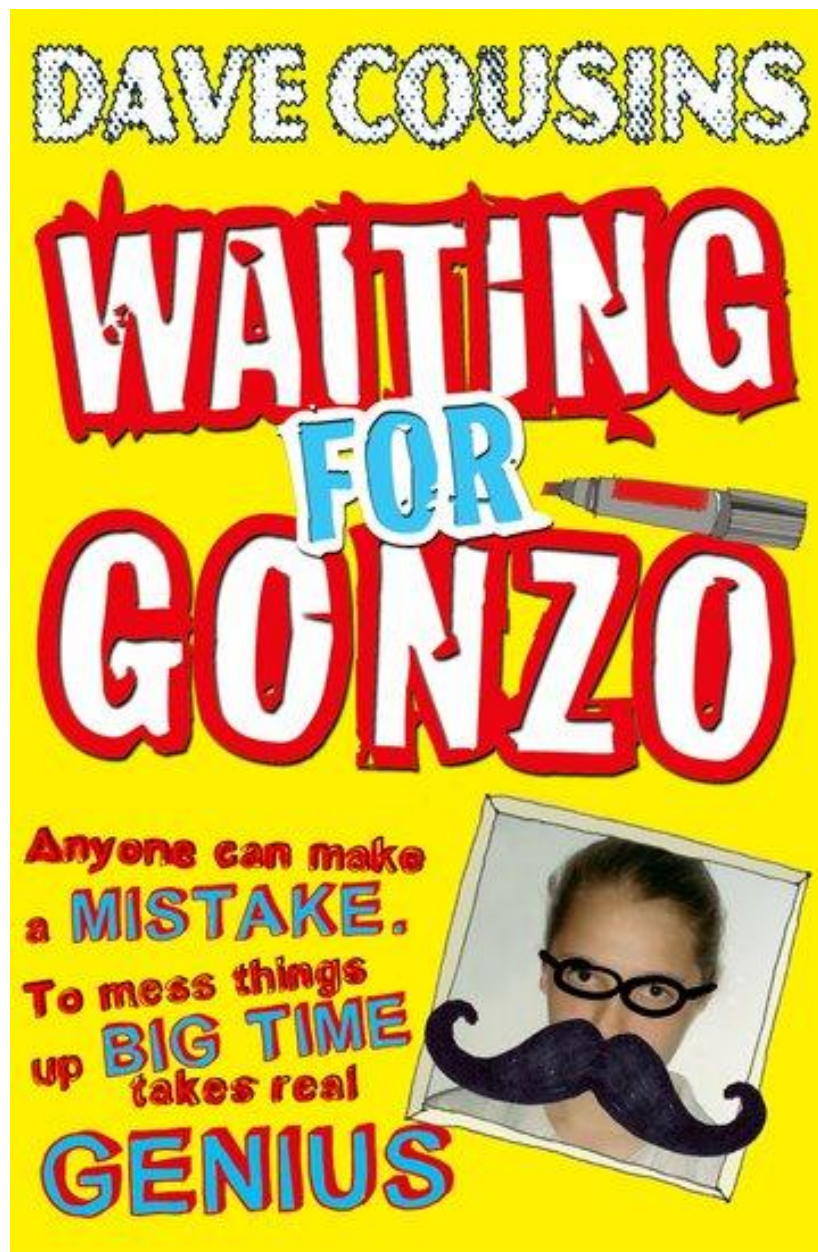
Together he and Grk will have to break into a high-security prison, pilot a helicopter, and make a nail-biting run for the border in this high-octane, international adventure.



Waiting for Gonzo by Dave Cousins

Meet Oz . . . he's got a talent for trouble but his heart's always in the right place (well, nearly always). Uprooted from his friends and former life, Oz finds himself stranded in the sleepy village of Slowleigh. When a joke backfires on the first day at his new school, Oz attracts the attention of Isobel Skinner, the school psycho - but that's just the beginning.

Packed with action, heart and humour, Waiting for Gonzo takes you for a white-knuckle ride on the Wheel of Destiny as it careers out of control down the Hillside of Inevitability. The question is, do you go down laughing? Or grit your teeth and jump off?

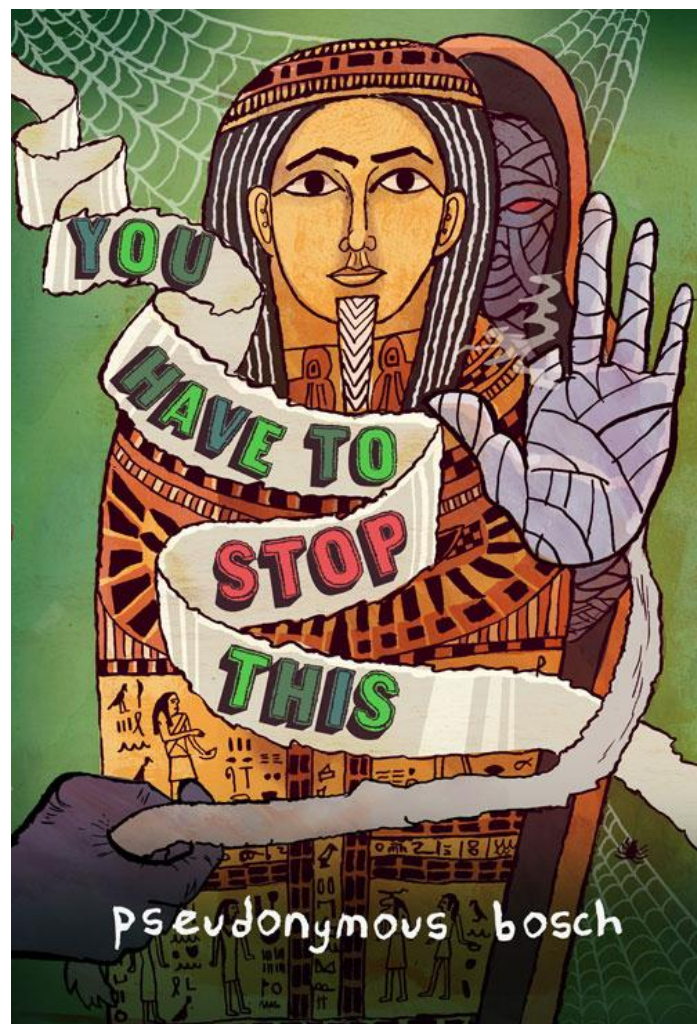


You Have to Stop This

Pseudonym Bosch

When Cass, Max-Ernest and Yo-Yoji are accused of stealing a very-valuable-and-not-to-be-touched Ancient Egyptian mummy from the local museum, they're determined to get to the bottom of the mysterious case. But after they are accidentally trapped in a crate with a mummified cat, the three youngest members of the Terces society unwittingly find themselves on their way to the great pyramids of...Las Vegas. Amongst the dusty corridors of the Cairo Hotel and mysterious hieroglyphs of the Nile Nail Salon, Cass draws ever closer to uncovering the Secret. But so too do their sneaky arch-enemies, the Masters of the Midnight Sun...Can Cass defeat Lord Pharaoh once and for all, and will we all finally, conclusively, and at (very) long last, learn the Secret?

(www.thenameofthiswebsiteissecret.com)



Don't call me Ishmael

by Michael Gerard Bauer

'By the end of my first term of high school, Barry Bagsley had miraculously transformed me from Ishmael Leseur to Stalepiss Manure. And that summed up exactly how I felt.'

With a name that is sheer heaven to a bully with geek-seeking missiles, fourteen-year-old Ishmael's main aim is to keep a low profile at school. But cajoled into joining the debating team, he suddenly finds himself thrust into the limelight with mortifying yet hilarious results.

Join Ishmael and his intrepid band of misfit mates in what will become the toughest, the most embarrassingly awful and the best year of their lives.

