



Brashares, Ann **The summer that changed everything**

Corgi	Pbk	£5.99	9780552560986
Interest age:	12+		Reading age: 12

Polly, Jo and Ama, friends since third grade seem to be drifting apart as the summer before high school looms. As they try new experiences separately from each other, they learn about themselves and how important their friendship is to each of them when Polly needs help. Thoughtful read in which the three main characters are well developed.



Broach, Elise **Masterpiece**

Walker	Pbk	£5.99	9781406321838
Interest age:	8-12		Reading age: 10+

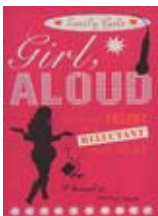
James is lonely and becomes good friends with Marvin, a beetle. Marvin loves art and produces a very skilled drawing which others think was drawn by James. This results in Marvin and James uncovering the perpetrator of a series of art thefts. James develops drawing great strength from their friendship. An unlikely premise, but very well done.



Forester, Victoria **The girl who could fly**

Macmillan	Pbk	£5.99	9780330512534
Interest age:	10+		Reading age: 10+

As she can fly, Piper McCloud goes to a top-secret, maximum-security school for kids with exceptional abilities. Gradually the true agenda of the school becomes clear (to get rid of all abnormality). Piper is a strong and defiant heroine who is determined to stand up for who she is and to be proud of what she can offer the world.



Gale, Emily **Girl, aloud**

Chicken House	Pbk	£6.99	9781906427207
Interest age:	13+		Reading age: 12+

Kass's pushy father enters her in talent contests. He has mild bipolar disorder. Kass and her mother try to prevent him from going into "grey tracksuit mode". Contains swearing and a scene where a boy Kass fancies starts groping her when they have their first kiss. She deals with this quite maturely and he respects her feelings after this.



Garcia, K. & Stohl, Margaret **Beautiful creatures**

Penguin	Pbk	£6.99	9780141326085
Interest age:	12+		Reading age: 12+

Another supernatural teen romance, with many typical elements. The setting is a claustrophobic southern US town, where nothing ever seems to change. Ethan, desperate to get away, is fascinated by new girl Lena who is totally different from the other girls. A very long book but well constructed with some fascinating characters. The ending is unexpected and there is no certainty of a happy outcome for Ethan and Lena.



Green, Julia

Drawing with light

Bloomsbury	Pbk	£6.99	9781408802731	
Interest age:	12+		Reading age:	12

A remark from her photography teacher about her mother starts Emily thinking about why her mum left when Emily was a baby. Her father and sister won't talk about her but with her boyfriend's help she works out who she is and arranges a meeting. Well written story about a sensitive adolescent prone to internalising worries until they burst forth.

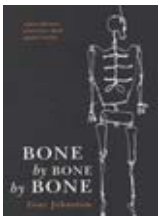


Higgins, Chris

Tapas and tears

Hodder	Pbk	£5.99	9780340970775	
Interest age:	11+		Reading age:	10+

Jaime is very shy and has a habit of turning bright red if she is centre of attention. She reluctantly goes to Spain on a school exchange trip and has to share with the very stropky Concha. When Concha leaves her alone, she learns to stand on her own two feet. A light read which will appeal to KS3 girls.



Johnston, Tony

Bone by bone by bone

Frances Lincoln	Pbk	£6.99	9781845071745	
Interest age:	11+		Reading age:	10+

In 1950s Tennessee, nine year old David, who is white, becomes close friends with Malcolm who is black, but David's father is racist. In the final chapter David has to take a stand and help his friend in defiance of his father. A powerful exploration of racism from the perspective of a young child, based on the author's own experience. Characterisation is excellent. There is liberal use of the word 'nigger', in keeping with the time and setting.

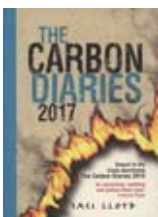


Kate, Lauren

Fallen

Corgi	Pbk	£6.99	9780552561730	
Interest age:	13+		Reading age:	11+

First title in a series. Seventeen year old Luce is sent to a reform school following a mysterious incident where her boyfriend died. She is haunted by dark shadowy creatures that no one else can see. An absorbing supernatural fantasy, likely to appeal to Twilight fans. The writing and characterisation are good.

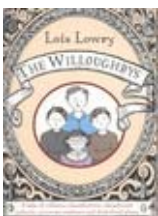


Lloyd, Saci

The carbon diaries 2017

Hodder	Pbk	£6.99	9780340970164	
Interest age:	13+		Reading age:	12+

Two years have passed since the first book, and there is war in many places, over water supply. In London, a massive demonstration against the government turns nasty as the army is called in. There are frequent descriptions of violence as suicide bombers blow themselves up and the army uses tear gas and guns. Characterisation is very good. This dystopian future is all too believable.



Lowry, Lois

The Willoughbys

Boxer Books	Pbk	£5.99	9781907152405	
Interest age:	8+		Reading age:	9+

This is "a tale of villains, benefactors, abandoned infants, winsome orphans and diabolical plans". Well written, with a subtle sense of humour, reminiscent of the Lemony Snicket books - though less irritating in style! The Willoughby children feel that they would be better off as orphans and concoct a plan, little realising that their parents are also planning to get rid of their children.



McNish, Cliff

Savannah Grey

Orion	Pbk	£8.99	9781842551127
Interest age:	12		Reading age: 12

Savannah's voice seems to be changing in a strange way. What is it that is stalking her? Is her voice a gift or a weapon against an ancient power? Atmospheric story with believable characters and an ending that took me by surprise. For experienced readers.



Mills, Sam

Blackout

Faber	Pbk	£6.99	9780571239412
Interest age:	14+		Reading age: 12+

Stefan's father runs a bookshop in Britain of the not too distant future. The government are banning books as they believe they inspire terrorism and violent crimes. Now books have to have a happy ending and many of the classics have been re-written. At sixteen, Stefan is imprisoned, tortured and brainwashed. A compelling thriller which is a thought provoking read.



Osman, Sam

Quicksilver

Scholastic	Pbk	£7.99	9781407105734
Interest age:	10+		Reading age: 10+

Three children, Wolfie, Zi'ib and Tala, are brought together in a London suburb to fulfill a prophecy written hundreds of years earlier. They need to work together to find their parents, who are believed to be trapped in a wilderness between worlds. A gripping story, reminiscent of Susan Cooper and Alan Garner, full of interesting characters.

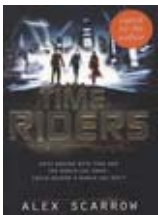


Riordan, Rick

The demigod files

Puffin	Pbk	£4.99	9780141329505
Interest age:	11+		Reading age: 11+

Three short stories featuring Percy and his other demigod friends, facing dangers from other gods and their power struggles. Also features interviews with the key characters, a guide to the gods, wordsearch and quizzes. Useful as a taster to the stories or as additional material for fans.



Scarrow, Alex

Time riders

Puffin	Pbk	£6.99	9780141326924
Interest age:	12+		Reading age: 11+

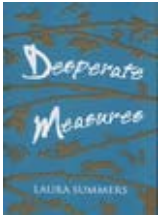
First in a new series in which three teenagers from different times in history are recruited to become Time Riders, dedicated to stopping those who risk destroying the world. They must risk their lives to find and heal the breach in time. An exciting and fast-moving time travel story for more able readers.

Spinelli, Jerry

Smiles to go

HarperCollins	Pbk	£4.99	9780064471978
Interest age:	11+		Reading age: 10+

Fourteen year old Will is a science geek and plans everything in his life to the last detail. However his certainties are challenged by his relationships with friends and his little sister who is the bane of his life. Written in short accessible chapters, this is an enjoyable and thought-provoking look at growing up and first love.

**Summers, Laura****Desperate measures**

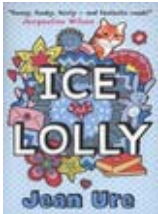
Picadilly	Pbk	£5.99	9781848120501	
Interest age:	11+		Reading age:	11+

Fourteen year old twins Vicky and Rhianna (who has special needs) and their ten year old brother Jamie live with foster parents. When circumstances change they are told that they will have to be split up and run away. When recaptured, they have to make their case for staying together. The story is told in alternating chapters by the twin sisters.

**Taylor, A. G.****Meteorite strike**

Usborne	Pbk	£5.99	9781409508571	
Interest age:	10+		Reading age:	10+

All action science fiction adventure. A meteorite-borne virus gives a few children special powers. HIDRA, set up to research a cure, has been hijacked by a rogue military unit which wants to develop the children's powers as weapons. Gripping from the start, but characters tend to be defined by their powers. First of a series.

**Ure, Jean****Ice lolly**

HarperCollins	Pbk	£5.99	9780007281732	
Interest age:	10+		Reading age:	9+

Laurel is twelve when her mum dies. She is sent to live with her uncle and his family. She is allowed to bring her old cat, but her aunt makes it clear that she doesn't want him in her house. Eventually, an old friend of her mother's comes to her rescue. Told from Laurel's point of view in a chatty style, the book remains light, despite the subject matter.

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