

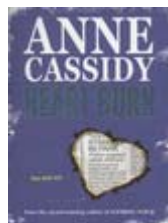


Caldecott, Elen **Operation Eiffel Tower**

Bloomsbury Pbk £5.99 9781408805732

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

The difficult subject of family break up is handled well with the story being realistic, satisfying and accessible. Lauren, Jack, Ruby and Billy's parents always seem to be arguing. Then their Dad moves out. Lauren and Jack decide they have to get them together again. So begins Operation Eiffel Tower. A funny and very moving story that tackles important issues with a light touch and is very readable.



Cassidy, Anne **Heartburn**

Scholastic Pbk £6.99 9781407107790

Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 11

Ashley's ex-boyfriend Tyler is attacked when he tries to stop drug dealing. He asks Ashley to hide an envelope, which unknown to Ashley, contains evidence against the drug gang. In trying to help Tyler, Ashley puts her own life in danger. A tense thriller that gives an unflinching picture of how young people can end up trapped into drug dealing, and how the drug cartels enforce their power. In the end everything is resolved rather too easily but it is still a gripping read which should be popular.

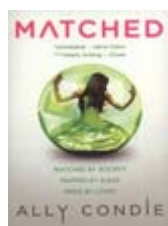


Chambers, Clare **Burning secrets**

Harper Collins Pbk £6.99 9780007307289

Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 12+

Daniel, his mother, and his sister Louie are escaping the city to spend six months on the isolated island of Wragge. They all have problems and a troubled past. Daniel discovers that Wragge has darker secrets and we discover how damaging they can be. Written in an easy to read style with a creepy, menacing atmosphere.



Condie, Ally **Matched**

Razorbill Pbk £6.99 9780141334783

Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 13+

The first in a trilogy. On her seventeenth birthday, Cassia meets her "Match." In Cassia's society, Officials decide who people love and how they live their lives. At first Cassia is happy. However, gradually she finds herself falling in love with another boy and she is determined to make her own choices and starts to question the key principles of her society. Well written and compelling.



Crossley-Holland, Kevin **Short too!**

OUP Pbk £5.99 9780192780133

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

A collection of short stories, no more than two pages long each. Written in style of traditional tales there are stories which feature people being buried live, eaten, and eating people's ashes. Some children may find this disturbing. Others will love it.



Curtis, Vanessa **The taming of Lilah May**

Frances Lincoln Pbk £6.99 9781847801494
Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 10

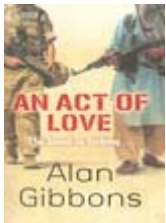
Lilah May is angry and gets into regular trouble at school. As the novel unfolds the reason for her anger is gradually revealed-her older brother Jay disappeared two years ago and her family have never heard anything from him. Well written, easy to read story which deals with the issue of long term missing persons and the effect this has on those around them. Good characters and a hopeful and realistic ending.



Fairfield, Lesley **Tyranny**

Walker Pbk £5.99 9781406331134
Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 12

A graphic novel about anorexia. Anna worries about her body shape as soon as she hits puberty and becomes obsessed with being her pre puberty shape, feeling confident and invincible when she loses weight. She becomes ill, listening for a voice within her that she names "Tyranny." Stark and spare story about the authors own fight against the disease which is accessible and works well in graphic form.



Gibbons, Alan **An act of love**

Orion Pbk £8.99 9781842557822
Interest age: 14+ Reading age: 14+

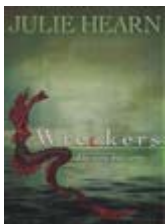
Childhood friends Chris and Imran live in Bradford. They celebrate the Millenium as inseparable blood brothers. By 2011 their lives have taken very different paths. Terrorism has wrecked their friendship and changed their lives. Skillful and compellingly exploration of the issue of terrorism, aims to be unbiased. Scenes and descriptions of violence, in-the-field war and bomb-making (no detail).



Goodwin, Harriet **Gravenhunger**

Stripes Pbk £5.99 9781847151544
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Thirteen year old Phoenix Wainwright is not happy about spending the summer in his mother's old house, where something terrible happened during her childhood for which she was never able to forgive herself. Phoenix is determined to solve the mystery, but as his mother's secret begins to unravel, Phoenix finds himself in grave danger. A well written yet easy to read story which keeps the reader hooked.



Hearn, Julie **Wreckers**

OUP Pbk £6.99 9780192729293
Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 11

A re-working of the story of Pandora's box set in the future. Five friends discover a box and when they open it they release Hopelessness upon the world. Hopelessness is dangerous - once released, he intends to destroy the world. This is a demanding but compelling read. Complex and accessible only to more mature readers. Likely to be of limited appeal but interesting and thought-provoking read.



Horowitz, Anthony **Scorpia rising**

Walker Pbk £6.99 9781406310498
Interest age: 11+ Reading age: 11+

Alex Rider's final mission for MI6. Alex is prepared to try to finish the organization that destroyed his childhood. The book follows him to Egypt as he tries to prevent his identity from unraveling while he searches for clues about Scorpia's latest intentions. Similar to the others in style, action packed with some scenes of violence. Fitting end to the series.



McAllister, Angela The double life of Cora Parry

Orion Pbk £8.99 9781842556030

Interest age: 11+ Reading age: 10+

Set in Victorian London where Cora faces a life in the workhouse, until she meets Fletch, and is drawn by into a dangerous criminal underworld. In order to cope she leads a double life as Carrie but things take a sinister turn as Carrie is committing crimes that Cora knows she was not responsible for. Cora has to find out the truth of what is going on, putting herself in great danger. Compelling historical novel.

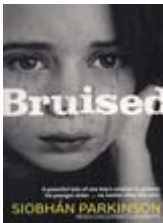


Mulhearn, Colin Clash

Catnip Publishing Pbk £6.99 9781846471162

Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 11

Life events bring boys from different social backgrounds together in an uneasy friendship. Alex witnesses a brutal murder by his father at the cage fighting club he fights in. Kyle faces tragedy at home and is finding it hard to cope. Dual narrative works well, with the reader able to see the same events from a different perspective. Boy appeal.

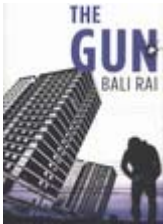


Parkinson, Siobhan Bruised

Hodder Pbk £6.99 9781444903591

Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 12+

Jonathan and Julie run away from home to escape their alcoholic mother. Their father doesn't want them and Jonathan feels it is up to him to look after and protect his sister. A powerful and heartbreaking story. Contains strong language.



Rai, Bali The gun

Barrington Stoke Pbk £6.99 9781842998588

Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 8

When Jonas finds a gun he can't wait to show it to his friends Kamal and Binny. Kamal uses the gun to scare off rival gang, the BMD crew, but then he also uses the gun in robberies and becomes more and more unstable and threatening towards his friends. When things finally come to a head it is Jonas who pays the price. A tense thriller with a warning message. Aimed at reluctant readers.



Westwood, Chris Ministry of Pandemonium

Frances Lincoln Pbk £5.99 9781847801906

Interest age: 12+ Reading age: 11

Ben has a special gift. He has been recruited into the Ministry of Pandemonium where he is able to accompany the souls of the recently departed to the afterlife. However, the demons are not happy and they start to threaten him, culminating in a gruesome battle at the end of the book. there is good character development, and some enjoyable, if slightly dark moments.

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