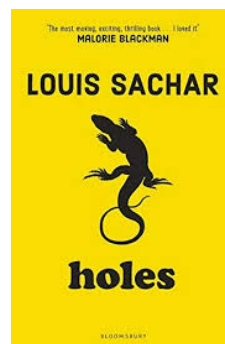
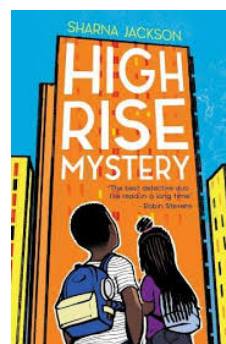
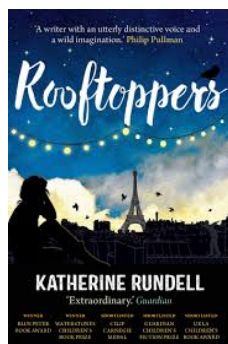
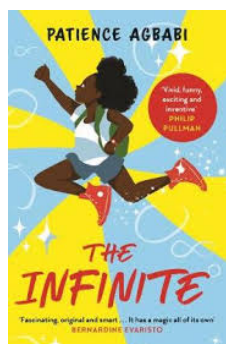
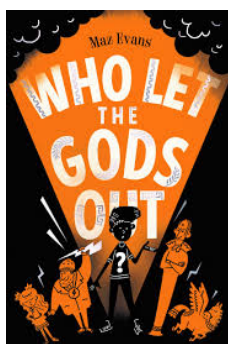


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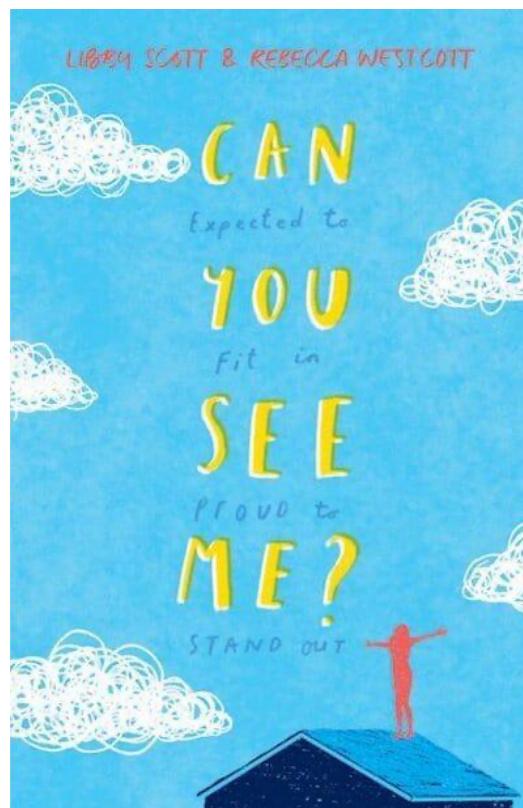
# brilliant books

(in no particular order)



# I. Can You See Me?

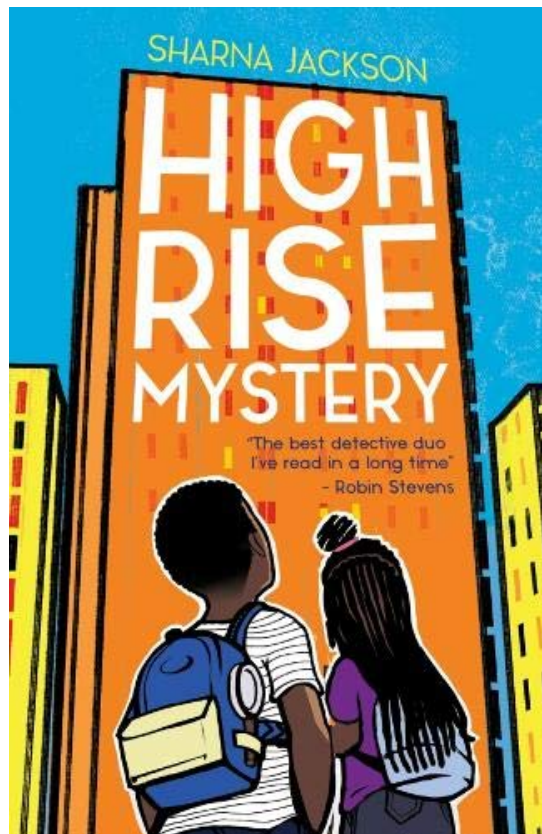
*by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott*



Follow a young girl called Tally who is starting secondary school and trying to hide her autism.

## 2. High Rise Mystery

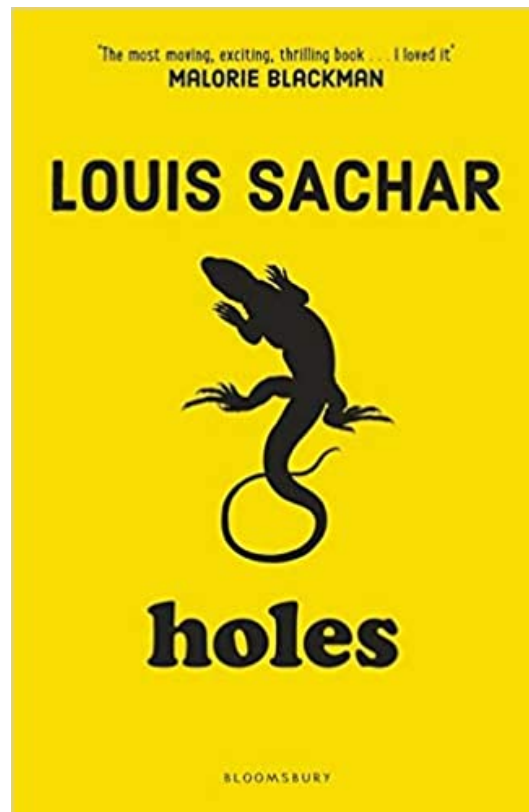
*by Sharna Jackson*



Sisters Nik and Norva would agree that they are slightly obsessed with murder mysteries on TV, so when a body is discovered in their block of flats, they are sure they are the right people to discover the truth.

### 3. Holes

*by Louis Sachar*

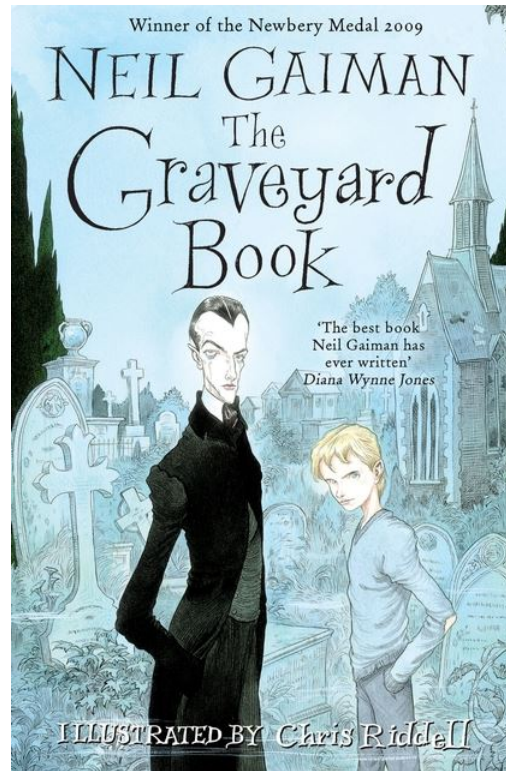


Unlucky teenager, Stanley Yelnats, is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention centre in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft.



## 4. The Graveyard Book

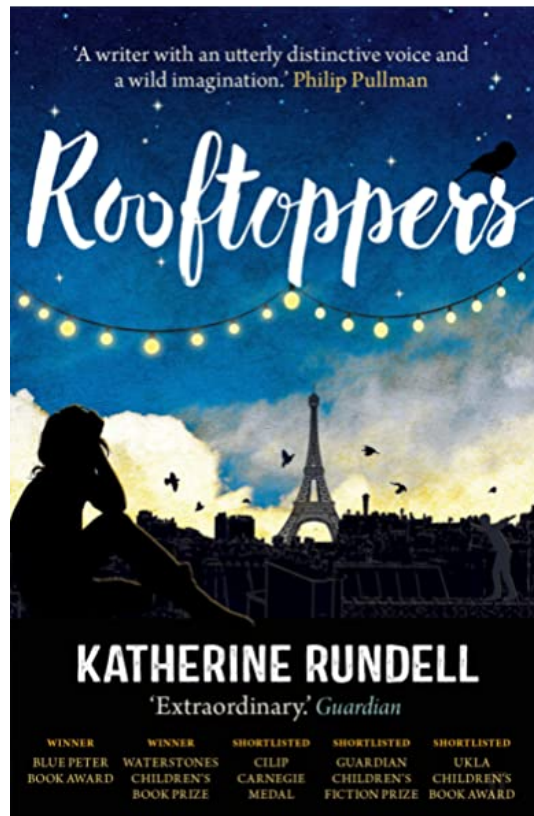
*by Neil Gaiman*



Meet Nobody "Bod" Owens, who is adopted and reared by the supernatural occupants of a graveyard, after his family is brutally murdered.

## 5. Rooftoppers

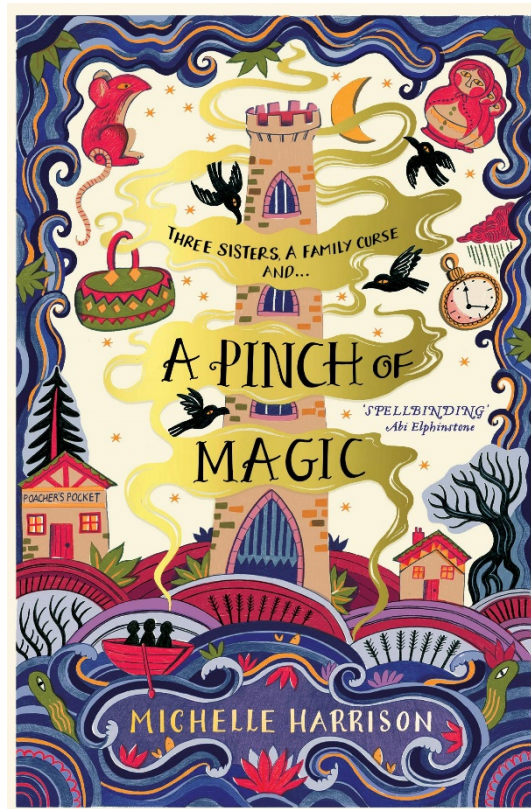
*by Katherine Rundell*



Baby Sophie is found floating in a cello case after the passenger ship she was on sinks in the English Channel. She's adopted and raised by Charles, a fellow survivor, but when she is twelve, the authorities determine that as a single man he is not a fit parent for the young girl.

## 6. A Pinch Of Magic

*by Michelle Harrison*



A spellbinding fantasy about three sisters - adventurous Betty, curious Charlie, and proper Fliss - who go on a quest to break the curse that's haunted their family for generations.....

## 7. A Sprinkle Of Sorcery

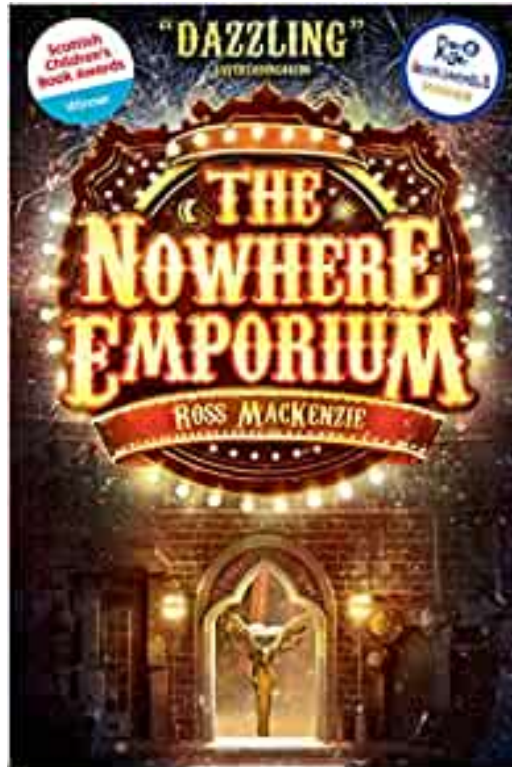
*by Michelle Harrison*



The sequel to *A Pinch of Magic*. Another spellbinding sisterly adventure, this time with a haunted shipwreck, a fierce pirate, and, of course, a little magic! The family curse has been lifted, and the Widdershins sisters, Betty, Fliss, and Charlie are free to leave the misty prison isle of Crowstone.

## 8. The Nowhere Emporium

*by Ross Mackenzie*

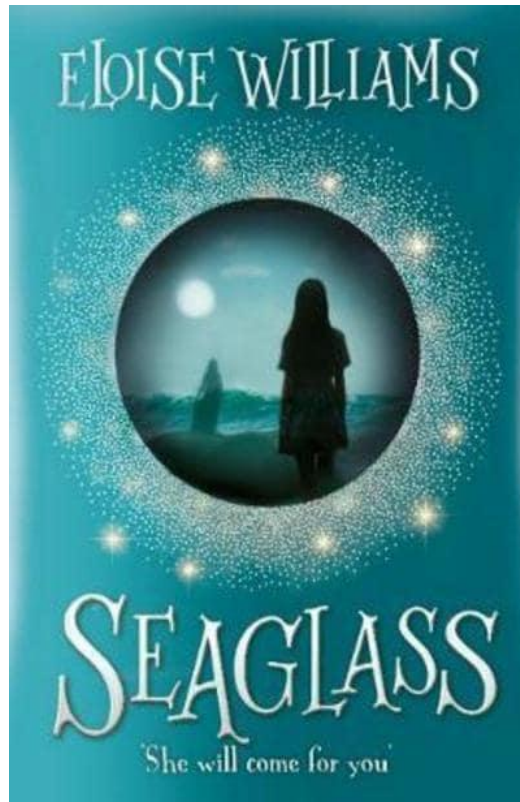


When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere', and its owner, Mr Silver, draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.



## 9. Seaglass

*by Eloise Williams*

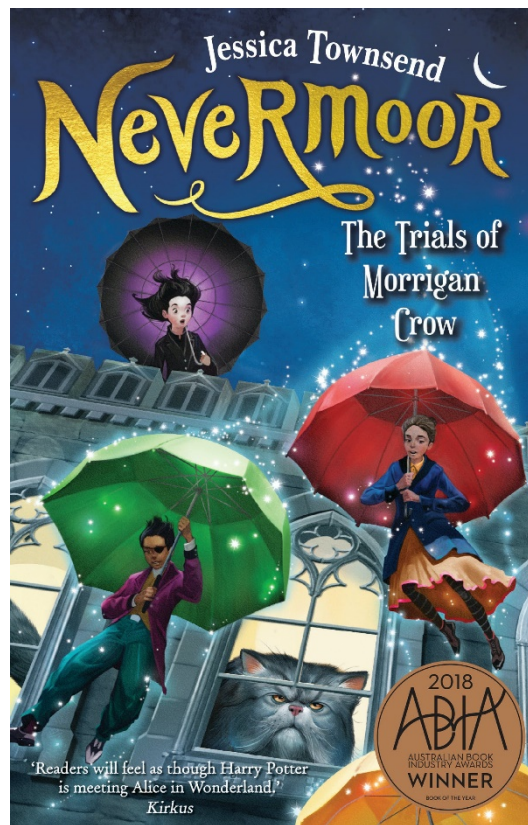


She will come for you... Lark struggles when her family and their friends go on holiday in a lonely caravan site on the Welsh coast for the autumn half term. Her mother is ill, her little sister has stopped speaking and she has fallen out with her best friend. Is a girl in a green dress following her in the fog? ....

Dress

## 10. Nevermoor

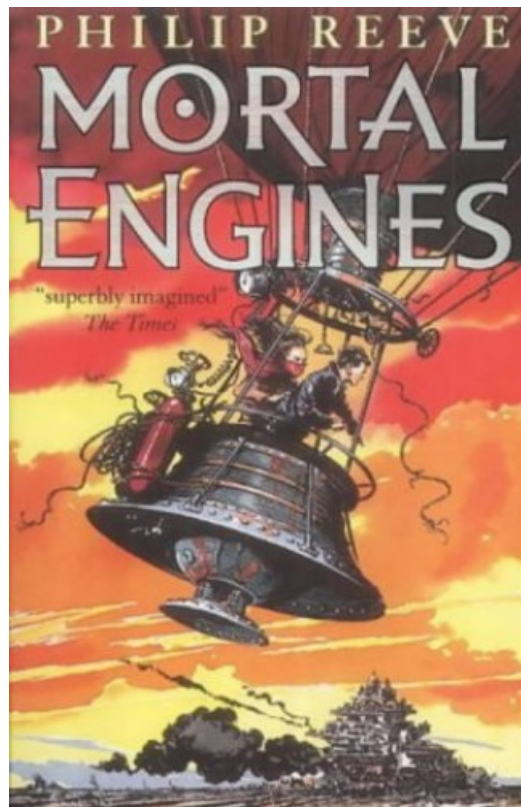
*by Jessica Townsend*



Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child to be born, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks, and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday.

## 11. Mortal Engines

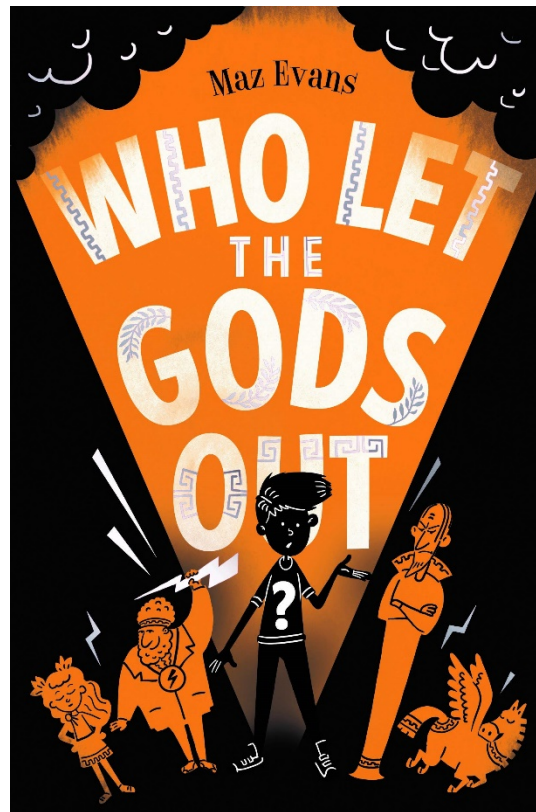
*by Philip Reeve*



In a world where moving cities trawl the globe, Tom and Hester have been thrown out of theirs and left them stranded and starving in the middle of nowhere. Hester is desperate for revenge while Tom is only desperate to get back on board his beloved London.

## 12. Who Let The Gods Out?

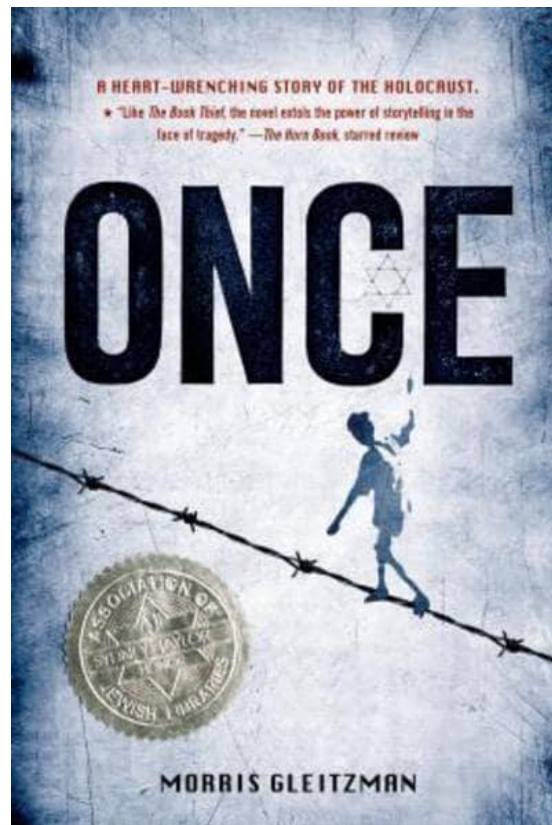
*by Maz Evans*



When a shooting star crashes to earth, it lands Eliot smack bang in the path of Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But when the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, they've got nowhere to turn for help but to the old Olympian gods.

# 13. Once

*by Morris Gleitzman*

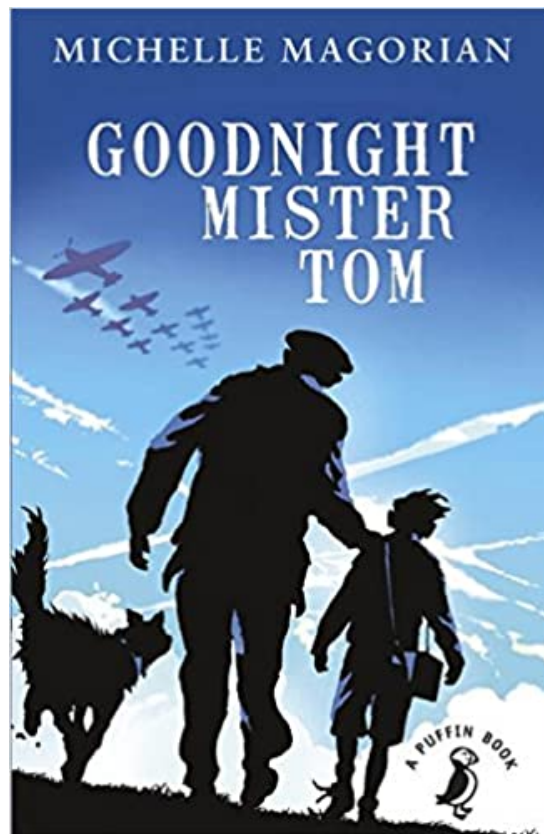


A young Jewish boy is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.



# 14. Goodnight Mr Tom

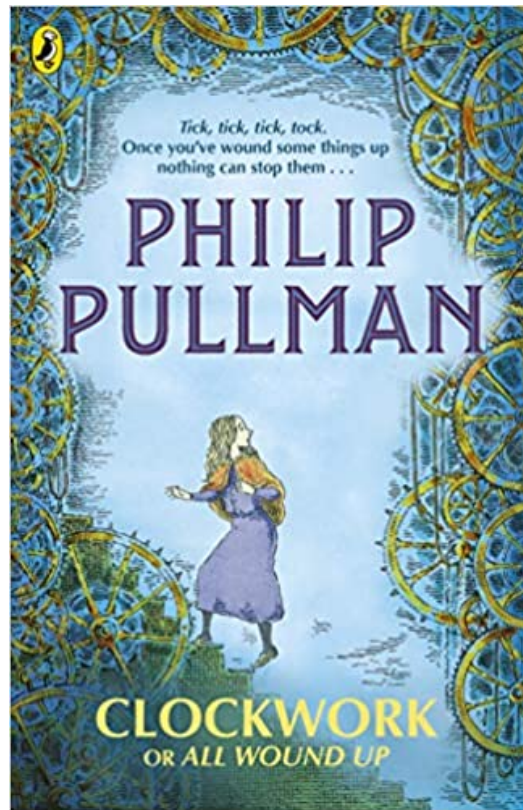
*by Michelle Magorian*



Young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley, but his new found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London.

# 15. Clockwork

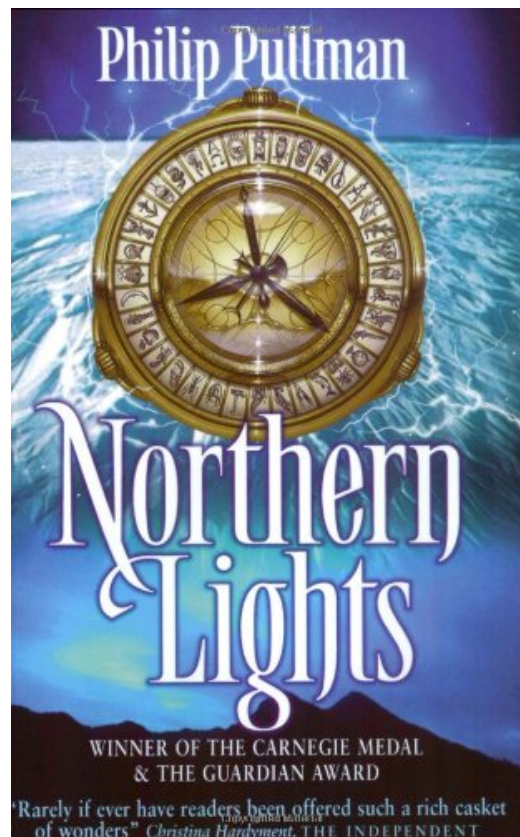
*by Philip Pullman*



It is a cold winter's night when Karl enters the White Horse Tavern looking like he's swallowed a thundercloud. His final task as a clockmaker apprentice is to make a new figure for the great clock of Glockenheim. He has not made the figure, or got any idea of what it could be, and the unveiling is tomorrow...

## 16. Northern Lights

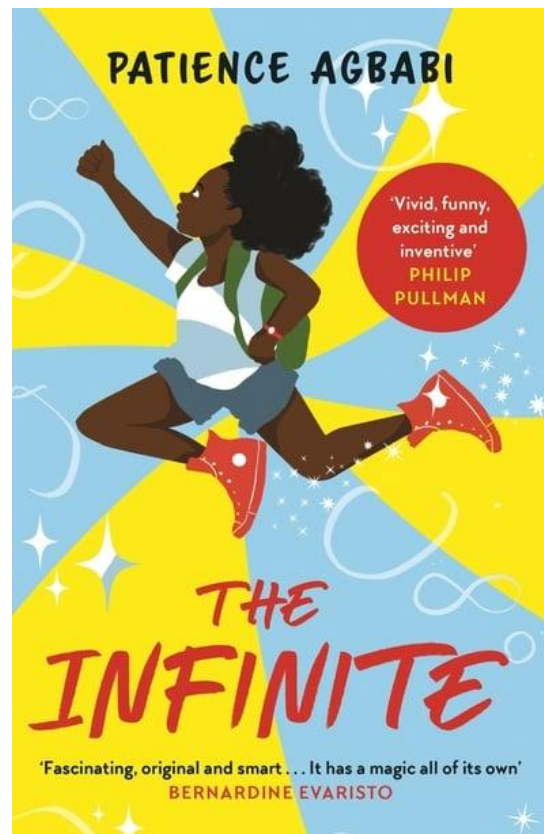
*by Philip Pullman*



When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her demon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them to the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies, and where a team of scientists is conducting experiments too horrible to be spoken about.

# 17. The Infinite

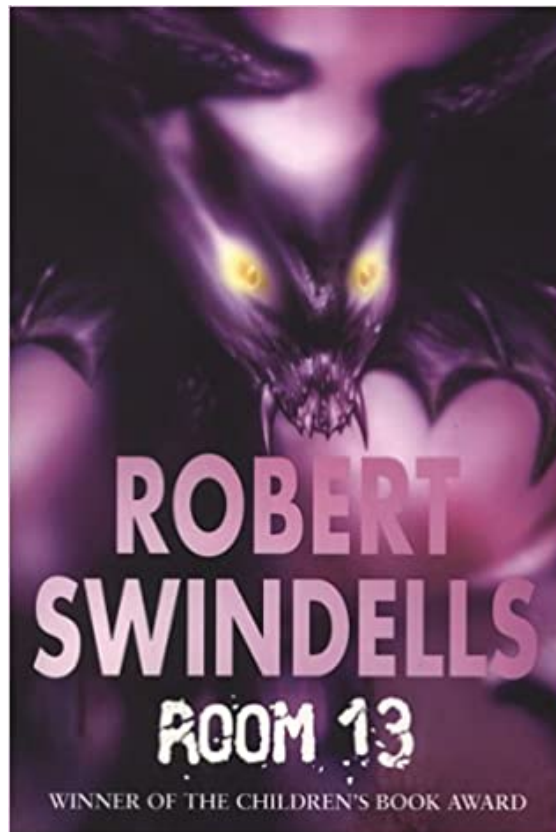
*by Patience Agbabi*



On her twelfth birthday, Elle and her best friend Big Ben travel to the Time Squad Centre in 2048. Elle has received a mysterious warning from the future. Other Leaplings are disappearing in time, and not everyone at the centre can be trusted. Soon Elle's adventure becomes more than a race through time.

## 18. Room 13

*by Robert Swindells*



Fliss Morgan has a nightmare on the night before her school trip, to Whitby. Every night Ellie-May Sunderland is drawn to the landing outside the mysterious Room 13, which does not seem to exist during the day. Fliss and her friends attempt to unravel the mystery of the room, and determine the identity of its sinister inhabitant.



# 19. Swallows and Amazons

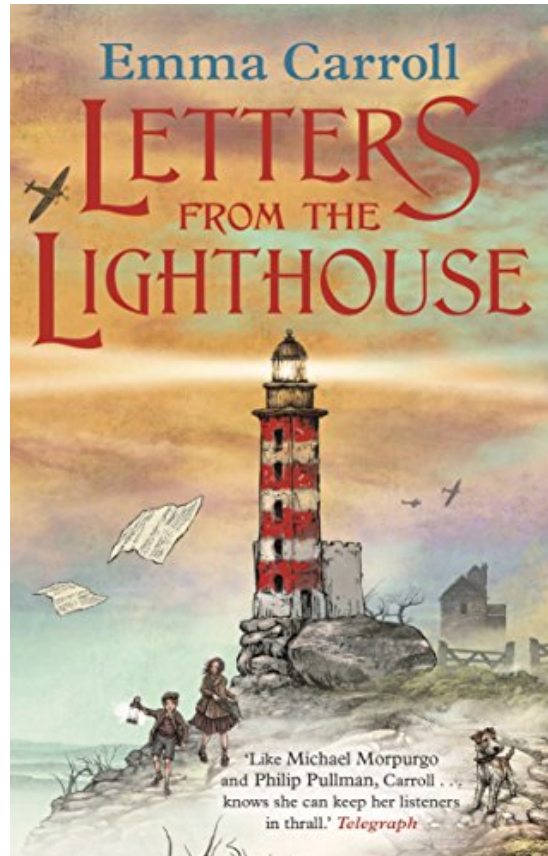
*by Arthur Ransome*



It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children, otherwise known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty and Ship's Boy Roger, are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island. Exploring their new territory, camping in the open skies, swimming in the lake and fishing for their dinner would be adventure enough, but then they meet two fierce Amazon pirates...

## 20. Letters From The Lighthouse

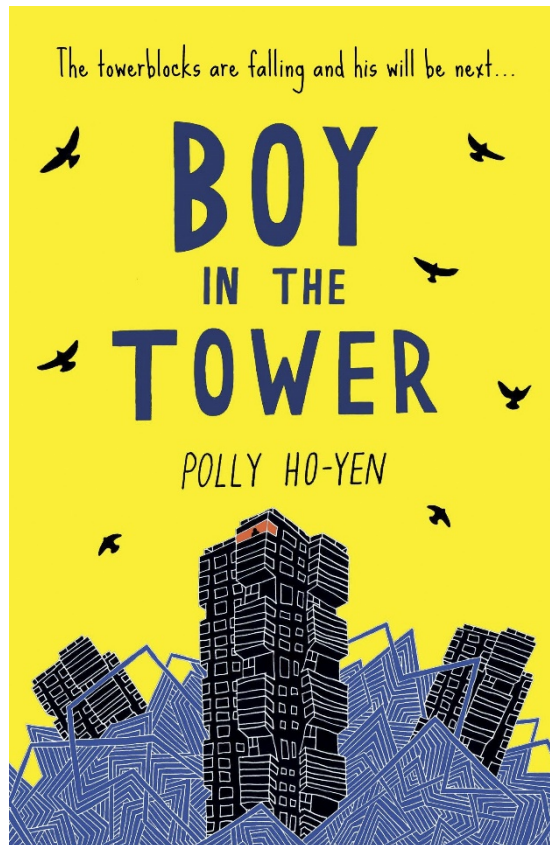
*by Emma Carroll*



When a WW2 air raid happens, Olive's sister, Sukie, goes missing. Olive and her brother, Cliff, have to be evacuated and meet some people on the way. Now Olive has mystery to solve because she has found a note and she is determined to solve it and find her sister.

## 21. Boy In The Tower

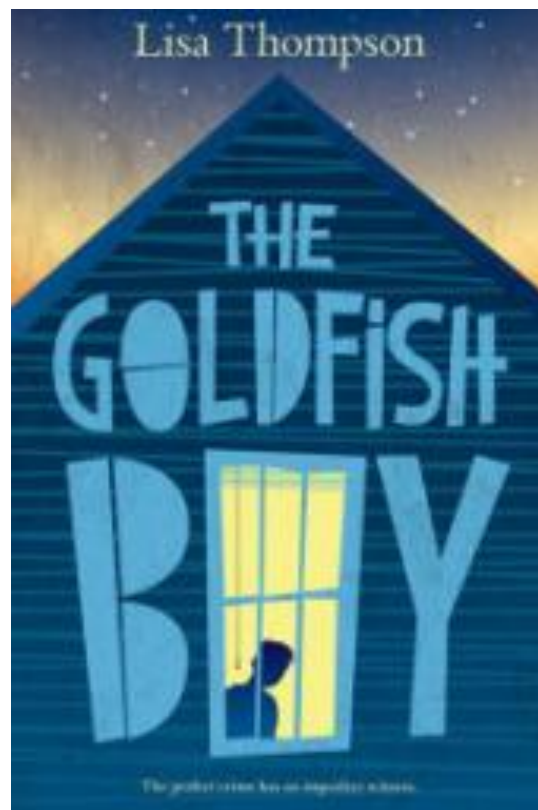
*by Polly Ho Yen*



Ade is just an ordinary boy with an ordinary life. He loves living at top of a tower-block and he loves his life, but one day a building falls randomly near his home, an incredibly stable building. Luckily no one is hurt, but the buildings keep falling with no reason whatsoever.

## 22. The Goldfish Boy

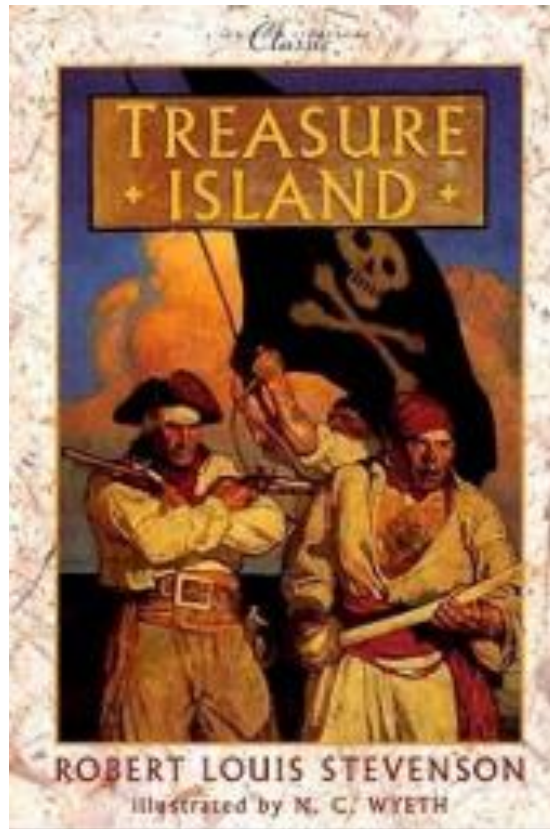
*by Lisa Thompson*



Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business.

## 23. Treasure Island

*by Robert Louis Stevenson*

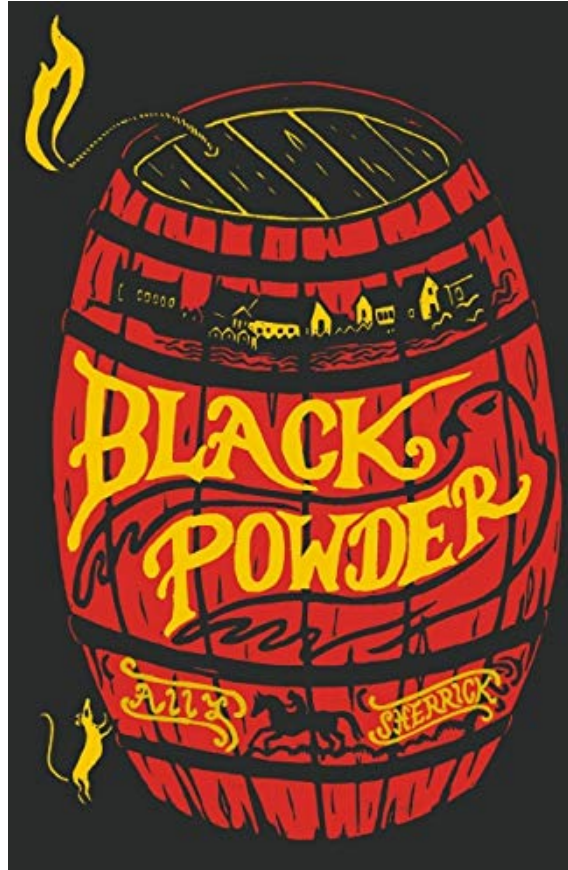


A tale about a boy who has a treasure map and goes to an island to find the treasure. The only problem is that there are pirates on the ship and they want the treasure!



## 24. Black Powder

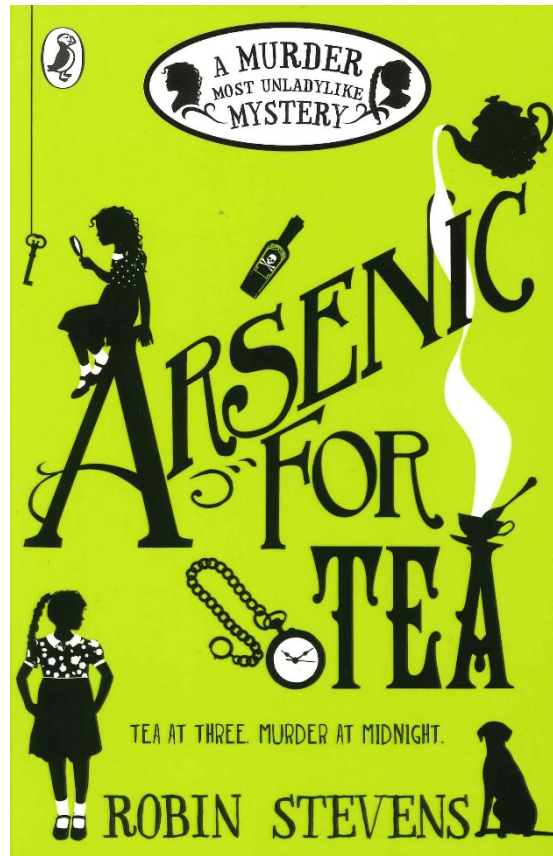
*by Ally Sherrick*



The year is 1605 and if you are a Catholic in England it is a very dangerous time to be alive, so Tom and his family try their best to avoid being noticed. When his father helps a Catholic priest to escape the authorities their lives are turned upside down.

## 25. Arsenic For Tea

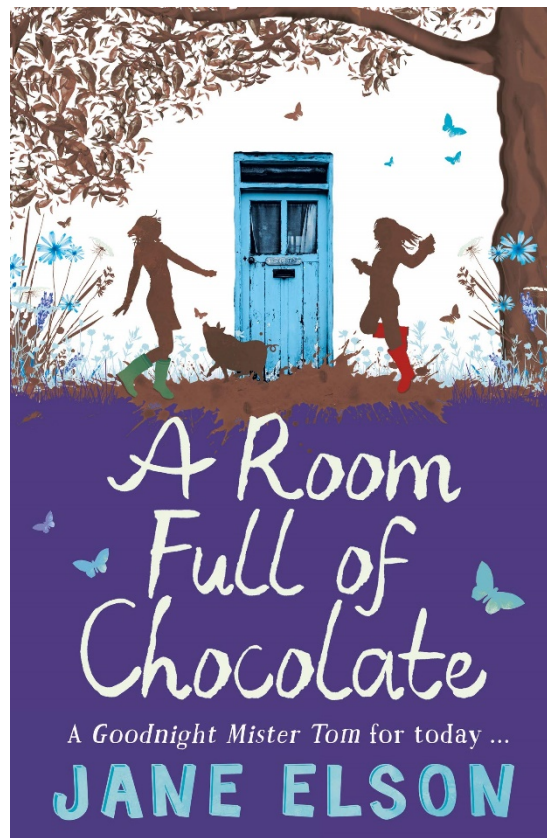
*by Robin Stevens*



Daisy's glamorous mother is throwing a tea party for Daisy's birthday, and the whole family is invited, from eccentric Aunt Saskia to dashing Uncle Felix. Naturally, Daisy is furious. Then one of their party falls seriously, mysteriously ill, and everything points to poison.

## 26. A Room Full Of Chocolate

*by Jane Elson*



Meet Grace, a young girl who has to go and live with her grandad because her mum has to go to hospital. Her dad leaves her, and her world is turned upside down. She must also start a new school where she gets picked on. Not even her favourite treat, chocolate, makes her feel better.

## 27. Will You Catch Me?

*by Jane Elson*



Nell Hobs lives with a tortoise called Bob Marley, guinea pigs Asbo and Chaos, goldfish Beyonce and Destiny, gerbils Fizz and Tynone, Aunty Lou the Hamster, and her mum, who drinks too much. Nell does everything she can to be a good daughter so that her mum will stop. But when things get really hard, Nell stands on her head.

## 28. The Song From Somewhere Else

*by AF Harrold*

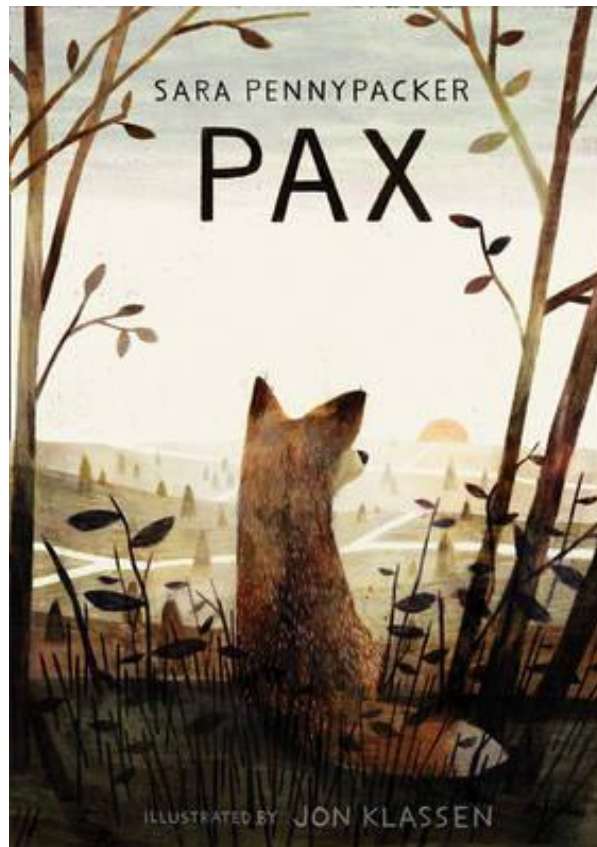


Frank is being bullied, for what, she's not sure. Being smart? Being different, perhaps. One day, after the bullies throw her bag in the middle of a huge patch of stinging nettles, Nick Underbridge comes to her aid, a strange boy that everyone makes fun of at school for his hugeness and odd, unidentifiable smell.



## 29. Pax

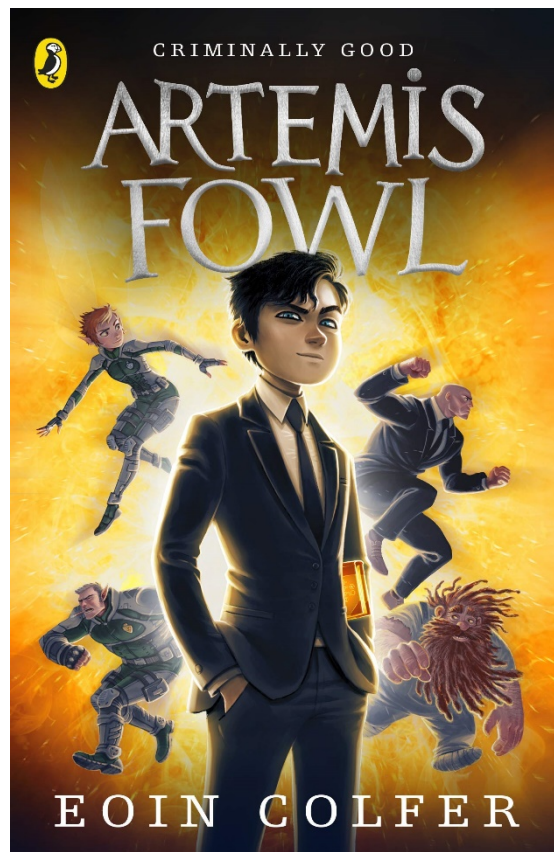
*by Sara Pennypacker*



Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a cub. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

## 30.Artemis Fowl

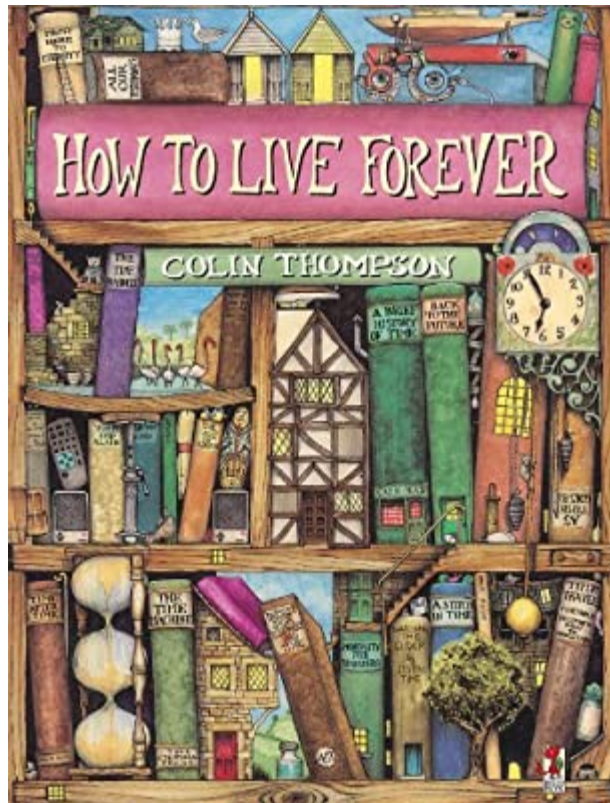
*by Eoin Colfer*



Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl lives in a strange and action-packed world. Orphaned early in life, he is heir to a tremendously large fortune, as well as to a mysterious and enchanting family legacy. The Fowl family have been criminal masterminds since the beginning of time, and it is Artemis' job to uphold this legacy and the family honour.

# 31. How To Live Forever

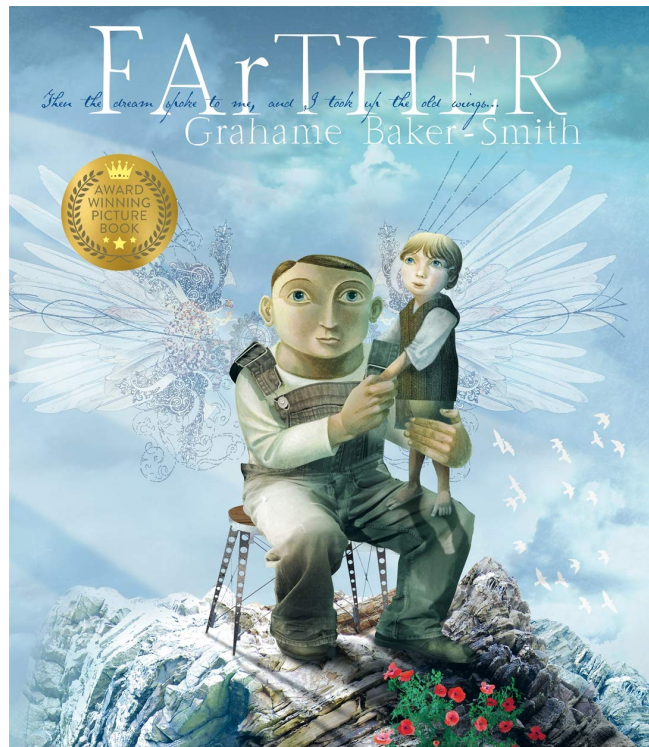
*by Colin Thompson*



At night, when the library is shut, the book shelves come to life. Doors and windows appear in the back of books, lights appear along the shelves, and the library mutates into a bustling miniature city. On a shelf of cookery books beginning with 'Q' there lives a boy called Peter, he discovers a secret in the library, there is only one book in the world missing from its shelves, a book called *How to Live Forever or Immortality for Beginners*.

## 32. Farther

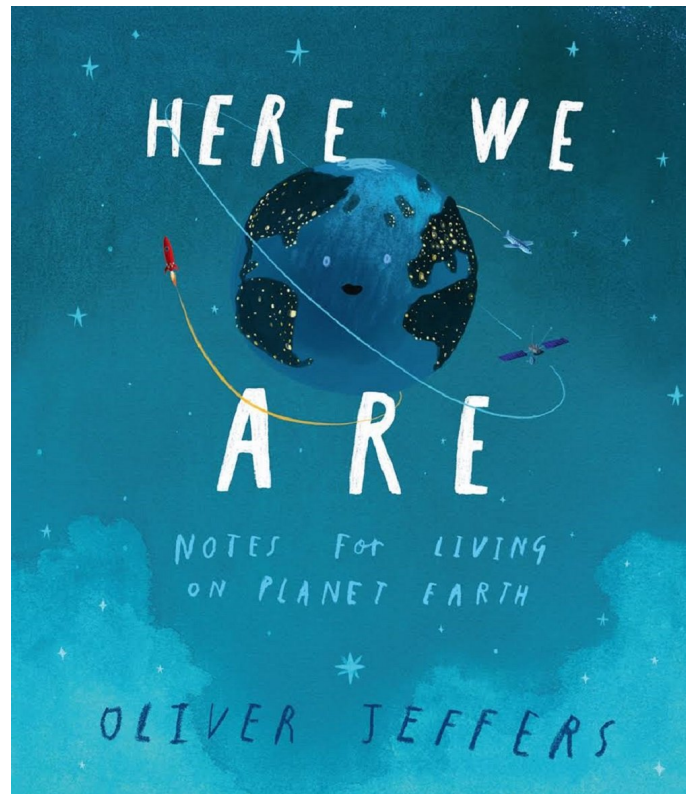
*by Grahame Baker-Smith*



A young boy, bewitched by his father's unrelenting passion to fly, a desperate craving that absorbs his every waking minute, finds himself entranced by the dream. When his father goes to war and does not return it seems the spell is broken.

## 33. Here We Are

*by Oliver Jeffers*

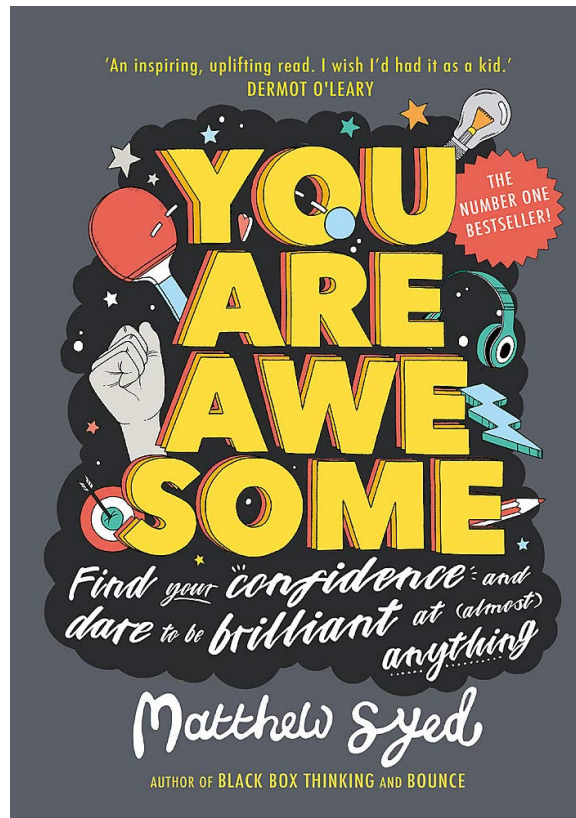


Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey.



## 34. You are Awesome!

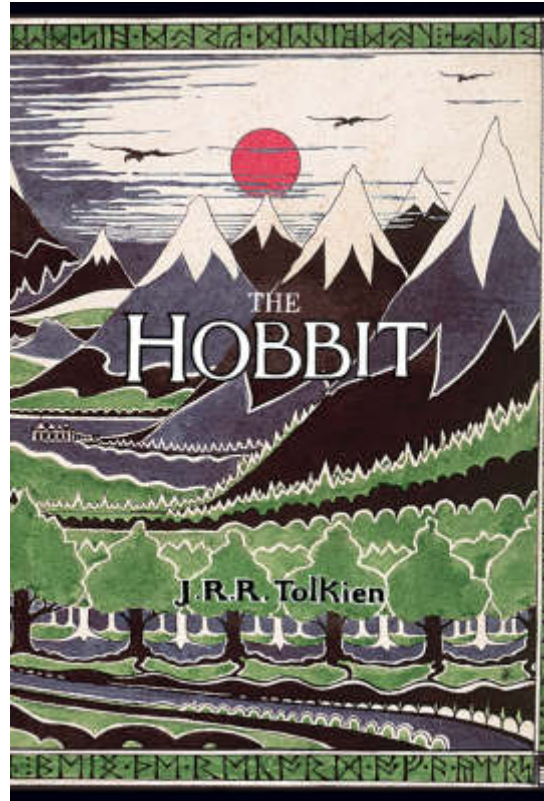
*by Matthew Syed*



This positive and empowering guide, by bestselling mindset author Matthew Syed, will help boys and girls build resilience, fulfil their potential and become successful, happy, awesome adults.

## 35. The Hobbit

*by JRR Tolkien*



Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home; then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services - as a burglar - on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon.

## 36. A Christmas Carol

*by Charles Dickens*



Ebenezer Scrooge is a mean, miserable, bitter old man with no friends. One cold Christmas Eve, three ghosts take him on a scary journey to show him the error of his nasty ways. By visiting his past, present and future, Scrooge learns to love Christmas and the people all around him.

## 37. A Wrinkle in Time

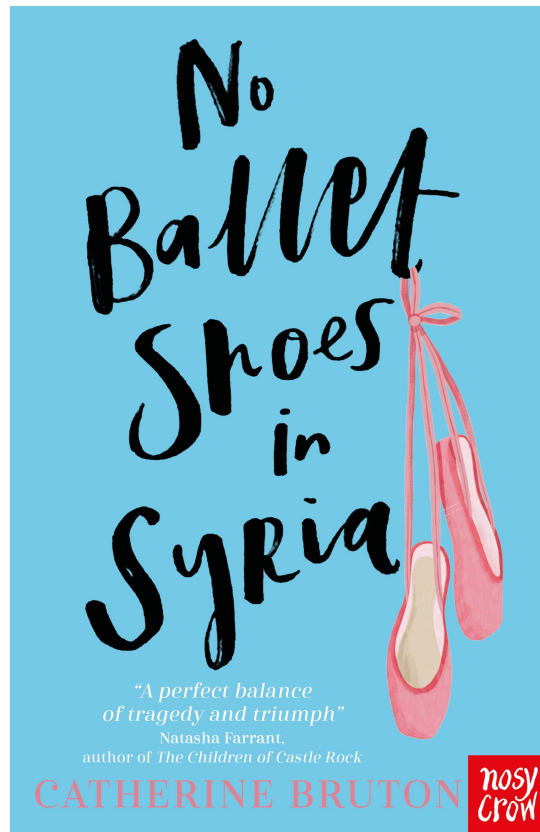
*by Madeleine L'Engle*



When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'.

## 38.No Ballet Shoes in Syria

*by Catherine Bruton*



When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father



## 39. The Shadow Keeper

*by Abi Elphinstone*



Moll Pecksniff and her friends are living as outlaws in a secret cave by the sea, desperate to stay hidden from the Shadowmasks. Moll must sneak past smugglers, outwit mer creatures and crack secret codes to save the Old Magic.

# 40. Wonder

*by RJ Palacio*



Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

# 41. Cogheart

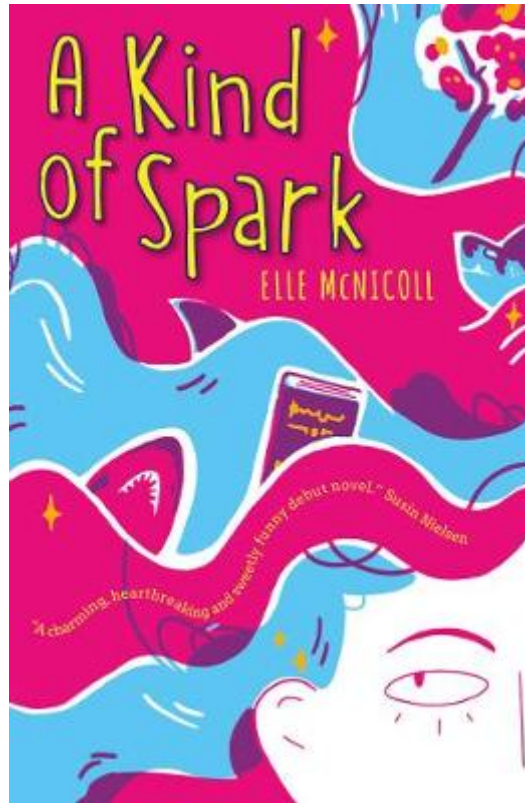
*by Peter Bunzl*



Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. With her friends - Robert and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart...

## 42. A Kind of Spark

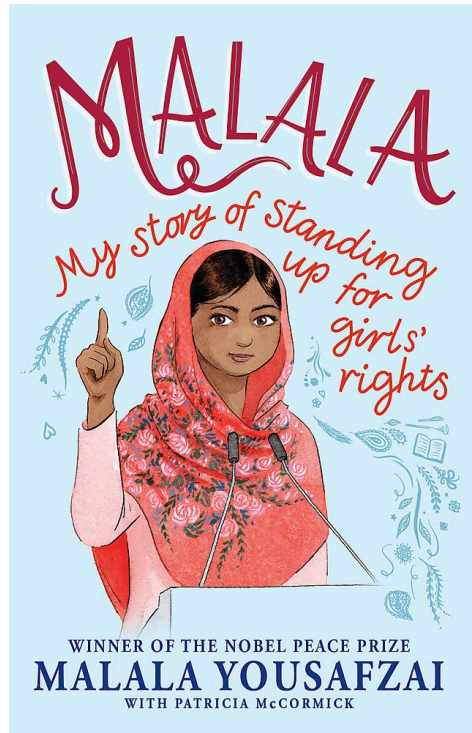
*by Elle McNicoll*



11-year-old Addie campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers.

## 43. Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights

*by Malala Yousafzai*

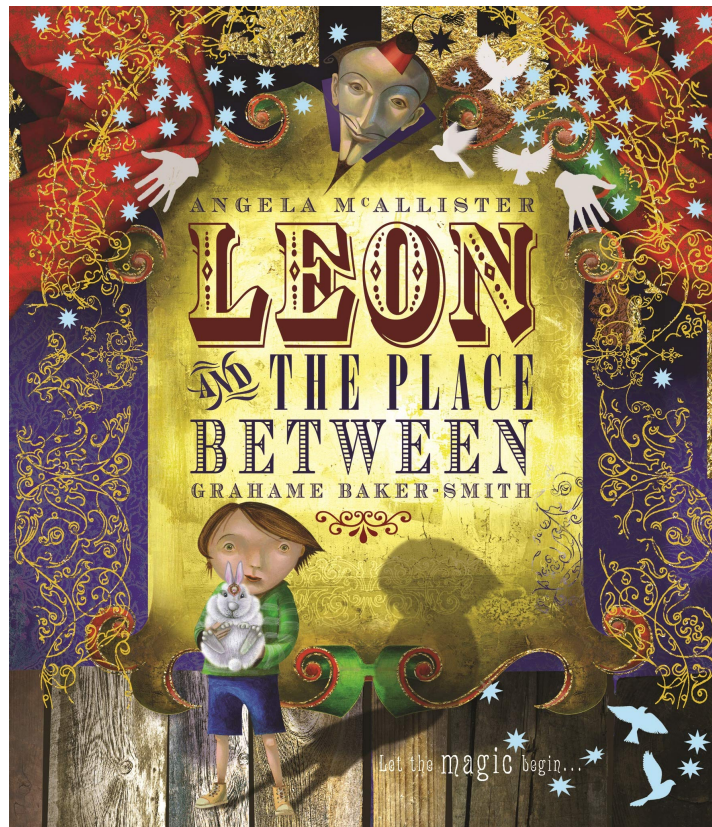


The extraordinary true story of a young girl's courage in the face of violence and extremism, and an incredible testament to what can be achieved when we stand up for what we believe in.



## 44. Leon and the Place Between

*by Angela McCallister*



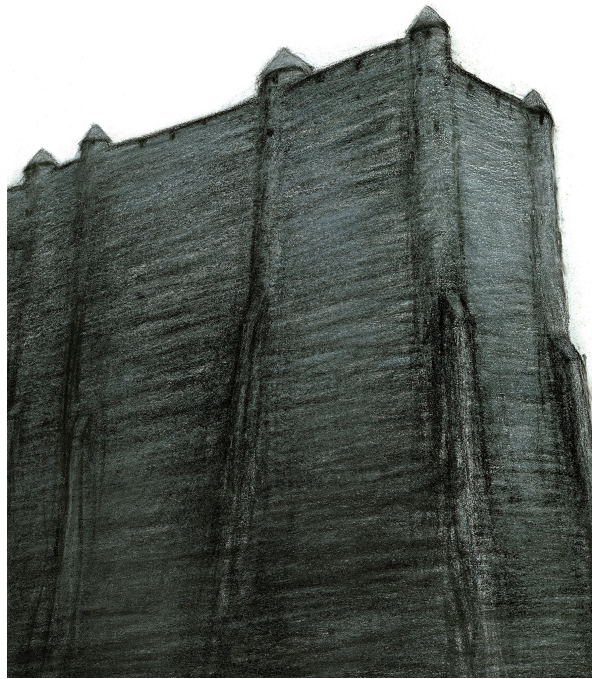
Wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world. Filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants if a magician can make it disappear, it will end up in the Place Between!

# 45. The Island

*by Armin Greder*

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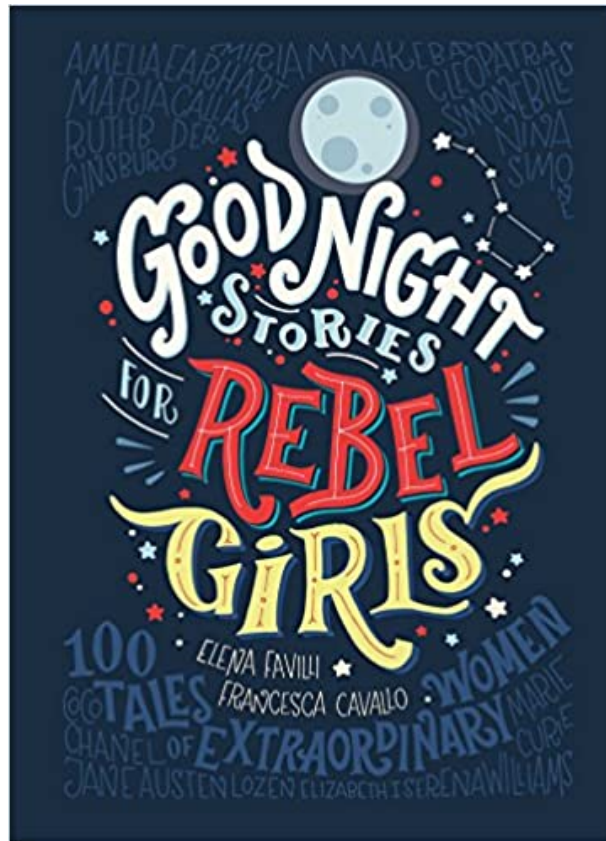
## THE ISLAND



When the people of the Island discover a man and a tattered raft on their beach, they are reluctant to take him in. He doesn't look like them. But they cannot send him back to the sea where he will surely perish. Instead, they put him aside but even that doesn't solve their problem.

## 46. Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls

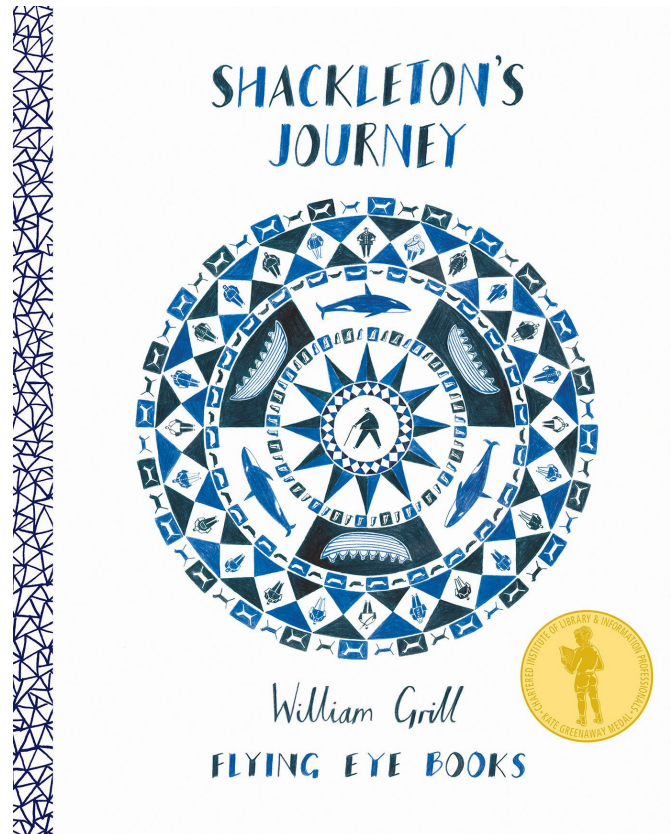
*by Elena Favilli*



Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.

## 47. Shackleton's Journey

*by William Grill*

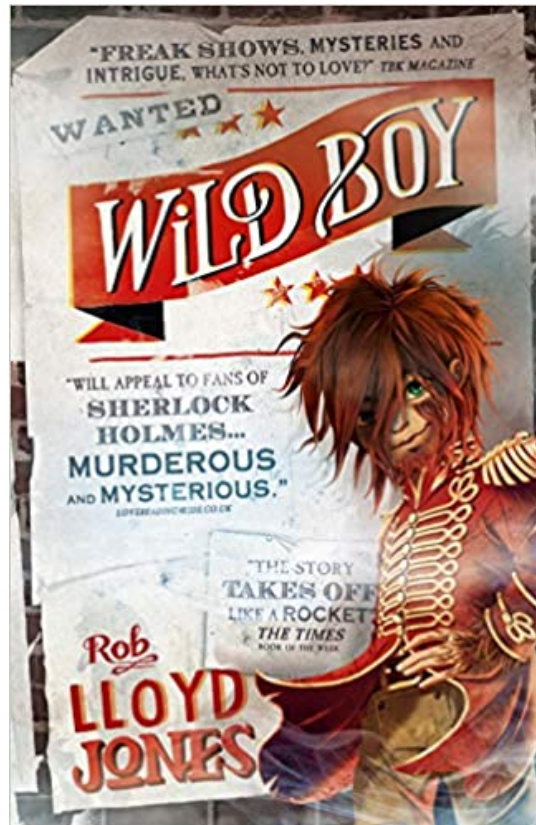


Shackleton's Journey is a unique visual re-telling Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other.



## 48. Wild Boy

*by Rob Lloyd Jones*



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



## 49. The Secret Garden

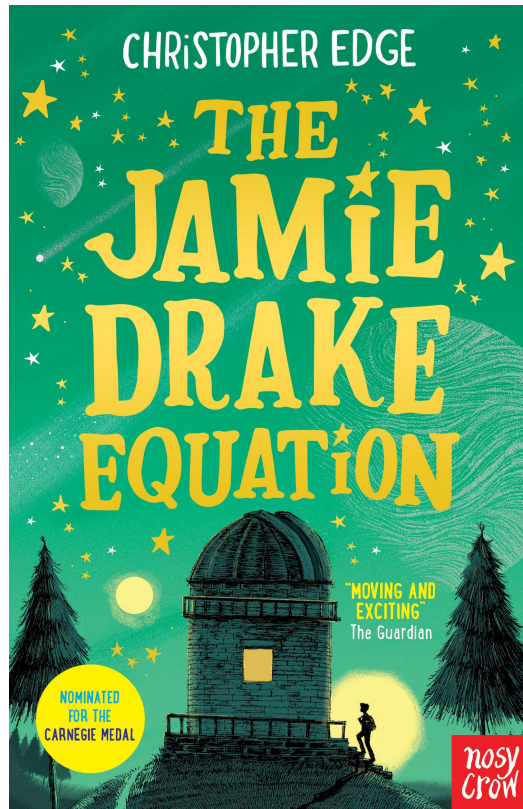
*by Frances Hodgson Burnett*



Mary meets a young man who can converse with animals, discovers and solves the hidden mystery of a secret garden, and helps her sick cousin to recover. Guided by a remarkable red robin, through her deeds and work she grows right along with this very special garden.

## 50. The Jamie Drake Equation

*by Christopher Edge*



Jamie Drake's dad is orbiting the Earth in the International Space Station and Jamie ought to think it's cool but he just really misses him. When your dad's lost in space and his only hope is you and a bunch of aliens, it's going to be a bumpy ride.