

8 Before the End of Year 8 Reading Challenge

Read 8 books from our list of 16
recommended books.

Complete a review for each book
you read to earn a reading house
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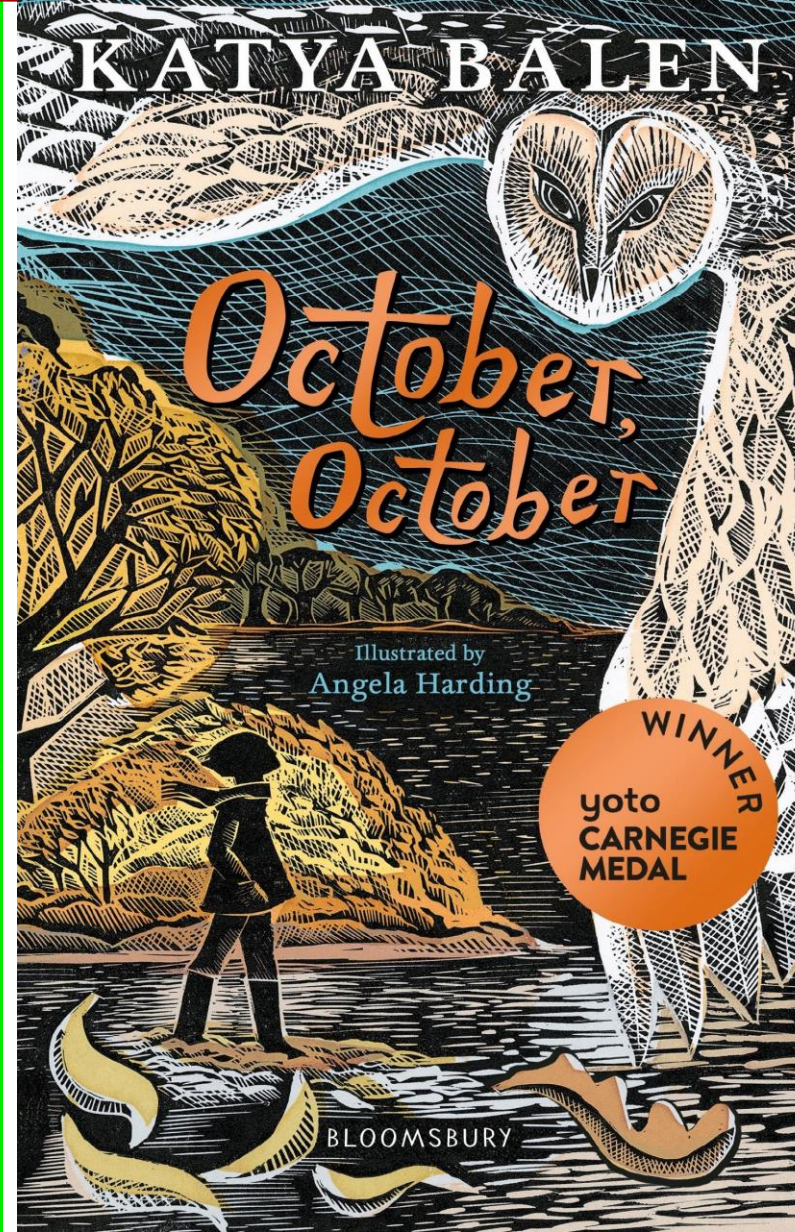
Complete the challenge by reading
8 before the end of year 8 to receive
your prize!

**8 BEFORE THE
END OF YEAR 8**

Reading Challenge

**Pick 8 books from the list of 15
to read over the two years.**

Percy, who suffers from dyslexia and ADHD, discovers he is a demigod and is accused of stealing Zeus's lightning bolt. He must find the thief to settle the fight between the gods and save his mother.



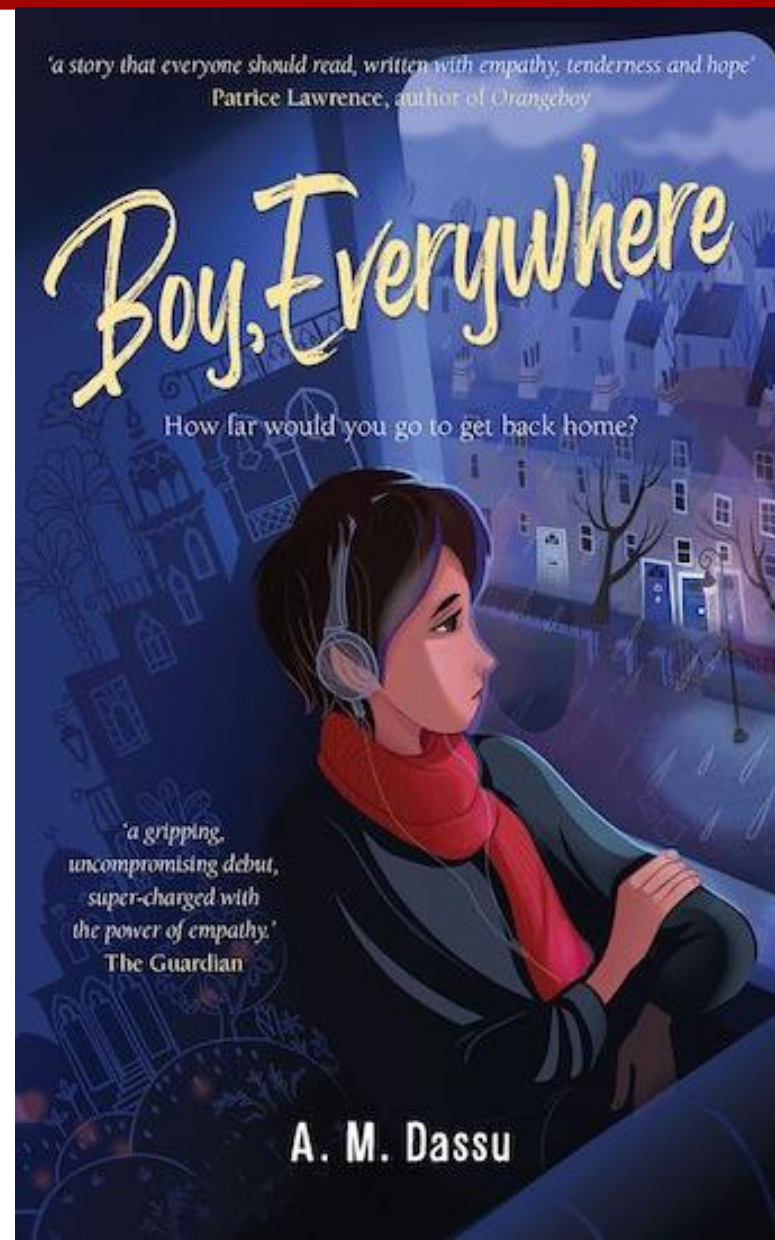
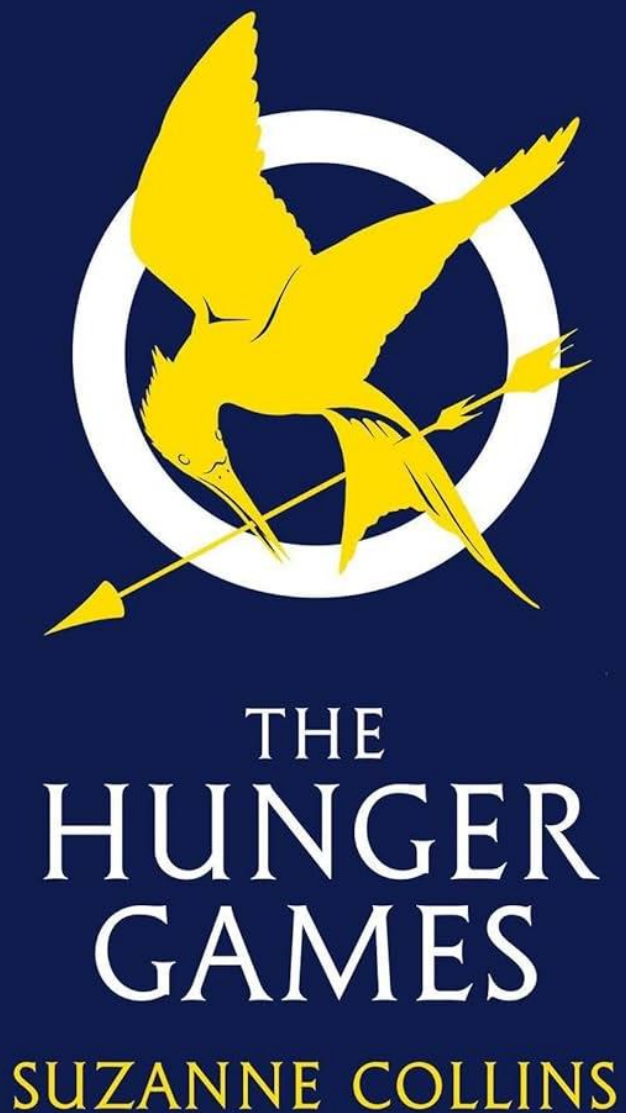
October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is.

Until the year October turns eleven.

That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.

Welcome to Panem: its Capitol repressively rules twelve satellite Districts, enslaving the populations as workers and controlling them through hunger.

This harsh rule culminates in the annual Hunger Games - from each District, one female and one male Tribute are forcibly selected for a terrifying reality TV game-show in which contestants literally fight to the death. But Katniss Everdeen is no ordinary Tribute: she's used to surviving in the wild and in the unpredictable, hostile arena, she's not giving up.



13 year old Sami has a good life in Damascus, playing football and computer games with his friends, nagging his parents for new trainers and trying to get time on the iPad. Although he knows there is war in the rest of the country, he never seriously imagines it will reach Damascus. It's a normal life; a peaceful life – and as it turns out, a life that can be destroyed at any moment.

When a bomb goes off at a shopping mall, shattering his little sister's childhood, his family decide to sell everything and flee Syria. So begins Sami's journey across Europe, and into danger, poverty and fear.

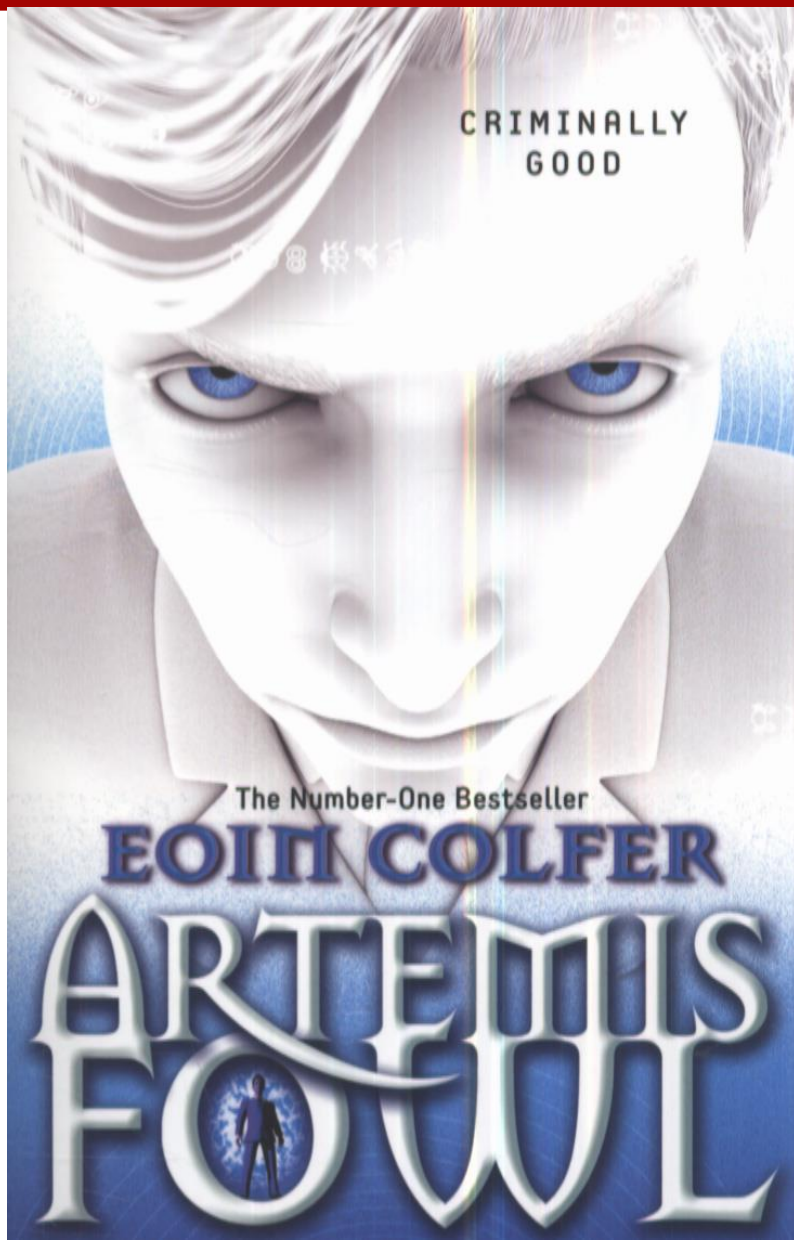
AT JUST TWELVE YEARS OLD, ARTEMIS FOWL IS A CRIMINAL GENIUS.

No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real.

Poor fairies.

But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf.

Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back . . .



WINNER GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S FICTION PRIZE

THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO

PATRICK
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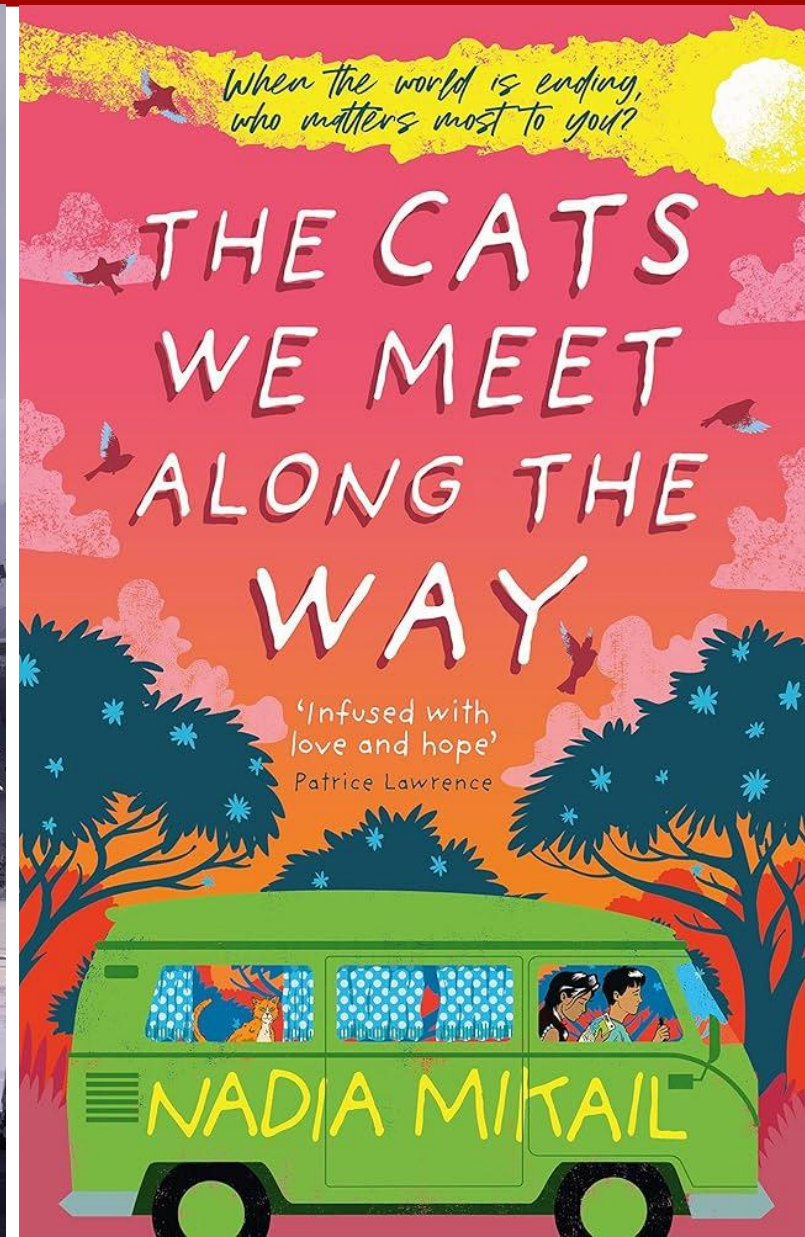
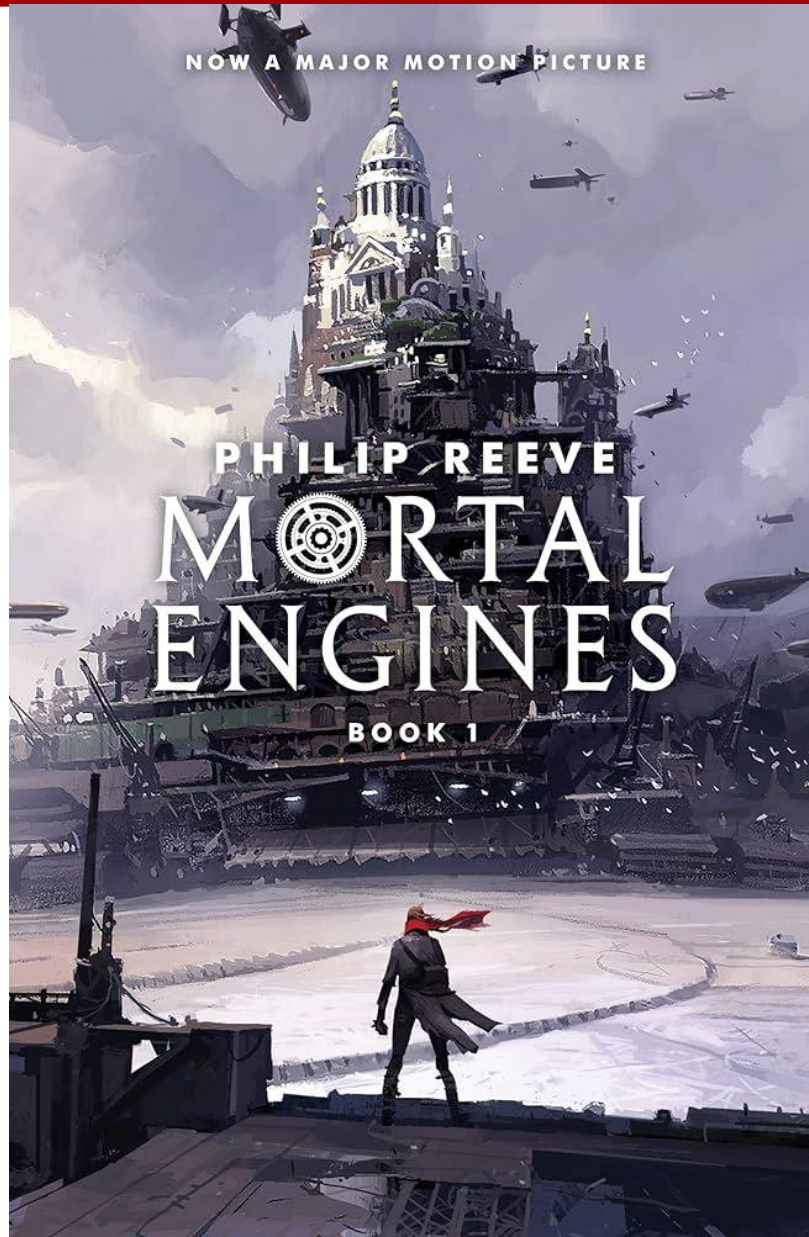
TWICE CARNEGIE MEDAL WINNER

Winner of the 2008 Booktrust Teenage Prize, the story begins in a small town where women have been banished and only men remain. Due to a virus, everyone can hear each other's thoughts, which they call 'Noise'.

Todd Hewitt, the last boy in the town, is on the brink of manhood. Forced one day to flee through a nearby swamp, he stumbles upon a patch of silence and – surprisingly – the first girl he has ever seen. Despite their initial mistrust of each other, Todd and Viola team up to evade the men who are chasing him. As they flee he discovers much about himself, his family, about friendship and about prejudice.

London is on the move again: the traction city trawls the world on wheels, capturing and eating smaller towns. But when he is thrown off the city by his childhood hero Valentine, young hero Tom joins forces with the mysterious Hester, and is soon forced to reassess life as he knows it.

Set in a captivating futuristic landscape, this hugely imaginative story is a vivid blend of action, romance, mystery, crime and horror.



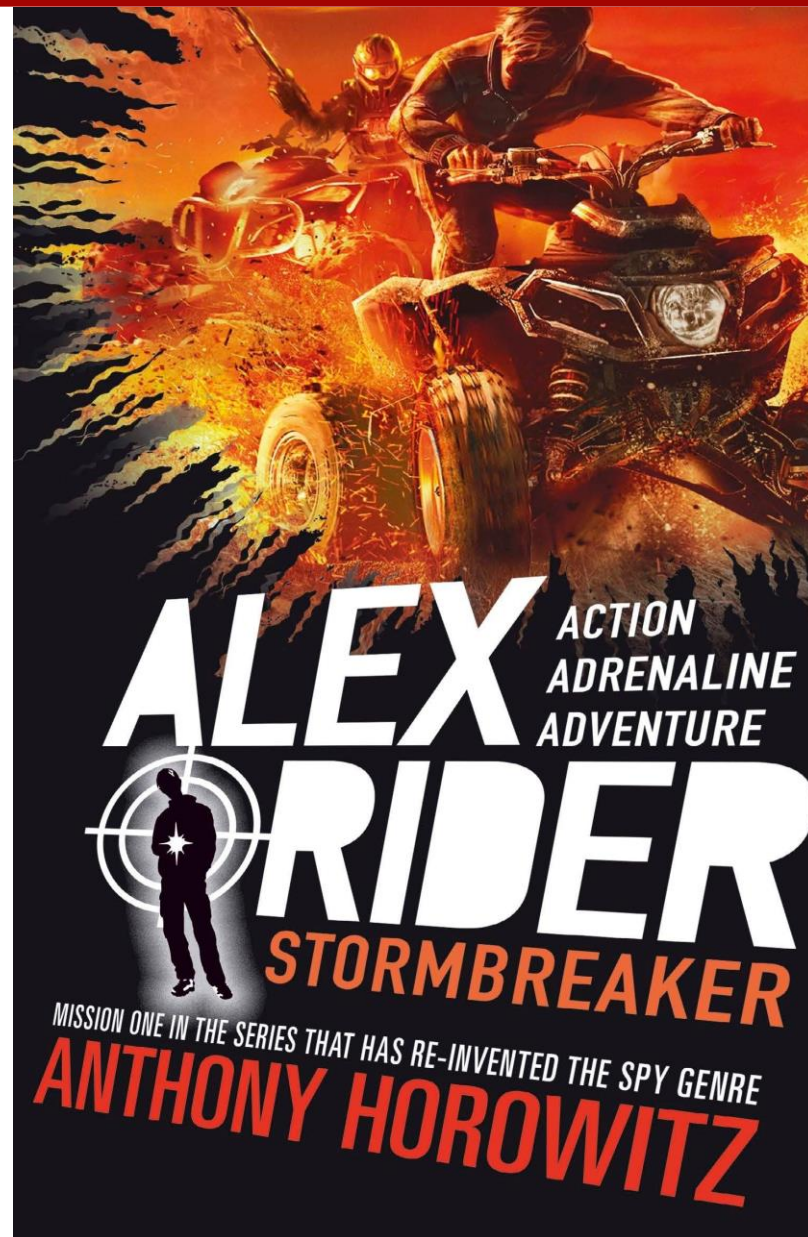
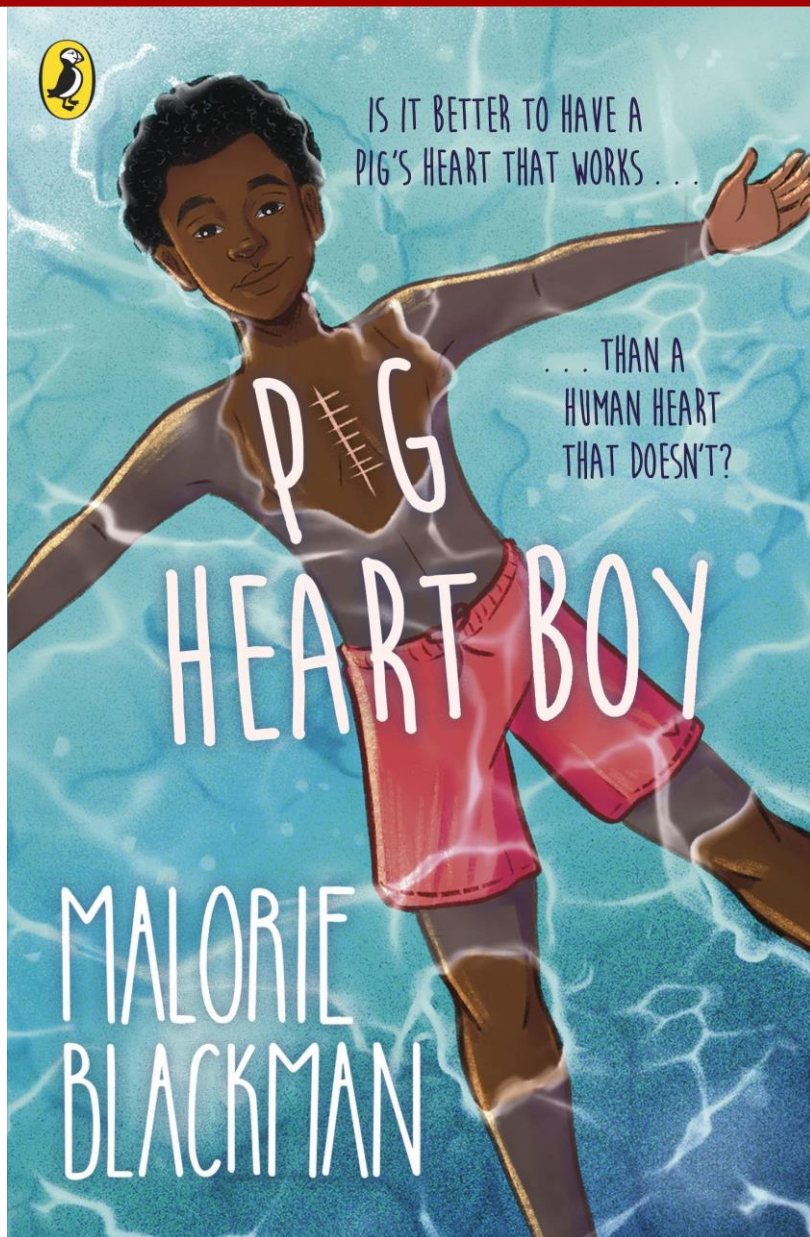
Shortlisted for the YA Book Prize 2023

Seventeen-year-old Aisha hasn't seen her sister June for two years. And now that a calamity is about to end the world in nine months' time, she and her mother decide that it's time to track her down and mend the hurts of the past.

Along with Aisha's boyfriend, Walter and his parents (and Fleabag the stray cat), the group take a roadtrip through Malaysia in a wildly decorated campervan - to put the past to rest, to come to terms with the present, and to hope for the future.

Cameron desperately needs a new heart when he is offered the opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart.

While Cameron soon comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him less accepting. A powerful and thought-provoking read.



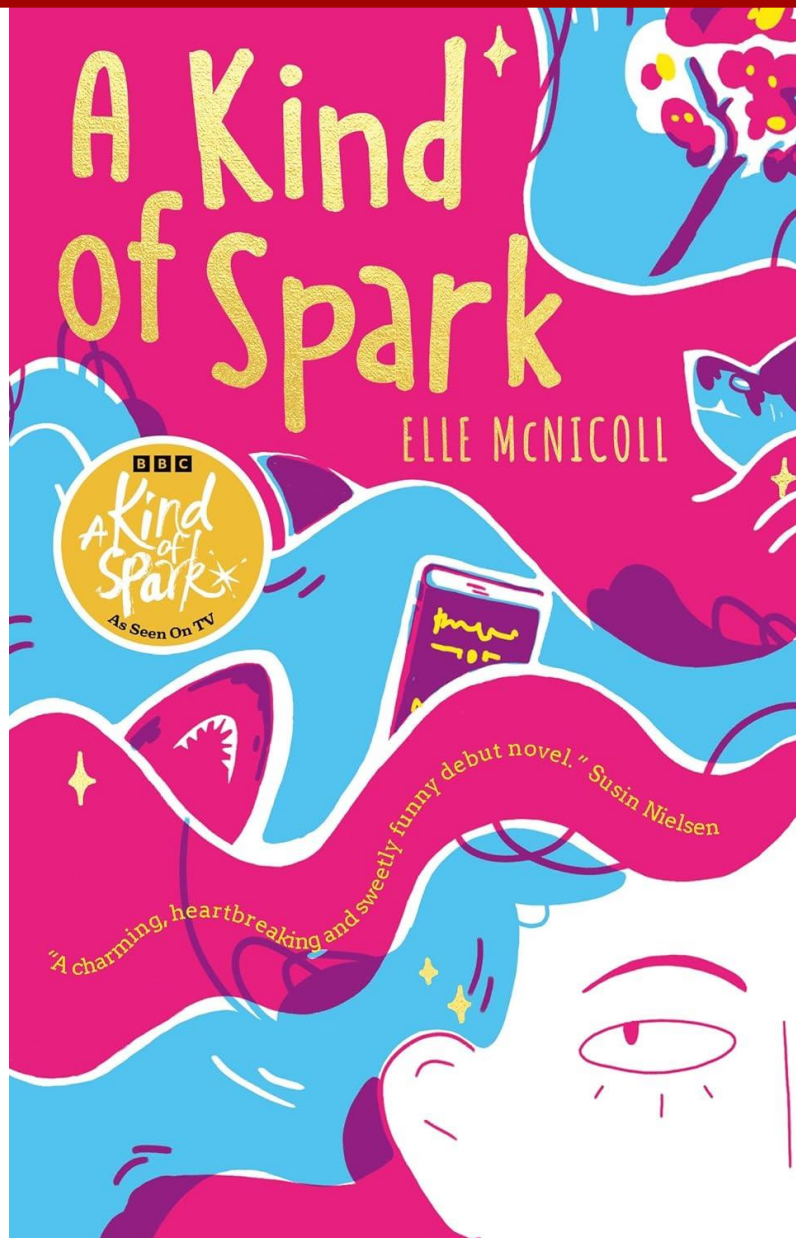
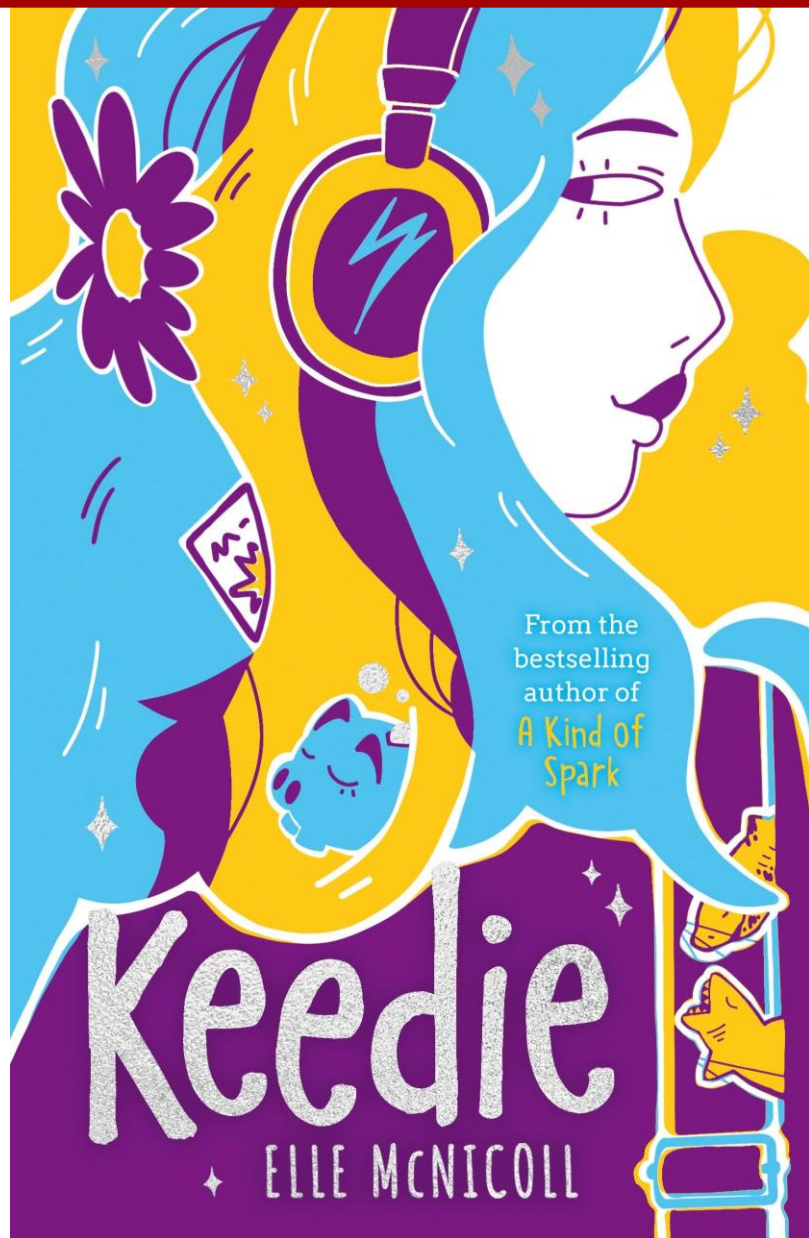
Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6. Soon, Alex himself is dragged into the world of espionage and intrigue.

This well-written and action-packed story is the first in the bestselling Alex Rider series about a daring teenage spy. Cleverly plotted and full of excitement, the combination of spy gadgets and undercover escapades will ensure this story is completely irresistible to young fans of action and adventure.

Teenagers Keedie and Nina are twins. But that doesn't mean they are alike – in fact, right now, it feels like they've never had less in common.

With their 14th birthdays approaching, Nina is more interested in fitting in, vlogging and her first boyfriend. Whilst for neurodivergent Keedie, it's a time of powerful realisation. She's tired of having to try to conform, and of witnessing injustice and hypocrisy.

It's time to fight back against a bully-infested school and the narrow-minded attitudes of their small town of Juniper. So Keedie sets up an anti-bullying agency, resolving to stand up for all those who need it – none more so than her beloved little sister Addie.

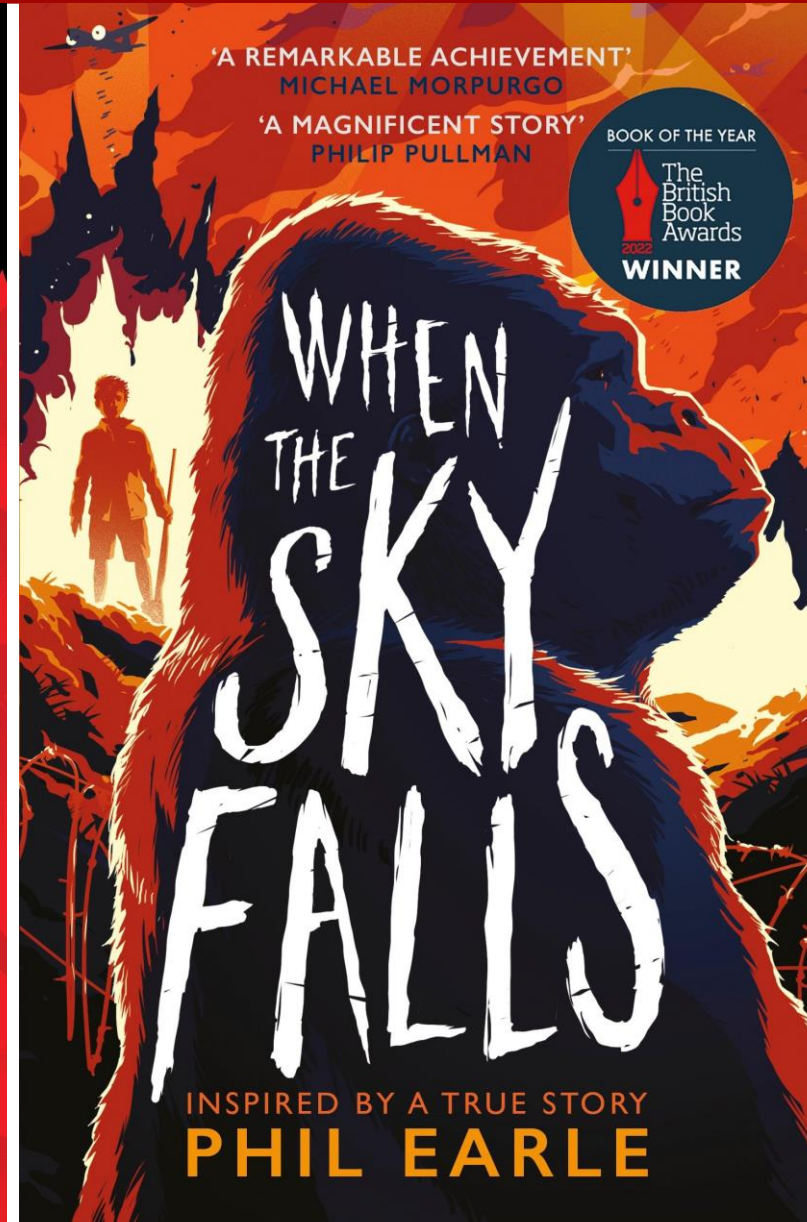
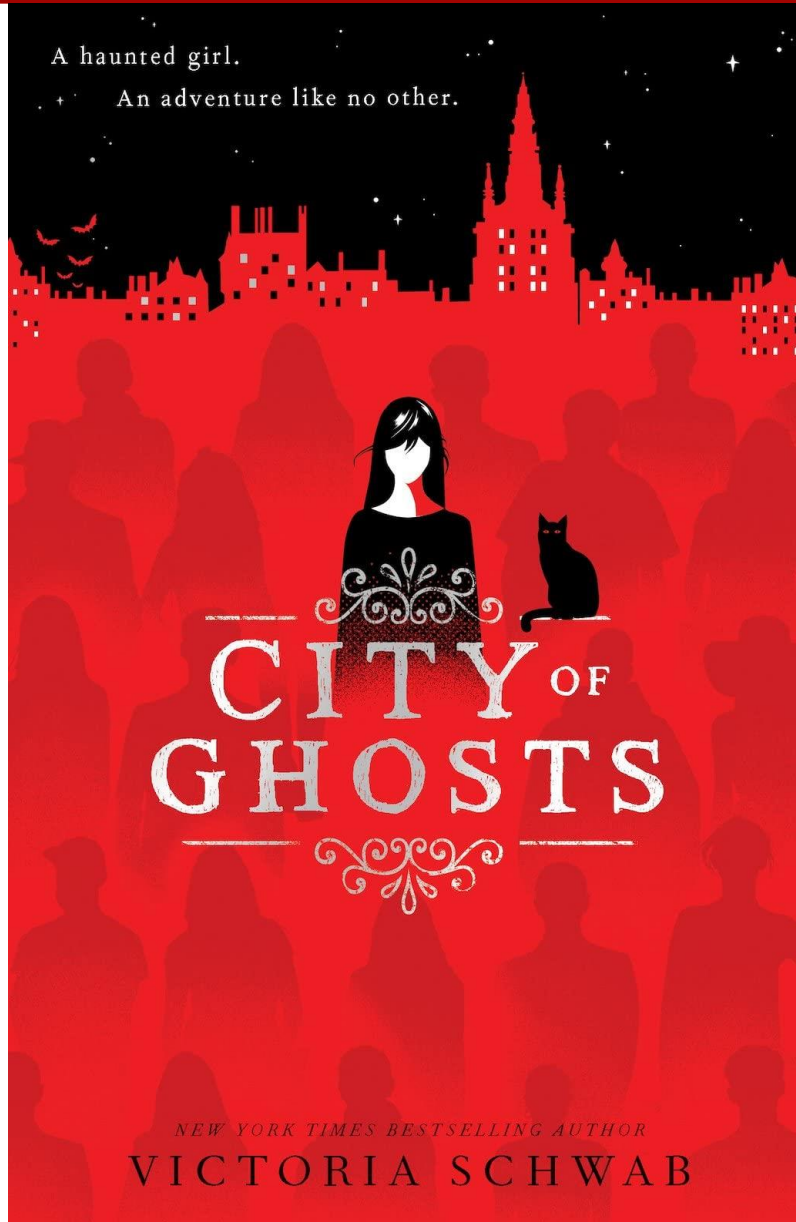


Addie's class are told they have a 'fun' new project to study in the run-up to Halloween. As the teacher recounts how 16th century women were accused of witchcraft for reasons as innocuous as being left-handed, 11-year-old Addie is left stunned. She's horrified that innocent people, including women from her own area, were persecuted, executed, then forgotten by society.

Oppression of those with perceived 'differences' is of course not confined to the history books. And Addie, who is autistic, experiences this at first hand and in various forms, both at school and in the local community.

Instead of summer at the beach, Cassidy's parents have dragged her on a trip to Edinburgh to film their new TV show. This wouldn't be so bad, except that since her near-death experience last year, Cass has been able to see and feel ghosts whenever they're near –and Edinburgh is one of the most haunted cities in the world.

Cassidy can cross the 'veil' into a realm between the worlds of the living and the dead. Pulled into the veil without her choice, Cass attracts the attention of the deadly Raven in Red, who's intent on stealing Cass's life-force and trapping her in the veil forever. Can Cass unravel the secrets of the veil and find a way back to the living?

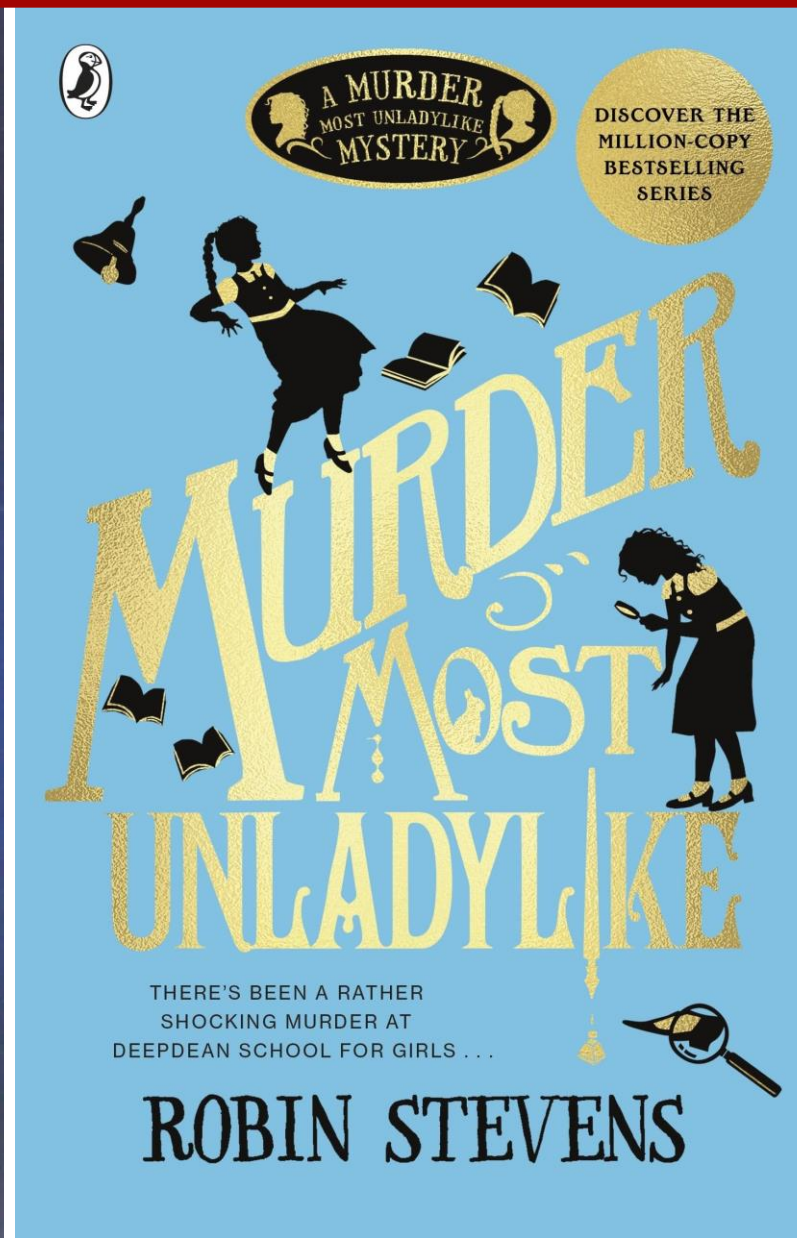
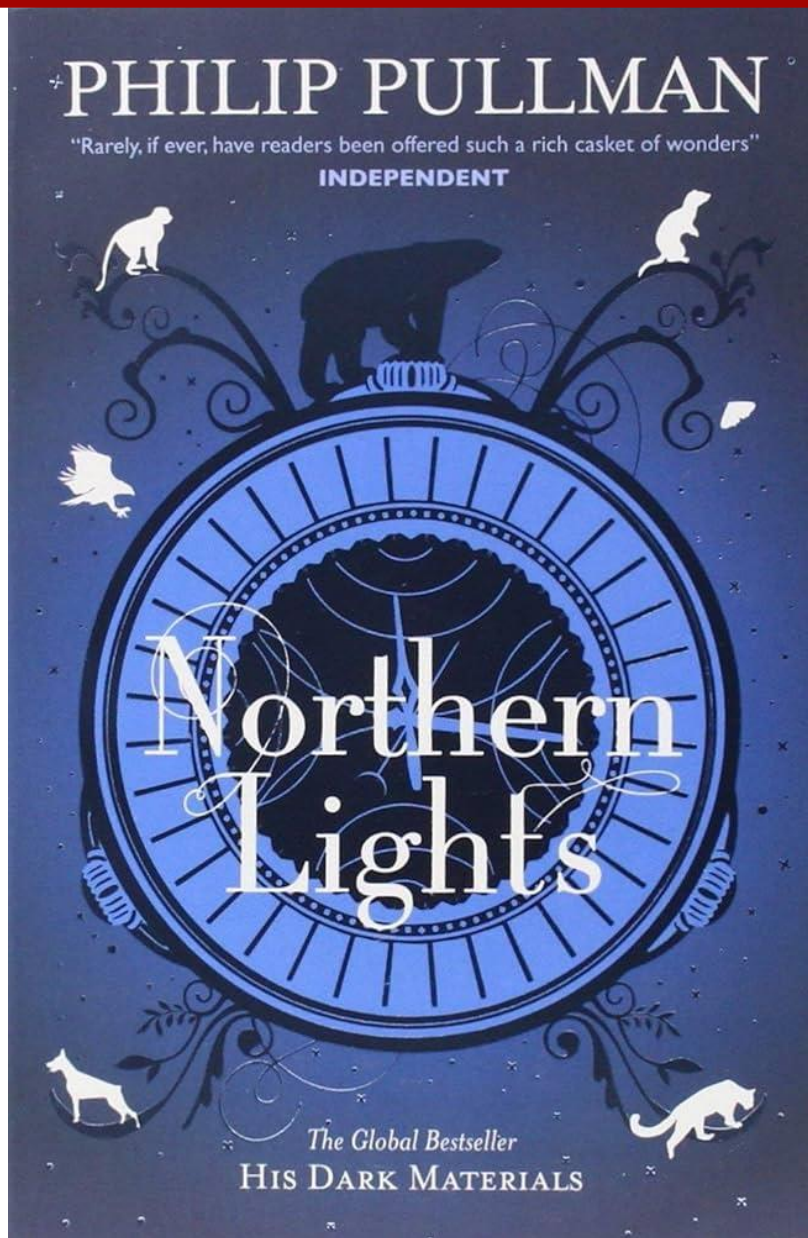


It's 1941 during the Second World War. While everyone else seems to be evacuated to the countryside, 12-year-old Joseph is sent from rural Yorkshire to stay with his gran's friend, Mrs F, in the city.

Now Joseph also finds himself in the centre of the Blitz, where bombs rain down every night. The only thing Mrs F cares about is the rundown zoo that she owns, and particularly a huge silverback gorilla called Adonis. Adonis and Joseph at first seem to take an immediate dislike to each other but over the course of the story, their bonds deepen to a remarkable relationship.

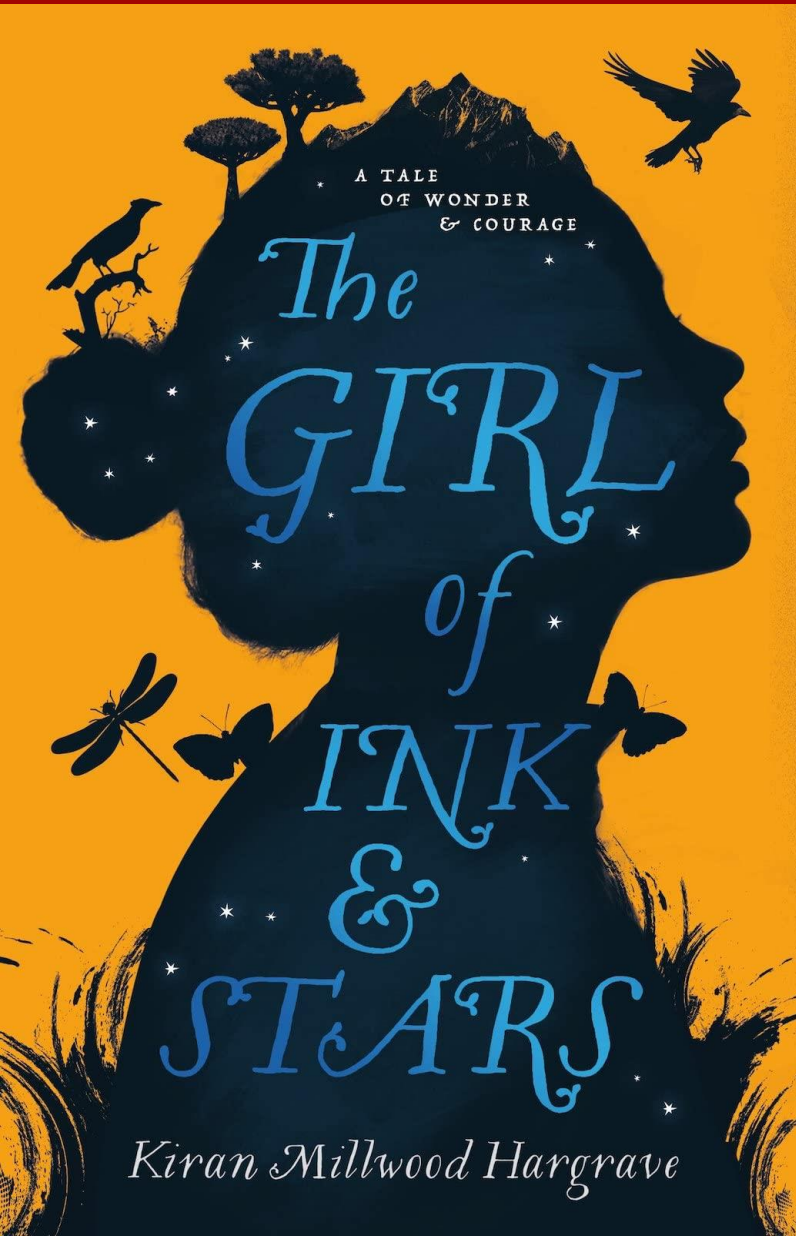
Lyra and her animal daemon live a carefree life amongst the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. Yet the destiny that awaits her will take her far from her home, to the magical frozen lands of the Arctic, amongst the witch-clans and ice-bears. Here, she will discover the truth about her identity, which will have immeasurable consequences reaching beyond her own world.

This extraordinary fantasy is the first book in Philip Pullman's multi-award-winning His Dark Materials trilogy. Exciting, original and enormously powerful it is an incredible feat of imagination, and one of the classics of 20th century children's literature.



There's been a rather shocking murder at Deepdean School for Girls - but luckily, young detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are on the case!

When Hazel discovers Science Mistress Miss Bell lying dead in the Gym, she thinks it must have been a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return a few moments later, the body has completely disappeared. The girls realise a murder must have taken place, and soon discover that there's more than one person at Deepdean with a motive. Can they uncover the truth before the killer strikes again?



Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella Riosse dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When her closest friend disappears into the island's Forgotten Territories, she volunteers to guide the search.

Following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself. For beneath the dry rivers and smoky mountains, a fiery legend is stirring from its sleep...

The Girl of Ink and Stars is a stunning debut, full of myth, magic and mapmaking. Hargrave has created an utterly original world, complete with political intrigue and fascinating myths and beliefs.

Isabella is a fantastic heroine: brave, loyal and curious. At the heart of the adventure is the wonderful and authentic friendship between her and her missing friend, Lupe.

The Girl of Ink and Stars is completely fresh but has the feel of a classic children's book.