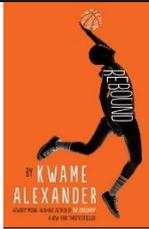
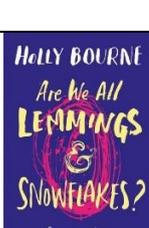
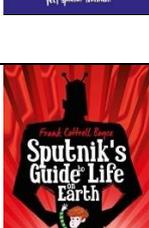
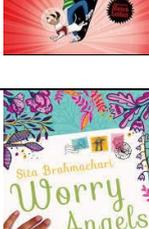


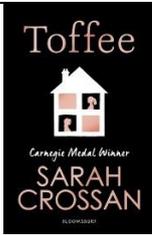
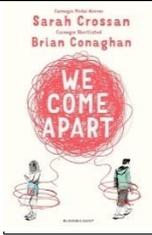
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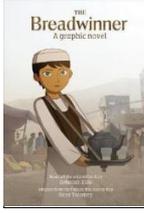
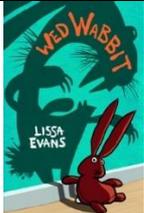
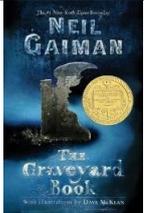
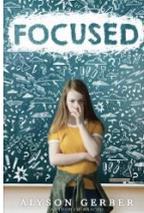


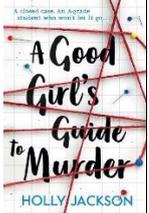
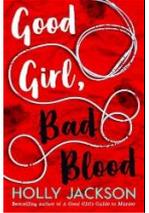
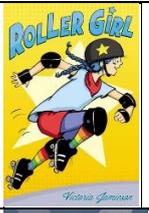
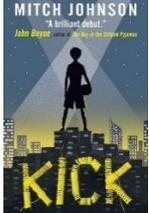
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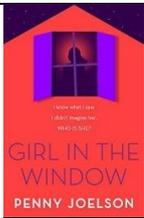
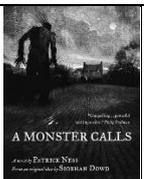
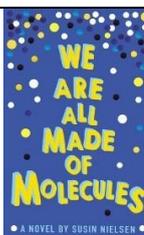
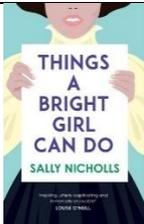
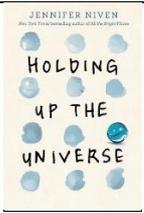
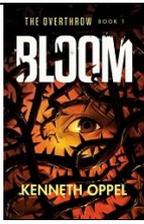
	Book Title	Author	Genre	Summary
	Clap When You Land	Elizabeth Acevedo	Poetry / Real Life / Sisters / Death in the Family / Plane Crash	Written in verse, great story about two estranged sisters who are brought together through the death of their father. Ages 14+
	Rebound (The Crossover 0.5)	Kwame Alexander	Real Life / Sports / Basketball / Poetry / Death in the Family / BAME	Prequel to the hugely popular Crossover. It tells the story of Chuck Bell, who discovers a love of basketball after getting into trouble with the police. Lots of basketball and real life drama, awesome stuff!
	The House With Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson	Russian folklore / myths / folktales / magic / death in the family /	Marinka's house has chicken legs. Her and her grandmother are guardians of the dead, they usher them through from this world to the next and the house goes where the dead spirits roam. Marinka yearns for a real friend and in finding one she breaks sacred rules that put her and her loved ones in danger. Amazing read!
	Are We All Lemmings & Snowflakes?	Holly Bourne	Real Life / Suicide / Depression / Kindness / Friendship	After a traumatic episode, Olive is sent to Camp Reset to "settle" her mind and meet new friends. At first she's hesitant, then Olive embarks on a mission to infect the world with kindness. Is it a genius plan, or her mind playing tricks on her? A really great story covering mental illness and hope for ages 15 and up!
	Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Sci-Fi / Adventure / Real Life / Comedy	A funny and touching story about a boy who tries to convince an alien not to destroy Earth by showing him everything the planet has to offer.
	Worry Angels	Sita Brahmachari	Divorce, Anxiety / Refugees / Art / Real Life / BAME	Amy-May has anxiety after her parent's divorce and can't face going to school. Her mother enrolls her in an art therapy class that prepares students for entering school. It's there that she meets Rima, a refugee who has a heartbreaking life story. Together they try to put the pieces of their lives back together.

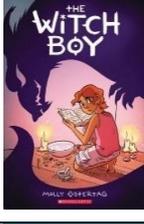
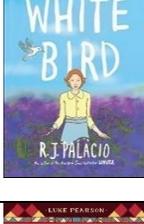
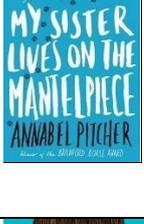
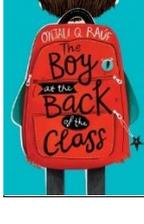
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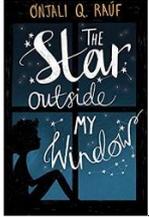
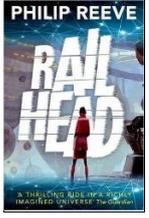
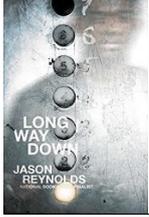
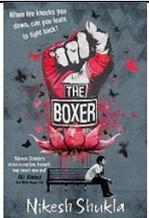
	Running on the Roof of the World	Jess Butterworth	Real Life / Tibet / Adventure / Animals / Politics	A thrilling adventure about a 12 year old girl whose parents are arrested under a cruel dictatorship in Tibet. With the help of her best friend and a two yaks, they set off across the mountains to India to find help.
	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky	Real Life / Depression / Abuse / OCD	It follows observant “wallflower” Charlie as he charts a course through the strange world between adolescence and adulthood. First dates, family drama, and new friends. Devastating loss, young love, and life on the fringes. Recommended for 14+
	Moonrise	Sarah Crossan	Real Life / Poetry / Death in the family / death penalty	A heartbreaking story told in short poems about a teen who travels to help his brother who is awaiting the death penalty. One of my favourite reads of 2017, very sad tale about forgiveness and redemption. Recommended for 14+.
	Toffee	Sarah Crossan	Real Life / Alzheimer's / abuse / runaways / death in the family	Heart wrenching story of a teen who runs away from her abusive father, only to take refuge with a woman with Alzheimer's who mistakes her for her long lost friend, Toffee. One you won't forget soon. Great for 14+.
	We Come Apart	Sarah Crossan and Brian Conaghan	Real Life / Poetry / Abuse	Two teens with horrible home lives meet while serving a community service sentence for shoplifting. When together, they can almost forget about their tragic lives, almost. Recommended for 14+.
	Furious Thing	Jenny Downham	Abuse / real life / relationships /	Beautiful story about a girl named Lex who is trying to escape the monster that is her soon to be step father. Highly recommend it, great characters, powerfully written. Ages 14+.
	A Place Called Perfect	Helena Duggan	Mystery / Fantasy	When Violet moves to the town of Perfect with her family, she soon learns that not everything is as it seems. First of all, everyone in Perfect is blind, with the help of a special pair of glasses, this can be fixed. However Violet is convinced there is a dark underbelly lurking somewhere, and she's determined to find it. Great for mystery lovers!

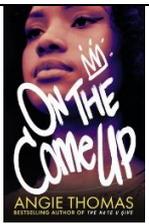
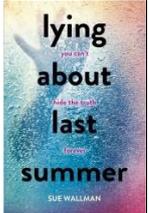
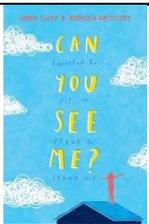
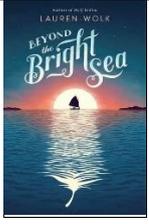
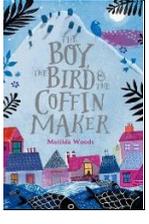
	The Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis	Afghanistan / Taliban / Kabul / History / Historical fiction / graphic novel	Stunning graphic novel about Parvana, a girl living in poverty with her family in a shelled out Kabul. When her father is arrested for no reason by the Taliban, Parvana must disguise herself as a boy in order to simply enter the streets and sell wares to keep the family from starving to death. Powerful story full of tragedy and hope.
	Wed Wabbit	Lissa Evans	Fantasy / Adventure / Stuffed Animals / Magic	A young girl gets sucked into her sister's fantasy world which is ruled by a tyrannical stuffed rabbit. Hilarious and action-packed, it's for fans of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the Twilight Zone.
	The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	Horror / Fantasy / Mystery	Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that real danger lurks for it is there that the man Jack lives and he has already killed Bod's family.
	Super Awkward	Beth Garrod	Real Life / Comedy	Hilarious story about a girl who can't stop getting in her own way when it comes to school, parents and relationships.
	Focused	Alyson Gerber	Real Life / ADHD / High School	Amazing story about a girl named Clea who loves chess but can't seem to keep herself on track with school or friends because she has ADHD. Great novel for anyone who has recently been diagnosed or knows someone who has ADHD.
	George	Alex Gino	LGBTQ / real Life / Bullying	George knows she's a girl even though when everyone else looks at her they see a boy. When he tries to audition for Charlotte in the school production of Charlotte's Web, she's bullied, threatened and faced with some very tough decision. Sad but uplifting story.
	Bone Talk	Candy Gourlay	Historical Fiction / Adventure / Philippines	Samkad wants to be a warrior like his father, but his people don't think he's ready. Then the Americans come and invade, and he's not given a choice. Set in 1899, this fascinating and thrilling tale will really sink its teeth into you.

	Refugee	Alan Gratz	Real Life / Ww2 / Refugees / Terrorism	The story of three children from different eras all trying to escape cruel dictatorships. German, Cuban & Syrian conflicts are examined in this harrowing tale of survival.
	A Skinful of Shadows	Frances Hardinge	Fantasy / Horror / Historical Fiction	Dark, beautiful fantasy about a 12 year old girl who can "inherit" the spirits of the recently departed. After being forced to live with her father's ancestors, she discovers their sinister plot to use her for an ancient and terrifying purpose. Loads of adventure, mystery and danger, loved it.
	A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson	Murder mystery	Great murder mystery about a teen who is doing a research project for school and uncovers a conspiracy to cover up an old murder in her town. Ages 13+
	Good Girl, Bad Blood	Holly Jackson	Mystery / thriller	Thrilling sequel to A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, Pippa must try to track down a person close to her who has gone missing. Ages 13+
	The Next Together	Lauren James	Fantasy / Time travel / real life / history	A powerful and epic debut novel for teenagers about time-travel, fate and the timelessness of first love. The Next Together is told through a mixture of regular prose, diary entries, letters, "original" historical documents, news reports and internet articles.
	Roller Girl	Victoria Jamieson	Real Life / Sports / Roller Skating / graphic novels	For fans of Smile by Raina Telgemeir. A heartwarming story about surviving high school through roller derby. Lots of laughs and a lot of heart.
	Kick	Mitch Johnson	Real Life / football / sweatshops / gangs	Budi's dream is to be a football star. For the time being he's stuck in a sweatshop making trainers in horrible conditions. When he accidentally angers a dangerous gangster, it's not just Budi's dreams that are in danger.

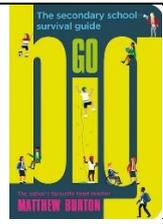
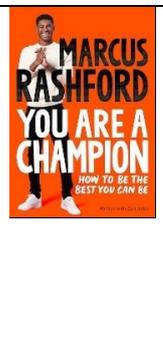
	Girl in the Window	Penny Joelson	Mystery / Illness / Abduction / Chronic fatigue syndrome	Kasia suffers from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and must spend all of her time inside. One evening she's convinced she witnesses an abduction near her neighbours' house. Is it real, or her mind on overdrive? Kasia sets out to discover the truth behind what's going on across the street..
	A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	Horror / Fantasy / Death in the family	As his mother slowly dies from cancer, Conor is visited by a monster every night at the same time. The monster wants things from Conor, specifically something Conor doesn't want to give it - the truth. Heart breaking and touching story about grief and loss.
	No Fixed Address	Susin Nielsen	Real Life / Homelessness / Trivia / Vancouver / High School / Friends	A very funny and moving story about a 12 year old boy who lives with his mother in a VW van. He's desperate to keep this fact from his friends at school and wants to become a contestant on a game show so he can win \$25,000 and get them a place to live. Don't miss this one if you love real life stories.
	We Are All made of Molecules	Susin Nielsen	Real Life / Death in the family / LGBTQ / bullying	After Stuart's mother dies from cancer, his father eventually meets someone new and moves them in with her. Stuart suddenly has a new step sister who is popular and has lots of friends, the complete opposite of Stuart. A sad and funny tale about bullying, loss and friendship.
	Things a Bright Girl Can Do	Sally Nicholls	Historical Fiction / WWI / Suffragettes / Real Life / LGBTQ	Three girls, Nell, Evelyn and May, all have different experiences in the UK during WWI. However, as the war and the suffragette movement amps up, their lives will collide. Great, informative read about love, war and loss. Recommended for 14+.
	Holding Up the Universe	Jennifer Niven	Real Life / Bullying	A story about two teens who make an unlikely bond. Lizzie is obese and bullied, Jack is popular but hiding a secret. Together they get embroiled in a cruel game at their school. Fans of the Fault in Our Stars will love this!
	Bloom (The Overthrow #1)	Kenneth Oppel	Sci-Fi / Horror / Plants	Thrilling first in a series about killer plants from outer space that take over first a Canadian town and then the rest of the world. Three teens realise they have an immunity to the plants' effects and try to work together to stop the invasion.

	1984	George Orwell	Dystopian / Classic	Classic novel about a brutal totalitarian government that sees all and dishes out punishments without mercy. A bleak look into the future, disturbing and compelling read.
	The Witch Boy	Molly Ostertag	Graphic novels / witches / magic / fantasy	Great comic about a boy named Aster who wants to be a witch but is forbidden by his community. Aster then finds himself breaking every rule there is to try and save his family from an ancient demon, great read for ages 10+
	White Bird	RJ Palacio	Holocaust / WW2 / Graphic Novels	Heart wrenching story about a girl who becomes separated from her parents as she runs from the Nazi invasion of France. She takes refuge in the loft of a barn and finds friends in unlikely places. Great historical fiction for ages 11+
	Hilda and the Troll (Hilda #1)	Luke Pearson	Graphic Novels / Fantasy / Adventure	Hilda loves adventure, so when she finds a mountain troll near her home, she's fascinated. Her adventure in this fun, short story takes her to see the Wooden Man, a lost giant and more.
	Pax	Sara Pennypacker	War / Real Life / Animals	When Peter's father forces him to abandon his pet fox Pax on the side of the road, he's heartbroken. Peter soon decides to run away and try to find him. With a war looming and 300 miles to go before he reaches Pax's location, the odds seem stacked against Peter. A tearful story about hope and courage.
	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	Annabel Pitcher	Real Life / Death in the family / Terrorism	Jamie has lost his sister to a terrorist attack. His father turns to alcohol and his mother decides to abandon the family. He makes friends with a girl named Sunya but his dad doesn't approve. Jamie tries to audition for a talent show on TV in the hopes that it will bring his family back together.
	The Boy at the Back of the Class	Onjali Q. Rauf	Refugee / Syria / Primary School / Queen / Trafalgar Square	When Ahmet joins the class, everyone thinks he's strange because he doesn't speak. The truth is he's a refugee from Syria who has been separated from his family. Four friends decide to embark on a mission to reunite him with his family. Touching, sad and sweet story about hope.

	The Star Outside My Window	Onjali Q. Rauf	Foster homes / adventure / loss / death in the family	Beautiful story about a girl named Aniyah and her brother who lose their mum and must go to a foster home to escape their dad. Convinced a new star belongs to her mum, Aniyah and her new friends travel to the Royal Observatory to ensure her mum gets the recognition she deserves, great novel.
	Railhead (Railhead #1)	Philip Reeve	Sci-Fi	Zen Starling is a thief in a rundown area of the galaxy known as Cleave. One dreary evening, Zen is summoned by a Motorik called Nova. she works for a mysterious and legendary being called Raven. Raven has a job offer for Zen, not that he has a choice in the matter. What follows is furious ride through a dangerous galaxy that you will not want to leave.
	Long Way Down	Jason Reynolds	Real Life / Poetry / Death in the family	Powerful story about a boy who decides to get revenge for his murdered brother.
	The Explorer	Katherine Rundell	Adventure / Action	Four children are stranded in the Amazon rainforest after a tragic plane crash. To survive, they must rely on each other and follow a mysterious map that appears to show the location of a secret treasure. Any fan of adventure stories will not want to miss this!
	The Boxer	Nikesh Shukla	Boxing / Racism / UKYA / Real Life / LGBTQ / BAME	Fast paced story about a teen named Sunny who joins a boxing gym after a racist attack. Tensions in the city mount, culminating in a boxing match between Sunny and his former friend Keir. Loads of discussion can be found around this amazing story, highly recommended for ages 14+.
	Scythe (Arc of a Scythe #1)	Neal Shusterman	Dystopia / Death in the family	In a world without death or disease, people are hired to become grim reapers, randomly dealing out death to keep the population at bay. It's an amazing story about two teens being trained to be the grim reaper.
	The Million Pieces of Neena Gill	Emma Smith-Barton	Real life / YA / BAME / Mental Health / Anxiety / Depression / Mystery	Harrowing story about teenage Neena Gill whose brother Akash has gone missing. Desperate to find him, Neena's own mental health begins to deteriorate and the line between truth and lies becomes blurred. An honest read about teen mental health, an important book, perfect for teens 14+.

	The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Real Life / Black Lives Matter	A harrowing tale about police brutality and the consequence of growing up black in America. Starr lives in a tough neighbourhood but attends an upscale mostly white prep school. When her best friend dies at the hands of the police, she has to find a way to survive the onslaught that follows.
	On the Come Up	Angie Thomas	Real life / hip hop / gangs	A powerful story about a teen named Bri determined to become a hip hop star, but at what cost? Gangs, danger, drugs, everything comes to a head in this fast paced story about family and what really matters. Ages 15+
	Lying About Last Summer	Sue Wallman	Mystery / Thriller / Real Life	The story centres around a girl called Skye, who is sent to a camp for troubled teenagers after her sister dies in an accident. However, once she is at the camp she starts receiving text messages from someone pretending to be her dead sister.
	Can You See Me?	Rebecca Westcott & Libby Scott	Autism / Real Life / Bullying / High School	Beautiful story about 11 year old Tally who has autism and is about to start Year 7. It provides valuable insight into the world of autism and is a powerful story focusing on friendship and believing in yourself.
	The Extinction Trials	S.M. Wilson	Dystopian / Action	This is the Hunger Games crossed with Jurassic Park. Teens must compete for food and healthcare in a land filled with
	Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	Real Life / Historical Fiction	Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny island off the east coast of the U.S. When she starts to investigate the circumstances around her parents' demise, she gets herself into more trouble than she's ready for.
	The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker	Matilda Woods	Magical Realism, Death in the Family, Animals,	When Alberto loses his family to a plague, he doesn't feel he has much to live for. Then a mysterious boy and his pet bird sneak into his house to steal food and his life is changed forever. The boy is running from a past that he can't avoid, and it's up to Alberto to try and help him!

Non-Fiction Titles

	<p>Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guide</p>	<p>Matthew Burton</p>	<p>Mental health, Relationships, Friendships, Puberty, Self-esteem</p>	<p>From your first day to your final exams, this handbook will have you achieving, succeeding and being the best you can be. Find great friends, boost your confidence and start building toward your brilliant future.</p>
	<p>You are a Champion</p>	<p>Marcus Rashford</p>	<p>Mental health, Self-esteem</p>	<p>Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an average kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now the nation’s favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.</p>
	<p>Stuff That Sucks: Accepting what you can't change and committing to what you can</p>	<p>Ben Sedley</p>	<p>Mental health, Self-esteem, Self-help</p>	<p>Stuff That Sucks encourages you to accept your emotions rather than struggling against them. It also shows how to reconnect with what is really important to you, giving you the tools to help clarify your personal values and take steps towards living a life where those values can guide you in your day-to-day behaviour.</p>
	<p>Blame My Brain: The Amazing Teenage Brain Revealed</p>	<p>Nicola Morgan</p>	<p>Mental Health, Puberty, Development</p>	<p>Contrary to popular (parental) opinion, teenagers are not the lazy, unpleasant louts they occasionally appear to be. During the teenage years the brain is undergoing its most radical and fundamental change since the age of two. Nicola Morgan's carefully researched, accessible and humorous examination of the ups and downs of the teenage brain has chapters dealing with powerful emotions, the need for more sleep, the urge to take risks, the difference between genders and the reasons behind addiction or depression.</p>
	<p>The Teenage Guide to Stress</p>	<p>Nicola Morgan</p>	<p>Mental Health, Relationships, Friendships, Puberty, Families</p>	<p>Tackles all the external stresses that teenagers face, including feelings of anger, sadness (and depression), fear and failure; issues caused by changing bodies, body hatred, weight problems, eating disorders and self-harm; pressures of exams and schoolwork; sleep problems; changing relationships with friends and family; boyfriend/girlfriend issues and sexual pressures; bullying and cyber-bullying; problems arising from the internet; and looks at how pre-existing conditions such as OCD and dyslexia may be affected by adolescence.</p>