

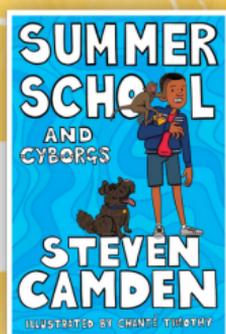


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Moving On

Great books to read as you start secondary school



ADEGOKE, YOMI



The Offline Diaries

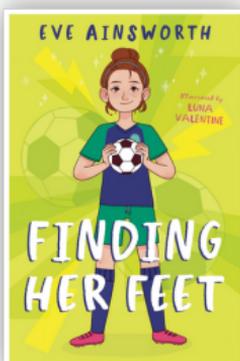
This is the story of two girls and what they put in their diaries. First they are BFFs, but then they fall out over other people they meet at school. Is their friendship over before it has really started?



AINSWORTH, EVE

Finding her Feet

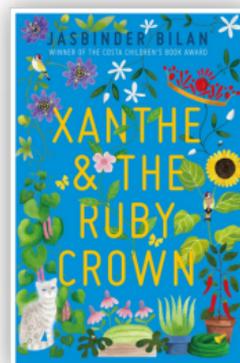
Lily is very shy and struggling to settle into Year 7, so when she joins the girls' football team, she begins to gain the confidence to be herself and make new friends. However, a vicious argument with a teammate threatens to put an end to all that.



BILAN, JASBINDER

Xanthe & the Ruby Crown

Xanthe loves her Nani, who else would supply her with her favourite biscuits? But Nani is getting forgetful and it takes a mysterious cat to reveal to Xanthe the life her Nani had before coming to Britain, and that the story is well worth telling to everyone.



BRADFORD, CHRIS

Lunar

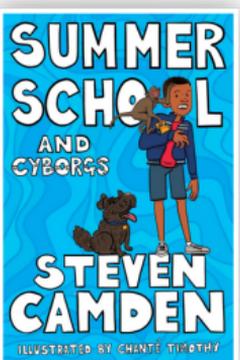
Luna is living on the Moon with her father and other scientists. When a meteor strikes, the base is evacuated but Luna is left behind. Can she use the skills she has learned to find a way to communicate with her father and be rescued from space?



CAMDEN, STEVEN

Summer School and Cyborgs

Jay's summer holiday plans take an unexpected turn when his BFFs abandon him, and he finds himself in summer school for the gifted and talented. With a cool new friend and a pet monkey on the loose, will the summer turn out be awesome after all?



CARCIONE, EIBHLIS

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Welcome to Dead Town

Raven McKay is in foster care in Grave's Pass, a town where the living and the dead live side by side. Left with a battered suitcase with instructions to open only when the time is right, can Raven resist and who can she trust?



COMER, KAREN

Sunshine on Vinegar Street

Moving to the city of Melbourne is a big step for Freya and her mum. There are lots of new things to tackle; school, basketball and a fear of lifts which is not good when you live on the 11th floor. Will Freya ever feel like she fits in to her new life?



DAVIS, BEN

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My Brilliant Plan to Fix Everything

Alex's dad really wants to be a writer but his job as a postman gets in the way. Surely if Alex takes over the postal round, his dad will have time for writing. Delivering letters is really easy isn't it?

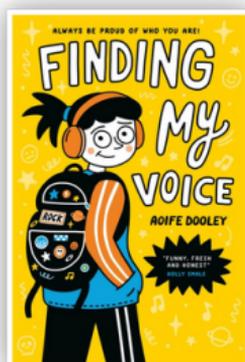


DOOLEY, AOIFE

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Finding my Voice

Frankie sees the world slightly differently to other people and finds it hard to follow the rules. Starting secondary school is a big challenge but Frankie is determined to find her place. A graphic novel for everyone who just needs to find their feet.

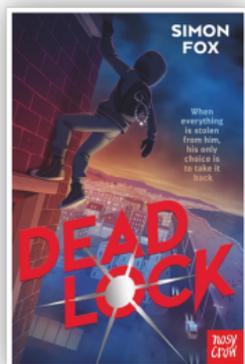


FOX, SIMON

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Deadlock

Archie's dad is a policeman, so it is a bit of a shock when he is accused of stealing a diamond necklace. Archie knows his dad is innocent but has to prove it, which means entering a world of gangsters without knowing who to trust.



FRAILLON, ZANA

The Raven's Song

The same place but many years apart, what happens when Phoenix from the past meets Shelby from the future. A dystopian story which could actually happen in real life.



HARGRAVE, KIRAN MILLWOOD

Leila and the Blue Fox

Leila and her mum escaped from Syria and have ended up in the Arctic Circle. Together they set off on a journey following an arctic fox to see how far they can all travel. Can the natural world survive when humans seem determined to ruin it?



KILLICK, JENNIFER

Read, Scream, Repeat

Do you like short stories? Do you like stories that make you a little bit scared? Then this is the book for you with stories by lots of fantastic writers - but don't read it at bedtime!

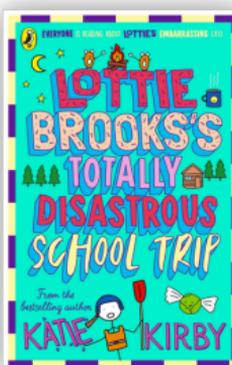


KIRBY, KATIE



Lottie Brooks's Totally Disastrous School Trip

Lottie is on a residential school trip which sounds very nice. But things don't go according to plan and Lottie finds herself the victim of bullying by her classmates, not helped by her best friend teaming up with someone else. Who knew a trip could be such a nightmare?

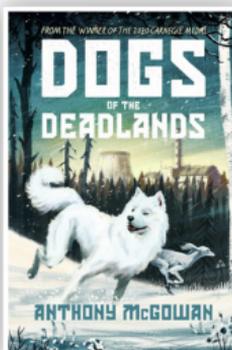


MCGOWAN, ANTHONY

Dogs of the Deadlands



In 1986, a nuclear reactor exploded which meant lots of people had to leave their homes. But what happened to the animals left behind? Natasha has to leave but her puppy is left, will she survive the disaster?

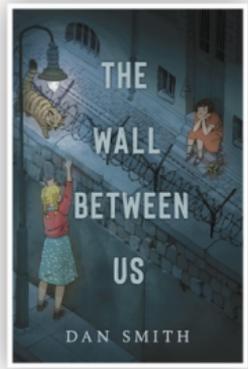


SMITH, DAN

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The Wall Between Us

Two friends live on opposite sides of the street, which is fine until a wire fence is put up down the middle of the road. Will the girls be able to be together again or is it too dangerous to even try?



STAFF, P. A

Casander Darkbloom and the Threads of Power

In a fantasy world, Casander has no memory, lives near a curiosity shop and behaves very oddly. But Casander has a mission - to defeat the dreaded Master of All. Can he work with his magic to achieve his ultimate goal?

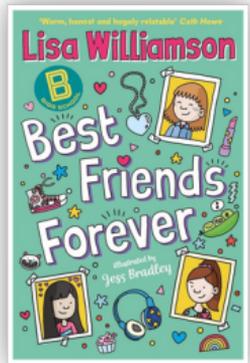


WILLIAMSON, LISA

Best Friends Forever

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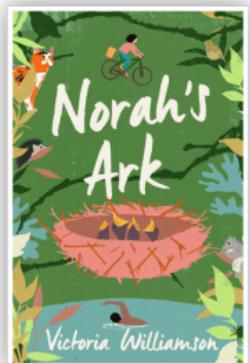
Lola and Evie have been BFFs for ever, but at secondary school they are no longer in the same class. That friendship is tested and ultimately fails, leaving Lola on her own. How will she move on and make a fresh start with new friends?



WILLIAMSON, VICTORIA

Norah's Ark

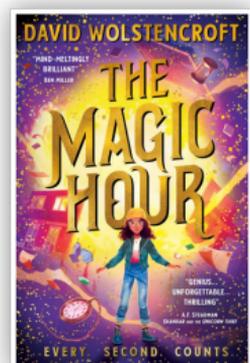
Adam and Norah meet when they try to rescue a nest of baby birds. This love of animals is the start of an unlikely friendship, where they both learn an important lesson: how you live does not determine who you are.



WOLSTENCROFT, DAVID

The Magic Hour

Ailsa is always running late, which is annoying except when your house explodes. But then Ailsa discovers a parallel world where you can gain an extra hour a day. Suddenly she has time to do all the things she needs to do, but at what cost?



Here are just a few ideas of the great books you might like to read as you start secondary school.

Many of these books will be available in your school library or you can borrow them, free of charge, from your local public library. Click the book cover or title to see the availability of each.

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