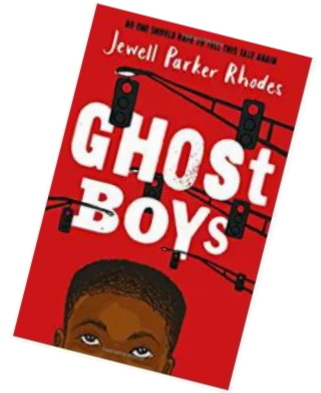




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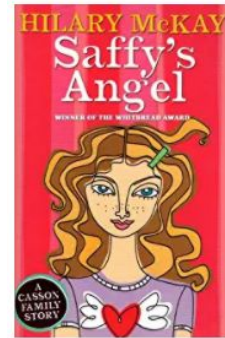
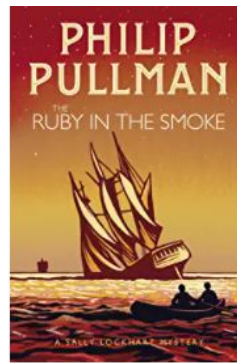
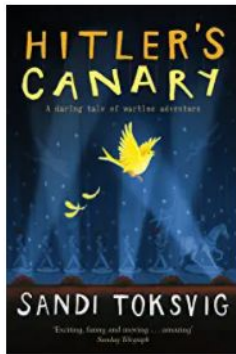


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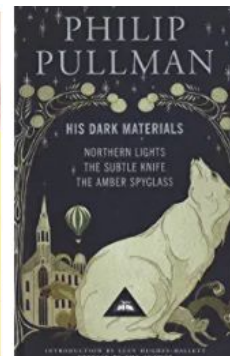
- **Ghost:** Jason Reynolds - story of a boy who is always running from trouble...
- **Ghost Boys:** Jewell Parker Rhodes - a heartbreaking story about a young black boy killed by a police officer.
- **No Ballet Shoes in Syria:** Catherine Bruton - heartwarming story of a refugee.
- **Scavengers:** Darren Simpson - an extraordinary, intriguing and dark story.
- **Looking at the Stars:** Lewis Hine - the extraordinary true story of a 17 year old boy living with incurable illness and achieving remarkable deeds.
- **Orphans of the Tide:** Struan Murray - thrilling fantasy adventure.
- **The Dog Runner:** Bren MacDibble - a fight to survive in Australia, in a future where a fungus has destroyed most food...

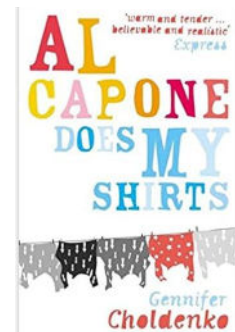
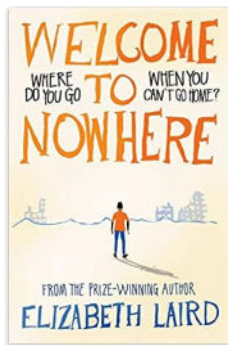
Good Modern Novels

- **Cogheart and Moonlocket series:** Peter Bunzl - dark and fantastical adventure.
- **The Other Alice:** Michelle Harrison - characters from a story come to life and bring danger with them. Warning: significant level of threat here.
- **Rooftoppers:** Katherine Rundell - adventure in Paris.
- **The 1000 Year Old Boy:** Ross Welford - an extraordinary and imaginative adventure; would you want to stay young for a 1000 years?
- **When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit:** Judith Kerr - heart-warming story of emigration from Nazi Germany.



- **Hitler's Canary, A Slice of the Moon and To The End of the Sky:** Sandi Toksvig - gritty realism and resilience in WW2 Denmark, Ireland and America.
- **Chocolate Cake with Hitler:** Emma Craigie - the story of a girl who grew up within the Nazi elite.
- **Northern Lights, His Dark Materials Series:** Phillip Pullman - fantasy drama and adventure series.
- **Dead Time: The Murder Notebooks:** Anne Cassidy - a pacy thriller.
- **Ruby Redfort: Look Into My Eyes Series:** Lauren Child - adventurous detective stories
- **Holes and Small Steps:** Louis Sachar - adventure and humour in Australia.
- **The Land of Neverendings and Five Children on the Western Front:** Kate Saunders; fantasy, darkness and humour - heart-warming fiction.
- **The House With Chicken Legs:** Sophie Anderson - fantastical and sad.
- **Saffy's Angel, The Casson Family Series and The Exiles Series:** Hilary McKay - humorous stories charting the adventures of growing up in two very different households.
- **The Outsiders:** S.E. Hinton - teenage gangs in Oklahoma.
- **Railhead, Station Zero and Black Light Express:** Philip Reeve - dramatic and action packed futuristic novels.
- **Welcome to Nowhere:** Elizabeth Laird - a boy and his family are caught up in civil war in Syria.

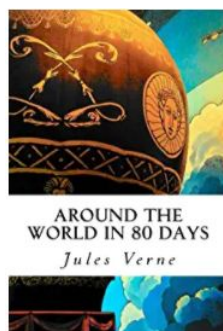
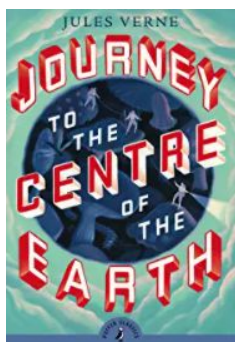




- **Framed and Millions:** Frank Cottrell Boyce - fun and pacy adventure!
- **Al Capone Does My Shirts Series:** Gennifer Choldenko - a boy's family won't be the same again, after settling on the island of Alcatraz: fun and pacy.
- **A Parcel of Patterns:** Jill Paton Walsh - the story of the Great Plague and the village of Eyam, the bravery of its villagers, their loves and losses.
- **The Ruby in the Smoke:** Phillip Pullman - murder mystery series.
- **The Way Past Winter, The Girl of Ink and Stars and The Island at the End of Everything:** Kiran Millwood Hargrave - beautiful and imaginative stories.
- **There May Be A Castle:** Piers Torday - magical adventure, be prepared for sadness and loss.
- **The Somerset Tsunami:** Emma Carroll - her latest historical adventure and a great read!

Mid-20th Century Classics

- **Daddy Long Legs:** Jean Webster - story of a teenage orphan and her relationship with her mysterious benefactor.
- **The Twelfth Day of July, Across the Barricades, Natasha's Will and Tell the Moon To Come Out:** Joan Lingard - friendships, rivalries, adventures and danger, set in Northern Ireland, Russia and the Spanish Civil War.



Enjoyable Classics going a little further back in time...

- **Great Expectations, Oliver Twist and David Copperfield:** Charles Dickens.
- **Little Women:** Louis May Alcott - great Greta Gerwig movie out, too!
- **Jane Eyre:** Charlotte Bronte.
- **Around the World in Eighty Days and Journey to the Centre of the Earth:** Jules Verne - adventure and travel to unknown places.
- **Pride and Prejudice, Northanger Abbey and Emma:** Jane Austen.
- **The Hound of the Baskervilles and Other Stories:** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **Treasure Island and Kidnapped:** Robert Louis Stevenson - adventure and attempted murder at sea and in Scotland
- **Moonfleet:** John Meade Falkner - smuggling and murder on the Dorset coast.

