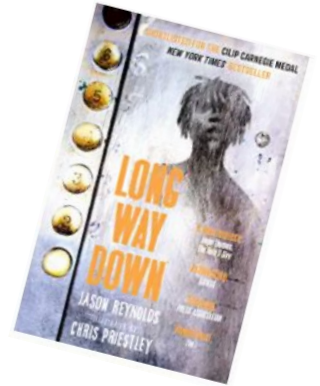


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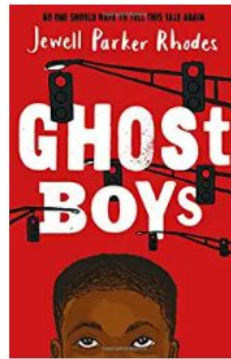
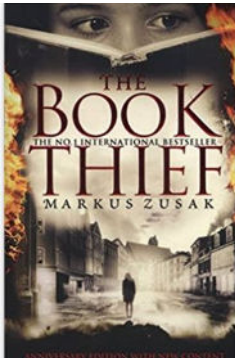


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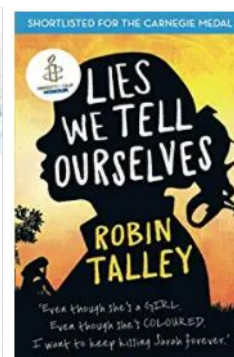
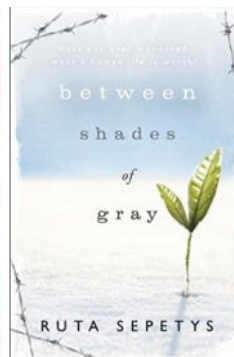
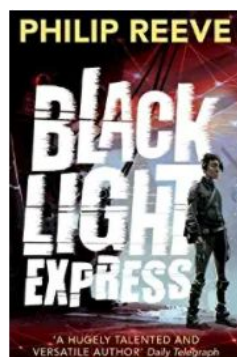
- **Long Way Down:** Jason Reynolds - Will's brother was shot by a member of a gang; now, Will feels that it is his duty to avenge his death.
- **The Loop:** Ben Oliver - a dramatic young adult thriller, recommended for fans of **The Maze Runner** and **The Hunger Games**.
- **Girl, Boy, Sea:** Chris Vick - a boy encounters a storm, shipwreck and a girl; will he be able to survive?
- **Ghost Boys:** Jewell Parker Rhodes - a heartbreaking story about a young black boy killed by a police officer.
- **Unstoppable:** Dan Freedman - perfect for football fans!
- **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes:** Suzanne Collins - a new **Hunger Games** prequel.
- **King of Scars:** Leigh Bardugo - magic, science and thrilling adventure...
- **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder:** Holly Jackson - compulsive murder mystery that keeps you guessing!
- **Nowhere on Earth:** Nick Lake - a surprising trio are on the run, for their lives.
- **The Gifted, the Talented and Me:** William Sutcliffe - a hilarious story of adolescence. Enjoyed by fans of **The Inbetweeners**!
- **Patron Saints of Nothing:** Randy Ribay - shocking uncovered secrets will emerge...
- **On the Come Up** and **The Hate U Give:** Angie Thomas - gritty and gripping.

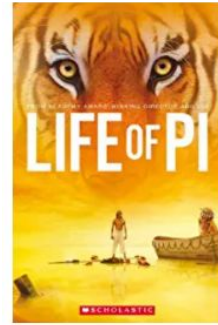
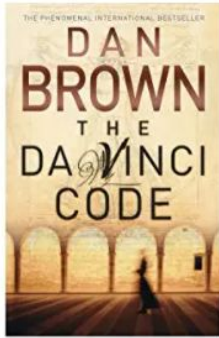
Good Modern Novels

- **The Book Thief:** Marcus Zusak - WW2 story set in Germany: a girl, a boy, a cellar, books and death...
- **We Were Liars:** E. Lockhart - a group of American teenage cousins holiday together on their family's island each summer; one year, it goes terribly wrong.



- **Again, Again:** E. Lockhart - raw and funny story of romance and discovery.
- **His Dark Materials:** Phillip Pullman - fantasy drama and adventure series.
- **How I Live Now:** Meg Rosoff - two cousins from New York and England become caught up in World War 3...
- **The Da Vinci Code:** Dan Brown - the curator of the Louvre museum in Paris has been brutally murdered and Robert Langdon, a Harvard professor, is called to investigate...
- **White Rabbit, Red Wolf:** Tom Pollock - a teenage boy discovers terrifying truths about his mum and about himself...
- **Orphan, Monster, Spy:** Matt Killeen - a Jewish orphan spy must survive in a boarding school for the Nazi elite.
- **Sisterland:** Linda Newberry - a teenage girl begins to discover secrets about her German grandmother's past...
- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time:** Mark Haddon - a humorous and moving detective story from the perspective of a teenage boy who has Asperger's Syndrome - a must read!
- **Dead Time: The Murder Notebooks:** Anne Cassidy - a pacy thriller.
- **Railhead, Station Zero and Black Light Express:** Philip Reeve - dramatic and action packed futuristic novels.
- **The Outsiders:** S.E. Hinton - teenage gangs in Oklahoma.
- **The Ruby in the Smoke:** Phillip Pullman - murder mystery series.
- **Salt to the Sea and Between Shades of Grey:** Ruta Sepetys - dramatic and powerful WW2 novels.

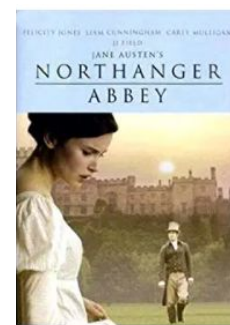
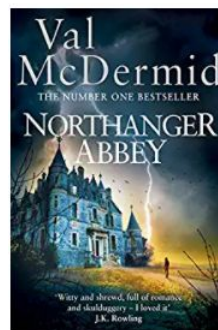
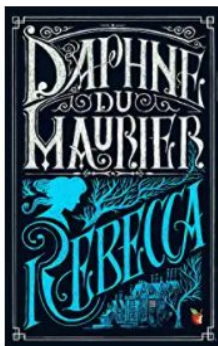




- **The Lies we Tell Ourselves:** Robin Talley - 1959, a group of African-American teenagers are integrated into an all white school. Conflict follows...
- **A Monster Calls** and **The Rest of Us Just Live Here:** Patrick Ness - drama, family tension and zombies: these two books are gripping reads!
- **Children of Blood and Bone** and **Children of Virtue and Vengeance:** Tomi Adeyemi - vivid, violent journeys through a dark, dangerous world...
- **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.

Mid-20th Century Classics

- **I'm the King of the Castle** and **The Woman in Black:** Susan Hill - a tormented boy living with his new step-family and the haunting of a village: two modern Gothic novels.
- **To Kill A Mockingbird:** Harper Lee - a timeless and moving story of growing up and racism in 1930s America.
- **Rebecca:** Daphne du Maurier - modern Gothic novel in which a couple are haunted by the memory of the husband's dead wife, but what happened to her?
- **The Life of Pi:** Yann Martel - a young boy is caught up in an accident at sea, trapped in a lifeboat with some surprising companions...
- **Death on the Nile:** Agatha Christie - fun murder mystery!
- **Animal Farm:** George Orwell - a powerful story of revolution, and betrayal...



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

- **Great Expectations, Oliver Twist and David Copperfield:** Charles Dickens.
- **Little Women:** Louis May Alcott, an excellent modern film by Greta Gerwig is also out now.
- **Jane Eyre:** Charlotte Bronte.
- **The 39 Steps:** John Buchan.
- **Pride and Prejudice, Northanger Abbey and Emma:** Jane Austen.
- **Little Women:** Louisa May Alcott.
- **The Hound of the Baskervilles and Other Stories:** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **Around the World in Eighty Days and Journey to the Centre of the Earth:** Jules Verne - adventure and travel to unknown places.
- **Moonfleet:** John Meade Falkner - smuggling and murder on the Dorset coast.
- **Treasure Island and Kidnapped:** Robert Louis Stevenson.

