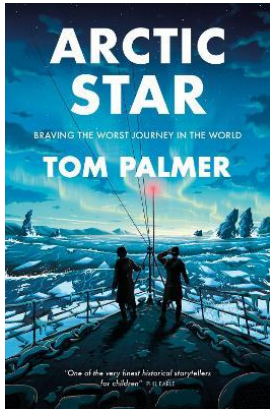


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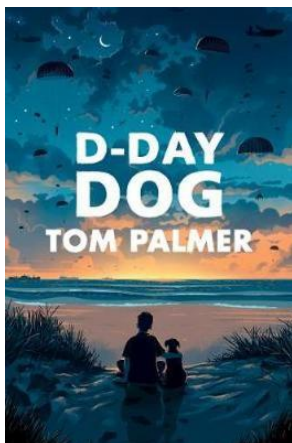
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Arctic Star – Tom Palmer ISBN: 9781781129715

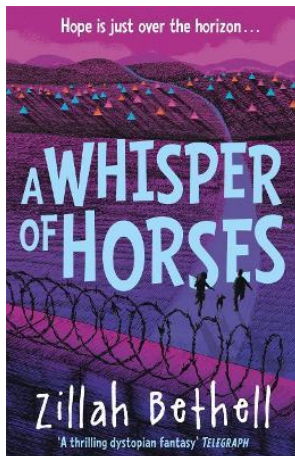
Winter 1943. Teenagers Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the Second World War. Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia to deliver supplies to the Soviets.

The convoys have to navigate treacherous waters, sailing through a narrow channel between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life-threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?



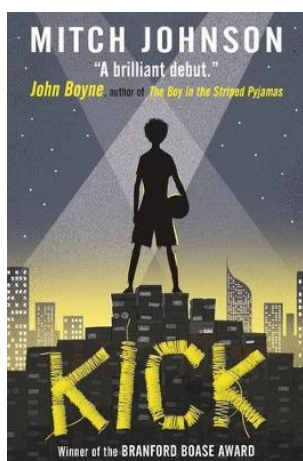
D-Day Dog – Tom Palmer ISBN: 9781781128688

Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question. Finding comfort only in the presence of his loyal dog, Finn, Jack is drawn to the heart-wrenching true story of one particular D-Day paratrooper. On 6 June 1944, Emile Corteil parachuted into France with his dog, Glen - and Jack is determined to discover their fate ...



A Whisper of Horses – Zillah Bethell ISBN: 9781848125766

Serendipity loves horses. No-one in Lahn Dan has ever seen one as they died out before the Gases - but there are statues of them in the city, and a little wooden horse Mama gave Serendipity when she was little. When Mama dies, Seren lives with kind Professor Nimbus, but Seren has started to question life beyond the high, impenetrable Emm Twenty-Five wall. She has a secret map which shows there is life outside Lahn Dahn, and a place where horses live and roam free - out beyond the wall. With the help of Tab, a trader boy and his dog, Serendipity heads off to search for the beautiful horses she's always dreamed of. But the Minister is behind them, determined to hunt her down. . .



Kick – Mitch Johnson ISBN: 9781474928151

Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.

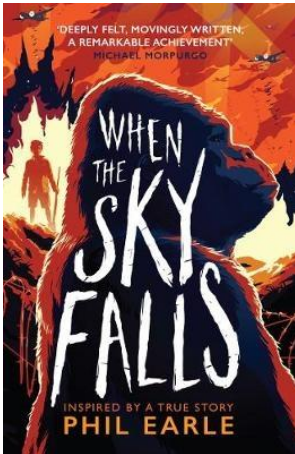


The Sky Over Rebecca – Matthew Fox ISBN: 9781444964707

There was a single trail of footprints, the first I'd seen all morning. They were fresh tracks, I saw, the edges of the impressions in the snow quite hard. Small feet. Like mine. Someone my age. Then they stopped.

When mysterious footprints appear in the Stockholm snow, ten-year-old Kara must discover where they've come from - and who they belong to.

They lead to Rebecca, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl, and her younger brother Samuel. Kara realises they are refugees - from another time - who are trying to find their way home and she finds herself compelled to help them.

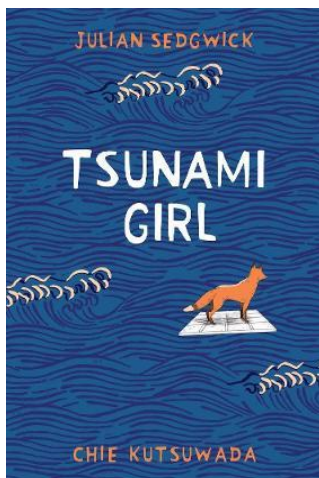


When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle ISBN: 9781783449651

Inspired by a true story.

It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast.

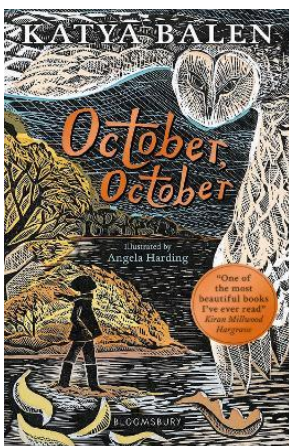
But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?



Tsunami Girl – Chie Kutsuwada ISBN: 9781913101466

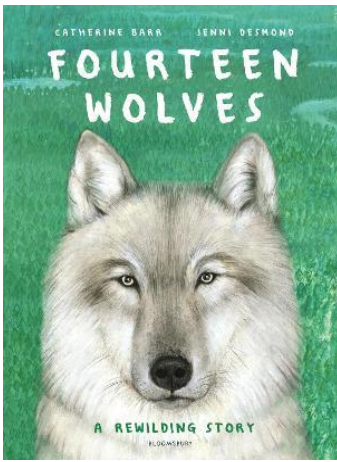
Struggling with the pressures that many teenage girls face, Yuki's parents decided a trip to the Japanese coast to stay with her grandfather might help. She was still getting over jetlag when everything starts to fall apart. Suffering from survivors' guilt, Yuki throws herself into illustration, a passion she also shared with her lost grandfather. Through her drawings, her friendship with survivor, Taka, and the creation of manga super-hero Half Wave, Yuki begins to come to terms with the trauma that she experienced.

A part-manga, part-prose powerful coming-of-age story about a fifteen-year old girl caught up in the March 2011 Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.



October, October – Katya Balen ISBN: 9781526601933

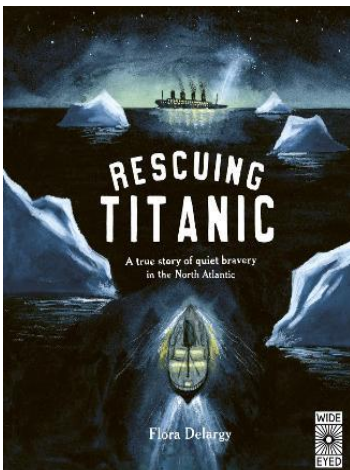
October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees, rocks, the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. Until the year October turns eleven, when she rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.



Fourteen Wolves – Catherine Barr ISBN: 9781526607492

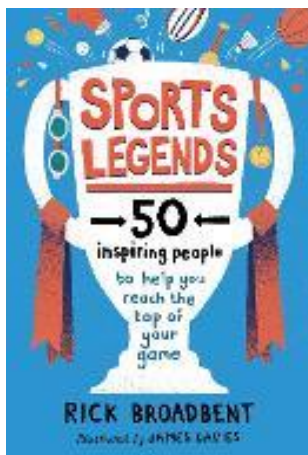
When wolves disappeared from Yellowstone Park in the 1930s, the ecosystem started to collapse. Enormous herds of elk swarmed the plains, bears starved, rabbit families shrunk and birds flew away. Plants vanished, trees withered and rivers meandered. In 1995, a pack of fourteen wolves were released to make their home in the park and everything began to change for the better. This is the story of their homecoming.

With atmospheric storytelling from Catherine Barr and breathtakingly beautiful artwork by Jenni Desmond, this inspiring true story shows that every species plays an important part in protecting our planet.



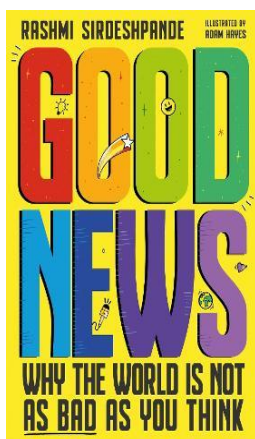
Rescuing Titanic – Flora Delargy ISBN: 9780711262768

In the middle of the night, the Carpathia received a distress call from the sinking Titanic. The little ship heroically changed course and headed straight into the frozen sea to help save as many people as it could. Follow the Carpathia as it risks everything to navigate remote, treacherous ice fields in the dark and come to the rescue of passengers on the world-famous ocean liner. On the way, you will learn about Morse code, navigation tools, the roles of the crew, how the ships found each other, and the details of exactly what happened on this cold and fateful night. The illustrations set the scene and take you into the frozen eerie night in the North Atlantic, telling the story of true bravery.



Sports Legends – Rick Broadbent ISBN: 9781406397123

Get inspired to reach the top of your game with 50 incredible true stories of sporting legends. Award-winning journalist Rick Broadbent has interviewed some of the greatest sporting legends of our time. In this gripping collection of 50 true stories, he shares the most exciting and jaw-dropping accounts of success, failure, injury and bravery in sport, which will in turn inspire kids to find the confidence and resilience they need to reach the top of their game. An ideal book for any young sports fan who enjoys reading about their favourite heroes, such as Lionel Messi, Usain Bolt and Serena Williams.



Good News – Rashmi Sirdeshpande

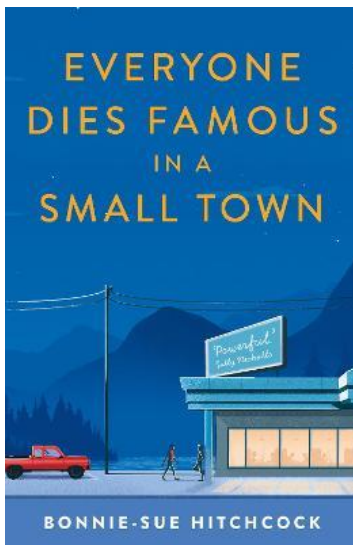
Pandemics, war, natural disasters - the world seems full of bad news and it can all feel a little bit scary. But there are tons of great things happening, from robots improving health care and trees healing the planet, to people helping their community with acts of kindness and businesses fighting for good in the world. Good News teaches you to become a fake news detective, sussing out what's real and what isn't. Full of amazing anecdotes, case studies and figures around the globe that are making a difference, things can only keep getting better and better. Empowering, reassuring and confidence-boosting, this book is a positive antidote for testing times.

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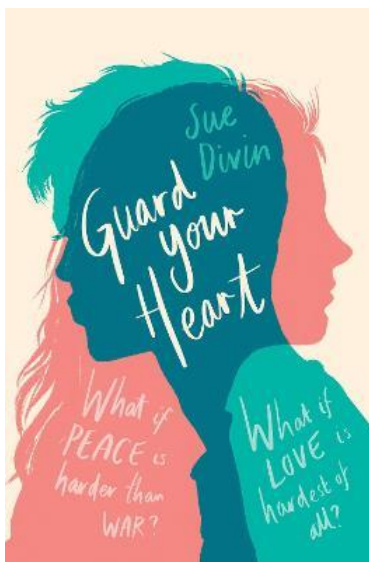
Punching the Air – Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam ISBN: 9780008422141

Dr. Yusef Salaam was just fifteen when he was wrongly convicted in the Central Park jogger case, along with four other boys now known as the Exonerated Five. In 2002, after the young men spent years behind bars their sentences were overturned, and they were fully exonerated. This is the story of Amal Shahid: convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it? Award-winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam tell a moving and deeply profound story about how one boy is able to maintain his humanity and fight for the truth, in a system designed to strip him of both.



Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town ISBN: 9780571350421

Come on a journey across the rural American West . . . Meet the teenagers who live in the small towns across these states, separated by distance, but whose stories are woven together in the most unexpected of ways. Whether they are brought together by the spread of wildfire, by the priest who's moved from state to state or by the hunt for a missing child, these incredible tales blaze with secrets, rage and love. A novel like no other, this intricate, intense and beautiful book will take your breath away.



Guard Your Heart – Sue Divin ISBN: 9781529041675

Derry. Summer 2016. Aidan and Iona, eighteen, were both born on the day of the Northern Ireland peace deal. Aidan is Catholic, Irish, and Republican. With his prisoner father gone and his mother dead, Aidan's hopes his exam results will earn him a one-way ticket out of Derry. Iona, Protestant and British, has a brother and father in the police. She's got university ambitions, and a strong faith. At a post-exam party, Aidan crosses the Peace Bridge and becomes the victim of a brutal sectarian attack. Iona witnessed the attack; picked up Aidan's phone and filmed it, and gets in touch with him to return the phone. When the two meet on neutral territory, the differences between them seem insurmountable. But there is mutual intrigue, and their friendship grows. It's not the Troubles. But for both Iona and Aidan it seems like everything is keeping them apart, when all they want is to be together.