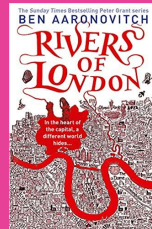
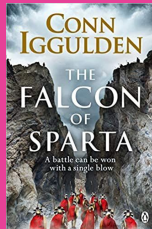
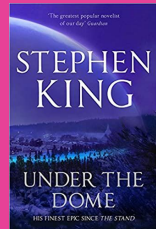
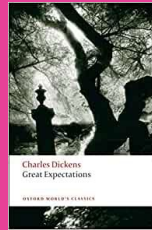
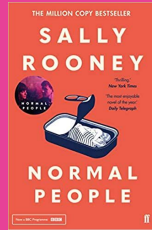
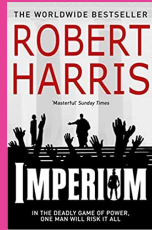
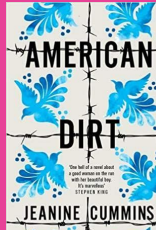
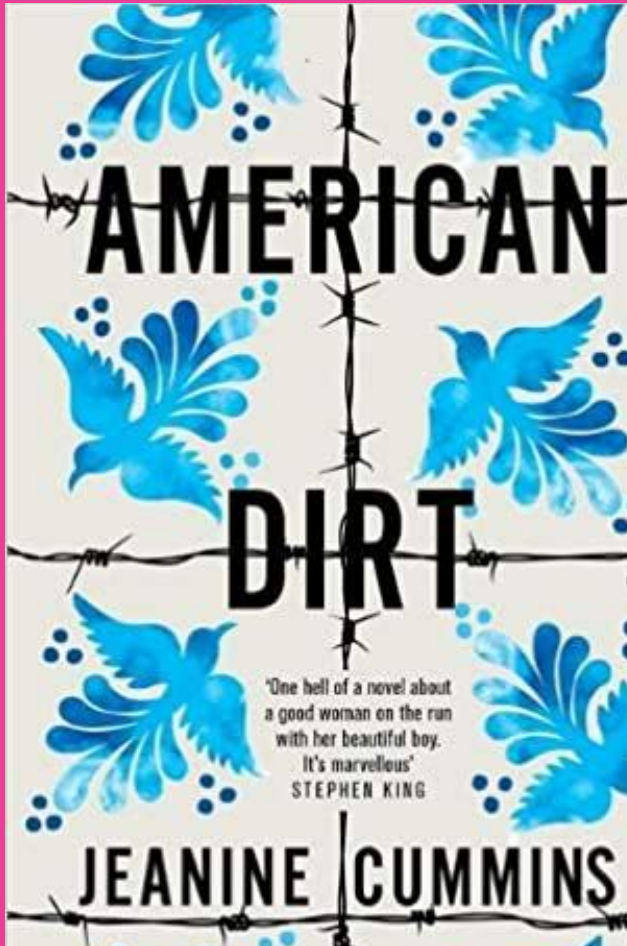


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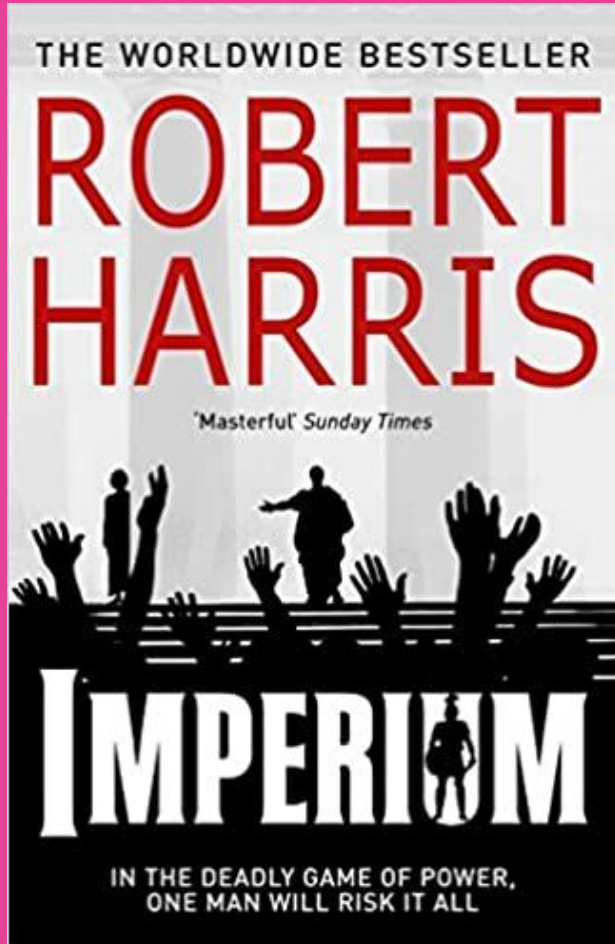


Yesterday, she had a bookshop. Yesterday, she was married to a journalist. Yesterday, she was with everyone she loved most in the world.

Today, her eight-year-old son is all she has left. For him, she will carry a machete strapped to her leg. For him, she will leap onto the roof of a high speed train. For him, she will find the strength to keep running.

Variously praised to the heavens and damned to hell, *American Dirt* is one of the most debated books of 2020.

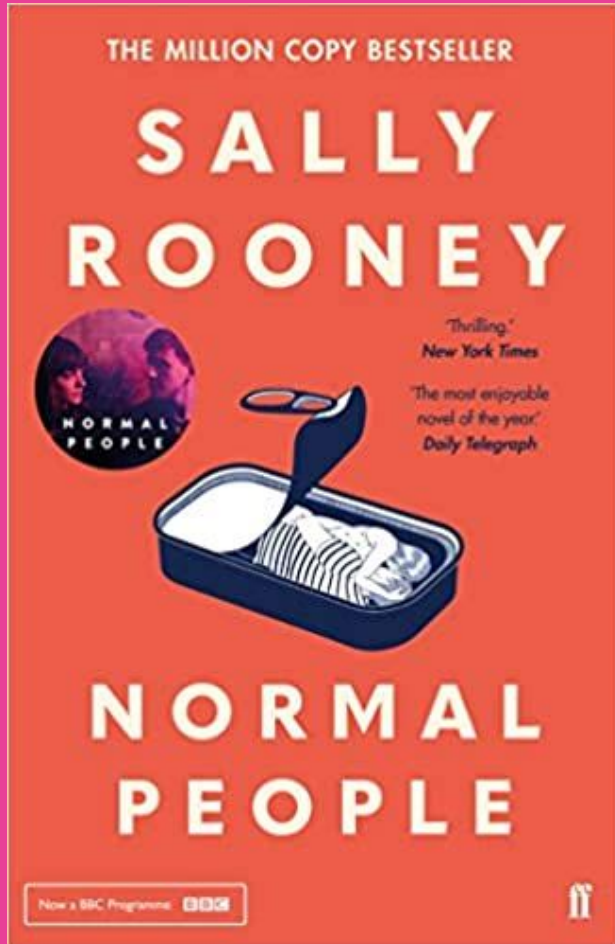
Find out what all the fuss is about, and make up your own mind.



Imperium takes us into the violent world of Roman politics, and the quest of one man to reach the top.

When Tiro, the confidential secretary of a Roman senator, opens the door to a terrified stranger on a cold November morning, he sets in motion a chain of events which will eventually propel his master into one of the most famous courtroom dramas in history.

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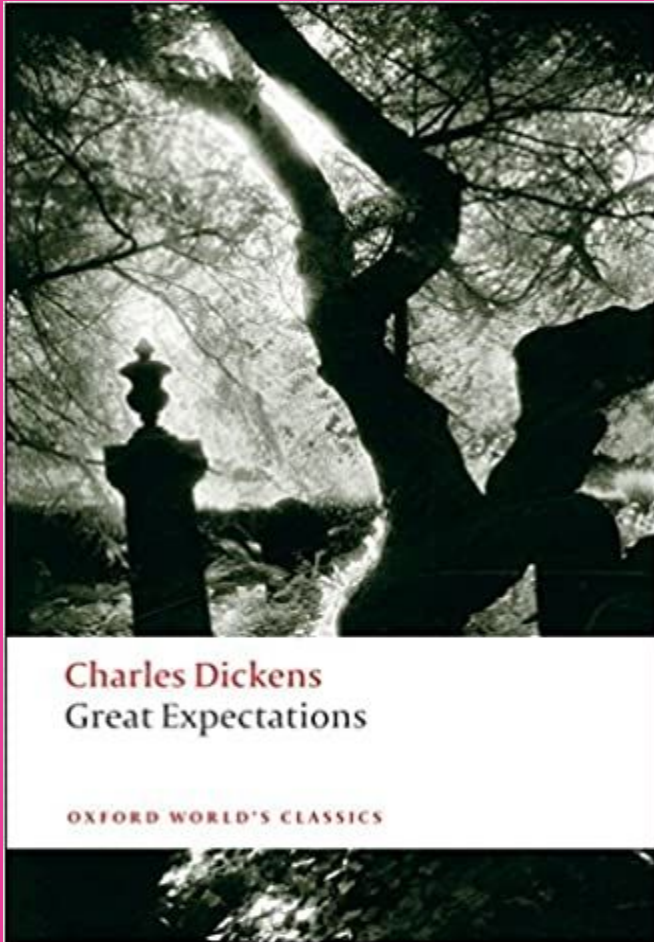


If you liked the BBC series, chances are you'll love the book behind it.

Connell and Marianne are growing up in the same small town in the west of Ireland, but their similarities end there. Connell is popular and outgoing; Marianne is a loner.

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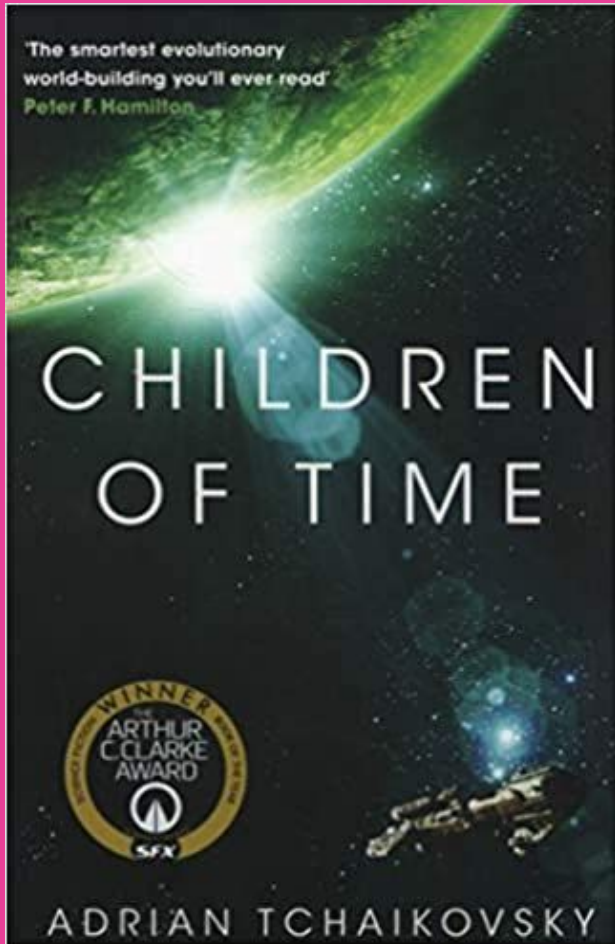
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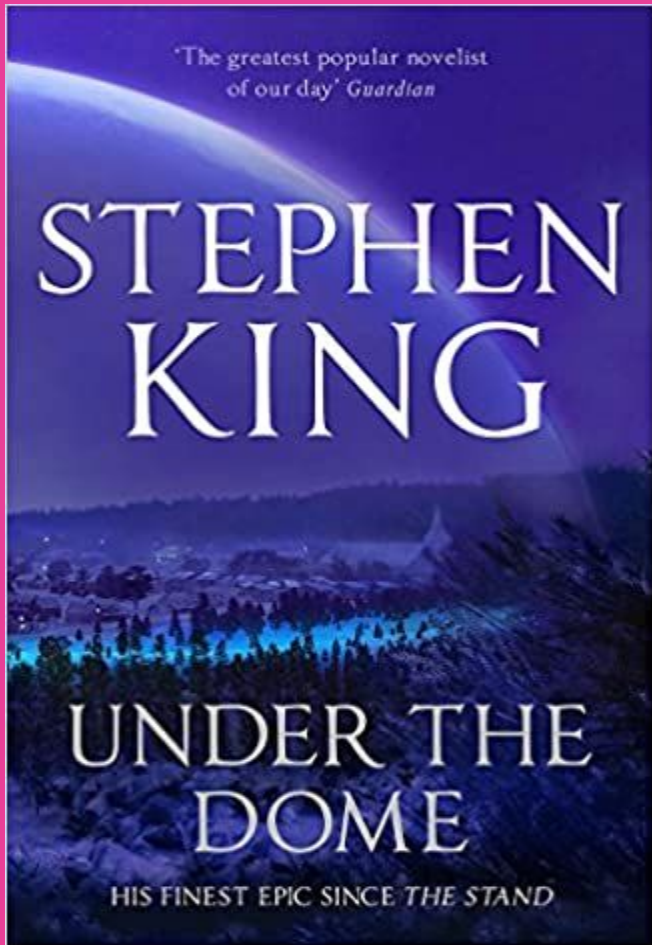
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But all is not right in this new Eden; the work of its architects has borne poisoned fruit. The planet is no longer pristine and unoccupied; it has new masters, who have turned it from a refuge into mankind's worst nightmare.

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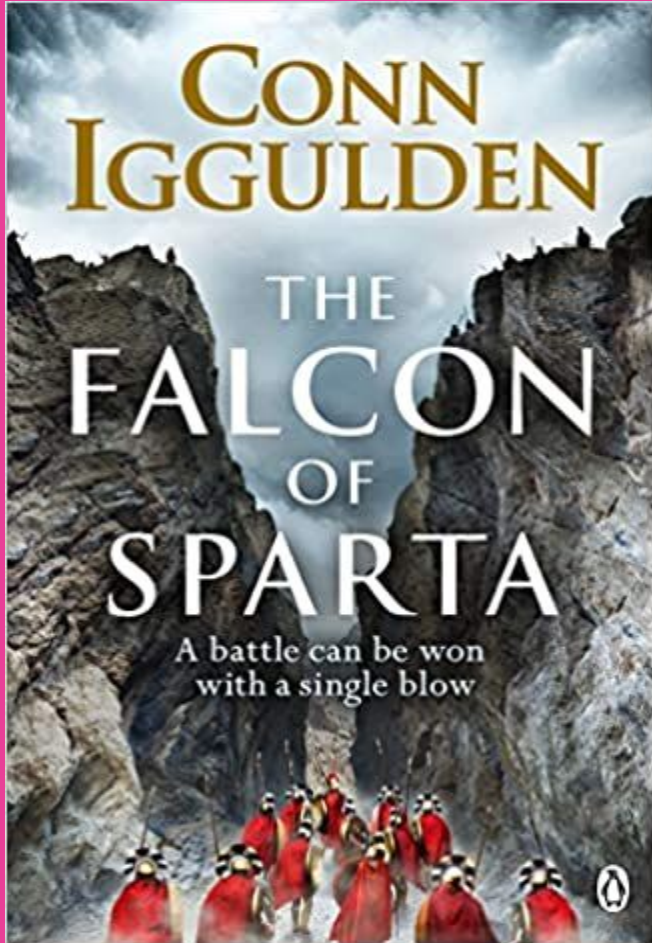


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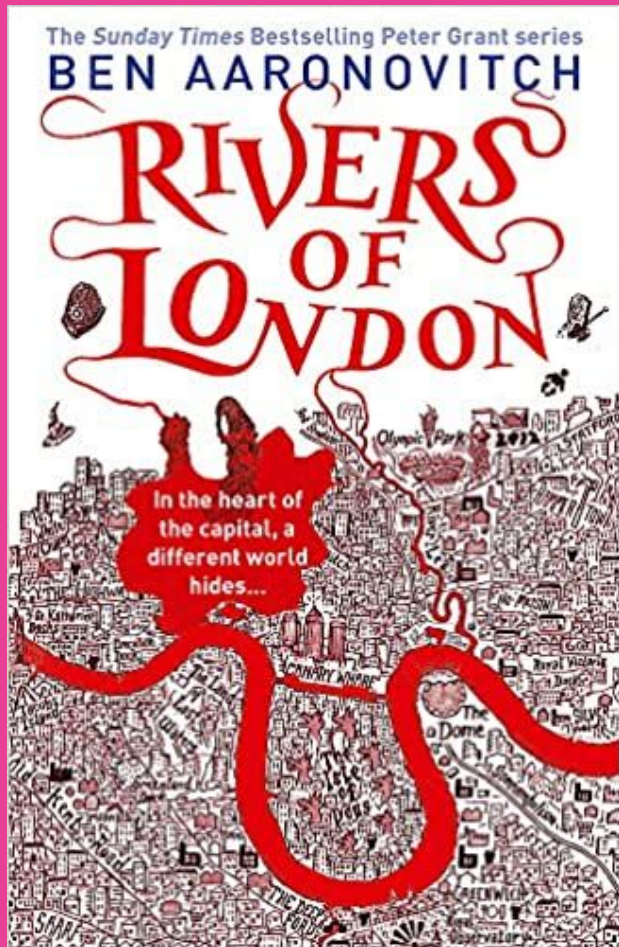
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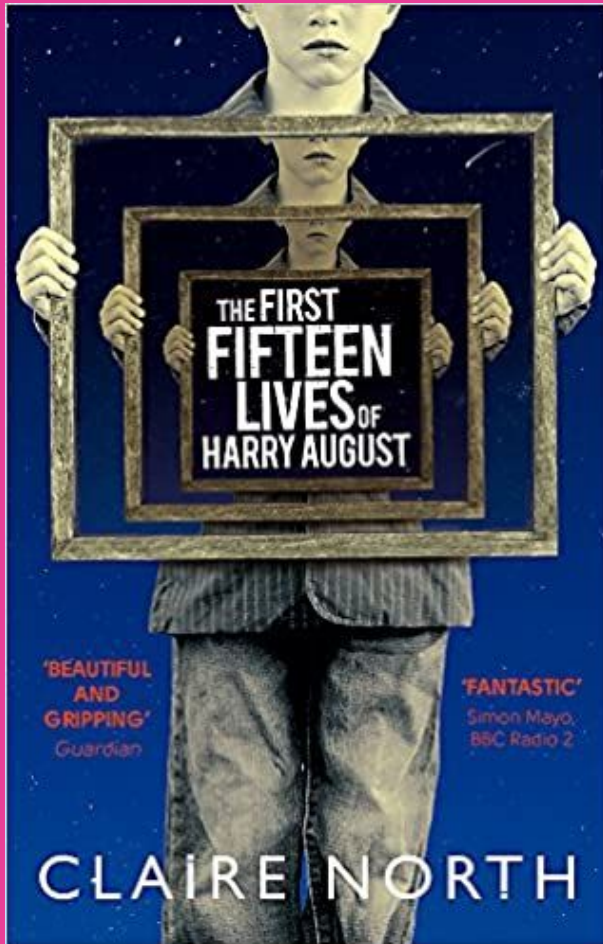


What if Harry Potter joined the Old Bill?

Until recently, Peter Grant was concerned only with avoiding police paperwork and attracting the attentions of WPC Leslie May. Then he tries to take a witness statement from someone who is dead but disturbingly voluble...

Now he finds himself tackling nests of vampires in Purley, digging up graves in Covent Garden and negotiating a truce between the warring god and goddess of the Thames. Oh, and he's become the first trainee wizard for fifty years...

So when a vengeful spirit starts wreaking havoc, it's down to Peter to save the day, or die trying.

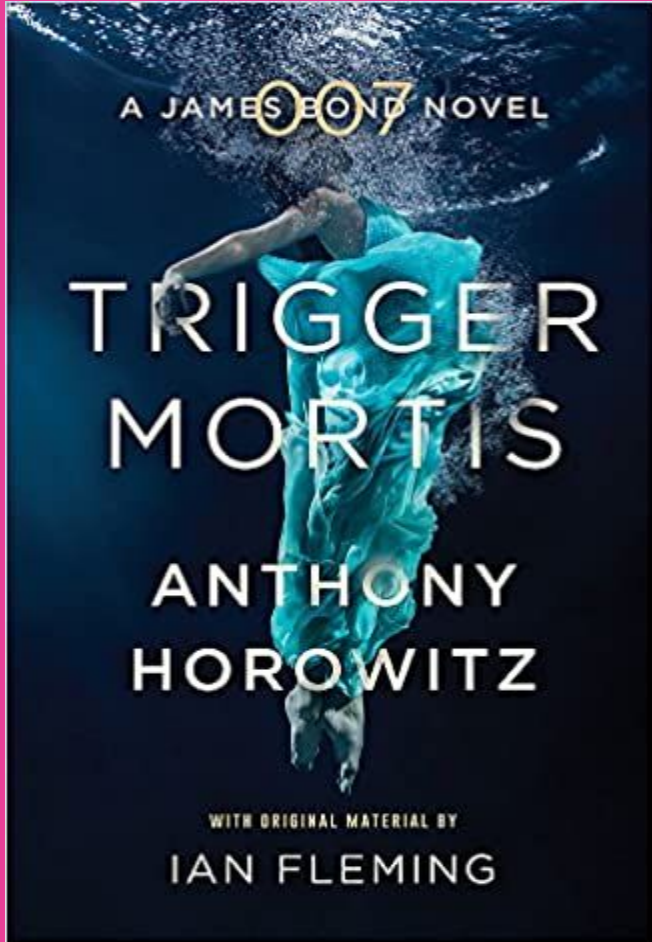


Harry has lived many lifetimes - literally. When he dies, he is reborn, in the same place at the same time, but with the knowledge of all the lives he has lived before.

Then, near the end of his eleventh life, a little girl appears at his deathbed. 'I nearly missed you,' she says. 'I need to send a message.'

Suddenly, Harry's lives take new purpose and meaning, as he battles a formidable adversary who is using foreknowledge to change the past and reshape the future.

With so many lives at stake - and not just his own - it's a fight Harry can't afford to lose.



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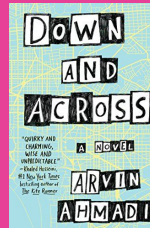
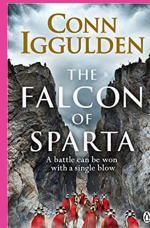
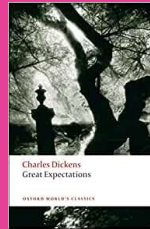
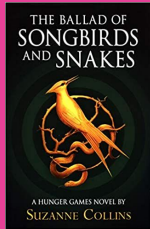
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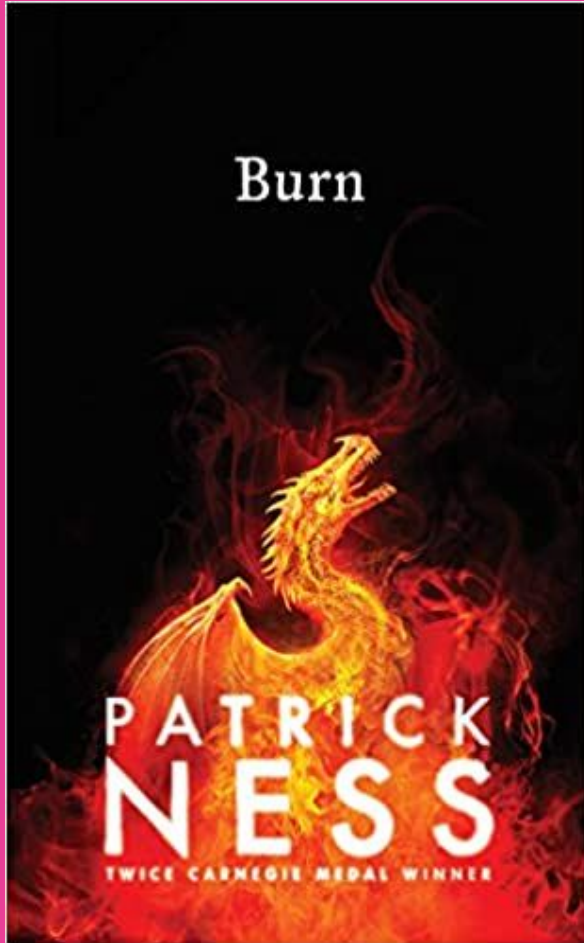
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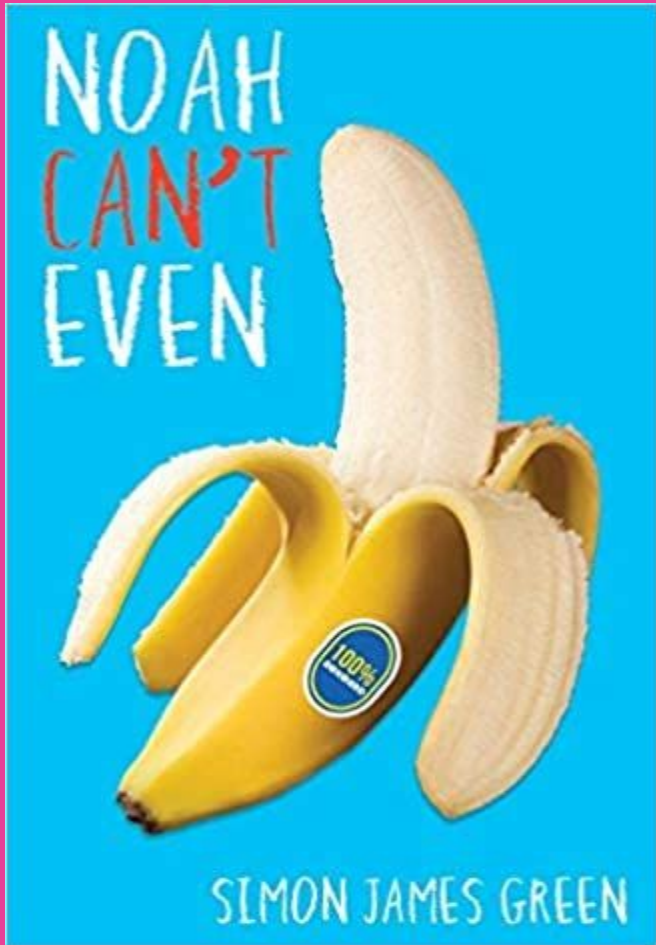
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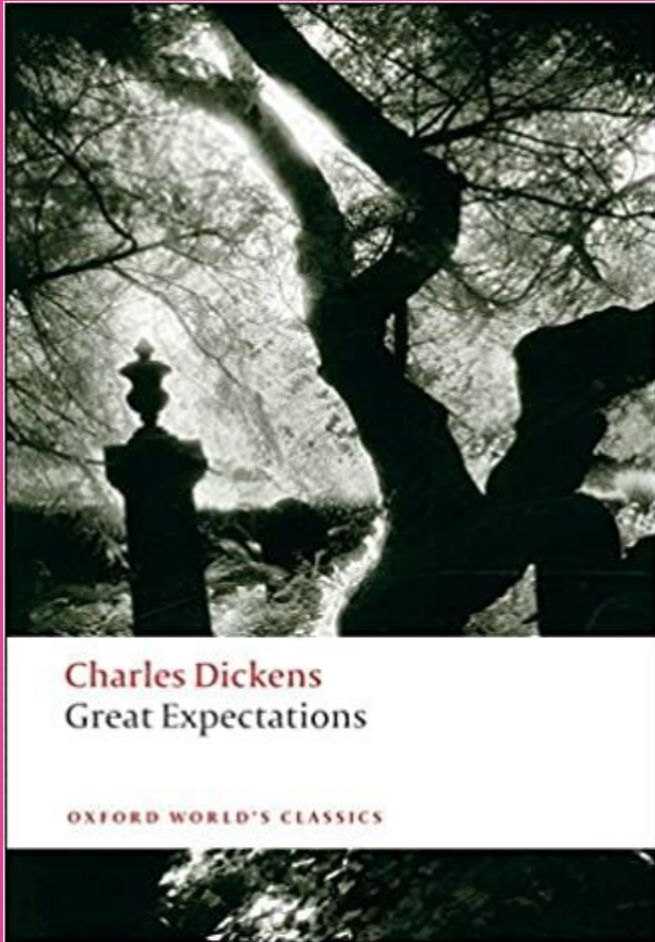


Noah's father disappeared years ago, his mother's Beyonce tribute act is an unacceptable embarrassment, and his beloved gran is no longer herself.

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Maybe the secret to success is a girlfriend. Someone like the lovely Sophie. Maybe that would get him seen in a different light? ,

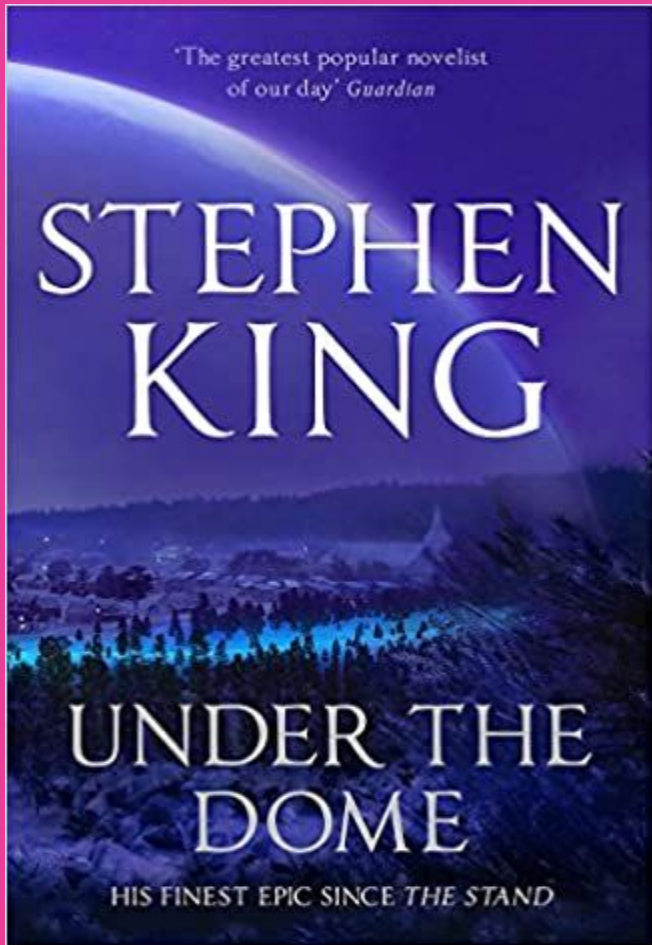
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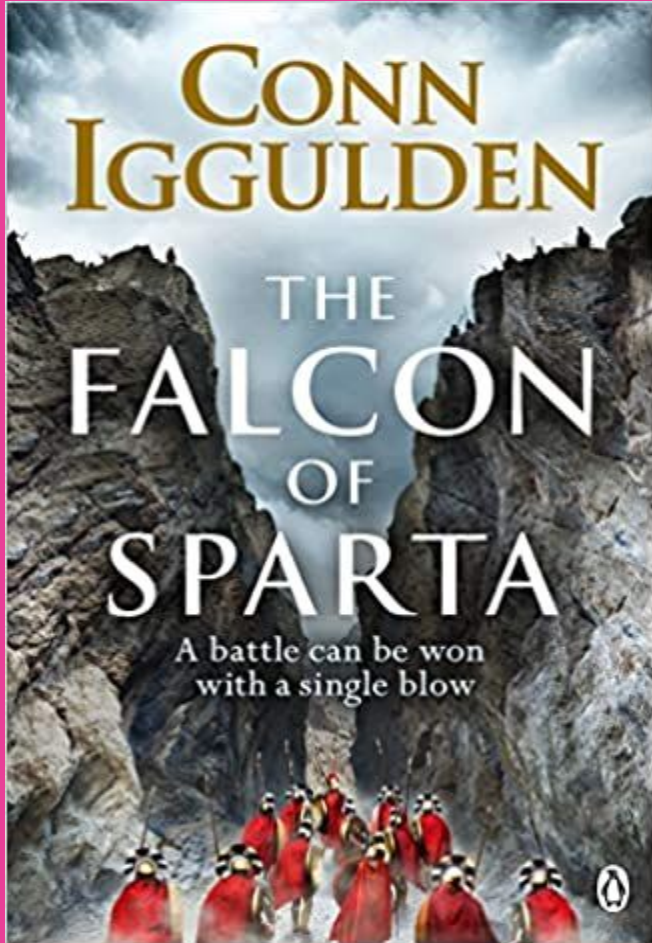


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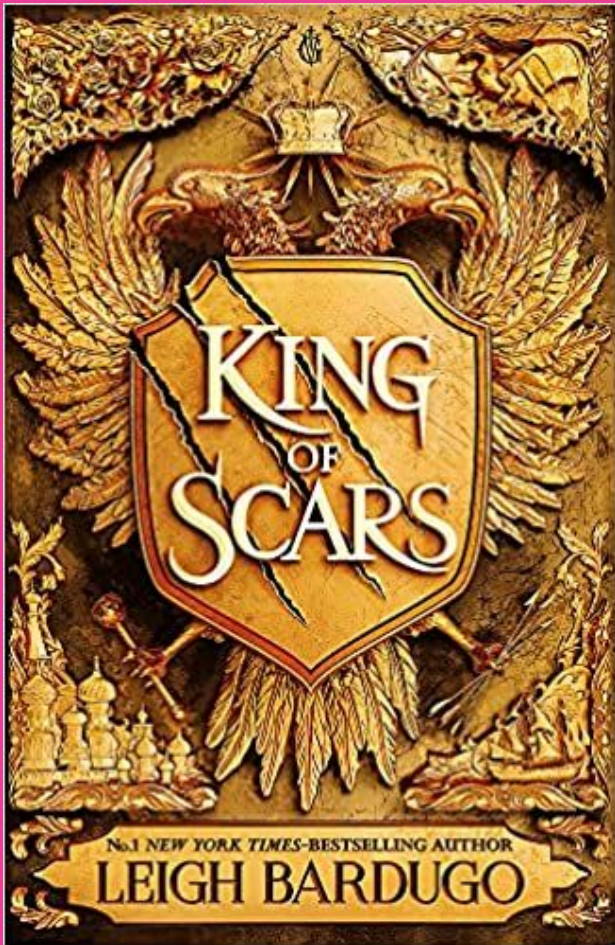
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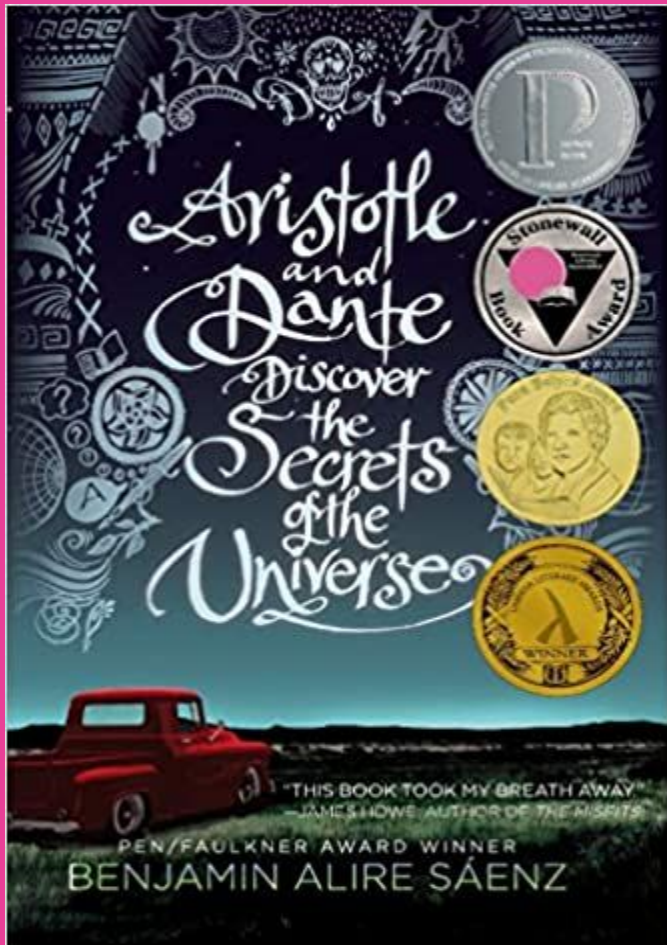


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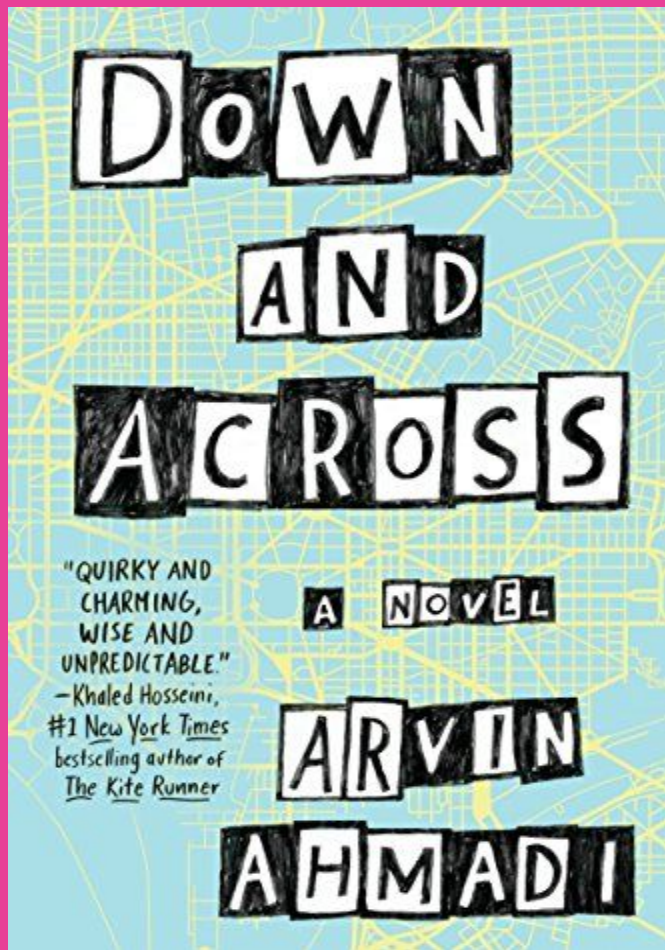
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Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When they first meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common.

But as the two loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special kind of friendship - the kind of friendship that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.

As each gets to know the other, Aristotle and Dante learn the most important truths about themselves - and about the kind of people they want to be.

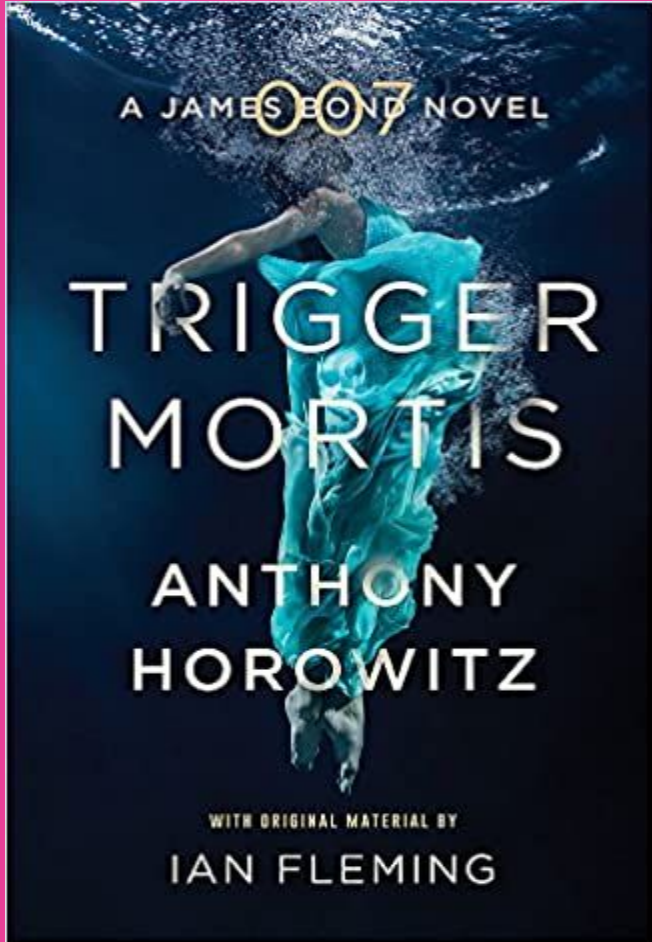


His friends know exactly what they want out of life, but Scott Ferdowsi can hardly commit to a breakfast cereal, let alone a passion.

Faced with college applications and pushy parents, Scott heads off to Washington, DC, seeking guidance from a psychologist who claims to know the secret to success.

What should be a short, uneventful trip quickly spirals into anything but. Scott finds himself caught up in a high-speed chase, sneaking into bars and picking up girls.

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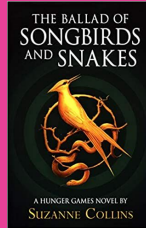
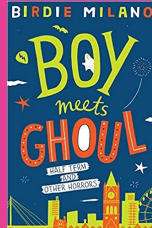
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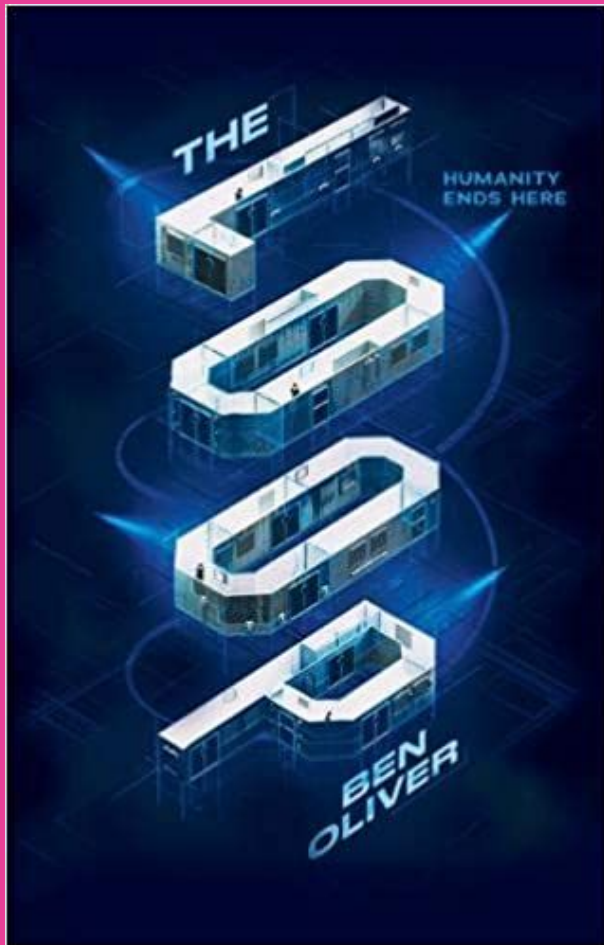
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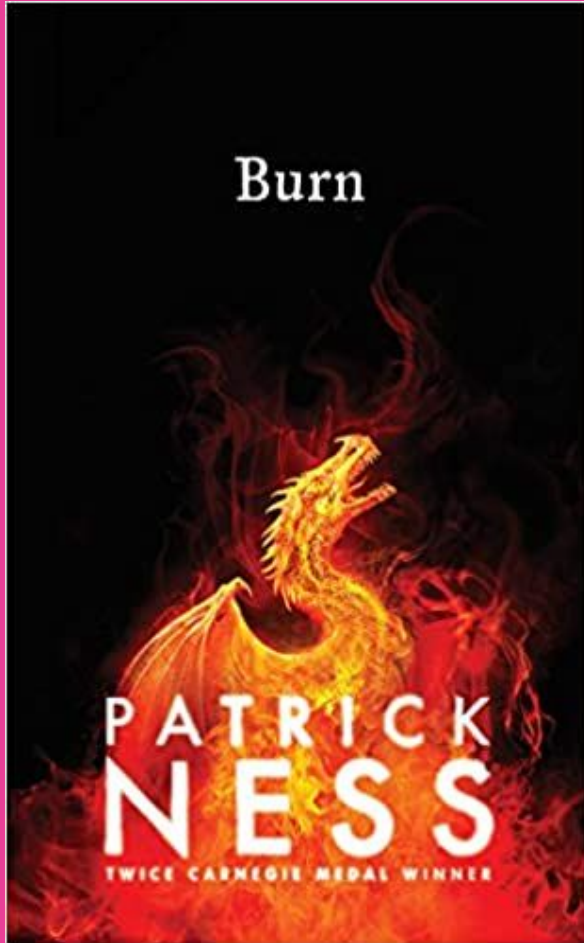


Luka Kane has been inside The Loop for over two years. It's a high-tech prison, from which no-one escapes.

Sentenced to death, he's delaying the inevitable by allowing himself to be experimented upon. The experiments are bizarre and awful, but his day-to-day routine is mind-numbingly repetitive.

Until everything starts to change.

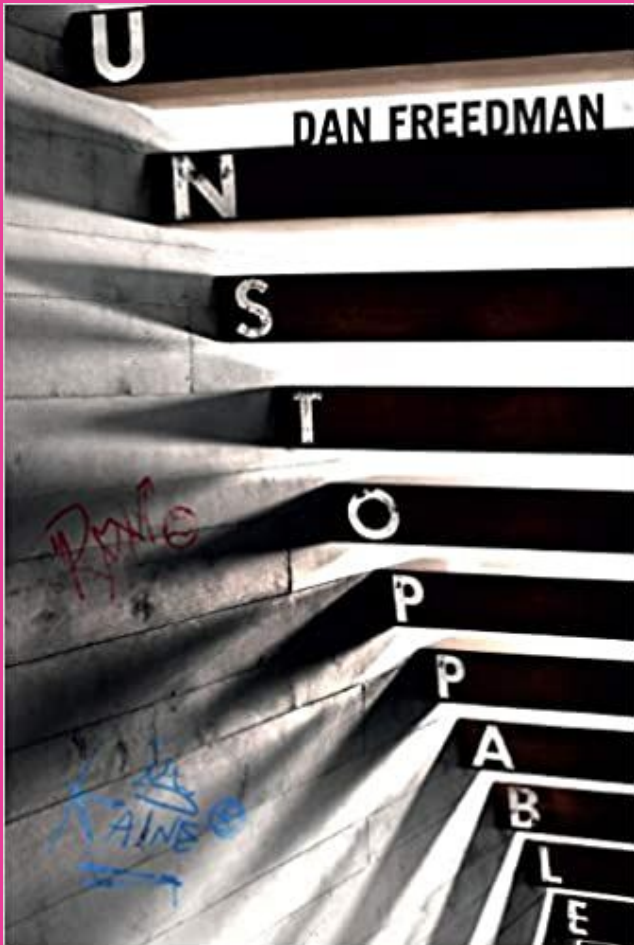
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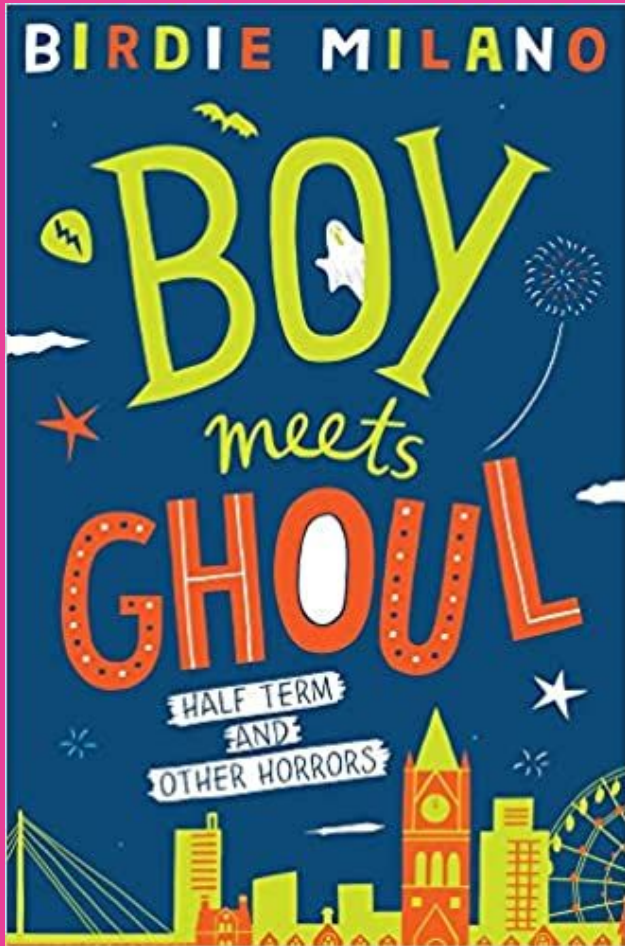


Fourteen-year-old Kaine, a brilliant footballer, used to be close to his twin, Roxy. Now they can hardly bear to be in the same room.

Kaine despises his supposedly perfect sister for claiming all of their parents attention in her ambition to reach Wimbledon.

Roxy hates the way her brother behaves – he's always in trouble and seems determined to tear the family apart.

Now they're also hiding dangerous secrets - secrets that could destroy everything they're striving for. Can they escape before it's too late for both of them?



Football, romance and Death Metal...it's a comedy match made in heaven.

At October half-term. Dylan's dream is to be reunited with Leo, the gorgeous boy he met over the summer. The reality: football camp, thanks to his sports-mad dad.

At least Dylan's best friend Kayla is here, on a quest for tickets to see her favourite band, Deathsplash Nightmares, but it looks like being a tedious week.

Enter Dylan's long-time crush, Freddie Alton. Then Kayla discovers that the Nightmares are staying in the very same hotel as they are...

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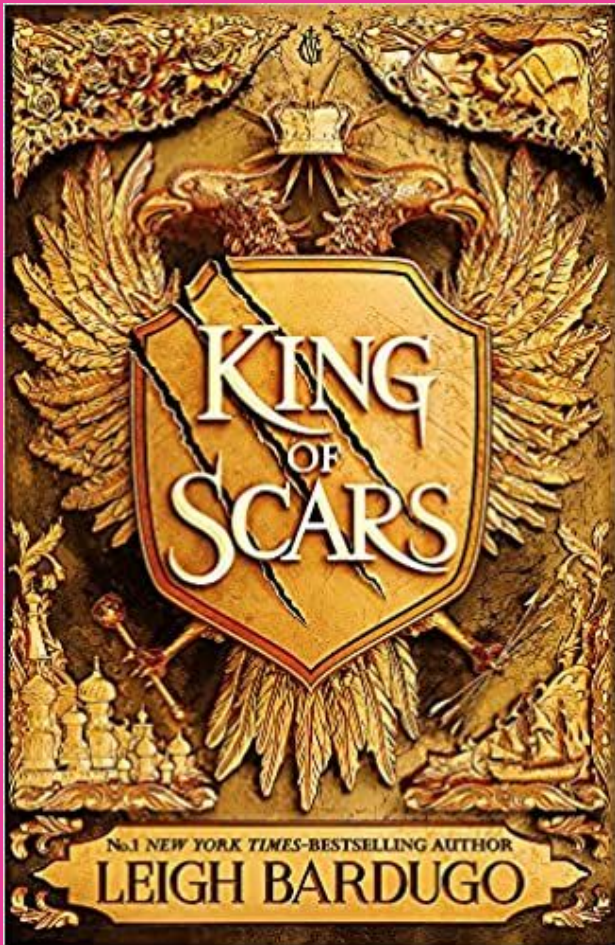
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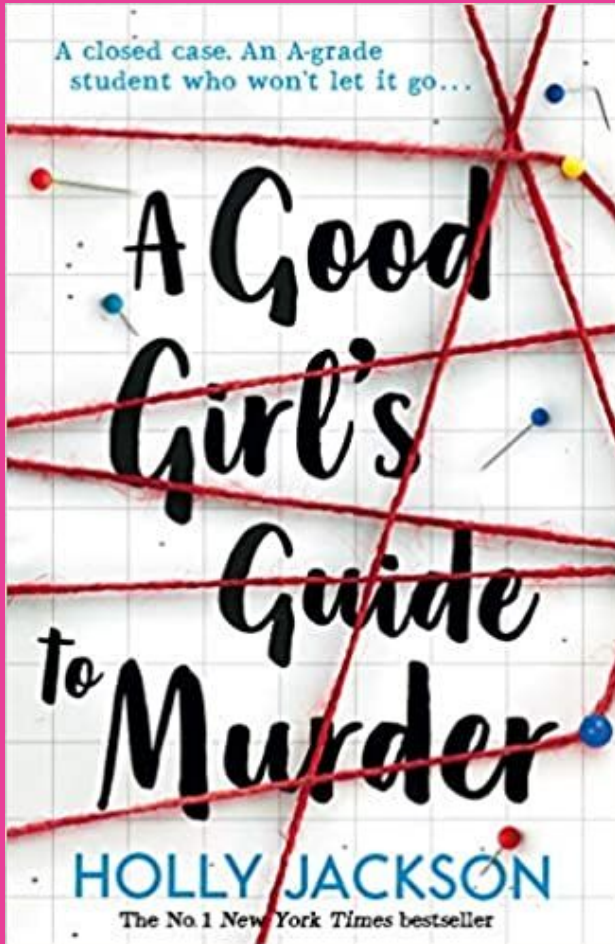
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In post-apocalyptic America, a community survives on an island. The water around them keeps the Dead at bay. But winter will bring the threat of them crossing the ice.

When Peter puts the camp in danger by naively allowing a stranger to come ashore, he's exiled from the community. To survive, he must help rancher Cooper, the boy he's always admired from afar, herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over.

But as love blossoms, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past. It forces the pair to question everything they've ever known - and confront a threat to their very existence.



The case is closed. Isn't it?

Five years ago, teenager Andie Bell was brutally killed. The murderer was Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it.

But Pippa Fitz-Amobi, who's grown up in the small town that was consumed by the crime, isn't so sure. She chooses the case as the topic for her school project.

Soon she's uncovering secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. The real killer is still out there. How far will they go to keep Pip from the truth...?



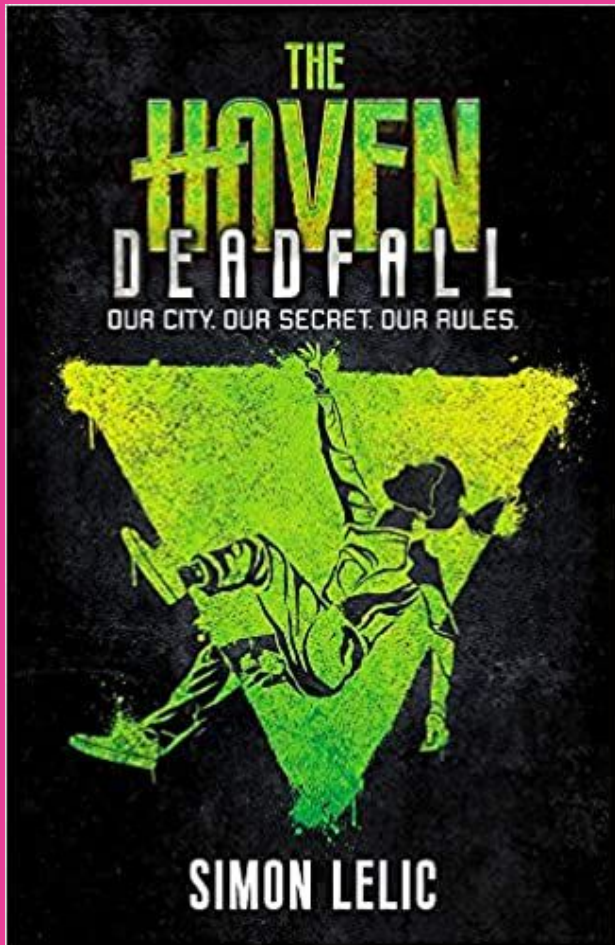
If everything was taken from you, what would you do to get it back?

In a world of warring tribes. Agatha patrols the sea wall with pride, despite those in her clan who question her right to be there.

Jaime is a reluctant Angler, full of self-doubt and afraid of the sea.

When disaster strikes, the pair must embark on a terrifying journey to a land where forgotten magic and dark secrets lurk in every shadow.

And where darkness falls, heroes can rise...



You don't know it exists. But when you have nowhere else to turn, the Haven will find you.

In the third instalment of the Haven series, the pressure is building. One of the gang is locked in an off-grid, high security prison. Now the police are closing in on the rest of them.

The Haven's investigations team are forced to choose: do they hide away and protect what they have? Or do they fight back and stay true to the Haven's mission, helping kids in trouble, wherever - and whoever - they may be?

It's a decision that could threaten the Haven's very existence ...

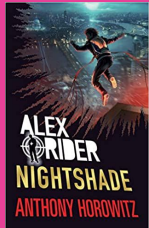
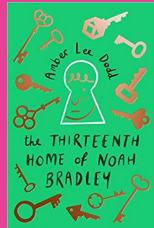
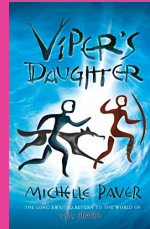
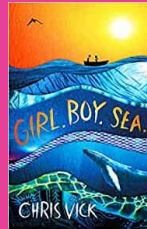
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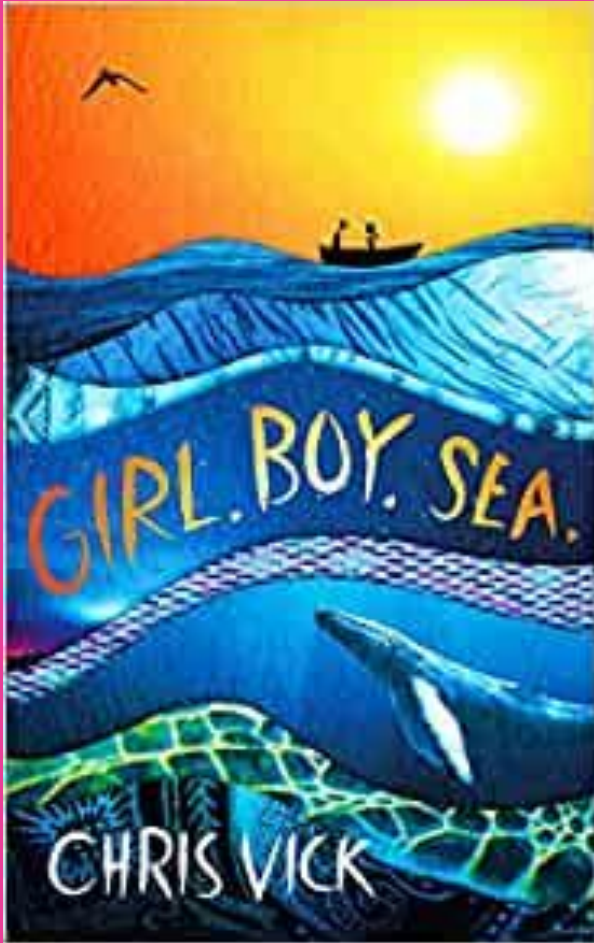


He's small, but fast - and deadly with a bow...

When his dad is framed for a robbery, Robin and his brother Little John are forced to leave their home.

Out in the wasteland of Sherwood forest, a refuge for free spirits, criminals and outlaws, Robin is determined to do more than survive.

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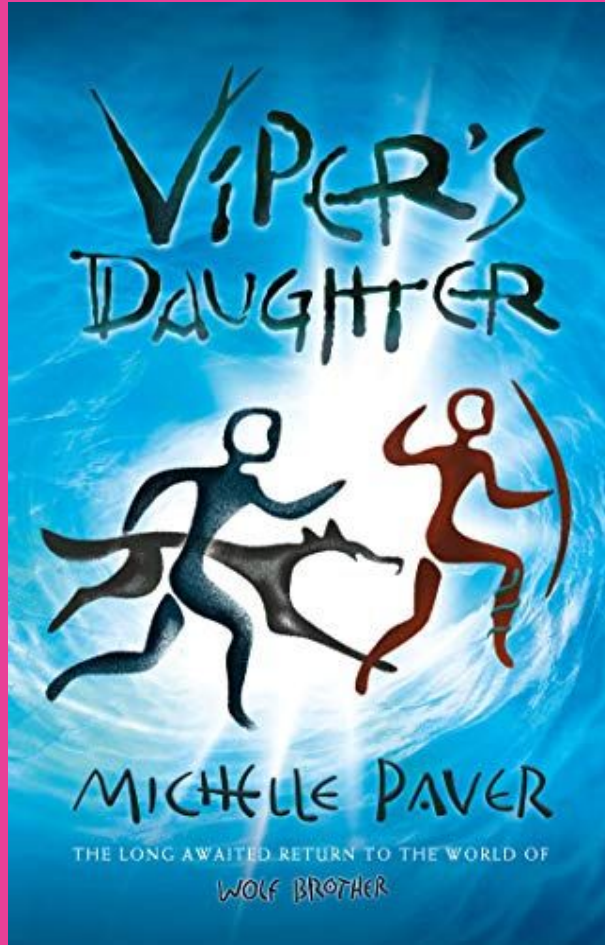


Twelve-year-old Bill is adrift in a tiny rowing boat in the middle of the ocean.

He's alone - until he rescues a girl clinging to a barrel. She's a refugee, her ship destroyed by the same storm that wrecked Bill's yacht.

Through endless days and nights, tormented by hunger and and unrelenting sun, they support one another with tales from The Arabian Nights.

Finally they make landfall, but the stranger who greets them is not what he seems - and as they head back out onto the water, a dark shadow is on their tail....



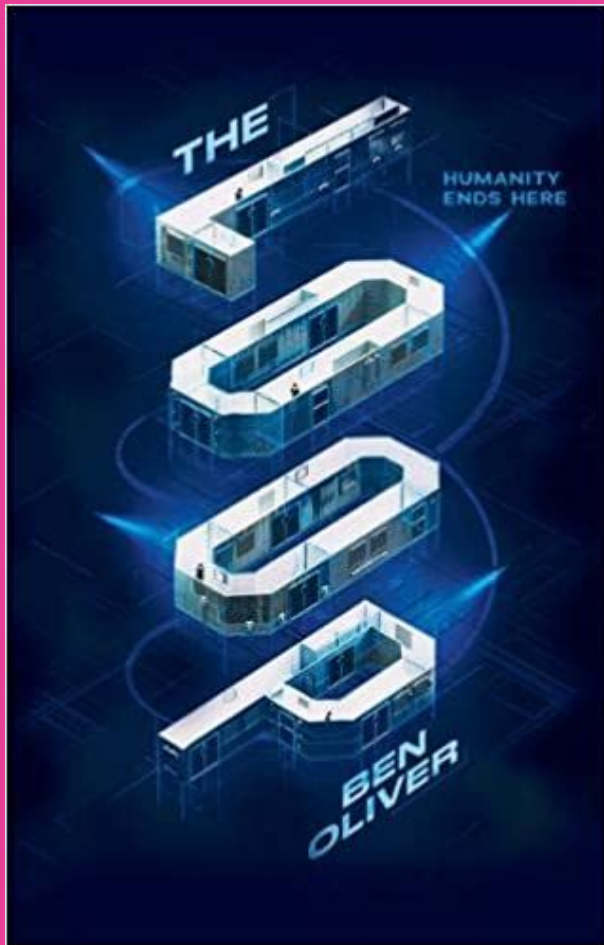
A boy. A wolf. The legend lives on...

It is the age of stone - and a time of spirits and demons.

When his friend Renn mysteriously disappears, Torak and Wolf travel to the Far North in search.

At the mercy of the Sea Mother and haunted by ravenous ice bears, their quest leads them to the Edge of the World. There they must face an enemy more evil than any they've encountered.

This is the long-awaited seventh book in the Wolf Brother series. Like all of the books, it can be read as a standalone story.

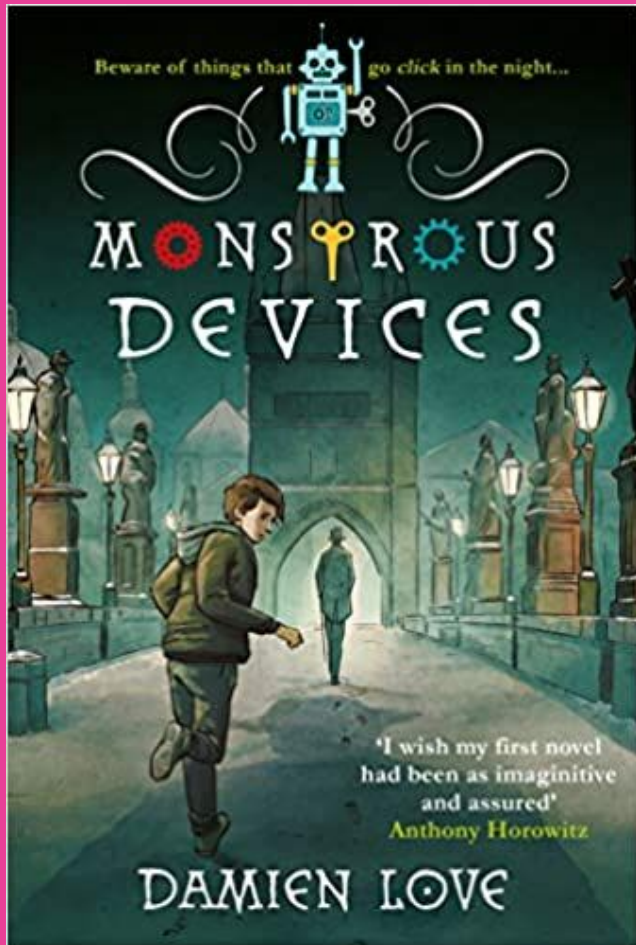


Luka Kane has been inside The Loop for over two years. It's a high-tech prison, from which no-one escapes.

Sentenced to death, he's delaying the inevitable by allowing himself to be experimented upon. The experiments are bizarre and awful, but his day-to-day routine is mind-numbingly repetitive.

Until everything starts to change.

It starts with rumours of war. Then the rain stops falling. Finally, a friendly guard issues a terrifying warning: if Luka doesn't break out of the Loop, and soon, he will lose his only chance to save himself - and the world ...



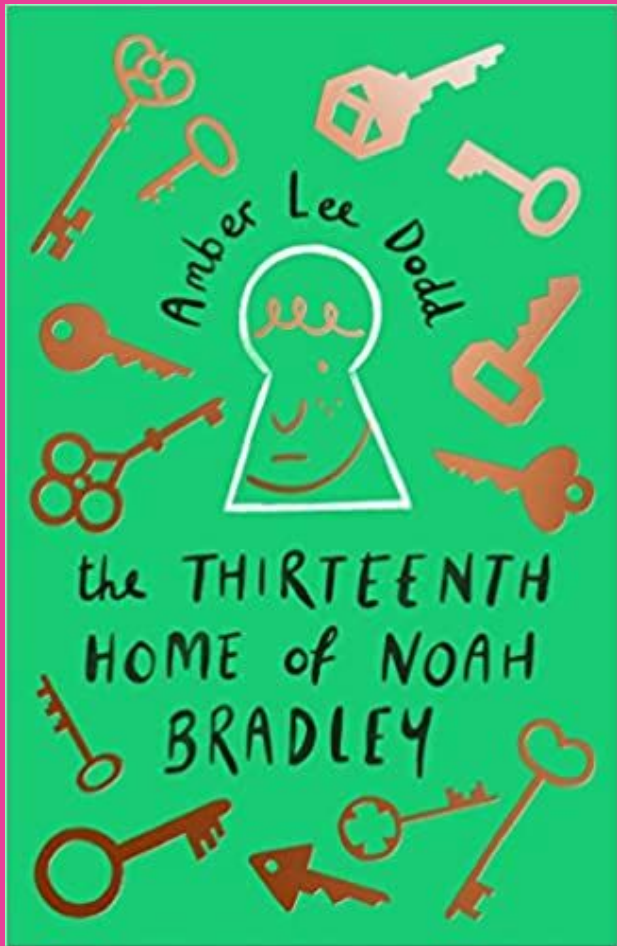
Twelve-year-old Alex receives an old tin robot in the post. With it is a note from his grandfather; it reads, simply 'This one is special'.

Soon Alex realises that the small toy is more than special; it might also be deadly.

Then his grandfather arrives, whisking him away from ordinary life into a world of macabre magic.

Their quest: solve the riddle of the robot, and outwit cunning and relentless assassins - of the human and the mechanical kind.

Can Alex safely harness the robot's power? Or will it fall into the wrong - dangerous - hands?



Moving house can be great fun. But not for Noah Bradley.

A curse has forced his family to move thirteen times. Whether it's a typhoon, a flash flood or a flock of angry birds, the curse always wins.

Now, the Bradley family have just moved into their thirteenth home.

Noah loves it. He has his own room. He's made friends at school. He's happy. So when the curse returns, Noah decides that this time, there will be no more running away.

The Bradleys are staying put...whatever it takes.



When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, many in The City believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos.

Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent.

The boy is in mortal peril. The Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever.

To save him, Ellie must prove to The City who he really is - but to do so puts her at risk of revealing her own dangerous secret...

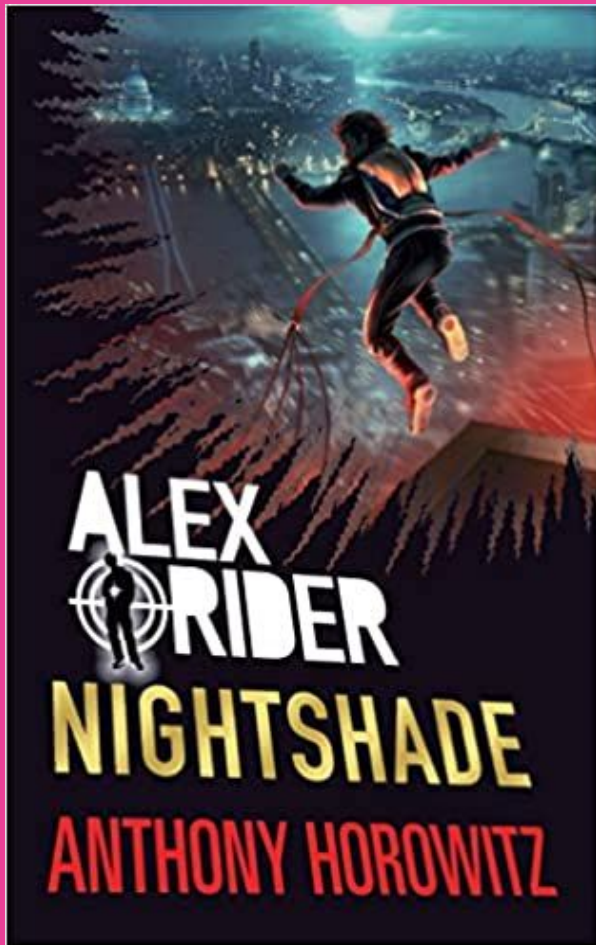


The thirteenth book in the Skulduggery Pleasant series sees Valkyrie and her mentor tested like never before.

War is coming. In an attempt to avert disaster, Skulduggery and Valkyrie are sent on a secret mission. It takes them far away from everything they know, to a forsaken land of evil magic and grim, unrelenting terror.

Valkyrie faces the fight of her life — not only against the enemies who want her dead, but also against her own self-destructive impulses.

Only by crawling through darkness will she once more be able to stand in the light...

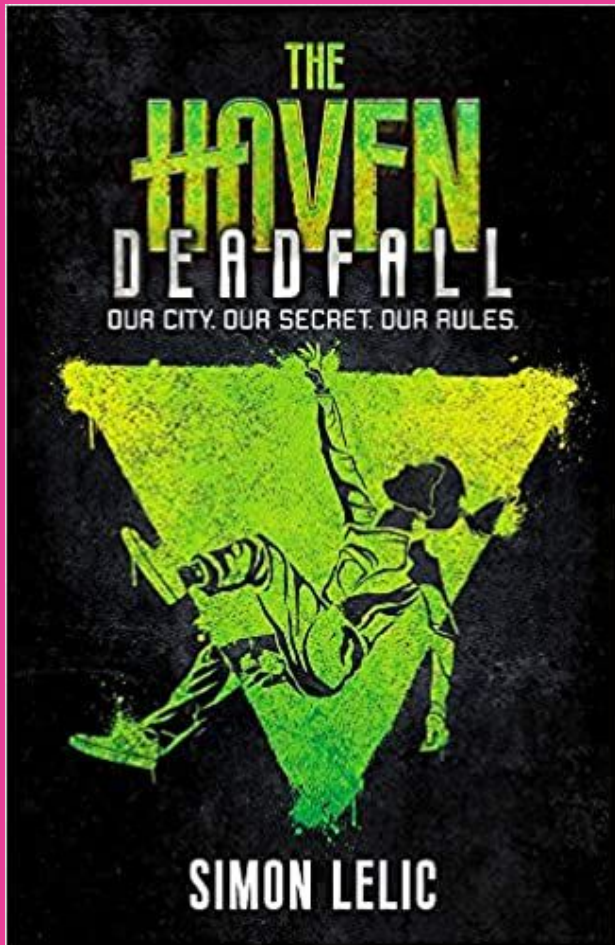


The latest instalment in the Alex Rider saga sees the series get a major reboot.

Following the destruction of Scorpia, Alex Rider is hoping his life can finally go back to normal. He's getting ready to resume school and pick up friendships. Then his world suddenly changes.

The ruthless killing of a secret agent in Brazil sees MI6 send Alex to infiltrate a deadly new organization, known only as Nightshade.

The mission begins well. But as Alex gets closer to the truth MI6 is suddenly shut down. Now he's on his own, and in his hands rests the fate of an entire city...



You don't know it exists. But when you have nowhere else to turn, the Haven will find you.

In the third instalment of the Haven series, the pressure is building. One of the gang is locked in an off-grid, high security prison. Now the police are closing in on the rest of them.

The Haven's investigations team are forced to choose: do they hide away and protect what they have? Or do they stay true to the Haven's mission, helping kids in trouble, wherever - and whoever - they may be?

It's a decision that could threaten the Haven's very existence ...

Need help choosing a
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Email Dr Gardner,
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First Year Summer Reading Challenge 2020

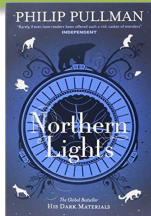
How many different genres can you read?

Stuck in a reading rut? Never quite found a novel you really enjoyed? Sometimes this happens because our reading tastes are too narrow.

This summer, we challenge you to read eight different genres – one for each week of the holidays! To get you started we have suggested some genre categories and titles but you can read other books in the genre, or indeed in other genres, as well. There will be edible prizes for anyone who manages to read 8 books (one a week) or 4 books (one a fortnight).

To claim your prize, bring in a list of the titles you read and the genre, signed off by a parent at the beginning of next term

Fantasy



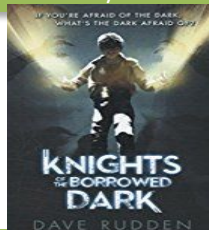
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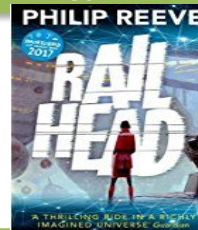
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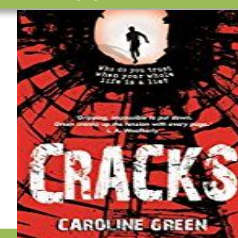
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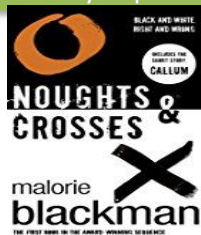
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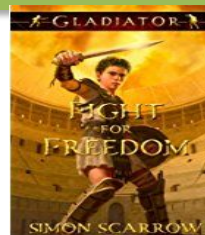
Spy/Thriller



Dystopia



Historical



Real Life

