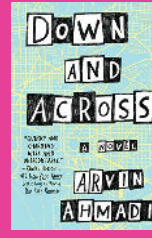
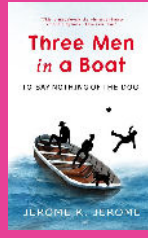
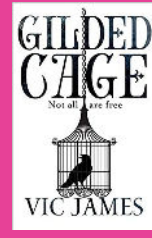
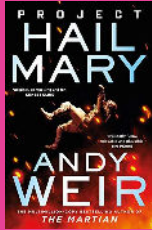
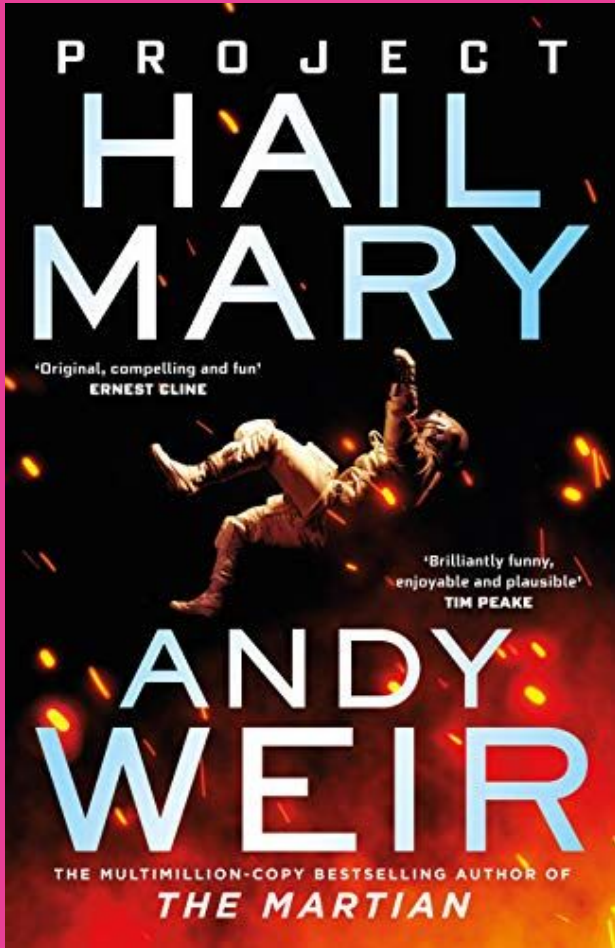


# Books worth second looks

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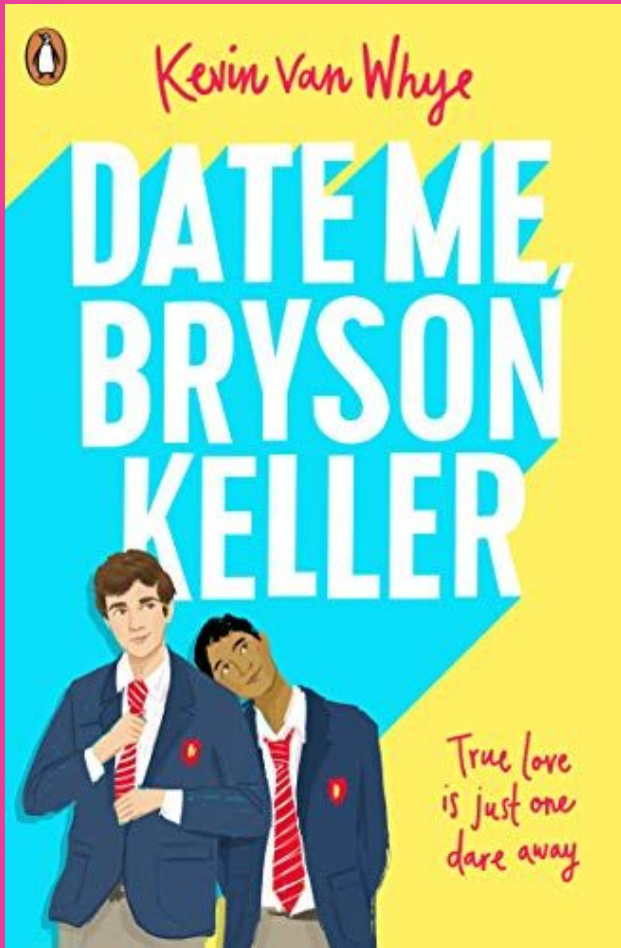




Ryland is on a desperate, last-chance mission. If he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish.

But right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

Hurling through space on a tiny ship, the rest of the crew dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery - and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

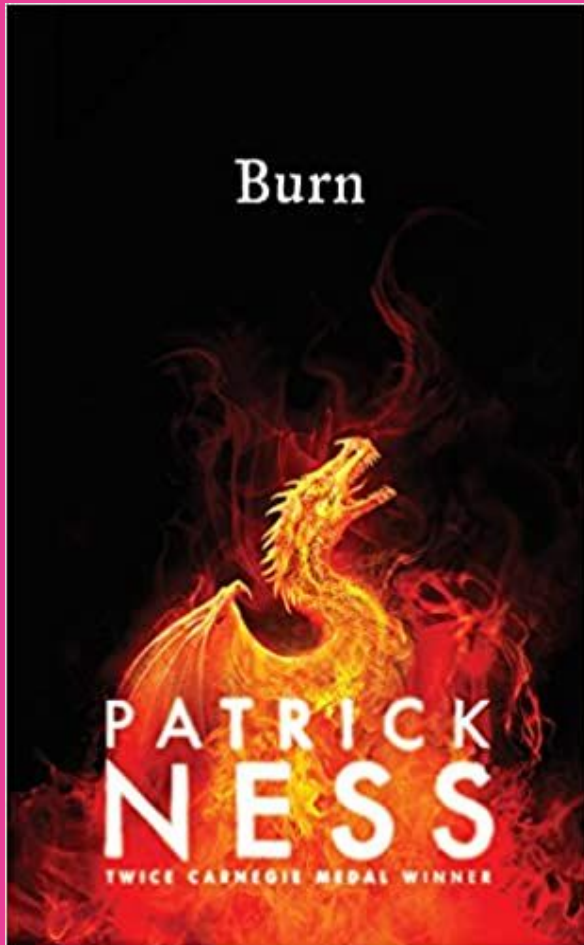


Everyone at Fairvale Academy knows Bryson Keller, the super-hot soccer captain who doesn't believe in long-term relationships. They also know about the dare Bryson accepted - each week he has to date the first person who asks him out.

All anyone gets is a single school week. No exceptions. None whatsoever.

Until one boy risks everything.

Because brilliant Bryson Keller forgot one thing. When he accepted the dare, he never said it could only be girls...

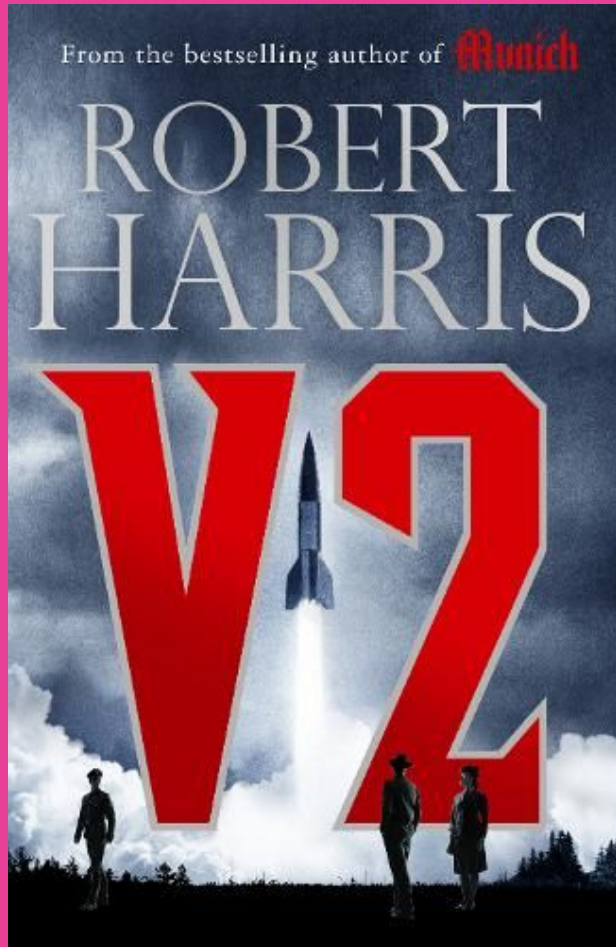


“On a cold Sunday evening in early 1957, Sarah Dewhurst waited with her father in the parking lot of the Chevron Gas Station for the dragon he’d hired to help on the farm.”

This dragon, Kazimir, has more to him than meets the eye. Dragons, supposedly, don’t have souls, yet Kazimir is seemingly intent on keeping her safe from the brutal attentions of Deputy Sheriff Emmett Kelby.

Kazimir knows something she doesn’t. He has arrived at the farm because of a prophecy. A prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult of dragon worshippers, two FBI agents – and somehow, Sarah Dewhurst herself.



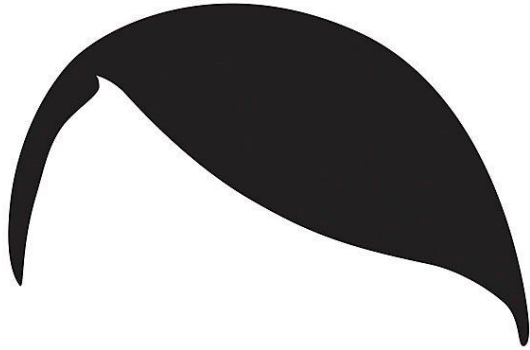


Rudi Graf has helped create the world's most sophisticated missile: the V2, capable of delivering a one-ton warhead at three times the speed of sound. Now he's tasked with firing these lethal weapons at London.

Kay Caton-Walsh is an officer in a unit of WAFs on a mission to newly liberated Belgium, attempting to locate and destroy the V2 launch sites.

But at this stage in the war it's hard to know who, if anyone, you can trust. As the death toll soars, Graf and Kay fight their grim, invisible war - until one final explosion of violence causes their destinies to collide.

TIMUR VERMES



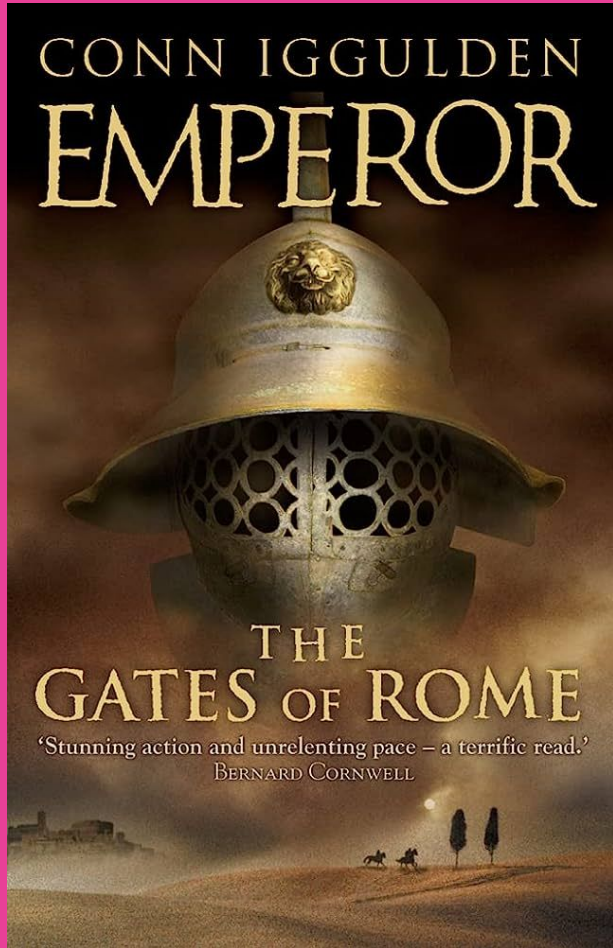
**LOOK**  
WHO'S BACK

**"Be warned. This book is funny. Very funny"**  
REBECCA K MORRISON, *Independent*

Berlin, Summer, 2011. Adolf Hitler wakes up on a patch of waste ground, alive and well. Things have changed - no Eva Braun, no Nazi party, no war. He barely recognises his beloved Germany, filled with immigrants and run by a woman.

People certainly recognise him, but think he's a brilliant impersonator refusing to break character. Then the unthinkable - but also the inevitable - happens: the ranting Hitler goes viral, becomes a YouTube star and gets his own TV programme. People begin to listen.

But the Führer has another programme, one with even greater ambition - to set the Fatherland he finds a shambles back to rights...



Julius Caesar has been assassinated. A nation is in mourning. Revenge will be bloody.

Rome's great hero Julius Caesar has been brutally murdered by his most trusted allies. While these self-appointed Liberatores seek refuge in the senate, they have underestimated one man: Caesar's adopted son Octavian, a man whose name will echo through history as Augustus Caesar.

Uniting with his great rival Mark Antony, Octavian will stop at nothing to seek retribution from the traitors and avenge his father's death. His greatest hatred is reserved for Brutus, Caesar's childhood friend and greatest ally, now leader of the conspirators.

As the people take to the streets of Rome, the Liberatores must face their fate. Some flee the city; others will not escape mob justice. Not a single one will die a natural death. And the reckoning will come for Brutus on the sweeping battlefield at Philippi.

# GILDED CAGE

Not all are free



VIC JAMES

In an alternative modern-day Britain, those who have magic control everything: wealth, politics, power - and you. If you're not one of the magical elite you owe them ten years of service. Do those years when you're old, and you'll never get through them. Do them young, and you'll never get over them.

The all-powerful Jardines and the everyday Hadleys have only one thing in common: each family has three children. But their destinies entwine when one family enters the service of the other. They will all discover whether any magic is more powerful than the human spirit.

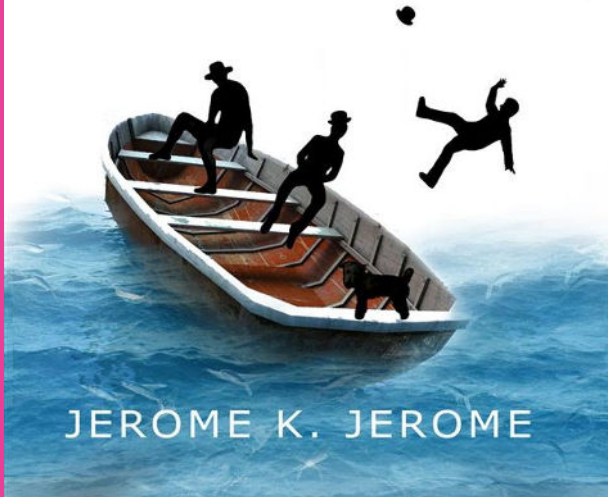
Have a quick ten years. . . .



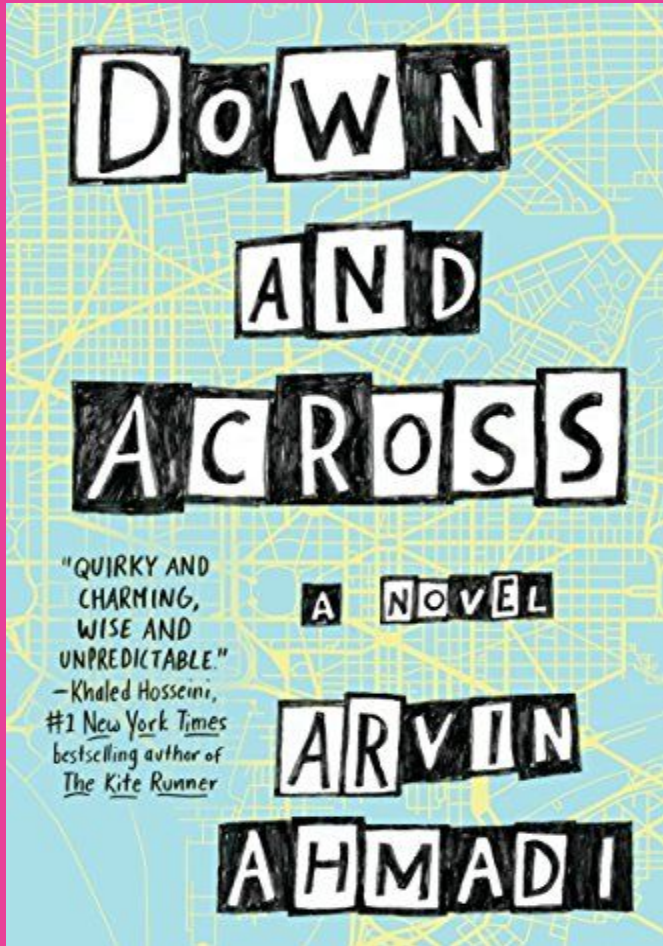
"This is undoubtedly the wittiest and most entertaining book I have ever read."

# Three Men *in a Boat*

TO SAY NOTHING OF THE DOG



Martyrs to hypochondria and general seediness, J. and his friends George and Harris decide that a jaunt up the Thames would suit them to a 'T'. But when they set off, they can hardly predict the troubles that lie ahead with tow-ropes, unreliable weather forecasts and tins of pineapple chunks - not to mention the devastation left in the wake of J.'s small fox-terrier Montmorency.

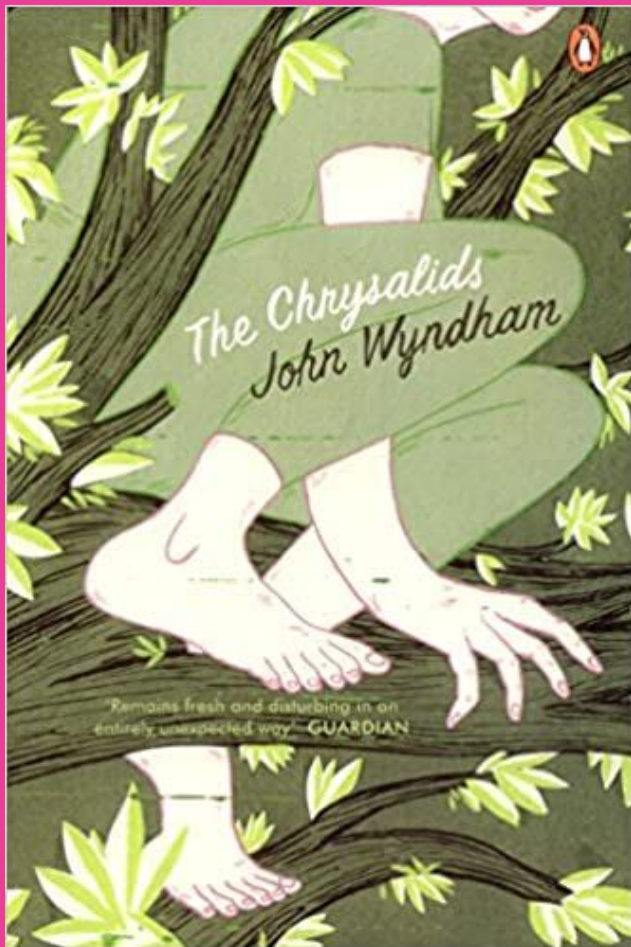


His friends know exactly what they want out of life, but Scott Ferdowsi can hardly commit to a breakfast cereal, let alone a passion.

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.

As his life gets wilder, he finally starts to realise who he is and what he wants to be...



David lives in fear of discovery, part of a group of children who are able to communicate with each other by transferring thought-shapes into each other's minds.

Nuclear war has left the world devastated, and species subject to a host of genetic mutations. In the bleak society that has emerged from the ruins, any sign of deviation, no matter how small, is ruthlessly rooted out and destroyed.

As the children grow older, they feel more and more at risk and isolated. Then one of them marries a 'norm', with terrifying consequences. Forced to flee, David and the others head for what might just be a source of salvation...