

**In this list you'll find a selection of titles specifically written to help dyslexic readers. The age range above (12+ years) represents the interest age, whilst the reading age for each title is detailed within each title page.**

Together with Barrington Stoke, the leader in the field of dyslexia-friendly books and the leading charity Dyslexia Action our aim here at LoveReading4Schools is to help children crack the reading code.

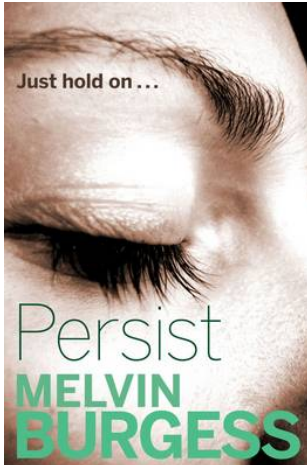


## The Devil's Angel

**Author:** Kevin Brooks **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2015

February 2015 Book of the Month - Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8  
Award-winning Kevin Brooks tells a gripping and thoughtful story about the irresistible appeal of a dangerous friendship. Jack is cruising along in year 10; not part of any group but not likely to be picked on either. And then Dean arrives. Dean is tough and fearless. Jack is wary but also attracted by Dean's courage and his ability to make things happen. But, when the Jack agrees to go away with Dean on holiday, he soon finds he is out of his depth. Dean courts danger with tragic results and Jack is left considering a brief but influential episode in his life. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ A Piece of Passion from Mairi Kidd, Managing Director, Barrington Stoke All at Barrington Stoke cheered when Kevin Brooks won the Carnegie Medal back in June. Not only is he one of our favourite writers for children and young adults - a truly fantastic prose stylist - but he is also firmly committed to the same principles we are. Namely more young people, reading more. Kevin says: 'I've never quite understood why - and this is something I feel really passionate about - our business as a whole seems to focus so much on a relatively small default audience of young readers (which gets even smaller as the target-age group increases), and we forget about the much larger potential audience that's undoubtedly out there. It's almost as if there's a general acceptance that these kids don't read, so there's no point in reaching out to them. But I wonder if a big part of the reason they don't read - or think they don't like reading - is that we don't give them a chance because we don't reach out to them.' Hear, hear! We are delighted to add to our list of titles by Kevin with the stunning The Devil's Angel. It's short and although it's not sweet, it packs a power in no way in proportion to its page-count. At its heart is the curious intensity of teen friendships, played out in one particular, lost summer. We think it's brilliant; please do let us know what you think via twitter, Facebook or email.

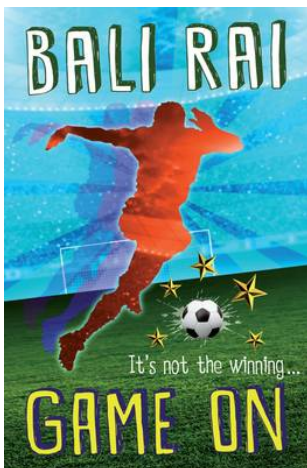
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## Persist

**Author:** Melvin Burgess **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/04/2015

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 7 In just 54 short pages Melvyn Burgess creates a drama that encompasses a whole life. Trapped in a coma, Marianne doesn't know who she is anymore, and no longer feels like a person at all. She's aware of the woman who comes to visit every day, and likes the feel of the woman's warm breath on her face. That physical contact stirs memories of another occasion when she was lost, and then found, and those memories help her begin to recognise who she was, and is. Burgess uses the situation to ponder the importance of memories and identity in a haunting and powerful drama that doesn't waste a single word. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

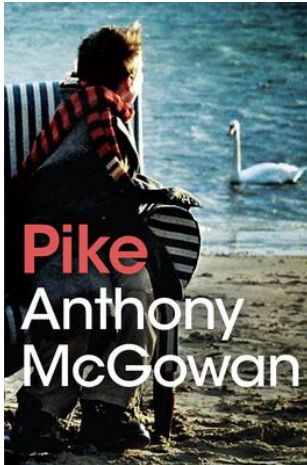


## Game on

**Author:** Bali Rai **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 Young footballer Baljit, the hero of Bali Rai's Dream On, is preparing for a trial with Liverpool FC's youth squad – something he's dreamed of all his life. But there's lots else going on in Baljit's life – his girlfriend is worried that she'll lose him; his best friend Danny's hopes of a career in football may have been ended; and there's a racist thug out to get him. Can Baljit work out a way to follow his dream without harming the people who matter to him most? Football-mad readers will love this, but so will anyone who likes their fiction fast-paced, involving and firmly rooted in contemporary life. I've really got to like Baljit and his family, and hope there'll be more stories about them to come. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

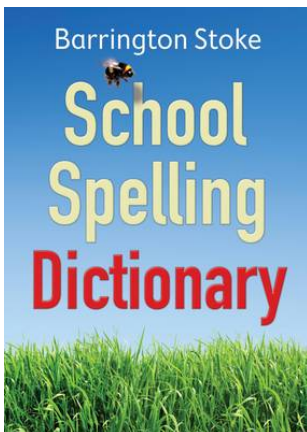
..... Read a special Q&A with Bali Rai on his book, Game On.



## Pike

**Author:** Anthony McGowan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2015

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8+ Not a word is wasted in this fine novel. On one level it is a thriller: fishing on Bacon Pond Nicky spots a glint of gold in its murky depths, and recognises the Rolex owned by a local gangster. It seems to be still attached to his wrist. Nicky feels that the gangster owes him and his family, and sets out to retrieve the Rolex with the help of his brother Kenny. Nicky's search for the watch results in a series of events that will change his and his family's life for the better. McGowan writes in prose as spare and effective as that of Barry Hines, to whom the book is dedicated, and there's an extraordinary depth and elegance to this story. An outstanding novel. ~ Andrea Reece  
One of our Dyslexia Friendly Books of the Year 2015 | Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category.



## School Spelling Dictionary

**Author:** Christine Maxwell, Julia Rowlandson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/08/2012

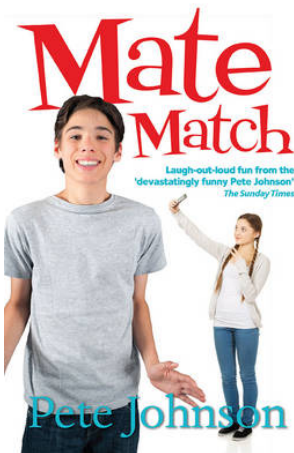
Interest Age 7+ Reading Age 8+ Based on a phonic approach to finding spellings, this schools edition of the best-selling Dictionary of Perfect Spelling gives a fresh way of finding words for those who find matching letters and sounds hard. Users can find words by applying a phonic attack which will lead them to the correct spelling and to irregular plurals, word endings and any word derivatives. For all those who struggle with a regular dictionary, this is an invaluable approach that will unlock ways of improving all written work.



## The Front Room

**Author:** Michelle Magorian **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/06/2016

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 7+ There's more than one ghost in Michelle Magorian's genuinely creepy new short novel. Hannah, her mum and dad and little brother are on holiday and she's sure there's a sinister presence in their little holiday flat. But her mum and dad are distracted, ever since Mum lost the baby they've been snapping at each other, and they won't believe her. It's only when they do that Hannah can escape the ghost and find a way to acknowledge the loss of the baby too. Magorian explores family relationships with typical sensitivity and insight and there's lots to think about in this spare, economically written novel, as well as moments to send shivers down the spine. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of super-readable short fiction by some of the very best children's authors and illustrators in the UK. Each title has a host of unique accessibility features to offer cracking reads to more children including reluctant and struggling readers and those with dyslexia or visual stress. Here at Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting the best of their new and backlist titles to recommend to you. Click [here](#) to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

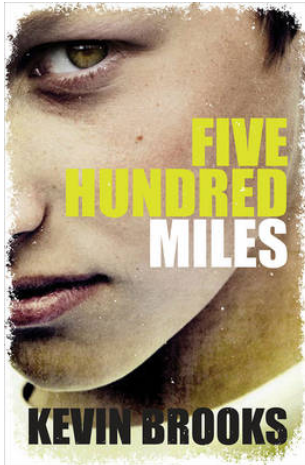


## Mate Match

**Author:** Pete Johnson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2016

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 7 - In a Nutshell: love and laughs This witty comedy of modern manners will have young people snorting with laughter and quite possibly squirming with embarrassed recognition too. Poor Joe just can't seem to get a girlfriend; they don't like his cheesy chat-up lines - memorised from a website - and even his female best friend wants to stay just friends. A new online school dating site offers hope however and his sister and her super-cool boyfriend have all sorts of advice for Joe on ways to make himself more eligible. In the end though, it's the old-fashioned approach that works. 21st century problems examined in an easy to read and revealing short novel! ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click [here](#) to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

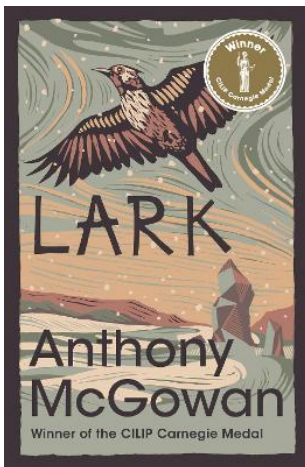




## Five Hundred Miles

**Author:** Kevin Brooks **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2016

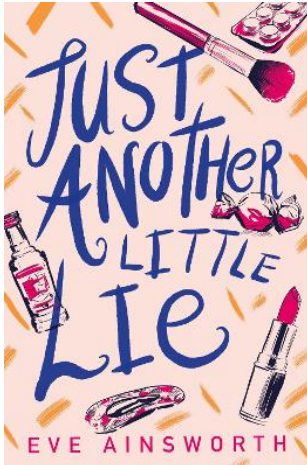
June 2016 Book of the Month | Interest Age Teen, Reading Age 8 In a Nutshell: mysteries – urban jungle – escape With typical intensity, Kevin Brooks presents readers with a slice of the life of a singular young man. Cole and his brother Ruben live in East London, as much a part of the landscape as the sooty railway bridges and flat grey sky. A chance encounter in the Live and Let Live pub with a girl who resembles their dead sister, and a monkey, a sudden act of violence, and the four of them are in a car and heading to Scotland. At times chilling, with a palpable sense of foreboding, the book ends on a note of pure joy. Despite its short extent, there's a real depth to the story and while Brooks deliberately leaves questions about characters unanswered, readers will understand them completely at the book's close. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. [Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.](#)



## Lark

**Author:** Anthony McGowan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/01/2019

**Winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2020 | Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | February 2019 Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month July 2020 | Interest Age Teen Reading Age 9** Cleverly set within a gripping adventure, Lark is a deeply touching story of the special bond between brothers. Older brother Nicky narrates the story of the day he and his younger brother Kenny set out on a simple day out on the moors. Proposed by their father as a way of filling time while they wait nervously for their mum to return from her new life in Canada, it is meant to be a fun day out tinged with a bit of nostalgia as they are retracing a walk that he used to enjoy. But the simple walk which begins in a light hearted way soon becomes a deadly dangerous adventure as the weather conditions close in, the boys get completely lost and Nicky has to show exceptional courage and intelligence to make sure he can get Kenny home safely. Anthony McGowan maintains the intensity of the story throughout while also keeping the writing simple.



## Just Another Little Lie

**Author:** Eve Ainsworth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/08/2020

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** From acclaimed author Eve Ainsworth comes this new novella that packs a powerful punch in its openhearted, honest account of a teen girl trying her hardest to cope with her mum's alcoholism. Violet has always seen her mum as being "strong, funny and in control", as a "pretty, glamorous and confident" person who firmly believes, "You have to give a good impression at all times." In contrast, Violet is "the quiet one ...I'm the worrier who can never be confident." But since her mum's boyfriend left, Mum's "it's just one glass" of wine is starting to have an affect on their family life, with Violet increasingly having to pick-up caring for her little brother when Mum's too hung-over to get out of bed. As Violet finds more empty bottles around the house, and finds herself having to lie to cover her mum, matters come to a scary head and she knows she has to be brave and seek help. Truly brilliant at capturing Violet's conflicted feelings – an excruciating pull between love and anger – this compelling, moving story will engross fans of true-to-life fiction, while casting sensitive light on a tough subject. And, since this is published by the ever-brilliant Barrington Stoke, this book is especially suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers, with its expert attention to vocabulary, layout, font and paper.



## White Eagles

**Author:** Elizabeth Wein **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/09/2019

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** Elizabeth Wein's thrilling new World War II story stars a young Polish pilot – a female one. Kristina Tomiak and her twin brother are members of the White Eagles, Poland's air force, and at the forefront of their country's resistance when the Nazis invade. Things quickly turn bad and Kristina is forced to flee in her RWD-8 plane, together with an unexpected passenger. As she makes her escape, her destination changes until finally she is heading towards England. The story is full of excitement and gives readers a broad yet detailed understanding of those early days of the war, and of flying a plane too. Published by Barrington Stoke this is written to be accessible to all readers including those with dyslexia but I recommend it to any reader fascinated by history and the brave individuals who make it.



## The Disconnect

**Author:** Keren David **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/04/2019

**May 2018 Book of the Month | Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8**

When a billionaire phone-tech entrepreneur challenges the Year Eleven pupils in her former school to switch off their phones for six weeks, Esther is determined to rise to the occasion. With her American-born dad, sister and baby nephew now living in New York, she has her sights firmly fixed on the £1000 prize, which she'd use to visit them, plus she could do with a break from the constant peer pressure to share super model style selfies. But almost immediately, Esther's FOMO (fear of missing out) "is at emergency levels", not least because she has no idea what her friends are up to. As a result, she and a few fellow participants set up a support group in her mum's new cafe, among them River, who gives an impassioned speech about how social media users are "just pawns in the hands of people making money out of us". Alongside an engaging exploration of the pros and cons of online life, there's a sensitive sub-plot about the complications of family life, with the downsides of digital media touched-on through that too (her mum's café is struggling to find customers in the wake of a poor online review), and reference to being aware of "fake news" and inaccurate reporting. Thought-provoking and topical, this pacey read is especially suitable for reluctant and dyslexic teen readers. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 13+



## One Shot

**Author:** Tanya Landman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/03/2019

**Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | Interest Age Teen**

**Reading Age 8+** Maggie's story is charged with emotional energy from the opening lines, when her involving narration reveals a deep, deep bond with her Pa, whom she lost at the tender age of eight. He was a man of few words whose "every last syllable was worth hearing". "Their souls were cut from the same cloth", whereas her city-born Ma and her siblings are truly out of place living in the wilderness. Pa's death leaves Maggie "in a place of bewildering horror", and the family in a desperate struggle for survival, and so Maggie does what Pa would have done. She takes his gun to hunt for food to keep her family alive. But in place of praising and thanking her super-shot daughter, Maggie's cold-hearted, convention-heeding Ma sends her to the County Infirmary for displaying "unnatural", "unladylike" behaviour. While the rest of her childhood is marred by terrible abuse, Pa's pervasive presence and Maggie's indomitable inner strength see her stick to her guns, a tenacity that brings unimaginably spectacular change. Propelled by heart-pounding, high-stakes action, this is a richly rewarding, sparky story for young adults with a reading age of 9+.

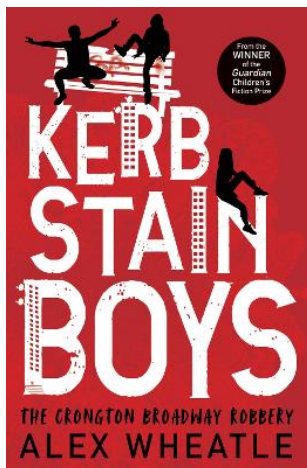


## The Truth of Things

**Author:** Anthony McGowan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/01/2019

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8+** Expert Review for Brock by Julia Eccleshare: Nicky knows he must do everything in his power to save the innocent and brave badger. But fighting the three local bullies whose cruelty towards it seems to know no bounds is an incredible challenge. With his father drifting into depression and his younger brother needing constant supervision, Nicky has enough on his hands already but he knows the real value of nature and knows he cannot stand by and see such wilful destruction. A powerful story about the importance of protecting wildlife. Expert review for Pike by Andrea Reece: Not a word is wasted in this fine novel. On one level it is a thriller: fishing on Bacon Pond Nicky spots a glint of gold in its murky depths, and recognises the Rolex owned by a local gangster. It seems to be still attached to his wrist. Nicky feels that the gangster owes him and his family, and sets out to retrieve the Rolex with the help of his brother Kenny. Nicky's search for the watch results in a series of events that will change his and his family's life for the better. McGowan writes in prose as spare and effective as that of Barry Hines, to whom the book is dedicated, and there's an extraordinary depth and elegance to this story. An outstanding novel. Expert review for Rook by Andrea Reece: This finely written story speaks directly to readers in language that is frill free but shines with original, precise imagery. It opens with a scene in which a young rook is attacked by a larger bird. Nicky and his younger brother Kenny save it. As the bird hovers between life and death, Nicky's own future is in the balance: an incident with the school bully sees him facing expulsion, at the same time he's tentatively trying to start a relationship with a girl he fancies. For all his nerve Nicky is vulnerable, and things could easily go wrong for him, instead they start to look up. He isn't expelled, Sarah likes him too, and Rooky is taken in by the animal sanctuary despite being, in Nicky's dad's words, 'too common and too scruffy and too much trouble. Bit like us, eh?' There's a lot of story effortlessly packed into this short novel and readers will be very happy for Nicky. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers of 13+



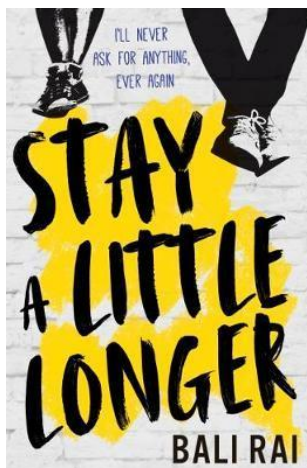


## Kerb-Stain Boys The Crongton Broadway Robbery

**Author:** Alex Wheatle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/10/2018

**One of our 2018 Books of the Year | Interest Age YA Reading**

**Age 8** Alex Wheatle serves up an invigorating slice of teen life starring three kids growing up on his fictional Crongton estate. Briggy and Terror have been best friends for years but Terror's romance with the gorgeous, super-cool Caldonia threatens to push them apart. So when Terror comes up with a 'cadazy' plan to rob the Crongton post office, for the sake of their friendship Briggy has no choice but to go along with it. As the boys plan their heist, normal life goes on, with tension at home making Briggy's get-rich-quick dreams even more powerful. Sharp, funny, moving and written in rat-a-tat sentences that turn teen speak into a kind of poetry. Brilliant.

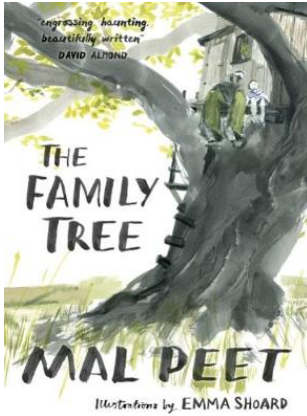


## Stay A Little Longer

**Author:** Bali Rai **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/09/2018

**October 2018 Book of the Month | Interest Age Teen Reading**

**Age 8 | One of our 2018 Books of the Year** A heartfelt, hard-hitting, super-readable novella about the life-affirming, life-saving friendship that blossoms between a young teenager and her 59 year-old neighbour. All sweet-hearted Aman wanted was for her dad to stay a little longer, but he died before she had chance to read her special letter to him. While grappling with grief, she's bullied by a bunch of older kids, but thankfully new neighbour Gurnam intervenes to scare them off. While Aman sees Gurnam as her "personal superhero", she notices a sadness about him, but he won't reveal the cause of his pain. The truth is revealed with poignant, page-turning urgency, leading to a shocking finale that sees Aman grasp a second vital chance to read her love-filled letter. There's so much humanity and soul in this short gem of a story. While the content is YA, this is written for those with a reading age of 8+, in a lucid, gripping style that tells it like it is and gets to the core of the characters' hearts. I relished every word.



## The Family Tree

**Author:** Mal Peet **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2018

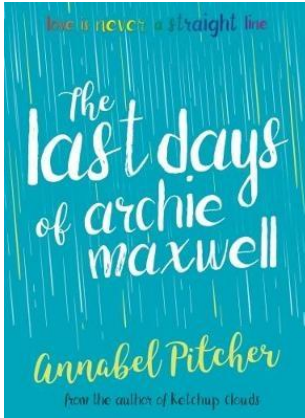
**June 2018 Book of the Month** | Mal Peet, who died in 2015, wrote with extraordinary sensitivity and insight and this novella, freshly published by Barrington Stoke, is testimony to his talent. Benjamin finds himself by accident outside his old home and revisits memories of the garden and treehouse that 20 years ago were such a key part of his childhood. His father built the treehouse for him but it quickly changed from being a place of shared stories to something less happy – a hideaway from his mother, a hiding place for his father as he turned away from the outside world. The story is a painful one, years on Ben is still torn by conflicting loyalties, still angry with his father, still guilty for abandoning him. His return brings some new perspectives, but no happy resolution. Emma Shoard's new illustrations equal the text for rawness, depth and resonance. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 14+



## Second Best Friend

**Author:** Non Pratt **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2018

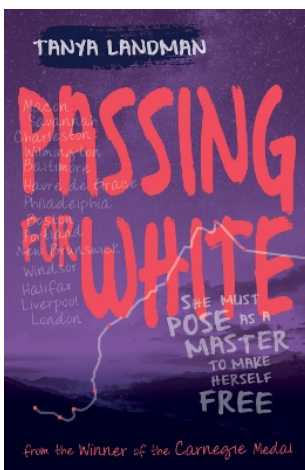
A sharp, well-observed teenage drama that is bang up to date. Life for teenagers these days can seem like an endless popularity contest, everything played out in the spotlight of social media. Just-dumped Rob hits a nerve when he tells Jade that everyone fancies her best friend more anyway; comparing herself to Becky, Jade is horribly conscious of coming second in everything. It's a toxic atmosphere, intensified when the two girls find themselves leading rival parties in the school election, and it leads Jade to do something almost unforgivably cruel. Pratt leads the field in authors writing for a young adult audience: setting, voice and storyline are completely authentic, and this will score zillions of 'likes' from its readers. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 13+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. [Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.](#)



## The Last Days of Archie Maxwell

**Author:** Annabel Pitcher **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/10/2017

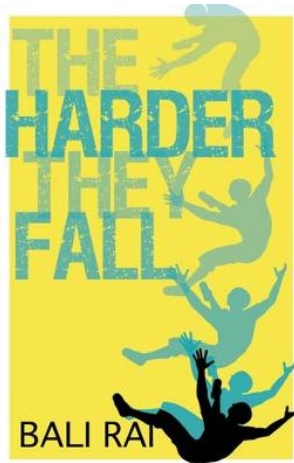
**December 2017 Book of the Month** Full of love, humour and heartbreak, this beautifully crafted YA novella from the multi award-winning author of Ketchup Clouds and My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece is a compassionate and distinctive tale of modern family life and its issues. Archie is devastated at the news his parents are splitting up. He and his dad are very close and when he realises that his father is leaving for another man – something his two sisters have already worked out – the shock has a physical impact. Archie has already been the victim of bullying and, perhaps to avoid a repeat, has become friends with the bullies at his new school; he is terrified of their reaction to the news. Things are complicated further when Tia, the girl he fancies, confides in him about her brother's suicide and as the pressure mounts, Archie himself contemplates taking his own life. Annabel Pitcher portrays Archie with real insight and readers will understand completely the agony he feels. She chooses to end the story in a supermarket where the aisles, through their very prosaic normality, open up a world of hope and new beginnings. Published by dyslexia specialists Barrington Stoke, this will be accessible to all readers and is worth recommending to all readers. NOTE: some of the content and language may be seen by some as inappropriate for younger teens - why not read the extract first to find out.



## Passing for White

**Author:** Tanya Landman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2017

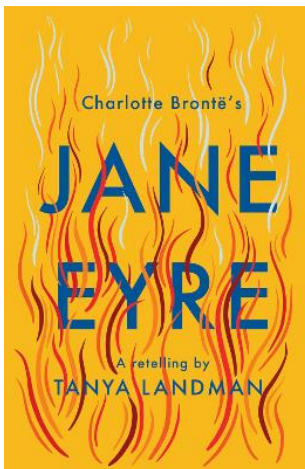
**Longlisted for the UKLA 2018 Book Award | Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** A story of a daring escape made by two slaves, a young woman and her husband, provides the inspiration for Tanya Landman's story. Rosa and Benjamin meet, fall in love and marry but because they are slaves, their lives are not their own. When Rosa discovers she is pregnant – and confesses to her husband that the child might be her master's – they decide to run. Rosa is so fair skinned that even Benjamin mistook her for a white at first, so they decide to disguise themselves as a white master and his 'boy'. Their escape is full of drama and tension, but what will shock young readers is the casual brutality and hateful self-justification of the white slave owners Rosa encounters. It's a story that makes you doubt humanity, while also celebrating individual courage and resilience. For more books on this theme head over to our sister site, LoveReading4Schools topic list - The Slave Trade



## The Harder They Fall

**Author:** Bali Rai **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2017

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 | In a nutshell: bullying, injustice and the power of friendship In short, sharp, economical sentences, Bali Rai presents a story of bullying – by individuals and the state – and of escape and redress. Cal is picked on at school by Anu, who humiliates him and hurts him for being smart and geeky. New boy Jacob is singled out by the other class bully for being scruffy, poor, an outsider. Cal thinks they could be friends – they share an interest in superheroes – but Jacob, who uses a foodbank, is super sensitive to pity. Eventually the two do become friends and, with the help of a girl called Freya, find a way to expose those who like to hurt the weak and less fortunate. The setting will be familiar to all readers, and the message that by standing together it's possible to improve society, is an important one. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 13+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click [here](#) to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

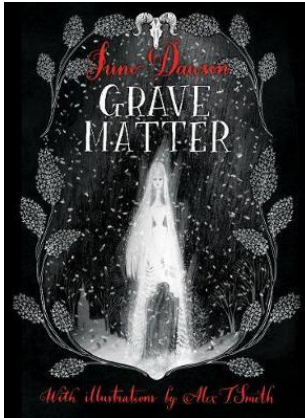


## Jane Eyre: A Retelling

**Author:** Tanya Landman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2020

**A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month January 2020 | January 2020 Book of the Month | Interest Age Teen Reading Age 9** Award-winning author Tanya Landman captures the high drama and deep romance of Charlotte Brontë's classic novel Jane Eyre in this fresh retelling. While in the setting of the story and the overarching plot and twists that propel it she is faithful to the time and place of the original and to the feel of both, she has given Jane a boldness and independence that is both entirely in keeping with the original and refreshingly modern.

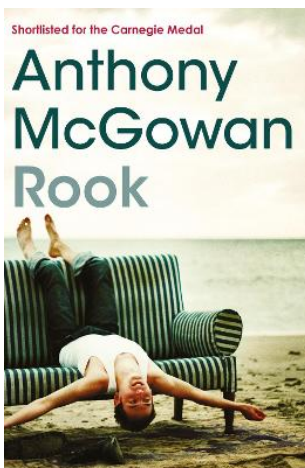




## Grave Matter

**Author:** Juno Dawson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/09/2017

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** Teenage love is the subject of Juno Dawson's thoroughly creepy new book for Barrington Stoke: 'I think we love more freely... more playfully, with reckless abandon', says Eliza to her boyfriend Sam shortly before she is killed in a car crash, which almost explains his actions after her death. Sam's grief is all-encompassing, and he is prepared to do absolutely anything to see her again... It's a genuinely chilling story, but Dawson keeps a playfulness there too, and finally leads Sam back to hopes of a happy future. Beautiful full page illustrations by Alex T Smith send more shivers down the spine; one to read with all the lights on. Readers gripped by this dark story would enjoy short stories by Edgar Allan Poe, M R James and E F Benson. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic teen readers.



## Rook

**Author:** Anthony McGowan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/06/2017

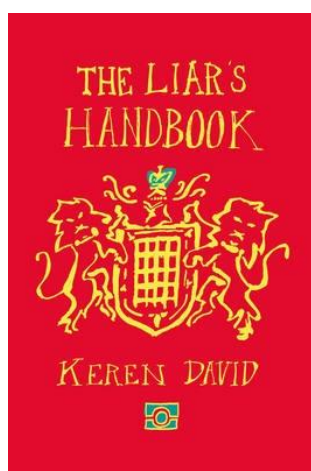
**UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 | Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2018** **Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** This finely written story speaks directly to readers in language that is frill free but shines with original, precise imagery. It opens with a scene in which a young rook is attacked by a larger bird. Nicky and his younger brother Kenny save it. As the bird hovers between life and death, Nicky's own future is in the balance: an incident with the school bully sees him facing expulsion, at the same time he's tentatively trying to start a relationship with a girl he fancies. For all his nerve Nicky is vulnerable, and things could easily go wrong for him, instead they start to look up. He isn't expelled, Sarah likes him too, and Rooky is taken in by the animal sanctuary despite being, in Nicky's dad's words, 'too common and too scruffy and too much trouble. Bit like us, eh?' There's a lot of story effortlessly packed into this short novel and readers will be very happy for Nicky. Readers shouldn't miss the two previous books in this quartet, Brock and Pike.



## The Evil Within

**Author:** Catherine MacPhail **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2017

Interest Age 11+ Reading Age 8 In a nutshell: creepy, haunting story of the young Jekyll and Hyde Catherine MacPhail admits to being fascinated by the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and here she takes Robert Louis Stevenson's classic thriller as inspiration for a properly sinister new story, imagining Henry Jekyll as a boy, already struggling to control his own dark instincts and desires. Tension mounts as rumours spread of a terrifying creature roaming the night, and MacPhail's vivid descriptions both of Edinburgh's damp, foggy backstreets and the stuffy, claustrophobic Victorian villa that is Henry's home amplify the sense of terror and suspicion. This is completely true to Stevenson's vision and an unsettling read in its own right. For readers inspired to seek out the original, Barrington Stoke are publishing it in a dyslexia-friendly format this summer. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 11+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.

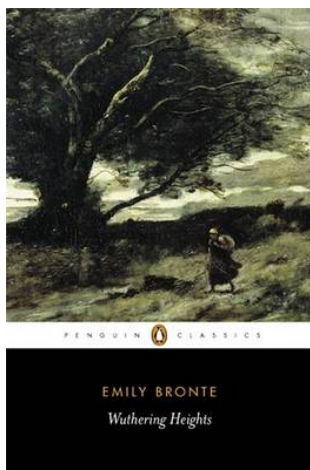


## The Liar's Handbook

**Author:** Keren David **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2017

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 | In a nutshell: topical unputdownable thriller | In a topical and gripping new thriller for Barrington Stoke Keren David sends her young hero on a search for the truth – about his family and himself. It leads him to question everything he's ever believed. River is an accomplished, occasionally extravagant liar; and you get the sense that this talent has developed because he's constantly been inventing stories about the dad he's never known. Who was he? Why did he leave his family? What would he think of his son? River the born storyteller is an irresistible narrator and readers will be completely caught up in his story from first page to last. There are twists, shocks and surprises throughout and a truly explosive ending, all told with a tough economy that makes it accessible to all readers. ~ Andrea Reece A Piece of Passion from Mairi Kidd, MD of Barrington Stoke: "We are honoured to publish Keren David for the first time, and what a novel she has given us. Inspired by real-life cases of women deceived into relationships with undercover policemen and the resulting families, Keren has created an incredibly vivid narrator, a cracking plot and a great sense of unease as the action builds to an explosive denouement. We wanted to give this book a seriously special treatment to reflect its themes of concealed and forged identities, and have spun a 'passport' design complete with rounded corners with a clever take on the coat-of-arms of the Metropolitan Police." Lovereading Review will follow. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers

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## Wuthering Heights

**Author:** Emily Bronte **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/01/2003

Chosen by the public through a survey to coincide with the 10th birthday celebrations of World Book Day 2007, this title is one of 'the ten books the nation can't live without'. Have you read them all? Below are links to each title and position on the list. 1. Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen 2. The Lord of the Rings JRR Tolkien 3. Jane Eyre Charlotte Brontë 4. Harry Potter JK Rowling 5. To Kill a Mockingbird Harper Lee 6. The Bible 7. Wuthering Heights Emily Brontë 8. Nineteen Eighty-Four George Orwell 9. His Dark Materials Philip Pullman 10. Great Expectations Charles Dickens



## The Last Hawk

**Author:** Elizabeth Wein **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/03/2021

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** A life-changing opportunity for a teenage pilot brings risk and excruciating choices in this accessible WWII thriller from the author of Firebird and White Eagles. Ingrid was six when the Nazis came to power and, since she has a severe stutter, her mother and father feared a new law ordering the sterilisation of less able children would apply to her. With her parents desperate to prove their daughter has worth, and since she's a talented glider pilot who dreams of being like her heroine, the intrepid test pilot Hanna Reitsch, Ingrid attends her Cousin Jonni's flying school. Though she's confident in the air, Ingrid seems forever doomed to plummet back to earth, not least when she's castigated for her behaviour in front of a high-ranking regional Nazi leader. "Your daughter is a disgrace to Germany," he informs her horrified father. Terrified she might be taken to a camp, at seventeen she becomes Cousin Jonni's junior flying instructor, and her heart soars when none other than Hanna Reitsch enlists her assistance on a propaganda tour. But when Hanna reveals shocking truths about a secret mission, Ingrid is left feeling that "there was an ugly crack in the shiny glass of my new Luftwaffe career" as she faces a seemingly impossible decision. Alongside the gripping action and emotion of Ingrid's tumultuous journey (readers will be on the edge of their seats as her allegiances are tested to the max), the author provides fascinating insights into life in Germany during the war, and this accessible novella will also prompt discussion around roles women worked in during WWI, and the ethics of patriotism. Find more books

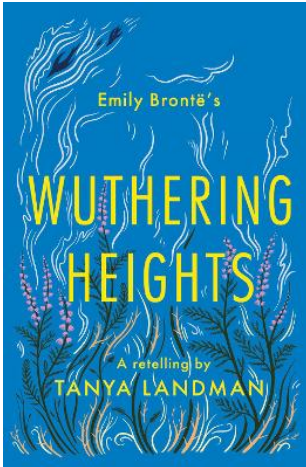
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## The Deep-Sea Duke

**Author:** Lauren James **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2021

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** The sequel to *The Starlight Watchmaker*, which was much admired, *The Deep-Sea Duke* is a glorious and original story that, like much of the best fantasy, deals with real-life issues, such as climate change, identity and love. Android Hugo and baby planet Ada are spending the college holidays with their best friend Dorian on his home planet, Hydrox. Dorian is a prince and Hugo feels out of place and self-conscious from the minute the three of them step out of their spaceship. He's upset too when Dorian tells that when their studies finish, he's going to return to Hydrox permanently; will Hugo ever see his friend again? Things seldom turn out as we expect though, and an encounter with an influx of cute but snappy sea otters reveals Hugo as he really is, even to himself. Clever and strange and full of truths and insight, all delivered in a dyslexia-friendly 100 pages, this is another satisfying and eye-opening story from a writer who can always surprise. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 13+

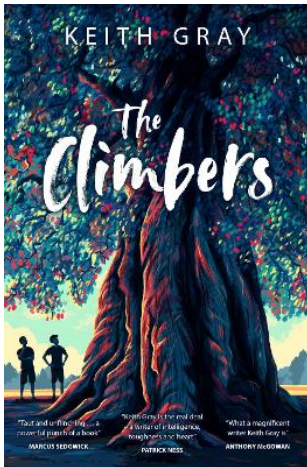


## Wuthering Heights: A Retelling

**Author:** Tanya Landman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2020

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 9** Tanya Landman's storytelling skills shine bright in this potent re-telling of Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*. Specially written to engage reluctant and dyslexic readers, this soars with passion, pinches with the pain of tragic love and brings Brontë's commentary on social class to the fore. "It just wasn't in me to be the obedient, devoted daughter my father craved," Cathy states near the start of her story, shortly before her father takes-in beggar boy Heathcliff, with whom she forms a soulful bond that will last a lifetime - and beyond. "The two of us together were bigger than the sky and freer than the wind", she effuses. They're wild, and united in their loathing of Cathy's cruel brother who demotes Heathcliff from family member to servant (and later labourer) when their father dies. When Cathy agrees to marry a well-off suitor, hoping to use his wealth to free Heathcliff from the hellhole *Wuthering Heights* has become, misfortune after misfortune strikes. But theirs is a love that endures everything, and Landman's re-telling does a remarkable job of conveying the conflicts and tragedy of the original.

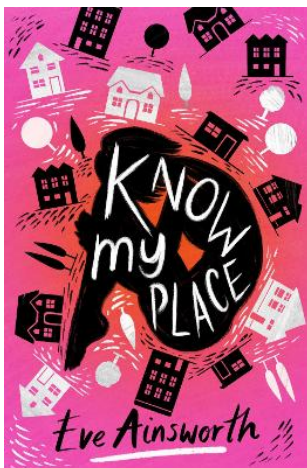




## The Climbers

**Author:** Keith Gray **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/08/2021

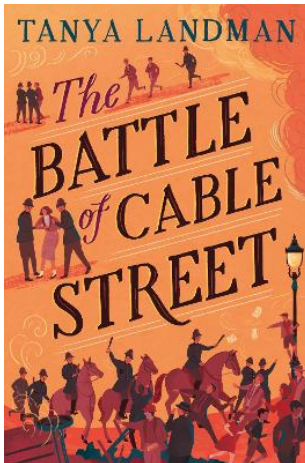
**Reading Age 8 Interest Age Teen** The Barrington Stoke list is proof that a story's power and impact have nothing to do with length or stylistic flourishes. Like his fellow Barrington Stoke author Carnegie Medal winner Anthony McGowan, Keith Gray writes contemporary teen dramas and does so with similar directness and perception. Sully's understanding of himself rests to a large extent on his reputation as the best, most fearless tree-climber in his village. That is shaken by the arrival of Nottingham, a boy with equal skills and nerve, maybe even greater. A rivalry develops immediately and comes to a head with a race to the top of a huge Yew tree, the greatest of the 'Big Five' in the village. Both boys are afraid to carry on to the top, but unable to back down. It's a wonderful piece of writing, in just one hundred pages giving readers extraordinary insight into these two young men and the experiences that have shaped them. Readers will recognise themselves or their classmates in Sully and Nottingham and the story is as natural, tangled and deep rooted as the trees they climb. Superb.



## Know My Place

**Author:** Eve Ainsworth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2021

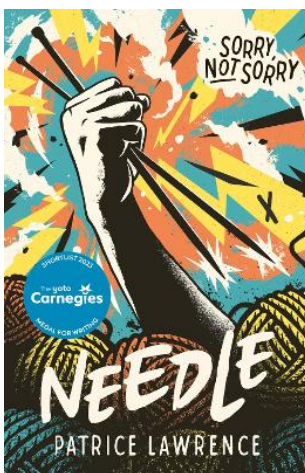
**Interest Teen Reading Age 8** "A poor young girl abandoned by her mum and then shoved in the care system at the age of six after living with her poorly nan." This is how thirteen-year-old Amy summarises her life near the opening of Know My Place, Eve Ainsworth's poignant, compassionate story of a girl's longing to feel at home while moving through the foster care system. Amy has "had more than nine social workers and none have lasted over a year", and she's had plenty of foster families too. Now en route to a new family, the Dawsons, her social worker says she hopes this will be Amy's permanent placement, after "what happened at the Gibsons." The intrigue about what happened is perfectly plotted, with the narrative shifting back to Amy's traumatic time there. Understandably, she's reluctant to believe her new home is as perfect as it seems. A lovely home, loving foster parents, kind brother Kenny - it has to be too good to be true. I loved Amy's voice - her first-person narrative is pitch-perfect and endearingly authentic. What's more, since this is published by Barrington Stoke, Know My Place has been written and printed with struggling and dyslexic readers in mind (teenage interest, with a reading age of 8+) making it an ultra-inclusive, thoroughly gripping and moving story for fans of real-life fiction. Particularly suitable for struggling and dyslexic teen readers.



## The Battle of Cable Street

**Author:** Tanya Landman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/06/2022

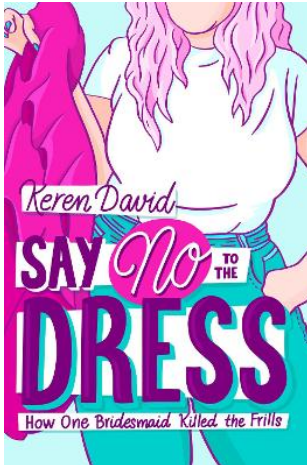
**June 2022 Book of the Month | Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8+** This is a story that we need to be told. A Carnegie Medal winner, Tanya Landman is one of our finest writers. She is particularly good at writing about historical events, picking out their relevance to our lives today with an unflinching honesty. This short novel is set in the decade before the second World War. Elsie and her family live in a packed, noisy tenement block just off Cable Street in the heart of Stepney. The family are poor, but so are all their neighbours and, despite the daily arguments between Mrs Smith and Mrs Rosenberg, they get along. Until the arrival of Oswald Mosley that is. Elsie's story details the rise of Mosley and his party, and the impact it has in Stepney, turning neighbours into enemies, bringing friends into danger, and playing to the very worst in people. The story concludes with the famous Battle of Cable Street when ordinary East Enders – in defiance of the Home Secretary and the police – bravely barred Mosley's Blackshirt bully boys from marching through their home. The events are as shocking now as they were in 1936 and truths about the reception Mosley received from the British establishment will make you feel 'sweaty and awkward' as Elsie says. The facts speak for themselves, but Elsie's voice is clear, direct, full of anger at the injustice she sees.



## Needle

**Author:** Patrice Lawrence **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/05/2022

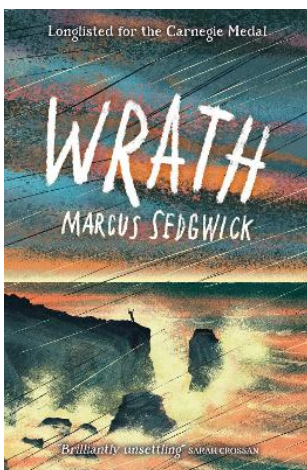
**May 2022 Book of the Month - Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 | Longlisted for the Jhalak Children's & Young Adult Prize 2023 | Shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2023** Patrice Lawrence's new book for Barrington Stoke is heartrending and thought-provoking, a taut first-person narrative that many will find themselves reading in one sitting. 15-year-old Charlene is struggling to stay in control of her life. She's been in care since her mother died two years ago and desperately misses her little sister, who is living with her own father. Knitting is Charlene's therapy, the click, click, click of the needles helping her find calm, but the pressures she faces at school and outside are overwhelming. An act of cruelty against her leads Charlene to rage and violence. As the security she has known unravels, readers will understand her despair and frustration, particularly at the constant demands on her to be sorry. Written to be accessible to all readers, Needle lets us see through someone else's eyes, highlighting the restrictive effects of society's expectations of individuals. Vivid, powerful and unforgettable. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic teen readers



## Say No to the Dress

**Author:** Keren David **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/04/2022

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** Award-winning author Keren David returns with another perfectly pitched teen story in *Say No to the Dress*. Celebrating Jewish identity and tradition while exploring the pressures and challenges that come with being fourteen, *Say No to the Dress* follows the hilarious and chaotic tale of being a bridesmaid for not one, but two weddings. Keren's narrative captures the unique anxiety and frustrations of being a teenager, as Miri finds her footing with everything from identity and self confidence to family relationships. Funny and authentic, this is a perfect pick for reluctant teen readers. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic teen readers

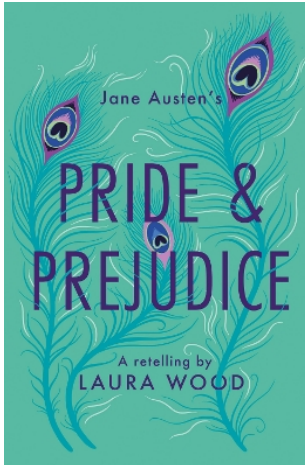


## Wrath

**Author:** Marcus Sedgwick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2022

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 9** A true storyteller who writes across multiples genres for multiple ages, Marcus Sedgwick has done it again with *Wrath* – a thrilling, thought-provoking, timely novella about our connections to Earth, and each other. Set against the backdrop of a lockdown “that seemed to go on for ever...when it seemed the whole world was holding its breath”, Cassie is having a tough time of it. Her wealthy parents run the Green Scotland charity, but don't have much time for her, and she has a reputation for being “a bit different”. Cassie plays in a band with Fitz, the novel's narrator, and confides in him that she can hear Earth breathing, making a “slow and deep” humming sound she believes is the Earth's way of communicating distress. The relationship between Cassie and Fitz is evoked with much warmth and honesty — she feels he's betrayed her, he's anxious to put it right. Then, when Cassie vanishes, exactly as she said she would, it's Fitz she asks to find her, and it's Fitz who strives to figure out where she might be. Significantly, at a pivotal point in the story, we learn that the word “wrath” comes from the Old Norse “hvarf”, which means “turning point” — exactly where we are with the future of our planet. Infused with mystery and the hum of otherworldly music, and insightful on the effects of lockdown (how “we have lost the urge to go outside”), *Wrath* presents a poignantly original way of thinking about climate change, and how we relate to each other.





## Pride and Prejudice: A Retelling

**Author:** Laura Wood **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/01/2022

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 9** At once a frisson-fuelled love story, and a witty exploration of the unfair notion of female “reputation”, class conflict and snobbery, family bonds and friction, and the struggle to act with integrity in a dishonest society, *Pride and Prejudice*’s central themes certainly still resonate today, which makes this abridged re-telling by Laura Wood (author of LoveReading favourites *Under a Dancing Star* and *A Sky Painted Gold*) a brilliant way for new generations to experience the power of a classic through lively, accessible language that’ll have readers gripped, entertained and utterly in the thrall of Austen’s themes and characters. What’s more, since this version is published by Barrington Stoke, it’s been written and printed with accessibility at the fore, with the author’s characteristic verve woven through the thoroughly readable text as it conjures the thought-provoking, nuanced essence of Austen’s original novel. Some feat!

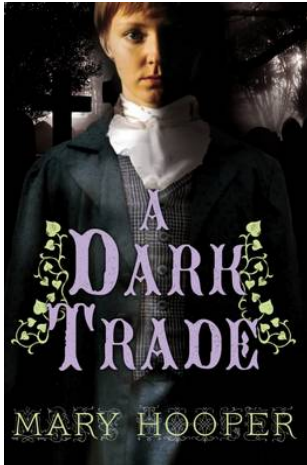


## A Calamity of Mannerings

**Author:** Joanna Nadin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2023

What an absolute hoot! Set in 1924, and galloping with coming-of-age giddiness, and the promise of parties and life-changing romance, Joanna Nadin’s *A Calamity of Mannerings* simply brims with vim. Told in a diary format, it also boasts whip-smart writing that conjures the spirit of the era and its protagonist’s inner life, such as this early gem, one of a plethora of hilarious references to the male member: “It is a curse to be born a girl...In 1924, merely being in possession of a P-E-N-I-S still seems to guarantee one supremacy, regardless of talent or even aptitude”. Alas, following the recent death of their darling Papa, the Mannerings sisters’ lack of penises has plunged them deeper into financial precariousness - blasted patriarchal laws dictate their mother must relinquish Radley Manor to their late father’s closest male relative. Namely, gay cousin Valentine. With the family compelled to move in with Grandma, diarist Panth resolves “to find myself a purpose!” Jittery about her future, she channels her energy into penning a romantic novel. At the same, time real-life romance might also be on the cards. Could Buck, a notoriously wild (and wealthy) American, hold the key to Panth’s heart (and her family’s fortunes)? Or what about her dear friend Freddy, a Cambridge medic who’s known her since childhood? And will Panth ever realise her dream of becoming a Bright Young Thing? Also taking in sexual awakening, same-sex love, and a glorious sense of living your best life, *A Calamity of Mannerings* offers readers a rollicking roaring 20s story world that’s decidedly difficult to leave.

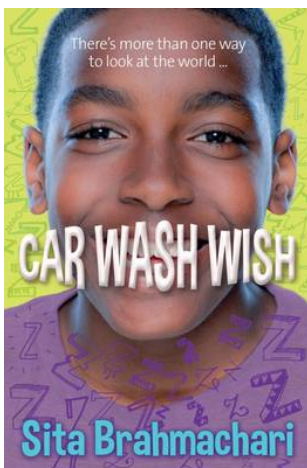




## A Dark Trade

**Author:** Mary Hooper **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2016

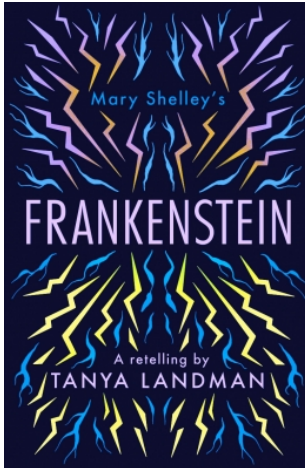
**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** Mary Hooper tells a thrilling tale of secrets, deception and escapes set in Victorian England, a period she writes about with passion and precision. Life for poor young women in the century was extremely limited. Georgina is employed as housemaid to a wealthy family, but finds it as hard as life in the orphanage she recently left. A bright young woman, she runs away disguised as a boy, actions that open up new opportunities. Employed by a clothes seller who has his own secrets, much darker than hers, it's not long before she must escape again, this time in the company of another clever young woman. Tautly plotted, this gothic tale with its determined young heroines will fascinate teenage girls from the first page to the last. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+



## Car Wash Wish

**Author:** Sita Brahmachari **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2016

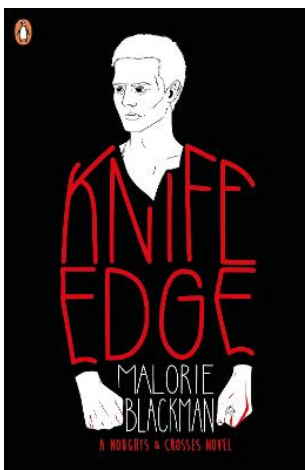
**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** Sita Brahmachari writes about family lives and family relationships with real sensitivity and insight. Hudson, the teen narrator of her new novel, is well aware of his own tendency to misunderstand or misread what others are saying, so the moment when he and his dad suddenly connect with one another is particularly powerful. That it takes place in a car wash only makes it more convincing. Hudson's dad explains how much he loved going through the car wash with his own father as a child, and how the cloud of soapy bubbles felt like a kind of heaven. Though there's lots going on in Hudson's life, and indeed head, his story is, as publisher Barrington Stoke says, super readable, with design and writing as clear as can be. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on LoveReading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. [Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.](#)



## Frankenstein: A Retelling

**Author:** Tanya Landman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/01/2023

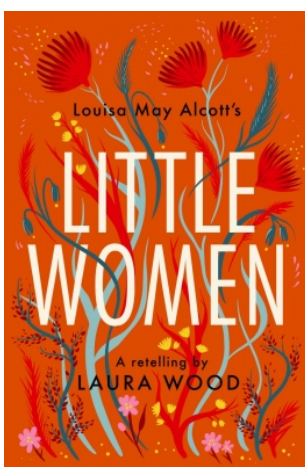
**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 9 | January 2023 Book of the Month** Dyslexia-friendly and ultra-gripping, Tanya Landman's retelling of Mary Shelley's pioneering Frankenstein novel is the perfect gateway for readers to discover the power and magic of the dazzling original. The pace and potent clarity of Shelley's gothic story of a monstrous creation turning on its creator has been brilliantly recreated by Landman. Alongside capturing Frankenstein's menacing atmosphere, remarkably this re-telling also retains a strong sense of Shelley's style. It's lucid and sharp, evocative and emotional, but never veers from its purpose of delivering an accessible rendition of a complex book. Hats off to Tanya Landman — this will surely ignite passion for the novel in countless young readers who might otherwise have struggled.



## Knife Edge

**Author:** Malorie Blackman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2017

The terrific sequel to Noughts and Crosses which continues the story of Sephy and Callum and their families. Full of mystery, suspense, romance and even murder, taking the reader through numerous different emotions but in the end you will be thoroughly satisfied - though desperate to read the next in the series, Checkmate.

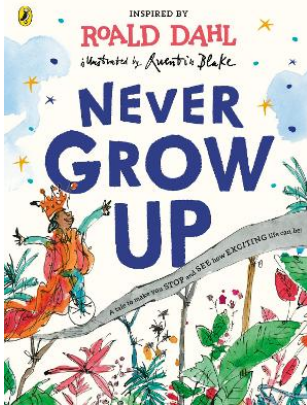


## Little Women: A Retelling

**Author:** Laura Wood **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2023

**Interest Age 11+ Reading Age 9** Slickly plotted, and laced with lovely evocative detail, Laura Wood's re-telling of Little Women is written in a clear, engaging style, with lots of emotion readers will relate to. As a result, Louisa May Alcott's coming-of-age classic about the four unforgettable March sisters can now be enjoyed by a wide, contemporary audience. Being part of Barrington Stoke's Classic Retellings series, that's especially true for 11+ year-olds who struggle with longer works, and dyslexic readers. The sisters' personalities and family dynamics are brilliantly evoked — their love, hopes, troubles, worries, arguments and ambition, with lots of whip-sharp dialogue and emotion driving the plot. Lively, lucid, and true to the spirit of the original, this is a mighty fine retelling Jo March herself might be proud

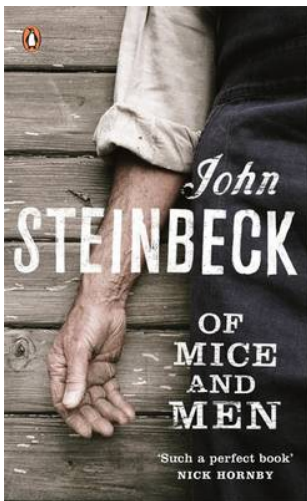
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## Never Grow Up

**Author:** Roald Dahl **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/06/2022

**A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month June 2022** A joyful celebration of the great Roald Dahl's playful spirit and his belief that childhood with all its marvellousness and mischievousness is a time to relish. Quentin Blake's fabulous illustrations join Dahl's encouraging phases into a book that abound with appeal to young and old.



## Of Mice and Men

**Author:** John Steinbeck **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/01/2006

Anthony McGowan, Guest Editor June 2015 chose *Of Mice and Men* as one of his favourite short novels...."I can almost hear the groans now, from millions of teenagers forced to read this for their GCSE! However, despite being 'institutionalised' *Of Mice and Men* remains an incredibly powerful and heartrending story. It centres on the friendship of George (small but clever) and Lenny (strong, but simple-minded), and their struggles in the rural California of the Great Depression. It's end is tragic, but what persists is the memory of the love between the friends. It's something I shamelessly ripped off for my brothers, Nicky and Kenny, in Pike and Brock."



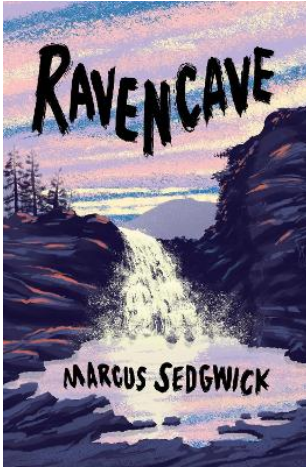
## Queen of the Silver Arrow

**Author:** Caroline Lawrence **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2016

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** Caroline Lawrence found inspiration for *Queen of the Silver Arrow* in Virgil's *Aeneid*, and her story of warrior princess Camilla is as exciting as any fantasy adventure. Acca lives in Laurentum, a small town on the Tiber, in the days before the founding of Rome. She's grown up hearing stories of the fierce young woman living wild in the hills, linked from birth to weapons. The arrival of migrants from Troy and the threat of war brings the two girls together. When war starts, Camilla fights like an Amazon – thrilling scenes put us at the heart of the battle and it's impossible not to be awed and intimidated by her, as her friend Acca is. Tinged with myth as well as a real sense of the classical past this is truly gripping stuff,



Katniss Everdeen look to your laurels! Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+

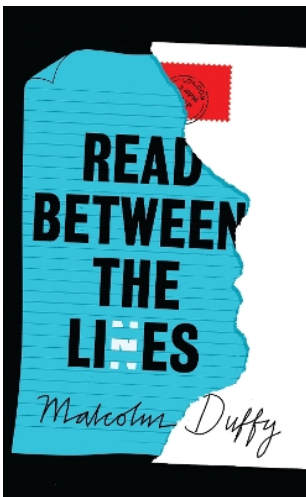


## Ravencave

**Author:** Marcus Sedgwick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/03/2023

### March 2023 Book of the Month | Interest Age 11+ Reading Age 8

True to his matchless style, Marcus Sedgwick's *Ravencave* is unexpected, beautifully written and has a distinctly soulful feel. James and his family have returned to Yorkshire for a holiday. It's a place deeply connected to his dad's family, and a "place full of ghosts", as his mum remarks. But this is far from a cheery family break. James' brother Robbie barely says a word to him, his dad has just been laid-off work by profiteering bosses, and his writer mum hasn't written anything for ages — "Are you still a writer if you no longer write anything?" James wonders. In this context, James is haunted by dark thoughts: "What makes people go on? I think. Then I think, I am too young to be thinking thoughts like this, aren't I?" Then, on a family walk, he sees a ghost in the same ruins he explored a year ago. It's a young girl who begs James to follow her. Someone needs his help. Lucid and unsettling as James realises a terrible truth, this absolute page-turner melds ghost story shocks with real-world anxieties and family love: "We were there for each other. We still are".

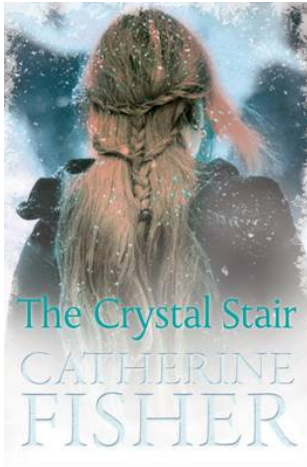


## Read Between the Lies

**Author:** Malcolm Duffy **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/02/2023

Alternating between the engaging narratives of two teenage boys, Malcolm Duffy's *Read Between the Lies* is a riveting, read-in-one-sitting page-turner, sharing insights into dyslexia as it also explores family frictions and how to support the people around you. Soon-to-be-stepbrothers Ryan and Tommy are as different as ice-cream and cabbage. Tommy has recently been released from a young offenders' prison, while Ryan is a piano-playing good lad who's moved down south with his dad following his parents' divorce. In Ryan's words, "Don't do cooking but hear it's all about the blend of ingredients. Same with families. Ours is all wrong. Like ice-cream and cabbage". Despite their marked differences, the teenagers do have something in common — they're both dyslexic, but have very different ways of dealing with it. Tommy's journey through handling prejudice against his criminal past ("a single bad decision doesn't make you bad") and learning to read is gripping, moving and - ultimately - uplifting, as is Ryan's dedication to teaching Tommy to read. As Ryan's mum announces her plan for them to move, and Tommy discovers long-buried family secrets, the perfectly-paced plot ramps up the stakes, with plenty of humour and touching moments shining through the boys' troubles.

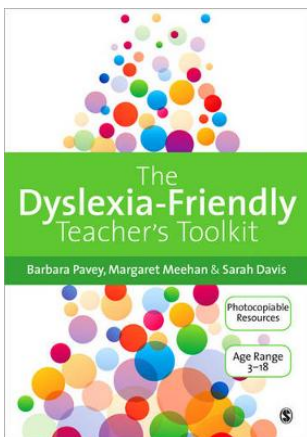




## The Crystal Stair

**Author:** Catherine Fisher **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2016

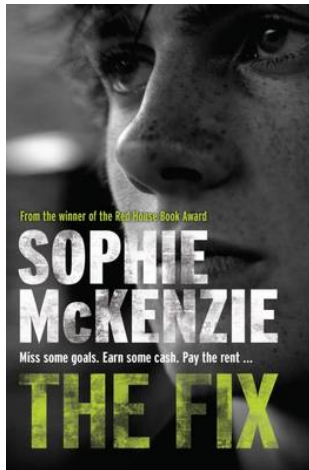
Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 - In a Nutshell: danger deceit determination Catherine Fisher's dystopian vision of a frozen world is beautiful, intriguing and makes for gripping reading. The human survivors of a devastating natural disaster live in isolated and strictly-governed communities. Caz and Will have already defied the odds escaping the ruins of a derelict city to reach the relative safety of a Settlement and Caz has never given up hope that her father too is still alive. With loyal Will at her side she sets off to find him, in defiance of the Settlement's rulers. When they reach the place he was last seen, the white darkness hides terrifying dangers. End-of-the-world stories don't come more exciting than this. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on LoveReading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.



## The Dyslexia-Friendly Teacher's Toolkit Strategies for Teaching Students 3-18

**Author:** Barbara Pavey, Margaret Meehan, Sarah Davis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/06/2013

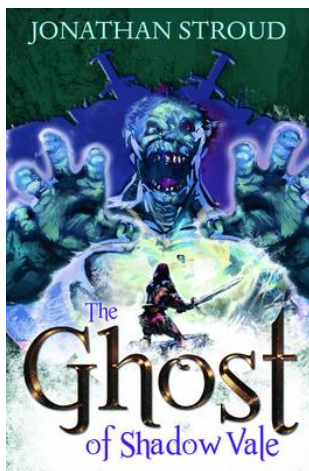
In this toolkit the authors provide you with the foundations for making your setting and your teaching style dyslexia-friendly. There is a general overview of the principles and practices required, and what the dyslexia-aware teacher needs to bear in mind. Chapters cover: understanding learners with dyslexia dyslexia and phonics dyslexia and English as an Additional Language dyslexia and mathematics dyslexia and science dyslexia and creativity. Each chapter includes visual chapter overviews, tried and tested strategies for the classroom and the whole school, using technology to help learners, case studies from practice, children's voices and sources of further information. The book offers you ideas and advice, and will ensure you feel confident you are doing the right things to help overcome barriers to learning. Barbara Pavey is a lecturer in Higher Education, training dyslexia specialists in the North of England. Margaret Meehan is Coordinator of Specialist Tuition at Swansea University. Sarah Davis is an Early Years Leading Teacher working in North Yorkshire.



## The Fix

**Author:** Sophie McKenzie **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2016

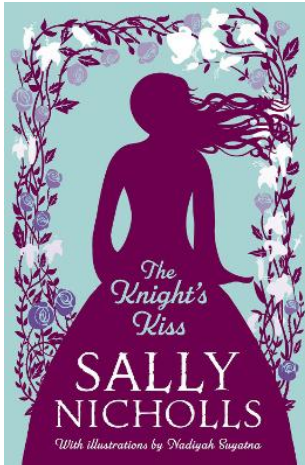
Interest Age Teen, Reading Age 8+. A tense novel about finding the special kind of courage needed to do the right thing in difficult circumstances. Blake is great footballer; playing football is all he wants to do but, with money worries at home, he knows he must do all he can to help his mum to pay the rent. Found trespassing, Blake is offered a way out of trouble by fixing a match. It could be easy money. Blake has to make hard and brave choices. Without exception dyslexia-friendly books published by Barrington Stoke get off to an exciting start and maintain the impetus throughout, with a cliffhanger at the end of every chapter. The plot is clear, the characters appealing and there are plenty of visual clues, as dyslexics like to run a story like a video in their heads. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on LoveReading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. [Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.](#)



## The Ghost of Shadow Vale

**Author:** Jonathon Stroud **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/11/2014

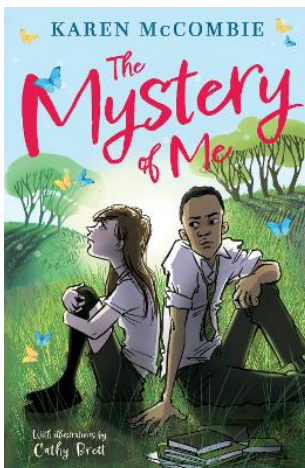
Interest Age 8-12 Reading Age 8+. This thrilling Icelandic myth published by Barrington Stoke in their RELOADED series that introduces readers to new lands and cultures in an accessible way features some terrific characters that will bring to life a world of myth and legend. Thorhall is grateful when he hears the ferocious Glam is willing to be his shepherd. But when a fight with a wild beast leaves Glam dead, his ghost beings to haunt Shadow Vale. Who will be brave enough to confront the ghost? Grettir thinks he might be in with a chance. Will he manage to defeat Glam? ----- Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on LoveReading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. [Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.](#) Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 8+



## The Knight's Kiss

**Author:** Sally Nicholls **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2022

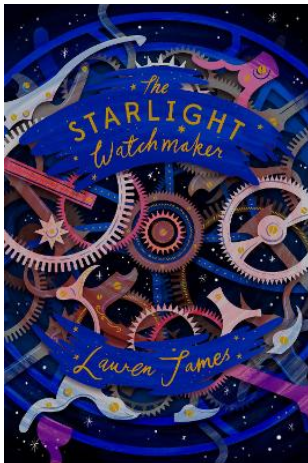
**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 7** Written by the acclaimed author of *Things A Bright Girl Can Do*, Sally Nicholls' *The Knight's Kiss* sees a sharp-witted young Lady craft her escape of an arranged marriage. With short chapters and dyslexic-friendly paper, this is especially suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic teen readers, particularly those who adore tales of female derring-do, for this spritely, romantic romp fizzles with a spirit of independence. Fourteen-year-old Lady Elinor leads a lonely life until her cousin Dan, a Knight-in-training, comes to Hardford Castle to learn from her father. In Dan, Elinor finds someone to play games with, banter with, and fall in love with. But tragically, Lady Elinor's father has other ideas for his daughter's future. As revealed after he walks in on the young couple kissing, he wants her to marry Sir William, his fifty-year-old friend. While Sir William turns out to be a kindly man, Elinor remains determined to marry her true love and so sets about controlling her own destiny, though her plan leads to an entirely unexpected outcome...



## The Mystery of Me

**Author:** Karen McCombie **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2022

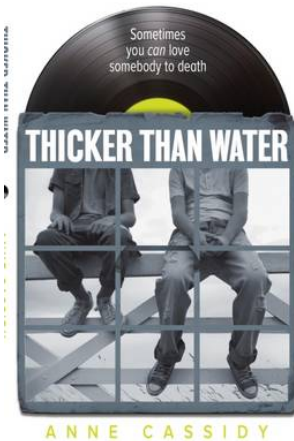
**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 7** Written and printed with the needs of reluctant, struggling, and dyslexic teen readers in mind, Karen McCombie's *The Mystery of Me* tells a moving tale of friendship and fresh starts through a teenage girl's journey to rediscover her identity. When Ketty wakes from being in a coma, she has no memory of the car accident that almost killed her, and only wispy memories of who she was before the crash. From the way her former best friends seem like strangers, to not remembering the layout of her school, Ketty's disorientation is powerfully evoked. Amidst this maelstrom of uncertainty, Ketty is supported by Otis. Through his kindness and empathy Ketty finds confidence, but also finds out startling truths about the person she was in the past - truths that might just change the person she'll become in the future. With positive messages of empathy, understanding and fresh starts, and an unexpected twist, this will have readers gripped from start to finish.



## The Starlight Watchmaker

**Author:** Lauren James **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2019

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** A wildly imaginative sci-fi adventure from YA star Lauren James, particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 13+

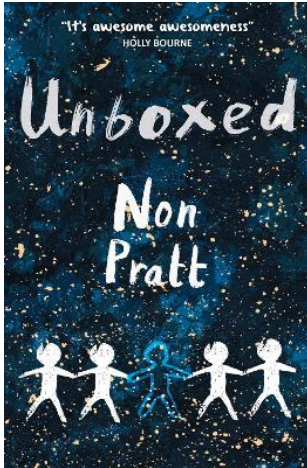


## Thicker Than Water

**Author:** Anne Cassidy **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/05/2016

**Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8** - In three words: violence - love - tragedy John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is the inspiration for Anne Cassidy's novel and she follows the original very closely. George is a young man struggling to make a life for himself while caring for his child-like cousin Lennie. The setting is now the south coast of England, where George gets by working as a DJ in pubs, and the bleak cash in hand, hand to mouth existence rings very true. Just as in Steinbeck's original, as things seem to be on the up, Lennie does something truly terrible forcing George to take action. Cassidy depicts a world where love and violence are inextricably linked, where family loyalty is paramount, and in which George and Lennie's lives are mapped out for them. A spare, thought-provoking reworking of a classic. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on LoveReading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range. \*\*\* Announcing the first-ever dyslexia-friendly edition of a classic novel: John's Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* — the inspiration for Anne Cassidy's *Thicker Than Water*. *Of Mice and Men*, the powerful story of tragedy and beauty, critically acclaimed across the world and studied in UK schools at GCSE level, will now be available in an accessible format for all readers.





## Unboxed

**Author:** Non Pratt **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 14/08/2016

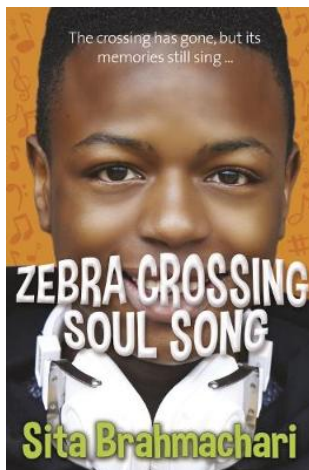
One of our Super Readable Books of the Year 2016 | Interest Age Teen Reading Age 8 Four teenagers meet to carry out the dying wishes of another close friend in this moving short novel, discovering truths about themselves and each other in the process. Dean, Zara, Ben and narrator Alix are very different people but the notes and photos contained in the time capsule they hid as 13 year olds and are digging up as 18 year olds depict the kind of friendship formed from difference, the kind, as Alix gratefully realises, that allows you to be exactly who you are. A YA (young adult) novel in the truest sense, this isn't about nostalgia or looking back but the opposite; yet it still considers how no-one is ever as close or important as those friends made between child and adult-hood. Frank, often funny, it's completely in tune with its readership. ~ Andrea Reece Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range.



## Until We Win

**Author:** Linda Newbery **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2017

Interest Age Teen Reading Age 13 | In a nutshell: inspiring story about women winning the vote | It's summer 1914 and Lizzy is enjoying a new freedom: she's saved the wages from her job as an office junior in an insurance company and bought a bicycle. The job and her new bike lead Lizzy indirectly to a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union, and more freedoms: inspired by what she hears she joins the Suffragettes, willing – even proud – to be imprisoned for her cause. Linda Newbery brings the suffragette movement to life through the eyes of one vividly drawn young woman, making us all aware of our continuing responsibility to stand up for what we believe, and to use our votes. It's worth checking out the story of the cover too, specially created by artist Stewart Eaton. Readers will also enjoy Anna Carey's longer novel The Making of Mollie and Opal Plumstead by Jacqueline Wilson, which also feature Suffragettes. ~ Andrea Reece Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 12+ Barrington Stoke is the foremost publisher of dyslexia friendly books and those for reluctant readers. Here on Lovereading4kids we are constantly selecting new titles and refreshing our special dyslexia friendly category. Click here to view our current selection which is broken down by age range. \*\*\*If you like historical fiction you might also be interested in Tilt by Mary Hoffman, a novel set in the Romantic era in Pisa, Italy and the puzzle of the leaning tower.



## Zebra Crossing Soul Song

**Author:** Sita Brahmachari **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/01/2018

**February 2018 Book of the Month** The story of a young man and the special relationship he forms with the lollipop man who once saved his life, Zebra Crossing Soul Song is an original and touching coming of age story, full of insight and set to a playlist of songs that will have all readers swaying in time to its music. Lenny is eighteen and resitting his psychology A level; revising episodic memory sets him thinking about his friend Otis, and how their conversations over the years at Otis's zebra crossing have left ideas and music imprinted on his mind, more indelibly even than those black and white marks on the road. It's a relationship strong enough to endure through the different pressures on both of them. Scattered with song lyrics, and seeded with truths, this memorable and absorbing story moved me to tears. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 13+