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SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



We hope that you and your child had a lovely summer break. As the new academic year begins, we are so pleased to be able to start it off with a wonderful selection of books that touch on a wide range of topics. If you received our summer newsletter before the break, you'll have seen that we explored the many benefits reading has for areas of education but also in life.

To help you and your child select books they'll enjoy, we have collated a range for you to consider here. This is obviously not an exhaustive list – there are so many books they could explore. Whatever they are curious about, or take interest in, consider looking at books around the topic, or encouraging them to research into the area further through non-fiction texts such as online articles. **Please note that unless otherwise stated, the texts are suitable from Year 7 and up, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.** Whatever books you and your child choose to explore, we hope you enjoy them!

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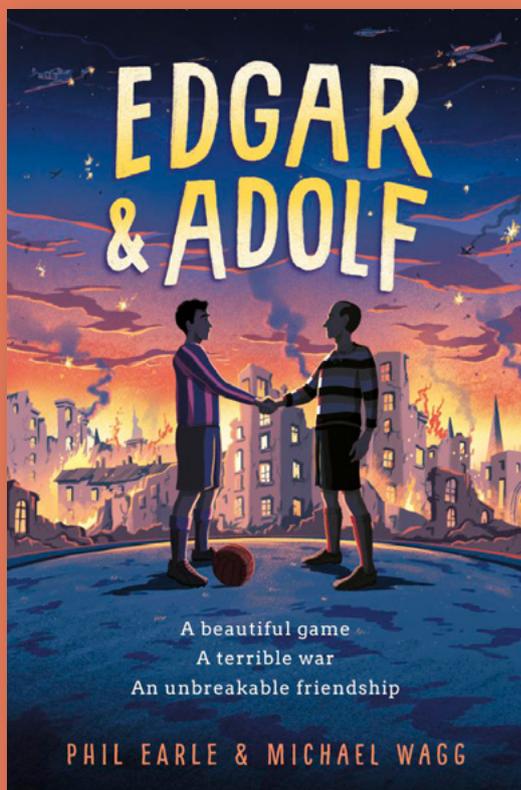


SHORTER READS

Edgar and Adolf

PHIL EARLE & MICHAEL WAGG

Adi is on a mission set by his late grandfather, Adolf Jager. He must track down Edgar Kail, and return to him the simplest yet most prized of possessions. His quest soon becomes a journey of discovery as he learns of a friendship that survived decades, a great sporting rivalry, and a war that shook the world.



The Wild Before

PIERS TORDAY

£12.99 9781786541116

Can one hare alone change the world? When Little-Hare discovers a silver-coloured calf, born beneath the light of the full moon, he is determined to protect her. Because animal legend predicts that if anything happens to this Mooncalf, a great Terribleness will come...



Julia and the Shark

KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE

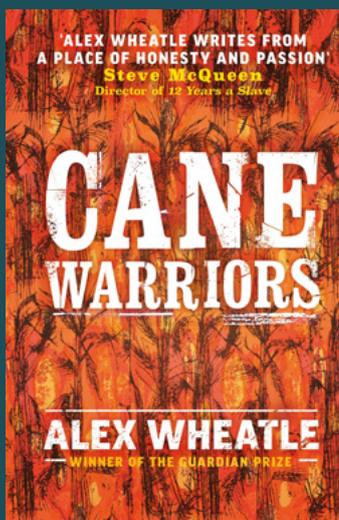
£12.99 978151007786

Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope...



Cane Warriors ALEX WHEATLE (14+)

Irresistible, gripping and unforgettable, Cane Warriors follows the true story of Tacky's War in Jamaica, 1760. Moa is fourteen. The only life he has ever known is toiling on the Frontier sugar cane plantation for endless hot days, fearing the vicious whips of the overseers. Then one night he learns of an uprising...



If you like classics or mysteries:

Enola Holmes: The Case of the Missing Marquess

NANCY SPRINGER

When her mother disappears on her fourteenth birthday, Enola Holmes – the much younger sister of the famous detective Sherlock – suddenly finds herself in the care of her brothers. Deciding to track her mother down, the trail leads to another missing person and the deadly dangerous streets of Victorian London.



Swarm Rising £12.99 9781444960846

BY ASTRONAUT TIM PEAKE AND STEVE COLE

Pre-order for 30th September

From astronaut Tim Peake: Best friends Danny and Jamila need all their science smarts - and some cool tech - when Danny is kidnapped by an alien! Adi says she's protecting the human race from the Swarm, a super advanced race of digital beings. Can they stop the Swarm Agents destroying the human race as we know it?



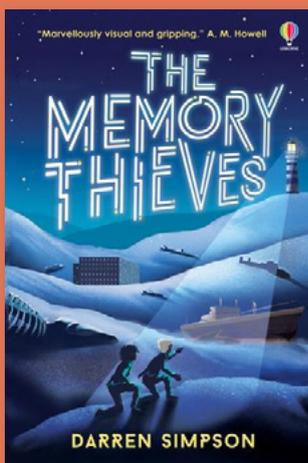
The Crossover

KWAME ALEXANDER (12+)

Josh and his twin brother have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school. But when Jordan meets a girl, the twins' tight-knit bond is tested – are the rules of the game about to be broken?



LONGER READS



The Memory Thieves

DARREN SIMPSON

Cyan has lived at the Elsewhere Sanctuary for as long as he can remember, freed from dark memories of his past. But when Cyan finds a mysterious warning, he starts to wonder what he had to forget to be so happy. New resident, Jonquil, begins to resist the sanctuary's treatment, preferring to hold on to her memories – even the bad ones. So when Dr Haven resorts to harsher measures, Cyan embarks on a secret mission to discover the truth about the sanctuary... and himself.

The Extinction Trials

S.M. WILSON (13+)



In Stormchaser and Lincoln's ruined world, the only way to survive is to risk everything. To face a conquest more dangerous than anyone can imagine. And they will do anything to win. But in a land full of monsters – human and reptilian – they can't afford to trust anyone. Perhaps not even each other...

Aurora Rising

AMY KAUFMAN & JAY KRISTOFF (13+)

The year is 2380 and the graduating cadets of Aurora Academy are being assigned their first missions. Star pupil Tyler Jones is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but his own bone-headed heroism sees him stuck with the dregs nobody else in the Academy would touch. And Ty's squad isn't even his biggest problem...



The House with Chicken Legs

SOPHIE ANDERSON

Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...



Orphan, Monster, Spy

MATT KILLEEN (14+)

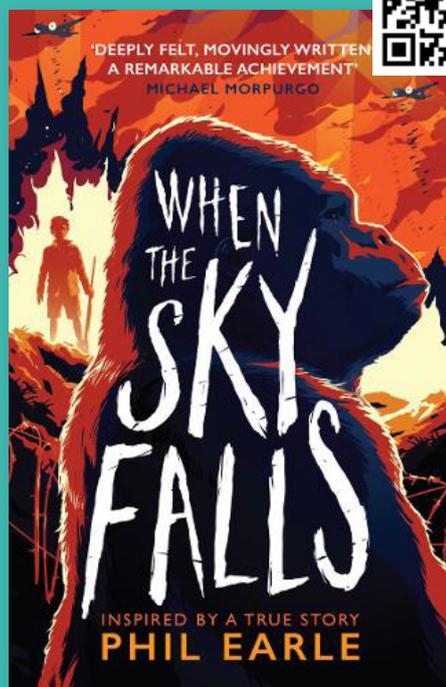
A teenage spy. A Nazi boarding school. The performance of a lifetime. Sarah has played many roles – but now she faces her most challenging of all. Because there's only one way for a Jewish orphan spy to survive at a school for the Nazi elite. And that's to become a monster like them. They think she is just a little girl. But she is the weapon they never saw coming... with a mission to destroy them all.



When the Sky Falls

PHIL EARLE

1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love? Inspired by a true story. Watch Phil talk about the book and the inspiration behind it here:

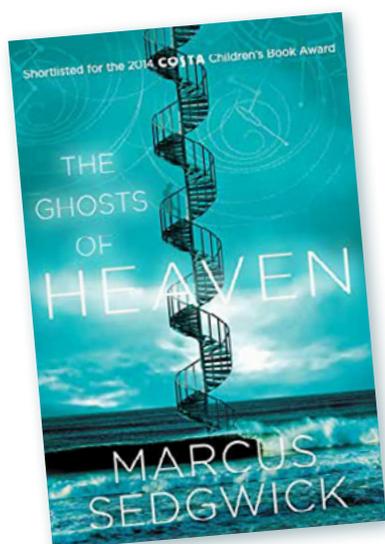
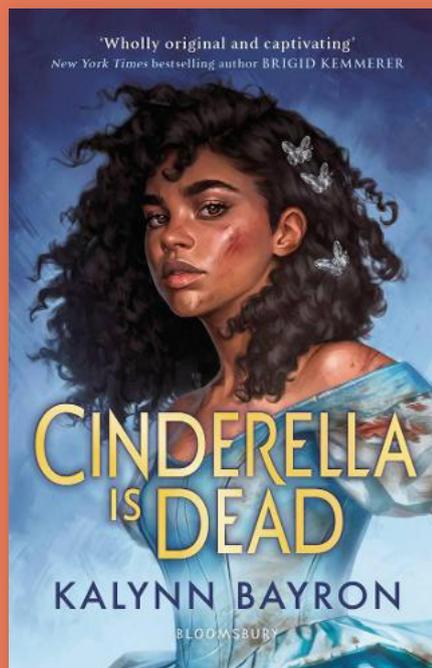


Cinderella is Dead

KALYNN BAYRON (13+)

It's 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairy tale is over.

Sophia knows the story off by heart because every girl has to recite it daily, until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen. She doesn't want to go to the ball at all. Not when she's afraid the girl she loves might be chosen too. Pushed beyond breaking by a society that denies everything she is, Sophia sets out on a journey that will remake her world...



The Ghosts of Heaven

MARCUS SEDGWICK (13+) **£7.99** 9781780622217

The spiral has existed as long as time has existed. It's there when a girl walks through the forest, the moist green air clinging to her skin. There, centuries later in a pleasant green dale, hiding the treacherous waters of Golden Beck that take Anna, who they call a witch. There on the other side of the world, where a mad poet watches the waves and knows the horrors they hide, and far into the future as Keir Bowman realises his destiny. Each takes their next step in life. None will ever go back to the same place. And so, their journeys begin...



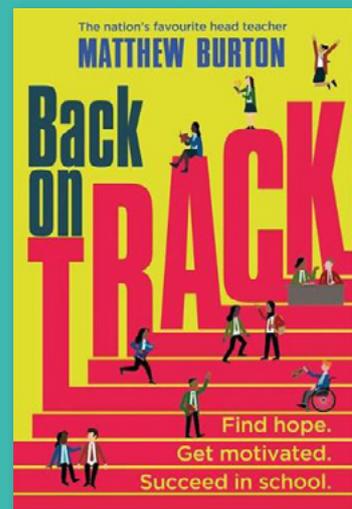
NON FICTION

Back on Track MATTHEW BURTON

£8.99 9781526364074



From ways to manage the tough times and solve even the biggest problems, to skills for beating school stress and tapping into your potential, this one-stop guide by Head Teacher Matthew Burton is for kids who are in need of a bit of hope, some soothing words of advice and a good old pep talk to get them going in school again.

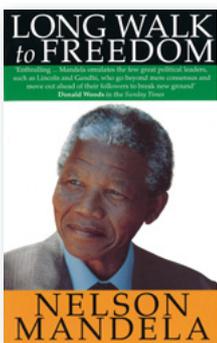


FOR OLDER READERS

The Long Walk to Freedom

NELSON MANDELA

£14.99 9780349106533



The riveting memoirs of the outstanding moral and political leader of our time. Long Walk to Freedom brilliantly re-creates the drama of the experiences that helped shape Nelson Mandela's destiny. Emotive, compelling and uplifting, this book is the exhilarating story of an epic life, a story of hardship, resilience and ultimate triumph told with the clarity and eloquence of a born leader.

The Only Study Guide You'll Ever Need: Simple tips, tricks and techniques to help you ace your studies JADE BOWLER

In this book, YouTuber Jade Bowler covers a range of different topics including how to get started and pick up that pen, learning techniques, the dos and don'ts of timetabling and combating fear of failure, perfectionism and stress. As a university student herself, this is the guide that Jade wished she'd had.

