

Rowan the Strange
Julie Hearn

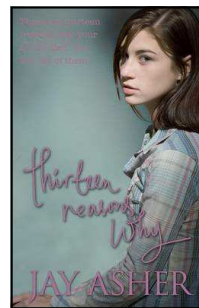
How does a doctor examine a person's brain? They won't use any knives on me, will they? Rowan knows he is strange. He didn't mean to scare his sister, he wouldn't hurt a fly. But there's a place he can go where they say they can fix his mind ... England is at war and Rowan's own battle is only just beginning. A thought-provoking look at life in an asylum and the experimental treatments practised at the start of the Second World War. Nobody could ever have predicted the effect these treatments would have.

Great Reads

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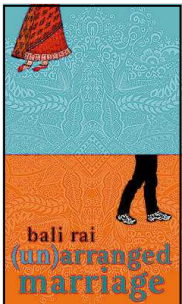


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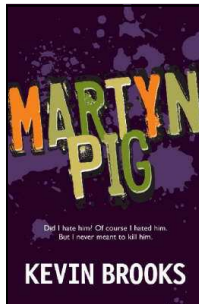
Thirteen Reasons Why
Jay Asher

Clay Jensen returns home from school one day to find a mysterious box, with his name on it, lying on the porch. Inside he discovers 13 cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker - his classmate - who committed suicide two weeks earlier. On tape, Hannah explains that there are thirteen reasons why she did what she did - and Clay is one of them. If he listens, he'll find out how he made the list and it'll change Clay's life forever.



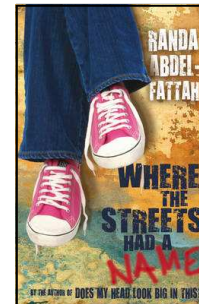
(Un)arranged Marriage
Bali Rai

Manny wants to be a footballer. Or a pop star. Or write a bestseller. He doesn't want to get married... 'Harry and Ranjit were waiting to take me to Derby, to a wedding. My wedding. A wedding that I didn't want. To a girl who I didn't know...if they had bothered to open their eyes, they would have seen me: seventeen, angry, upset but determined - determined to do my own thing, to choose my own path in life...' Set partly in the UK and partly in the Punjab region of India.



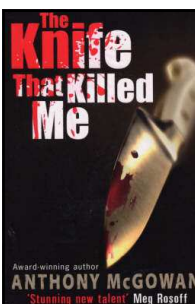
Martyn Pig
Kevin Brooks

With his father dead, Martyn has a choice. Tell the police what happened - and be suspected of murder. Or get rid of the body and get on with the rest of his life. Simple, right? Not quite. One story leads to another. Secrets and lies become darker and crazier. And Martyn is faced with twists and turns that leave him reeling. Life is never easy. But death is even harder. *Look out for other titles from this brilliant author.*



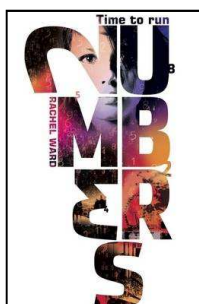
Where the Streets had a Name
Randa Abdel-Fattah

13 year-old Hayaat is on a mission. She believes a handful of soil from her grandmother's home in Jerusalem will save her beloved Sitti Zeynab's life. The problem is the impenetrable wall that divides the West Bank, as well as the checkpoints, the curfews, and Hayaat's best friend Samy, who is always a troublemaker. Luck is on their side. Hayaat and Samy have a curfew-free day to travel to Jerusalem. While their journey is only a few kilometres long, it may take a lifetime to complete.



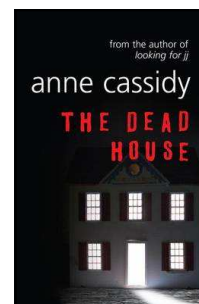
The Knife That Killed Me
Anthony McGowan

He is coming to kill me. I'm too afraid to run. Paul Varderman could be at any city school - bullies, girls and annoying teachers are just a part of life. The school's worst bully, Roth, is a thug with an agenda quite unlike anyone else. Paul delivers a message from Roth to the leader of a gang at a nearby school and it fuels a terrible chain of consequences. Paul attempts to distance himself from the feud, but when Roth hands him a knife it both empowers and scares him.



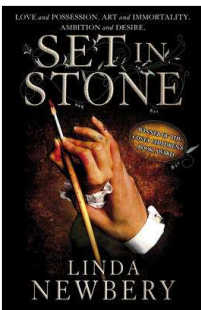
Numbers
Rachel Ward

Since her mother's death, fifteen-year-old Jem has kept a secret. When her eyes meet someone else's, a number pops into her head the date on which they will die. Knowing that nothing lasts forever, Jem avoids relationships, but when she meets a boy called Spider, and they plan a day out together, her life takes a new twist and turn. Waiting for the London Eye, she sees everyone in the queue has the same number - something terrible is going to happen.



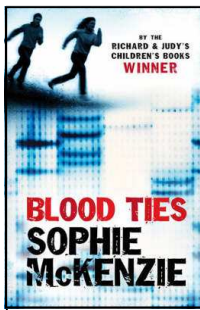
The Dead House
Anne Cassidy

Lauren and her aunt and uncle are moving back to London after living away in Cornwall. Returning to the place of a terrible family tragedy and a house full of ghosts—her mother and little sister were murdered in their home and Lauren's dad was put in prison for the crime. Now she is living near to her old house and Lauren is curious to know who lives there now and explore her feelings. She becomes friendly with the son of the new owners and long-buried memories of things forgotten. Things that could mean her father is innocent...



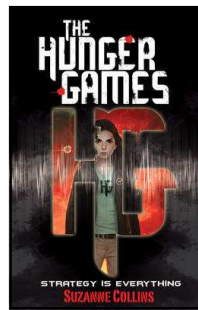
Set in Stone
Linda Newbery

Samuel Godwin, a young and naive art tutor, accepts a job with the Farrow family at Fourwinds, their majestic home. He doesn't expect to come across a web of secrets and lies. His two tutees are as different as chalk and cheese - the beautiful younger sister Marianne, full of flightiness and imagination, and Juliana, controlled and sad. With their governess, Charlotte Agnew, Samuel slowly begins to uncover the truth behind Juliana's sadness and Marianne's fragility. None of their lives will be the same again.



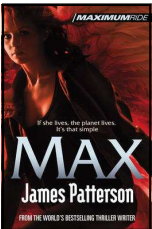
Blood Ties
Sophie McKenzie

Theo discovers the father he thought died when he was a baby is alive and he is determined to find him. The clues lead him to Rachel, who has problems of her own, including parents who compare her unfavourably to her dead sister. But when Rachel and Theo are attacked by anti-Genetic Engineering activists at Rachel's school disco, they are rescued by strangers and taken to meet a mysterious figure. They both make some startling discoveries about their identities.



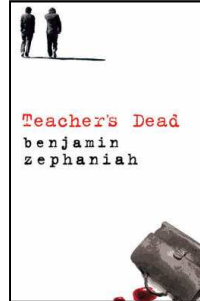
The Hunger Games
Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before - and survival, for her, is second nature. "The Hunger Games" is a searing novel set in a future with unsettling parallels to our present. Welcome to the deadliest reality TV show ever...



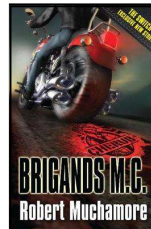
Max
(Maximum Ride: Book 5)
James Patterson

Nobody said saving the world would be easy. Max and 'the flock' have lived a lonely existence: hunted down, tortured, and pushed to the fringe of society. But things are changing. They have finally found acceptance for their extraordinary skills. However sinister forces are plotting their attack and something deadly is lurking in the depths of the ocean. A continuation of the story begun in 'The Angel Experiment.'



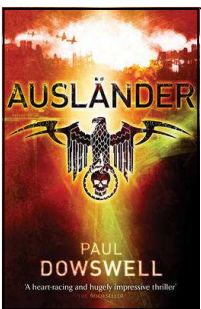
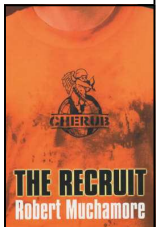
Teacher's Dead
Benjamin Zephaniah

A teacher is dead, murdered by two of his students in front of the school. He was a good man. People liked him. So how could this happen? Why? It just doesn't make sense to Jackson, and he is determined to investigate the case until he understands. Benjamin Zephaniah has, once again, chosen a topical and hard-hitting subject - and he deals with it in his own uniquely empathetic and edgy way.



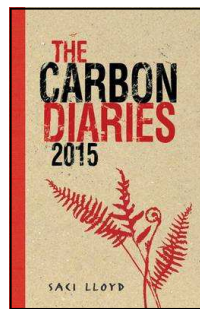
Brigands M.C.
(Cherub: Book 11)
Robert Muchamore

Dante Scott still has nightmares about the death of his family, murdered by a biker gang. Dante becomes a member of CHERUB, a trained professional with one essential advantage: adults never suspect that children are spying on them. But when Dante joins James and Lauren Adams on a mission to infiltrate Brigands Motorcycle Club, he's ready to use everything he's learned to get revenge on the people who killed his family ... (Book 1 is 'The Recruit').



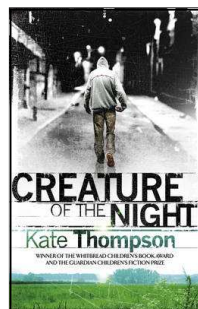
Auslander
Paul Dowswell

Peter's parents are killed and he is sent to an orphanage in Warsaw. Then German soldiers take him away to be assessed. Peter is racially valuable—Volksdeutscher: of German blood. With his blond hair and blue eyes, he looks just like the boy on the Hitler-Jugend poster. Professor Kaltenbach adopts Peter and is pleased to welcome such a fine specimen to his household. But Peter has his own ideas about what he sees and hears. He does not want to be a Nazi and decides to take a very dangerous risk.



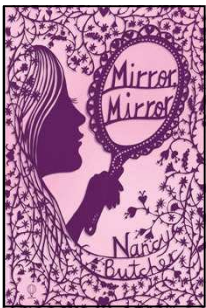
The Carbon Diaries 2015
Saci Lloyd

January 1st, 2015. The UK is the first nation to introduce carbon dioxide rationing, in a drastic bid to combat climate change. As her family spirals out of control, Laura Brown chronicles the first year of rationing with scathing abandon. Will her mother become one with her inner wolf? Will her sister give up her weekends in Ibiza? Does her father love the pig more than her? Can her band the dirty angels make it big? And will Ravi Datta ever notice her?



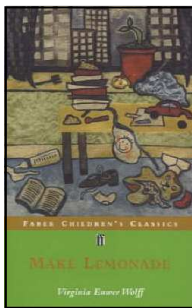
Creature of the Night
Kate Thompson

When Bobby's mother moves the family into a rented house in the country, a neighbour tells him that a child was once murdered there. Bobby doesn't care. All he wants is to get back to Dublin and to resume his wild life there, stealing and racing stolen cars at night. But getting his old life back doesn't turn out to be so easy, and the longer he spends in the old cottage, the more convinced he becomes that something very strange is going on there. Was there really a murder? And if so, was it the one he has been told about?



Mirror, Mirror
Nancy Butcher

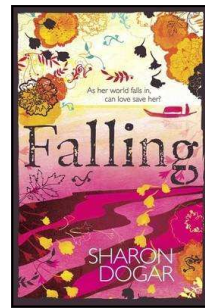
This is a lyrical and timeless story of beauty to die for. When Queen Veda sets up the Queen's Academy for Girls, the pretty students happily accept a wonder beauty pill, but Princess Ana is suspicious and, as a sinister illness sweeps the school, she must confront the truth to save her friends. Echoes of the classic fairy tale "Snow White" are skilfully entwined with contemporary notions of beauty and acceptance.



Make Lemonade
Virginia Euwer Wolff

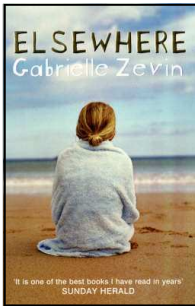
Jolly is 17 years old and has two children from two absent fathers. She can't cope and so advertises for a babysitter. Verna LaVaughn replies to the advertisement and takes the first steps towards building her own future. Jolly, slowly, follows in her footsteps.

Sequel: True Believer



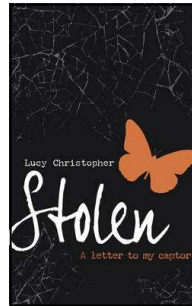
Falling
Sharon Dogar

Neesha is afraid - haunted by the fragments of a nightmare about a girl falling, far away and a long time ago. Just when the echoes in her head threaten to overwhelm her, a boy unexpectedly comes to her rescue. Handsome and talented, Sammy finds himself strangely drawn to Neesha - but it's only when they come together, that they begin to realise why. Are they falling in love or being pulled into the past - fated to replay a love affair that ended in blood?



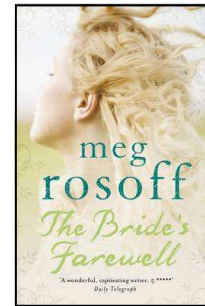
Elsewhere
Gabrielle Zevin

In this delightful novel death is a beginning, a new start. Liz is killed in a hit a run accident and her 'life' takes an unexpected turn. At nearly 16 she knows she will never get married, have children, and perhaps never fall in love. In "Elsewhere" things carry on almost as they did on earth except that the inhabitants get younger, dogs and humans can communicate, new relationships are formed and old ones renewed. Full of ingenious detail and charming relationships—a novel of hope, redemption and re-birth.



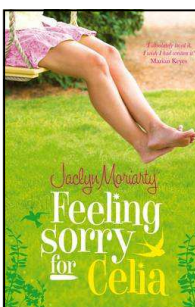
Stolen
Lucy Christopher

16 year old Gemma is kidnapped from Bangkok airport and taken to the Australian Outback. The desolate landscape she finds herself in is vividly described. Ty, her captor, is no stereotype. He is young, fit and completely gorgeous. This new life in the wilderness has been years in the planning. He loves only her, wants only her. Can the force of his love make Gemma love him back? The story takes the form of a letter, written by Gemma to Ty, reflecting on their time in the outback.



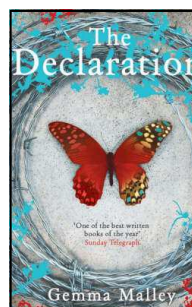
The Bride's Farewell
Meg Rosoff

On the morning of her wedding, Pell Ridley creeps out of bed in the dark, kisses her sisters goodbye and flees - determined to escape a future that offers nothing but hard work and sorrow. She takes the only thing that truly belongs to her: Jack, a white horse. The road ahead is rich with longing, silence and secrets, and each encounter leads her closer to the untold story of her past. Then Pell meets a hunter, infuriating, mysterious and cold. Will he help her to find what she seeks?



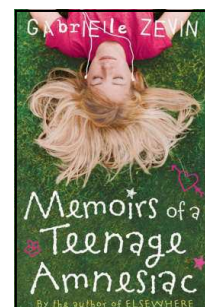
Feeling Sorry For Celia
Jaclyn Moriarty

Dear Ms Clarry, It has come to our attention that you are incredibly bad at being a teenager. Yours sincerely, The Association of Teenagers. When Elizabeth Clarry's best friend Celia runs away to join the circus, Elizabeth has to hurry to the rescue, which isn't easy when she's generally incompetent at being a teenager. Then gorgeous Saxon Walker decides to lend a hand and things get even more complicated. Feeling sorry for Celia is turning out to be a full-time job.



The Declaration
Gemma Malley

Anna Covey is a 'Surplus'. She should not have been born. In a society in which ageing is no longer feared, and death is no longer an inevitability, children are an abomination. Like all Surpluses, Anna is living in a Surplus Hall and learning how to make amends for the selfish act her parents committed in having her. She is quietly accepting of her fate until, one day, a new inmate arrives. Anna's life is thrown into chaos. But is she brave enough to believe this mysterious boy and break free?



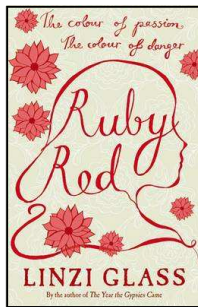
Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac
Gabrielle Zevin

When Naomi tries to piece back the fragments of the few years of her life, she discovers a lot. She has a boyfriend but can't remember him, her mother and father are divorced, and she has forgotten that she is supposed to hate her mother. She also has a group of unappealing friends and despite having meticulously kept a diary, she only mentioned what she ate every day in it! But it's not all bad because she has a chance to reinvent herself and who is to say that everything has to be the same?



Chains—Laurie Halse Anderson

Isabel and her sister, Ruth, are slaves. Sold from one owner to the next, they arrive in New York as the Americans are fighting for their independence, and the English are struggling to maintain control. Soon Isabel is struggling to keep herself and her sister safe in a world in which they have no control. With a rare and compelling voice, this haunting novel tells of a time and place in which slavery was the order of the day and lives were valued like weights of meat or bundles of vegetables.



**Ruby Red
Linzi Glass**

In Ruby Winters' world, colour opens some doors and slams others shut. Her opulent Johannesburg neighbourhood is a far cry from the streets of Soweto where anger and hatred simmer under the surface. Ruby can't resist the blue-eyed Afrikaans boy who brings her the exciting rush of first love, but whose presence brings hushed whispers and disapproving glances. She might not see race, colour or creed - but it seems everybody else does.



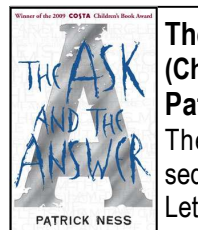
**Running on the Cracks
Julia Donaldson**

Leo runs away from her aunt and uncle's home, where she has been living since the sudden death of her musician parents. Leo is driven away by the disturbing behaviour of her uncle. But as well as escaping, she wants to discover the secret behind the feud between her father and his Chinese family. Meet 12-year-old Finlay, who is always in trouble; Mary the manic depressive; Rab, the cornershop owner and Marina the no-nonsense doughnut lady, both of whom give Finlay work and advice.



**Bloodchild
Tim Bowler**

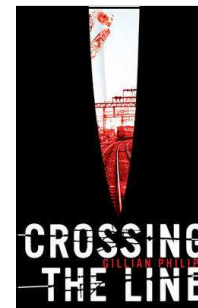
Will lies in a deserted lane—he's had an accident and his life is slipping away. Against the odds he survives - but with an almost total loss of memory. He does not even know himself. At night he is tormented by visions, in the daytime by hostile strangers. Why does he have so many enemies? Something has happened in this town, something terrifying. Will can sense it but he can't work out or remember what it was. The new Will must search for the answers again and this is a dangerous task.



**The Ask & the Answer
(Chaos Walking Book 2)
Patrick Ness**

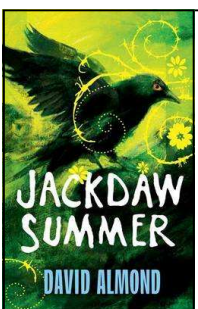
The newly published sequel to The Knife of Letting Go.

The Knife of Never Letting Go (Book 1)
Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans... Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run...



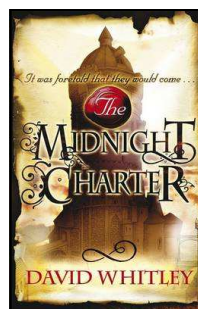
**Crossing the Line
Gillian Philip**

Nick Geddes's life is a mess. His sister's boyfriend was killed in a school stabbing. His grandmother is descending into a world of her own, his mother has a 'god-slot' on local radio, and his father is drinking way too much. But that is nothing, because he is also crazy in love with Orla, the sister of the boy who has been killed, and she blames Nick! How can Nick make sense of this chaos, look after his sister and hopefully get lucky with Orla?



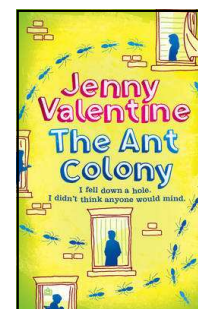
**Jackdaw Summer
David Almond**

A long hot summer, a wild boy, an abandoned baby and an act of violence. Every summer Liam and Max roam the Northumberland countryside, but this year things are different. A jackdaw leads the boys into an old farmhouse where they find a baby, wrapped in a blanket, with a scribbled note: PLEASE LOOK AFTER HER RITE. THIS IS A CHILDE OF GOD. And so begins a summer when friendships are tested and when lines between good and bad are blurred. A summer that Liam will never forget.



**The Midnight Charter
David Whitley**

In the city of Agora, anything can be bought and sold. Even children are possessions until their 12th birthday. Mark has been sold by his father, and Lily, an orphan from birth, has bartered for her life. Thrown together by chance, they face an existence of poverty and servitude, unless they can find a way to break free. Unbeknown to Mark and Lily, they are being watched by the ruler of the city. Can they survive the traps and treachery that await them and discover the secret that binds them together?



**The Ant Colony
Jenny Valentine**

33 Georgiana Street houses many people but seems home to none. To runaway Sam it is a place to disappear. To Bohemia, it's just another blip between crises, as her mum ricochets off the latest boyfriend. Old Isobel acts like she owns the place, but it actually belongs to Steve in the basement, who is always looking to squeeze in yet another tenant. Like ants, they scurry about their business, crossing paths, following their own tracks, no questions asked. But everyone has something to hide!.