

**The Vanishing of Katharina Linden**  
Helen Grant

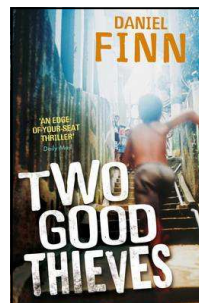
On the day Katharina Linden disappears, Pia is the last person to see her alive. Terror is spreading through the town. How could a ten-year-old girl vanish in a place where everybody knows everybody else? Pia is determined to find out what happened to Katharina. But then the next girl disappears.

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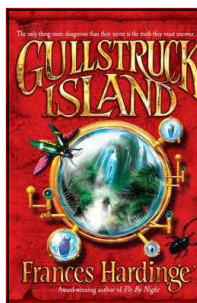


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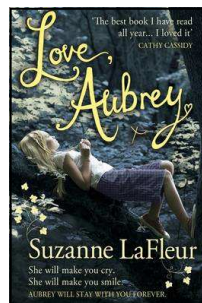
**Two Good Thieves**  
Daniel Finn

In the searing heat of an unnamed South American city, a gang of child-thieves runs wild. Demi has the gift of speed - he can pick a pocket and be gone before his victim has even noticed he was there. Baz is his lookout - no one sees her unless she wants them to. It's like a game: dodging the law, keeping one step ahead, being the fastest, the cleverest, the best. But one day, almost by accident, they steal a dazzling, beautiful, priceless jewel - and make a very dangerous enemy.



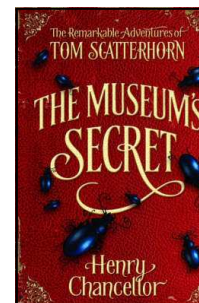
**Gullstruck Island**  
Frances Hardinge

On Gullstruck Island the volcanoes quarrel, beetles sing danger and occasionally a Lost is born. In the village of the Hollow Beasts live two sisters. Arilou is a Lost - a child with the power to depart her body and mind-fly with the winds - and Hathin is her helper. Together they hide a dangerous secret. Until sinister events threaten to uncover it. With a blue-skinned hunter on their trail and a dreadlocked warrior beside them, they must escape. Can the fate of two children decide the future of Gullstruck Island?



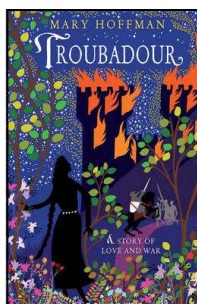
**Love, Aubrey**  
Suzanne LaFleur

Something terrible has happened. Eleven-year-old Aubrey is on her own. 'It was fun at first, playing house. Nothing to think about but TV and cheese. A perfect world'. She's determined to hide away and take care of herself, because facing the truth is too much to bear. 'I couldn't let anyone know that I was alone. I was staying right here'. But with the love of her grandmother and the letters she writes, can Aubrey begin to see that even though she's lost everything - all is not lost?



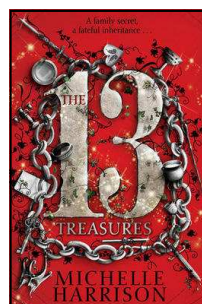
**The Museum's Secret**  
Henry Chancellor

The Scatterhorn Museum is a cold and dingy place, full of old junk. Nobody much wants to visit any more, and its days are surely numbered. But when Tom is sent to live here he soon finds there is more to this museum than meets the eye. The animals may be shabby - but they possess an incredible secret. And when Tom discovers he can go right back to the time of their making, a hundred years earlier, he embarks on a journey full of unimaginable terrors.....  
*Book 2: The Hidden World also available.*



**Troubadour**  
Mary Hoffman

In 13th-century Southern France a troubadour, Bertran, witnesses the murder of the Pope's legate, and risks his life to warn others of the war that he knows is certain to follow this act. The lands of the peaceable Cathars - deemed heretics - are forfeit and under threat from crusaders who have been given authority by the Pope to take the Cathar domains by force. But the Pope is trying to track Bertran down and so is somebody else: Elinor, a young noblewoman, in love with Bertran but facing a loveless arranged marriage.



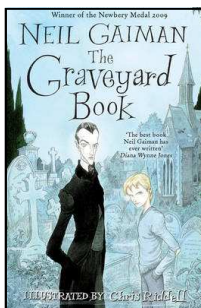
**The 13 Treasures**  
Michelle Harrison

An old photograph at her grandmother's house leads Tanya to an unsolved mystery. Fifty years ago a girl vanished nearby - a girl Tanya's grandmother will not speak of. Fabian, the caretaker's son, is tormented by the girl's disappearance. His grandfather was the last person to see her alive, and has lived under suspicion ever since. Together, Tanya and Fabian decide to find the truth. But Tanya has her own secret: the ability to see fairies. Is the manor's sinister history is about to repeat itself?



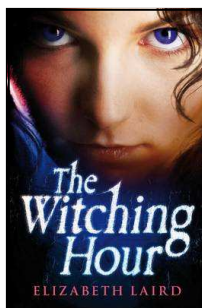
**Fever Crumb**  
Philip Reeve

"Fever Crumb" is a stunning, stand-alone fantasy story. It is set many generations before the events described in the Mortal Engines, where huge, predatory cities chase and devour each other. Now, London is a riot-torn, ruinous town, clinging to a devastated landscape and hiding an explosive secret. Is Fever, adopted daughter of Dr Crumb, the strange key that will unlock its dangerous mysteries? *If you enjoy this story, try Philip Reeves other books in the series.*



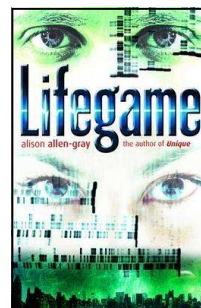
**The Graveyard Book**  
**Neil Gaiman**

When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him - after all, he is the last remaining member of the family.



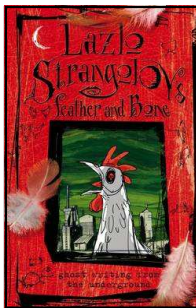
**The Witching Hour**  
**Elizabeth Laird**

In 17th century Scotland, everyone knows the devil is real and that witches exist. Saying the wrong thing can get you hanged...When 14 year-old Maggie's grandmother is accused of witchcraft, Maggie has to run for her life. With English soldiers on the march, nowhere is safe - certainly not Ladymuir, where her uncle is determined to defy the king. And wherever Maggie goes, disaster follows...



**Lifegame**  
**Alison Allen-Gray**

Fella and Grebe have grown up on an island, believing that the world beyond its shores is toxic and that the islanders are the lucky survivors of a cataclysmic disaster. Then Fella, an orphan, discovers a diary, hidden years ago by his mother - a woman who came from the Outside, from a world not run by the Officiate. This revelation seems incredible, but it gives the two friends hope that they can escape the brutality of their lives. Yet when, after a gripping chase, they manage to get off the island, what they discover is a shock.



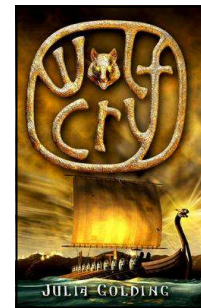
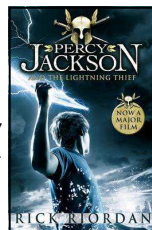
**Feather and Bone**  
**Lazlo Strangolov**

Kamil knows something sinister is going on in the woods. The old Squawk Box poultry farm is stirring back to life, but it doesn't seem to be processing chickens, and the villagers are too scared to ask questions. Why is Mister Petri, owner of the Squawk Box, supplying Cosmina Barbescu with extra rations? What has the schoolmistress witnessed at the farm? How does she keep losing her fingers? Why is that flock of chickens following Kamil everywhere he goes, and did that rabbit just explode?



**Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian (Book 5)**  
**Rick Riordan**

Most people get presents on their 16th birthday. I get a prophecy that could save or destroy the world. That's how it is when you're the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. A prophecy decrees that bad things will happen when I turn 16 - I'm the one who gets to decide the fate of the entire world. But no pressure. So it's me and forty of my demigod friends versus untold evil...  
*The fifth book in the Percy Jackson series. Book 1 is P.J. and the Lightning Thief.*



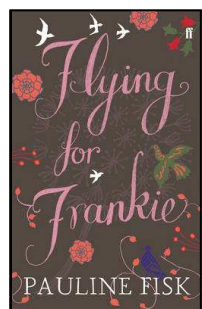
**Wolf Cry**  
**Julia Golding**

Freydis has been left for dead following a raid on her father's Viking stronghold. Her brother has been kidnapped - and Freydis's father, who loathes his daughter and loves his son, is hell-bent on revenge. He takes Freydis with him on his journey, giving her a slave-Enno-to tend her. The hunt for his son becomes increasingly desperate and Freydis and Enno draw closer together. But when battle looms on the horizon, the bonds of friendship, obedience and loyalty are tested to the limit.



**Waterslain Angels**  
**Kevin Crossley-Holland**

In a Norfolk village a fragment from a carved angel's wing is discovered. Were the wooden angels that once supported the church roof spirited away to safety? Two children follow clues to find them. An inscription on the church wall leads them into terrifying places and disturbing dreams. For Sandy, whose father was recently killed, the angels bring comfort. The whereabouts of the angels becomes clear - but then they discover that other people are determined to stop the children at all costs.



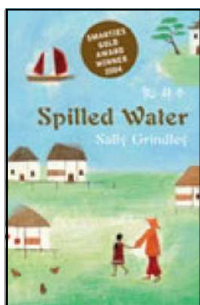
**Flying for Frankie**  
**Pauline Fisk**

A story about friendship, teenage aspirations, terminal illness, religion and celebration, failure and success - and a serious fear of flying. Frankie is bed-bound and her best friend, Charis, wants to do something to celebrate Frankie's life while she's still alive. She has decided to 'fly for her friend', who's always dreamt of being a pilot. She wants to do this to celebrate what Frankie means to her, and make her proud. The trouble is that Frankie's the fearless one and Charis is a wimp. How can she possibly succeed?



**How Kirsty Jenkins Stole the Elephant**  
**Elen Caldecott**

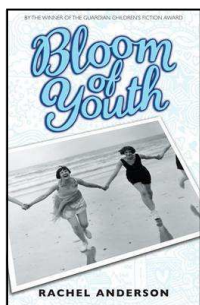
Kirsty Jenkins adores the her grandfather's allotment. Just before he dies, he asks Kirsty to look after it for him. But when horrible Mr Thomas from the council insists it must go to the next person on the waiting list, Kirsty is determined to find a way to keep her promise. Kirsty and her half-siblings undertake their most daring plan of all: to 'borrow' the stuffed elephant from the museum that Mr Thomas loves so much, in a last-ditch attempt to gain his attention and understanding.



**Spilled Water  
Sally Grindley**

When her husband dies, Lu Si-yan's mother is encouraged to sell her young daughter into domestic service. Lu Si-yan is just eleven

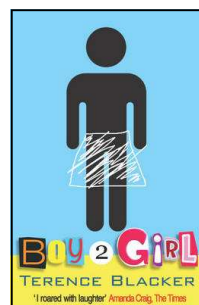
when sold by her uncle. Nearly two years pass before she can get back home to her mother and brother. Sally Grindley portrays the life of a young girl in China, a young girl whose life is said to be like 'spilled water'. With a brilliant first-person narrative and a powerful description of time and place, this novel is gripping, heart-wrenching and utterly mesmerising.



**Bloom of Youth  
Rachel Anderson**

Set in the 1950s, Ruth and her sister Mary struggle with the chaos of their parents' attempts to support five children by running their country

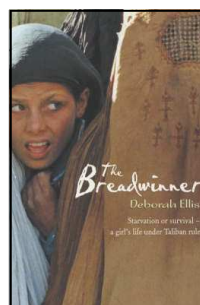
house as a holiday home for rich kids. When their father dies, their mother is eager to marry them off - she plunges them into dancing classes and presentation at Buckingham Palace as phoney debs. Instead Mary finds real life at art school in a nearby town. When friends persuade their mother to take the family to a new start in London, Ruth finds that she, too, has other plans ..



**Boy2Girl  
Terence Blacker**

Matthew Burton's life has been fine until his American cousin arrives, unexpectedly orphaned and dumped on the Burtons' doorstep.

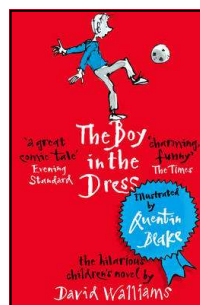
Pretty soon he's making trouble for Matthew and his friends. They want revenge - and Operation Samantha is born. For Sam - small, long-haired and blond - is the perfect secret weapon in the war at school between the boys and girls. When Sam sets about rewriting the rules for how boys and girls behave, he discovers an entirely new side to his personality with hilarious results.



**The Breadwinner  
Deborah Ellis**

In Afghanistan. Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by the Taliban. Women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their

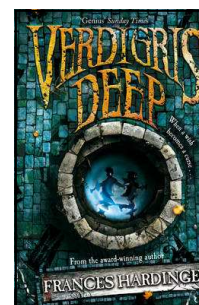
own. Parvana, her mother, and sisters must stay inside. Four days later, the food runs out. They face starvation. So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. In fear she goes out - and witnesses the horror of land mines, and the brutality of the Taliban. She suffers beatings and the desperation of trying to survive. But even in despair lies hope.



**The Boy in the Dress  
David Walliams**

The sparkling debut children's novel from David Walliams, co-creator and co-star of the multi-award-winning Little Britain.

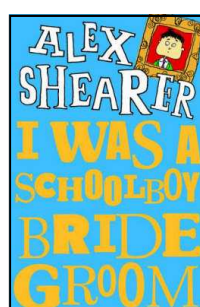
Dennis was different. Why was he different, you ask? Well, a small clue might be in the title of this book! Charming, surprising and hilarious -- The Boy in the Dress is everything you would expect from the co-creator of Little Britain. David Walliams's beautiful first novel will touch the hearts (and funny bones) of children and adults alike.



**Verdigris Deep  
Frances Hardinge**

Verdigris is a blue-green rust that tarnishes ageing and forgotten copper coins, altering them entirely... One

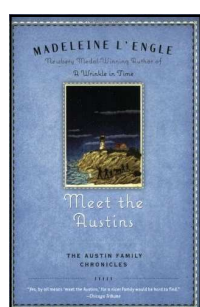
evening, Ryan and his friends steal some coins from a well. Soon after, strange things begin to happen. Peculiar marks burn on Ryan's knuckles and light bulbs mysteriously explode. Then the well witch appears, with her fountains for eyes and gargled demands. From now on the children must serve her and the wishes rotting at the bottom of her well.



**I Was a Schoolboy  
Bridegroom  
Alex Shearer**

13 year old Bosworth Hartie parent's decide to find him a wife: a nice, dependable girl who will keep Bozzie

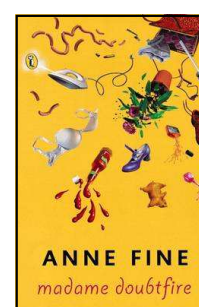
on the straight and narrow. They match him up with Veronica Melling, a girl whose spiteful nature guarantees that his life is hell. Bosworth decides to run away, the day before his so called engagement party. Bosworth doesn't know that Veronica has the very same idea, and in a cruel twist of fate the two of them end up running away together - and hiding out in Veronica's gran's seaside caravan.



**Meet the Austins  
Madeleine L'Engle**

Reading this book is like taking a holiday with the warm, compassionate Austins - - an extraordinary family

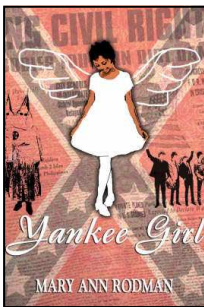
who takes a little girl named Maggy Hamilton under its wing when her father is killed in a plane accident. Adjusting to a new household member is not easy—Maggy is spoiled and appears to be a child of an entirely different species from the thoughtful, intelligent, and kind Austin kids. The family struggle to understand her but there are problems along the way.



**Madame Doubtfire  
Anne Fine**

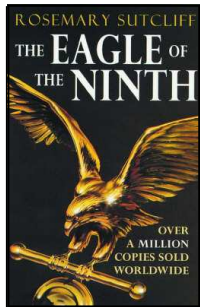
Lydia, Christopher and Natalie are used to domestic turmoil. Their parents' divorce has not made family life any easier in either

home. The children bounce to and fro between their volatile mother, Miranda, and Daniel, their out-of-work actor father. Then Miranda advertises for a cleaning lady who will supervise the children after school - and Daniel gets the job, disguised as Madame Doubtfire. This is a bittersweet, touching and extremely funny book.



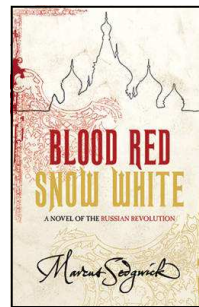
**Yankee Girl**  
**Mary Ann Rodman**  
 It's 1964 and Alice Anne Moxley has moved to Mississippi from Chicago with her family. The 'Yankee Girl' is taunted by

the other girls at school, although she soon discovers the other new girl - the school's first black student - suffers much worse. Alice is disturbed by what goes on, but knows she will remain an outsider if she defends Valerie. It takes a tragedy for her to realise what is really important and find the courage to act.



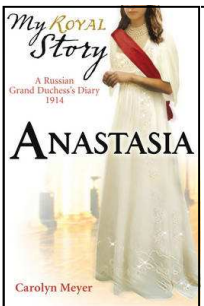
**The Eagle of the Ninth**  
**Rosemary Sutcliff**  
 The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain-and they were never seen again. Four

thousand men disappeared and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now ...Marcus has to find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So he sets out on a quest so dangerous that nobody expects him to return. A gripping epic set in Roman Britain.



**Blood Red Snow White**  
**Marcus Sedgwick**  
 This is the story of one man during the Russian Revolution. The riches and excesses, the glory of the Russian nobility,

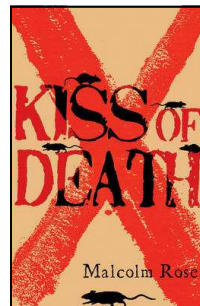
Nicholas and Alexandra, their haemophiliac son, Alexei, notorious Rasputin, Lenin and Trotsky who ruled from palaces where the Czars had once danced till dawn. Arthur Ransome was a writer, accused of being a spy who left his wife and beloved daughter and fell in love with Russia and a Russian woman. An appealing blend of fact and fiction.



**Anastasia**  
**My Royal Story Series**  
**Carolyn Meyer**

In 1914 Grand Duchess Anastasia, youngest daughter of the Tsar, leads a privileged life in the

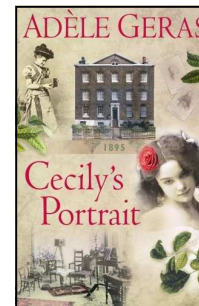
grand palaces of Russia. The First World War and the Bolshevik revolution are just about to erupt. With the royal family arrested and exiled to Siberia, the life Anastasia knows is swept away forever. Spanning the last four years of Anastasia's life, My Royal Story offers a fascinating insight into a childhood spent in one of Russian history's darkest hours.



**Kiss of Death**  
**Malcolm Rose**

On a school trip to the plague village of Eyam in Derbyshire, Seth is moved by the story of how villagers sacrificed their lives to the dreaded Black

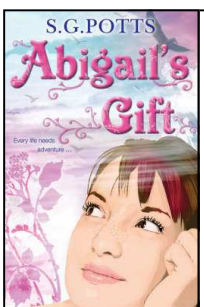
Death. Kim and Wes are more interested in what they can see at the bottom of the water well – money! But when they snatch the coins, they also pick up something they hadn't bargained for. As the hideous consequences of their theft catch up with them, Seth is forced to face a terrifying truth. Has Eyam's plague-ridden past resurfaced to seek revenge?



**Cecily's Portrait**  
**Historical House**  
**Adele Geras**

Cecily longs to learn the new art of photography and is determined that her widowed father will

come to love it too, especially when she realises that her new friend and photographer, Rosalind, would be a perfect match for him. Will her dreams of uniting them ever come true? The second "Historical House" title from award-winning author, Adele Geras, this is a touching and beautifully crafted tale of hope and ambition, full of authentic historical detail.



**Abigail's Gift**  
**S G Potts**

Abigail is under pressure at school and at home—it's little wonder that she drifts off into daydreams. But the daydreams become more vivid

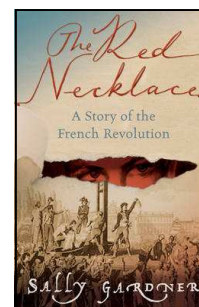
than the life she is living. One dream in particular keeps recurring involving Morag, a girl living in the Scottish Isles, who is kidnapped and taken to London and forced into a life of drudgery. Eventually, Abigail's parents decide she needs help: Abigail is put on a course of medication, and slowly begins to forget who she really is... A gripping historical adventure, partly set in the modern day.



**Forged in the Fire**  
**Ann Turnbull**

London 1665-66. With the Plague raging, Will and Susanna, separated by class and distance, struggle to re-unite. Will has become a Quaker

and broken with his father. Leaving Susanna behind in Shropshire, he travels to London, swearing to send for her once he is settled. But Will is thrown in jail for standing up for his beliefs. The rapidly spreading plague and a dire misunderstanding, conspire to keep them apart. A powerful story about how love and belief can overcome even the most terrifying twists of fate.



**The Red Necklace**  
**Sally Gardner**

The story of a remarkable boy called Yann Margoza; Tetu the dwarf, his friend and mentor; Sido, unloved daughter of a foolish Marquis; and

Count Kalliovski, Grand Master of a secret society, who has half the aristocracy in thrall to him, and wants Yann dead. Yann is spirited away to London but three years later, when Paris is gripped by the bloody horrors of the Revolution, he returns, charged with two missions: to find out Kalliovski's darkest deeds and to save Sido from the guillotine.