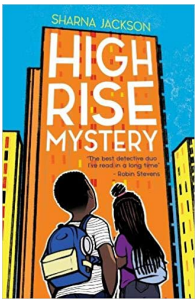
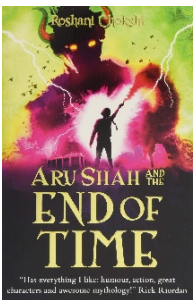


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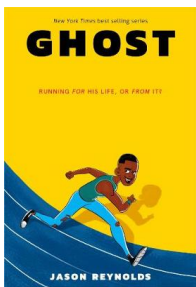
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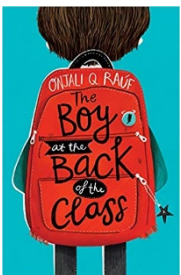
**The High-Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson** – Summer in London is hot, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Armed with curiosity and unlimited time, who better to solve the case?



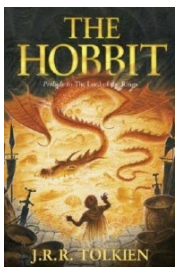
**Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi** - When Aru's schoolmates dare her to prove that a museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, she doesn't think there's any harm in lighting it. Little does Aru know that lighting the lamp has dire consequences - she unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon...



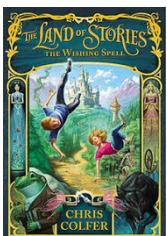
**Ghost by Jason Reynolds** - Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons - until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent.



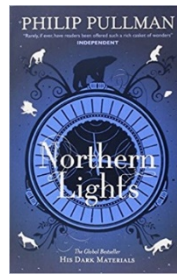
**The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf** - When new boy Ahmet joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him, soon learning he is a refugee. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan to reunite him with his family.



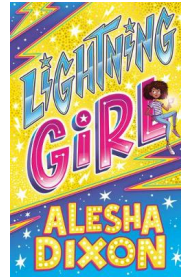
**The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien** - Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home. One day, a wizard and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services – as a burglar – on a dangerous expedition.



**The Land of Stories Series by Chris Colfer** – When Alex and Conner Bailey's grandmother gives them a fairy-tale book, they have no idea they're about to enter a land where fairy tales are terrifyingly real.



**The His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman** - Lyra and her daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.



**The Lightning Girl Series by Alesha Dixon** - Aurora Beam discovers her Mum is a secret superhero, fighting crime while Dad looks after the kids at home. As Aurora's own powers come into play, will she be able to balance her new super skills training with school?



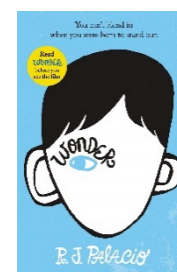
**The Power of Five Series by Anthony Horowitz** - Matt has always known he has unusual powers. Raised in foster care, he is sent to Yorkshire on a rehabilitation programme, only to find himself in the midst of sinister goings-on.



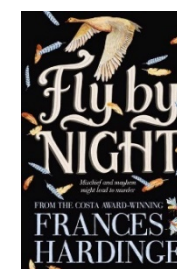
**Star by Star by Sheena Wilkinson** - It's 1918. Young suffragette Stella wants to change the world - but she can't do it all by herself. History must be made person by person, girl by girl, vote by vote. Election day approaches - a day that will transform Ireland forever.



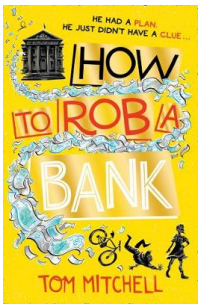
**Planet Omar by Zanib Miah** – Omar's parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move him to a new school at the same time. As if he didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now he's also got to try and make new friends.



**Wonder by R. J. Palacio** - Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming.



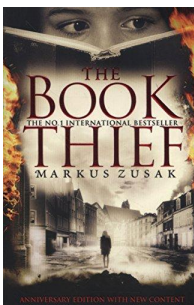
**Fly by Night by Frances Hardinge** – As the realm struggles to maintain an uneasy peace after years of civil war and tyranny, an orphan called Mosca Mye and her loyal companion, a cantankerous goose, are about to become unlikely heroes.



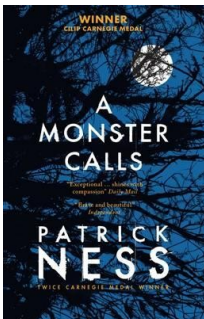
**How to Rob a Bank by Tom Mitchell** - When 15-year-old Dylan accidentally burns down the house of the girl he's trying to impress, he feels that only a bold gesture can make it up to her. A gesture like robbing a bank to pay for her new home.



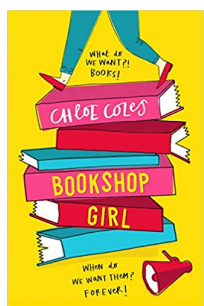
**The Lost Magician by Piers Torday** - 1945. They have survived the Blitz, but when four friends step through a mysterious library door, they discover the magical yet dangerous world of Folio, where an enchanted kingdom is under threat from a sinister robot army.



**The Book Thief by Markus Zusak** - 1939. Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a 9 year-old girl, is living with a foster family. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.



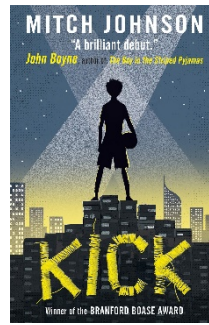
**A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness** - Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.



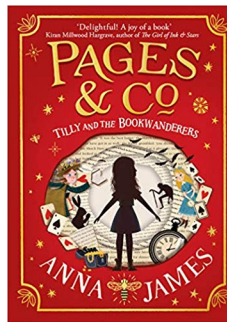
**Bookshop Girl by Chloe Coles** - Bennett's Bookshop has always been a haven for Paige Turner. But, like so many bookshops, it has become a 'casualty of the high street' - it's going to be torn down. But along with best friend Holly, Paige is determined to save it.



**George by Alex Gino** - When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy - she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. That is, until she decides she wants to audition for the school play.



**Kick by Mitch Johnson** - Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down.



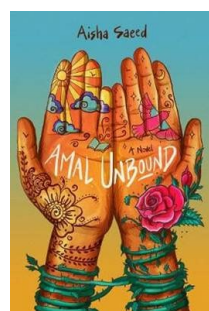
**Pages & Co: Tilly and the Bookwanderers by Anna James** - Since her mother's disappearance, 11-year-old Tilly has found comfort in stories at Pages & Co., her grandparents' bookshop. But when her favourite book characters appear in the shop, Tilly's adventures become very real.



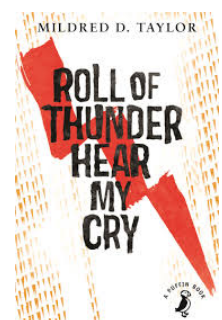
**Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend** - Morrigan Crow is cursed, destined to die on her eleventh birthday. But, as the clock strikes midnight, she's whisked away by a remarkable man called Jupiter North and taken to the secret city of Nevermoor.



**The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier** - Jack Sullivan is 42 days into the monster zombie apocalypse and doing pretty well, but that's all thrown into jeopardy when a monster called Blarg becomes intent on killing him off... think Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets Shaun of the Dead!



**Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed** - Amal lives in a small Pakistani village. When her family are unable to pay the debt their landowner says they owe, he takes Amal to work in his house as a servant. Inspired by Malala, this is a compelling tale of determination to make the world a fairer place.



**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor** - Cassie Logan finds it hard to understand why the family farm means so much to her father. Growing up in Mississippi in the 1930s, she witnesses prejudice and destruction all around her, but learns to stand up for what she believes in.