



EVE AINSWORTH

Seeing red

Amelia plays for the Lightmoor Lionesses, a girls' football team full of big personalities. When her parents split up, hurt and anger spill into her game. Realising she can't cope alone, she learns to open up to her teammates and find the support she needs. A great short story about families, friendship and football.

LISETTE AUTON

The starlight rebel

In the year 3897, life blazes with neon intensity beneath an artificial shell encasing Earth. Assigned to a sock factory, Astrifer soon discovers others who, like her, don't quite fit. When an alien warns that the world outside is beginning to fail, she realises she must act. This action packed adventure celebrates being yourself and the power to make a difference.



EMMA CARROLL

Dracula & daughters

When three cousins discover they're descendants of Dracula, they combine their powers to form the infamous vampire healing company, Dracula & Daughters! Their first case will be to help one of their friends in danger. This is the first of a new series by Emma Carroll and will be perfect for readers who enjoy a little 'bite' to the books they read. Fans of the Dracula story will see hints of this throughout.

MAISIE CHAN

Nate Yu's blast from the past

Nate Yu Ridley is just about to restart secondary school in Liverpool after being home-schooled in sleepy Sheepstone. He quickly makes friends with Ryan and Missy and it's not long before they are unveiling a Chinese mystery from WW1. A story of friendship, family and identity.



CHRISTOPHER EDGE

Hide and seek

The first in a new series for anyone who loves a scary story. While on a camping trip, Adam and his friend Sol stumble across an abandoned village and become trapped in a strange game of hide and seek from which there seems to be no escape and all the players have been playing for years. A fast paced read, great for readers who want a fright!

LUCY EDWARDS

Ella Jones vs the sun stealer

Saving the world hadn't been Ella, Finn, Poppy and Maisie's plan but when an evil human crosses paths with a Celtic God and light vanishes from the world, only Ella has the courage to face the darkness. A story of courage, friendship and righting past wrongs.



ABENA EYESON

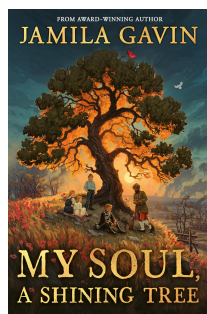
Running my own race

Kofi's mum is proud he's earned a place at a prestigious private school, opening doors to new academic opportunities. Kofi is excited to join the athletics team, but soon faces bullying and prejudice and he needs to find the courage to overcome these struggles. There is friendship and courage throughout this book and a lovely telling of someone finding their inner strength and beliefs.

JAMILA GAVIN

My soul, a shining tree

The lives of Lotte, Ernst and Khudadad are intertwined in this story of courage set against the backdrop of the First World War. The only constant in an ever-changing world at war is a Walnut Tree that provides shelter and comfort whilst witnessing the shared humanity between them all.



EMMA GREEN

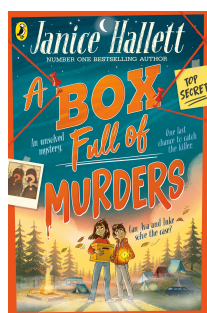
The not-so great escape

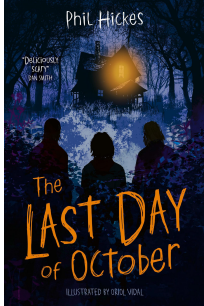
Hedley avoids risk, especially after an accident that left his family grieving. But when his roommate at the Therapy Centre steals an alpaca and Hedley is blamed, the pair - alpaca included - go on the run. Amid hilarious, smelly alpaca mishaps, Hedley begins to face his own grief and his dad's, in a funny, heartfelt story.

JANICE HALLETT

A box full of murders

When siblings Ava and Luke find a mysterious box of papers in their dad's attic, they uncover a decades old murder case. As they investigate, they realise the killer may still be at large. Told through text messages, the story lets readers examine the same evidence the siblings find. Can they solve the mystery - and can you crack it before they do?





PHIL HICKES

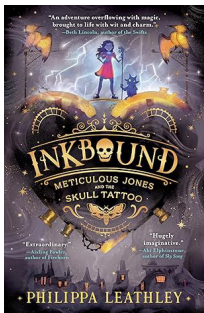
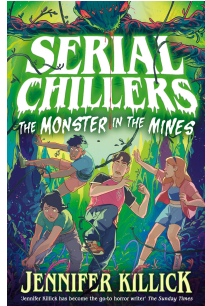
The last day of October

Three friends decide to visit the ruins of the haunted McBride House for Hallowe'en - the house, with two children still in it, burned down 100 years ago. When they enter the house, it soon becomes clear that ghostly things are happening and the two children from that night are there with them! Will the friends escape? A haunting tale, suitable for anyone who likes scary stories.

JENNIFER KILLICK

The monster in the mines

Hazard is no ordinary town - strange events are part of everyday life. When sinkholes, disappearances and eerie creatures start appearing, Travis, Zayd, Danielle and Selene investigate. Their search takes them deep into the old mines beneath Hazard, where a terrifying creature lurks in the dark... and it's hungry for something, or someone.



PHILIPPA LEATHLEY

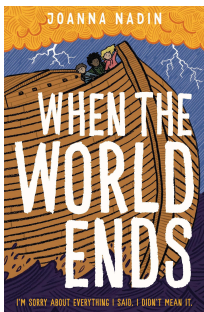
Metulous Jones and the skull tattoo

In this magical fantasy world, Metty's destiny is revealed to her in the form of an ill-fated tattoo. Fearful of what it means, her father keeps it hidden from everyone until one day he vanishes. Swept into magical New London by her bold aunt, Metty then embarks on a quest to find him and her true destiny. A thrilling tale of not believing everything you are told.

ROSS MONTGOMERY

Small wonder

With war looming and his grandfather gone, Tick is determined to protect his brother Leaf. After spotting approaching warships, he embarks on a dangerous journey to the Kings' Keep to warn the ruler. With his loyal horse Pebble, he travels through forests and mountains, facing bandits and rogue knights. A fast paced adventure filled with danger, courage, and honour.



JOANNA NADIN

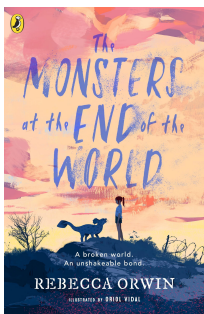
When the world ends

Set in the not-so-distant future, the world has gone through two pandemics and a war. The icebergs are melting, it won't stop raining and sea levels are rising. Then the unthinkable happens and England floods. The story follows two groups of kids, their fight for survival and journeys to find family. A moving story full of hope despite all the sadness experienced by the children.

TOLÁ OKOGWU

Champions of the Galaxy

When a deadly alien force targets Earth, a mysterious species called the Onni offers help - but only if 91 children from around the world survive a series of wild space trials. Twelve-year-old Kola finally gets to blast into space, only to land in a team of total misfits. With secrets, danger, and twists at every turn, Kola must decide who to trust - because the only way to win is to stand together.



REBECCA ORWIN

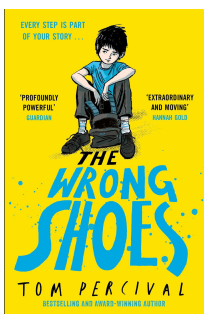
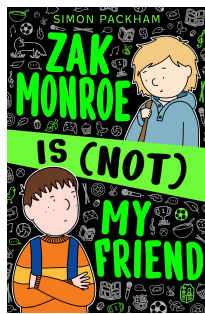
The monsters at the end of the world

In a dystopian future where the land is poisoned and the seas are filled with monsters, a girl makes a surprising discovery. As she befriends a misunderstood creature she realises that things are not quite as she had thought and it gives her hope for the future - if she can persuade her own people.

SIMON PACKHAM

Zak Monroe is (not) my friend

Zak Monroe loves singing, hates football, and isn't a bully - but he struggles as his old friendships start to fall apart. After overhearing his friends talking about him, he's forced to confront what it means to fit in, stay true to himself, and accept that some friendships change. A thoughtful story about navigating teenage friendships.



TOM PERCIVAL

The wrong shoes

A beautiful and sensitive exploration of the experience of child poverty. Will has the wrong shoes - he's always known it but doesn't know how to change it. Navigating difficulties at home and school when you feel you stick out is tough, but finding confidence with the help and empathy of friends can be all you need to find the way.

REBECCA STEAD

The experiment

Nathan isn't like his other friends around him. He, his family and a small community have been keeping a secret about themselves from the rest of the world. They are aliens, and when others like him start to go missing and his family is called back to the mothership, Nathan begins to question the experiment he thought he was part of. A sci-fi story that will keep you guessing all the way through.

