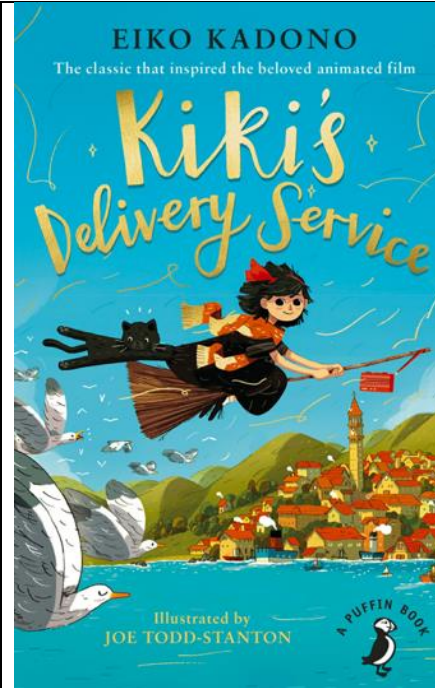


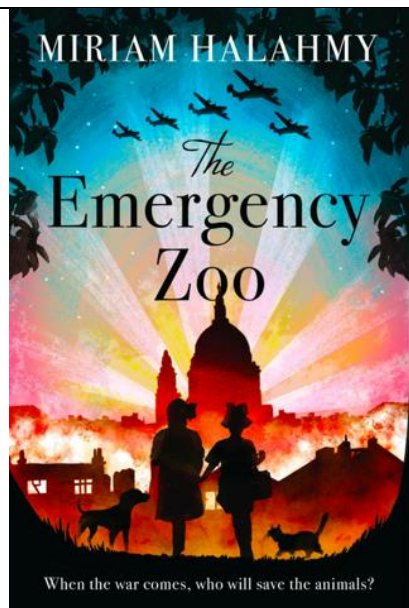
This book is modern and has a science-fiction twist to it – lots about **space and time**. I thought it was really intriguing and it's not too long so it kept me gripped until the end.



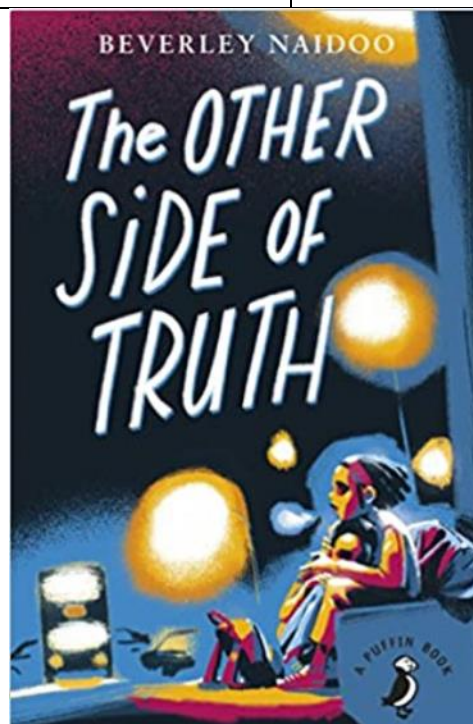
A girl goes to live in the North Pole and becomes best friends with a polar bear. **A tear-jerker.** (Although, if you do meet a polar bear in the wild, do not try to make friends with it. It's a really bad idea. Good book though)



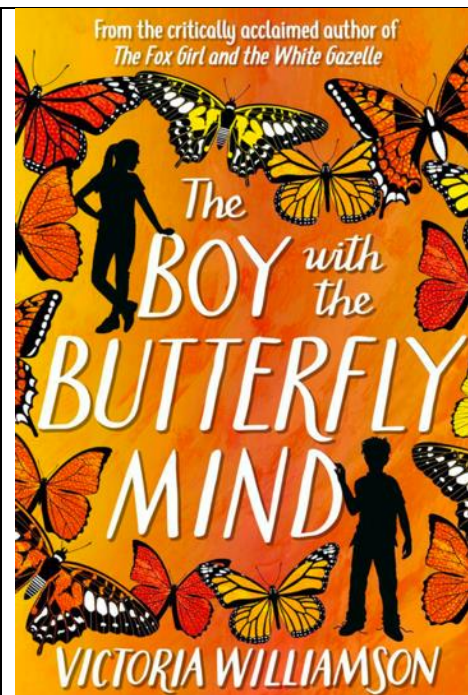
This is about a girl called Kiki who is a witch. But if she wants to keep her powers, she has to leave her family and become the 'town witch' helping people. **Sweet book.** There's also a terrific film.



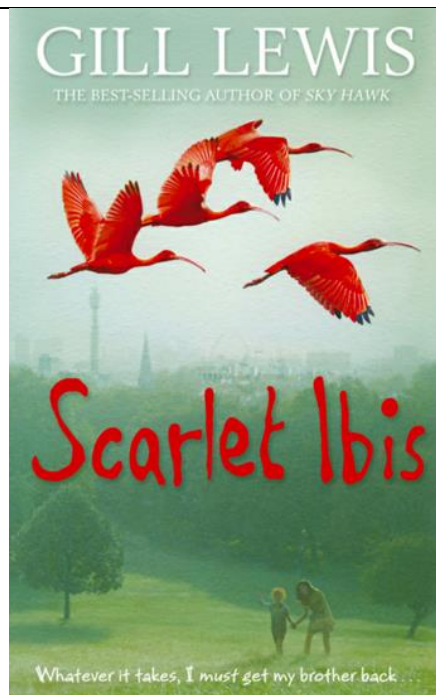
A family rescue animals abandoned during World War II. If you love **animal books**, it's a good read.



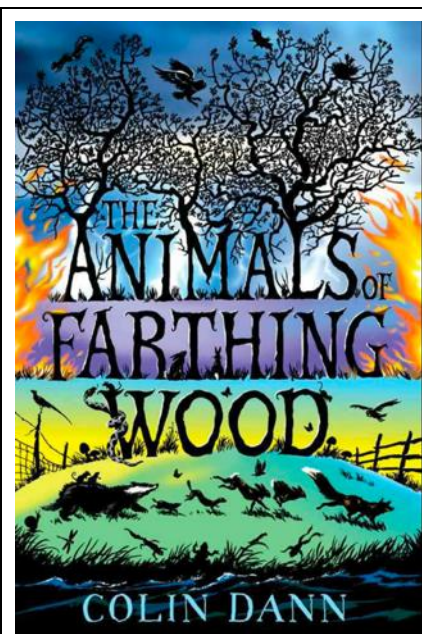
This is a gripping book about two children who have to flee from Nigeria and start new lives in the UK. **Really well-told.**



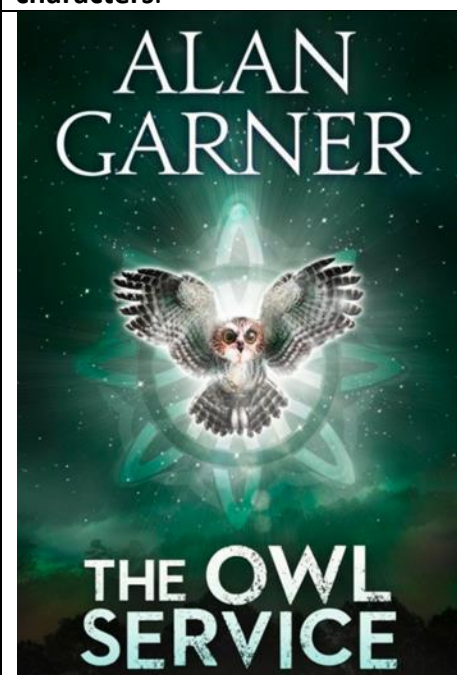
A chaotic boy with learning difficulties and a smart but mean girl become step-siblings – it soon gets messy! It's funny and surprising and just really good. **Funny and some unusual characters.**



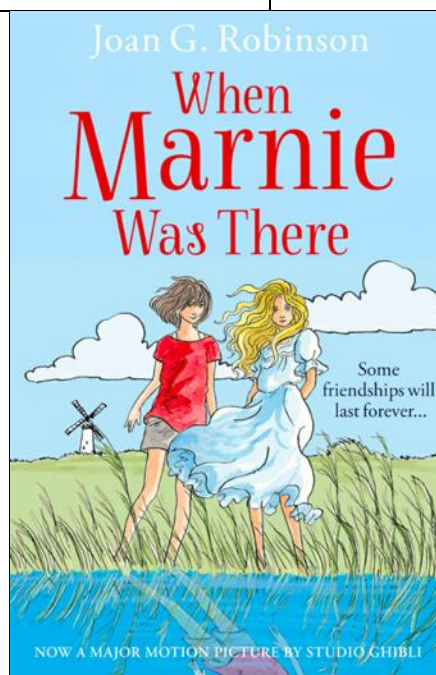
Another book about a sister in a tricky situation, but a bit more serious and action-focused. Gill Lewis books are always great: **exciting and emotional!**



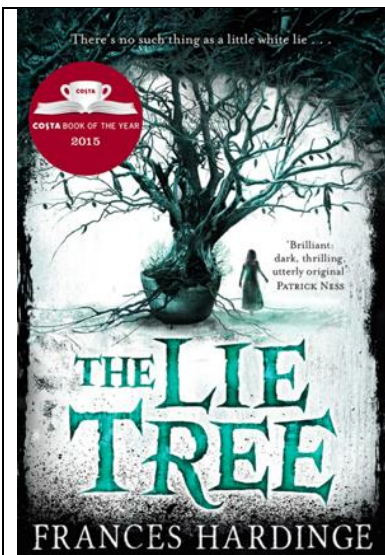
When a wood is cut down for houses, the animals stop trying to eat each other (mostly) and go on a journey to find safety. It's brilliant but, be warned – **a lot of them die!**



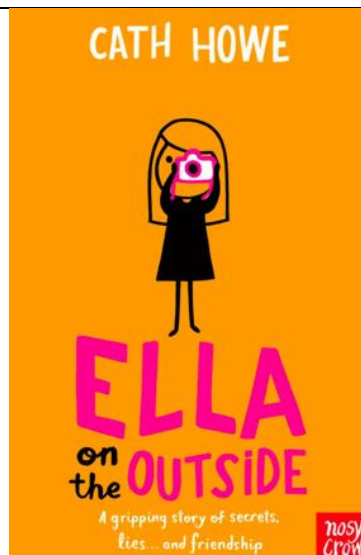
I read this when I was 11 and loved it because I was really into magical adventure stories. **Owl magic!**



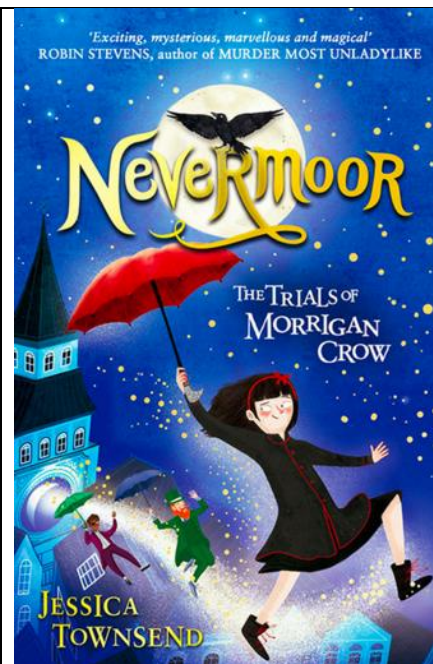
Slow, sad, beautiful yet mysterious. I can't say what type of story it is without it away but it's **one to stick with...**



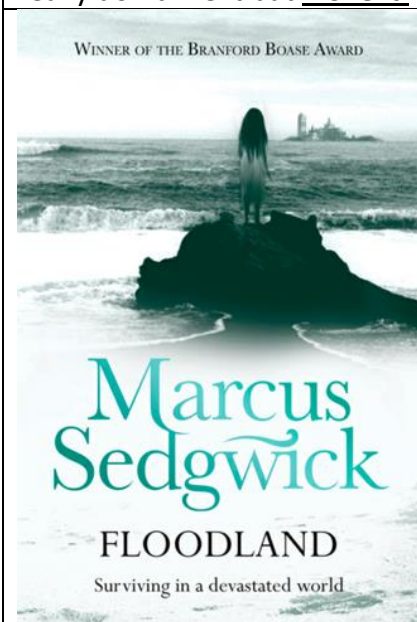
Victorian times. On a grim island with lots of sinister characters, there's a tree that allows you visions of forbidden truths – but only if you feed it by spreading ever-more-dangerous lies. A difficult read, quite dark and complicated – some people really don't like it but **I love it.**



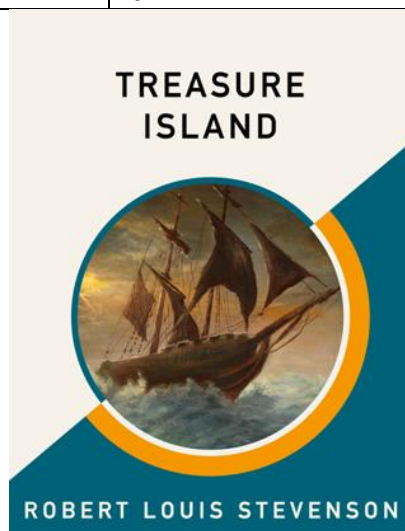
This is a really lovely, moving story set in the modern day about friendship. **Emotional, surprising, sometimes funny.** Highly recommend it.



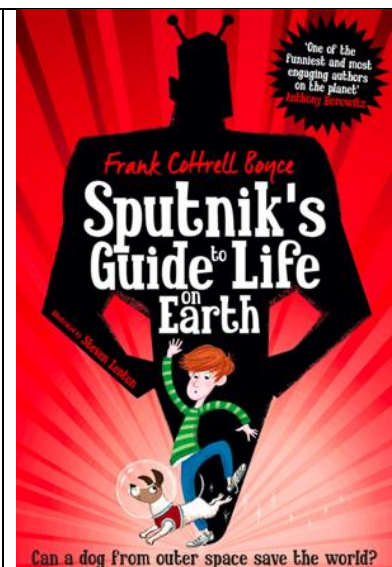
**MAGNIFICENT!!** If you like 'Harry Potter', you'll love the Morrigan Crow series. **I can't wait for the next in the series!**



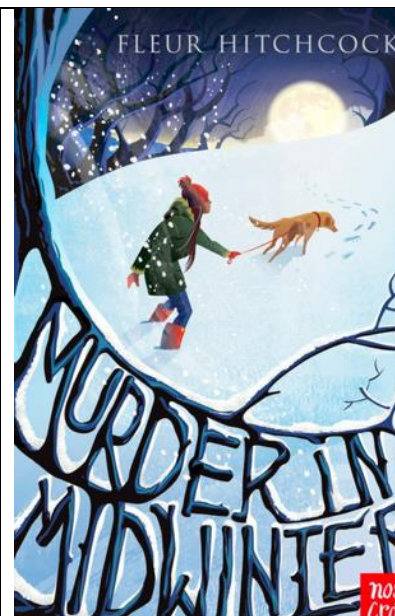
Set when the sea levels have risen and the UK is underwater. A good **adventure story.**



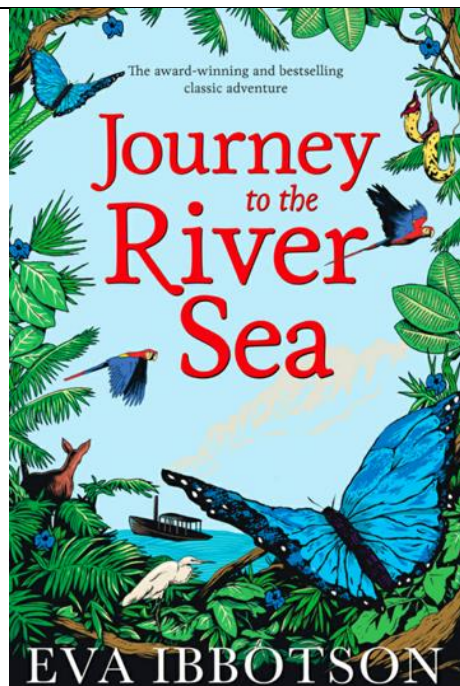
**The ultimate pirate story.** Even if you're not a huge pirate fan, it's one of those you really should read just so you know what all the fuss is about.



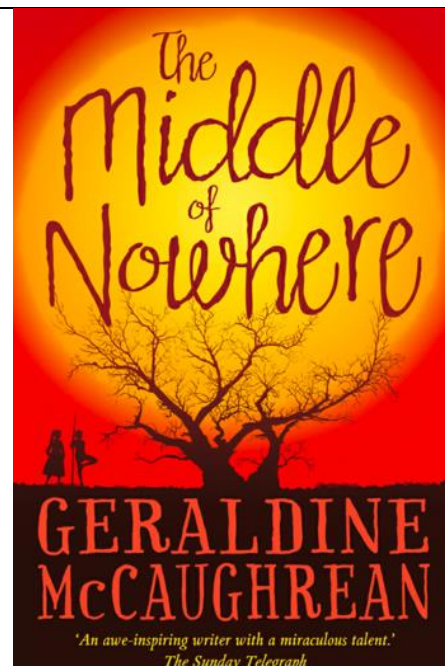
Funny, silly, worth reading – **a popular book.**



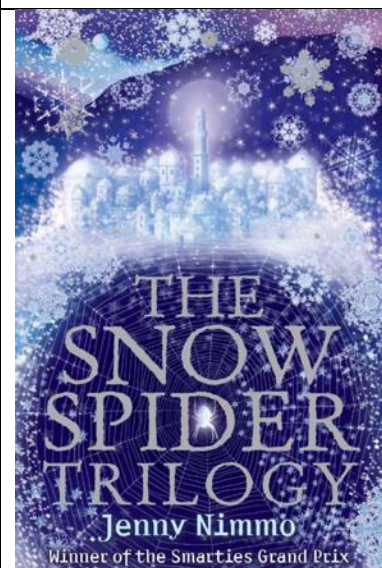
A girl witnesses a crime and has to go into hiding.... I love tense thriller stories set in the real world but it's rare to find one that is good for children. **Suspenseful!**



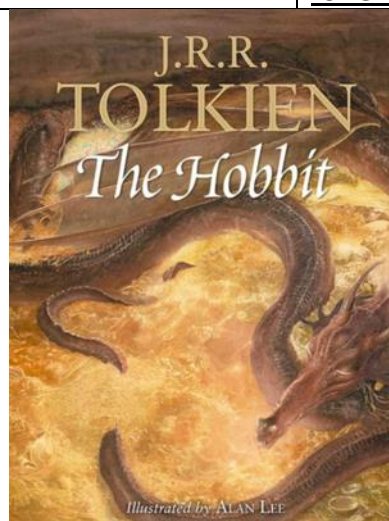
Lots of people who read it think it's the best ever. I thought it was good but not an all-time favourite or anything. **The last sentence will horrify a lot of people.** What will you think?



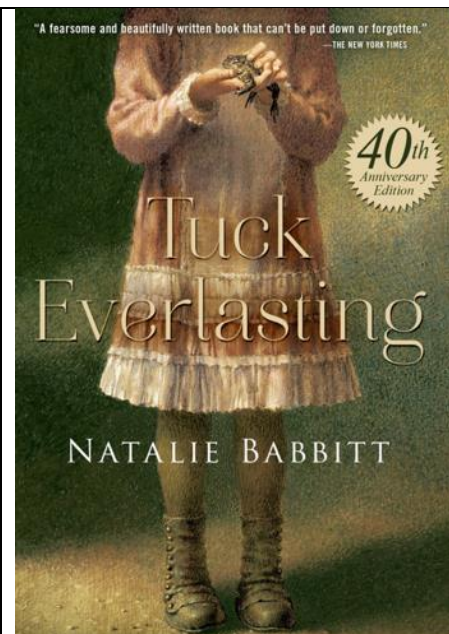
Set in Victorian-era Australia, a girl is left alone to run a telegraph post. Grim, shocking, constantly surprising and with one of the most terrifyingly cruel villains I've come across. **Wonderful but not for everyone.**



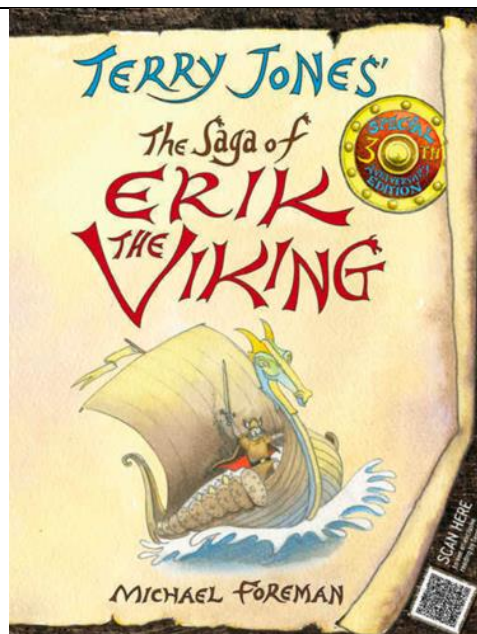
I loved this book when I was 10. Lots of Welsh myths and magic. **Superb!**



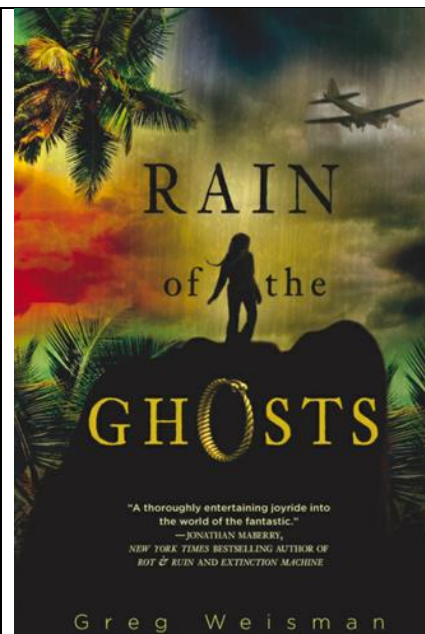
A tricky read and not for everyone but is so imaginative and yet warm and homely – an old-fashioned bedtime journey story.



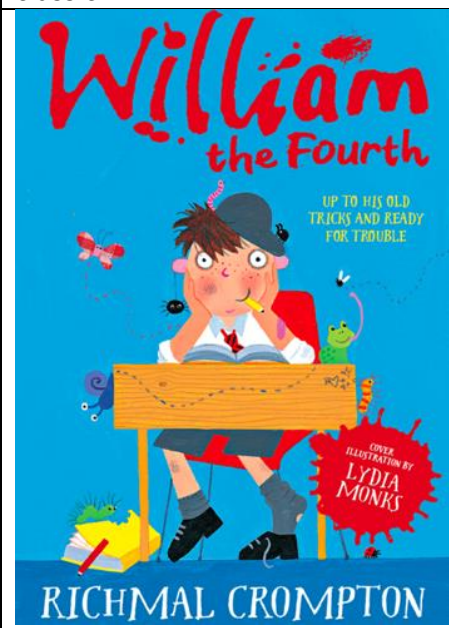
A family lives by a well where the water allows you to live forever... and now the well has been discovered. An American classic.



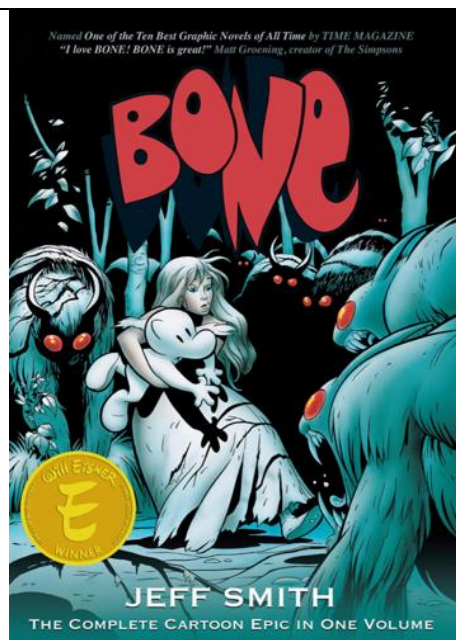
You can't go wrong with funny Vikings. Brilliant.



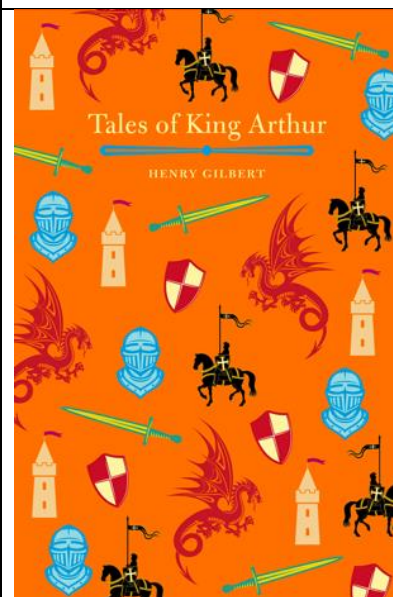
An adventure story set on a Caribbean island. I'm excited for when the third of this series is finished.



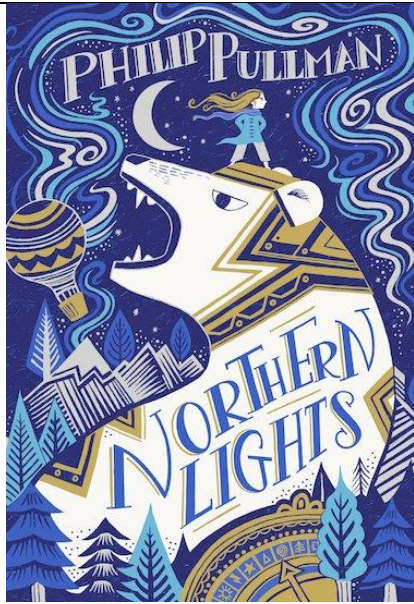
The William books are collections of short, funny stories about a boy set in the 40s-50s. **Absolutely hilarious!**



A huge comic book story. It starts as a goofy adventure with cartoon characters and becomes gradually huger and more epic. **Sensational!**

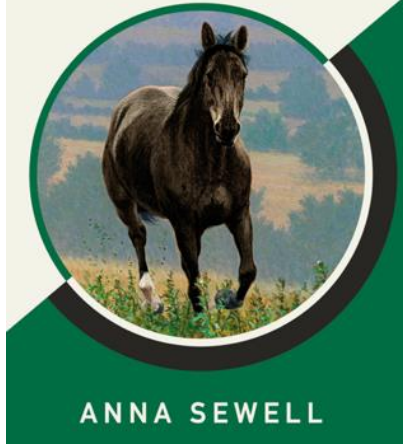


The King Arthur stories are brilliant, ancient stories. It's worth knowing about them as they've influenced writers for centuries. This is a great retelling.



Set in another version of the world.  
A huge, epic adventure. **Do not miss reading this!!**

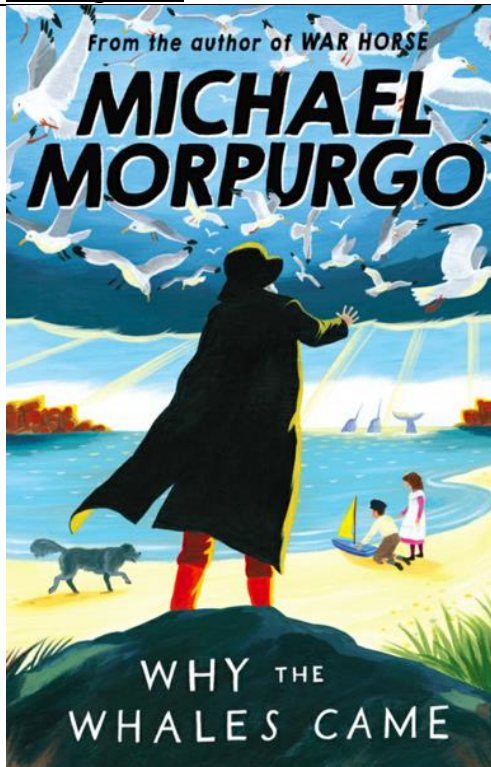
## BLACK BEAUTY



A classic story of the adventures of a horse.



Famous for its film but there are loads of books about the huge, magical world of Oz.

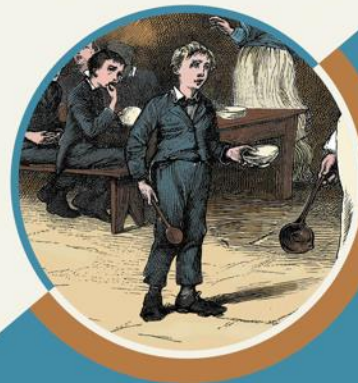


If you love the sea like I do, read it.  
**Beautiful.**



In World War II, the headteacher of a primary school is arrested by the Nazis and his children have to go on the run.  
**Thrilling.**

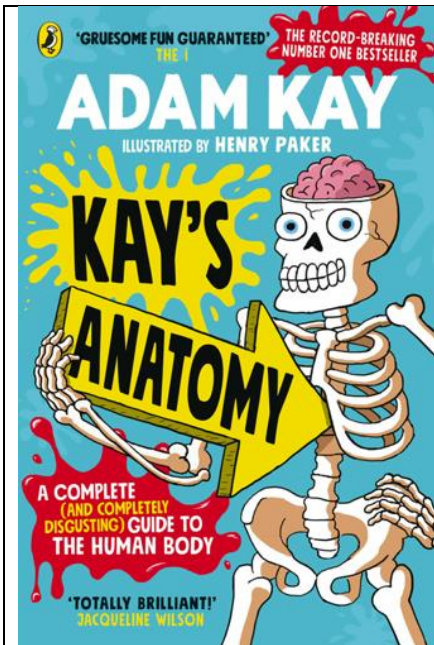
## OLIVER TWIST



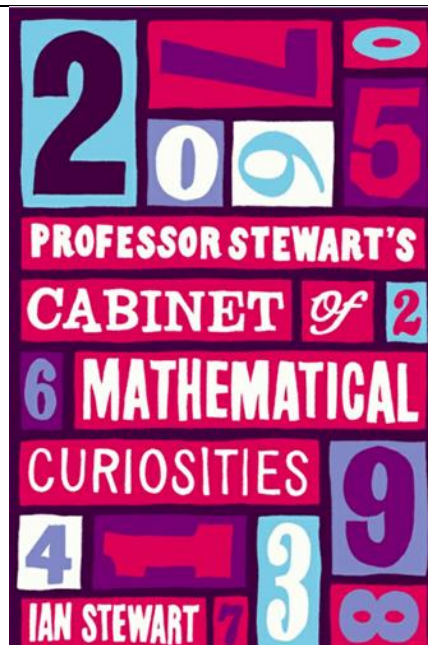
CHARLES DICKENS

A tricky read – take it slowly and maybe watch some film versions to help you understand certain scenes – but brilliant. **Highly recommended for greater depth readers.**

These are some of my favourite non-fiction books...



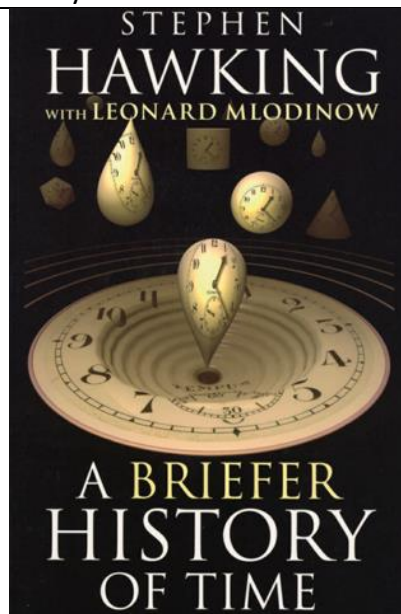
Sometimes yucky, usually very funny.



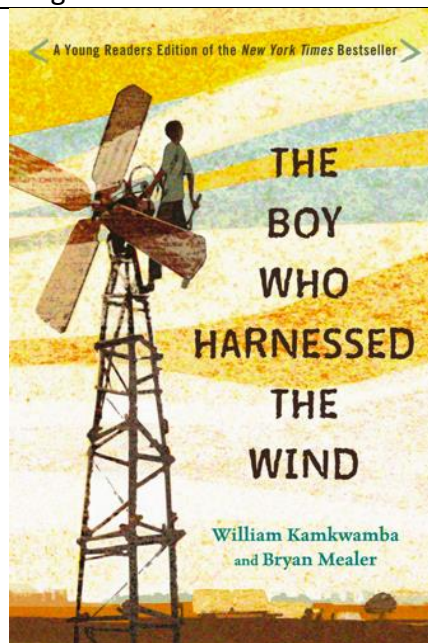
Full of weird and surprising magical maths!



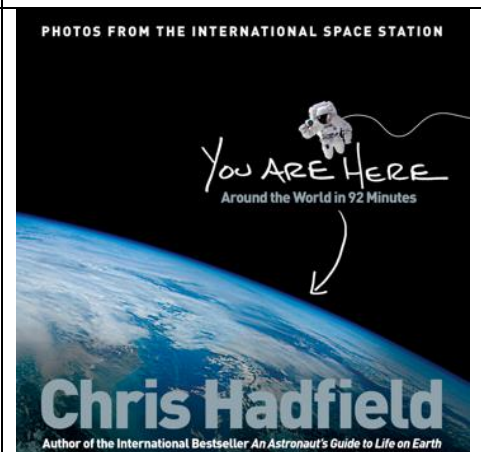
A really important book about how the mind works and how to make the best of yourself.



A child's version of Stephen Hawking's famously complicated book for adults about the universe. It's still very, very, very complicated but fascinating!

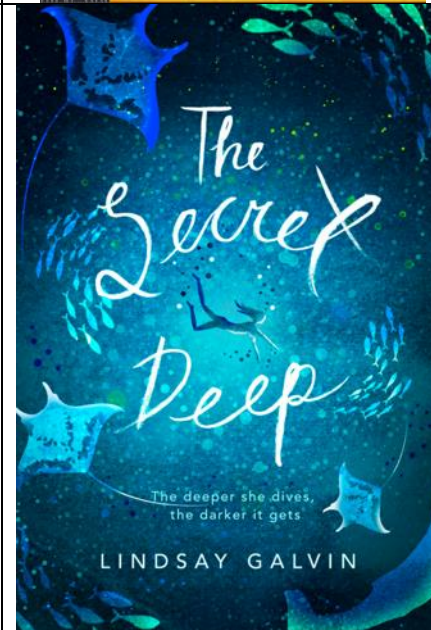
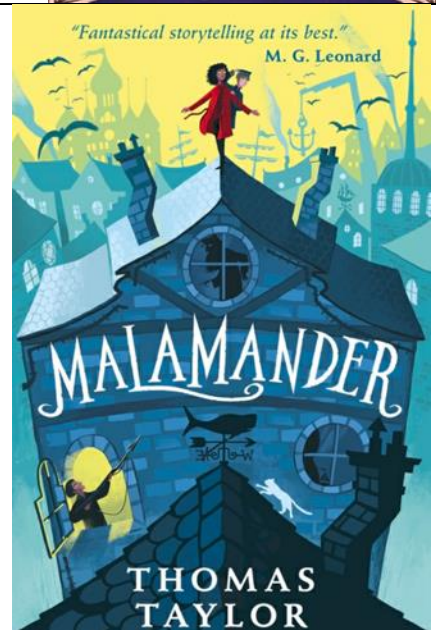
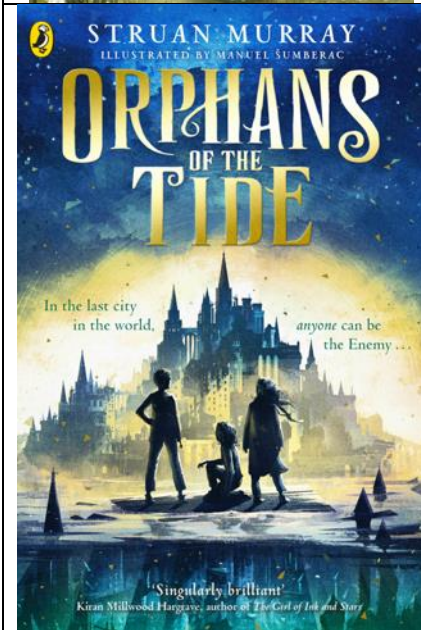
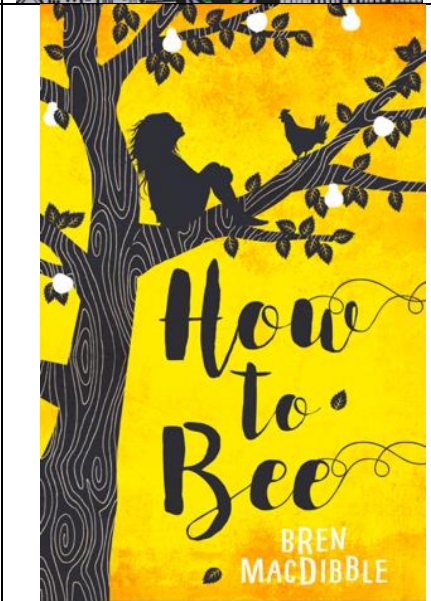
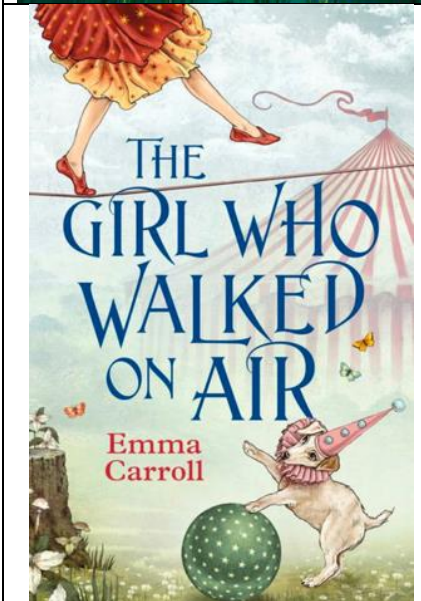
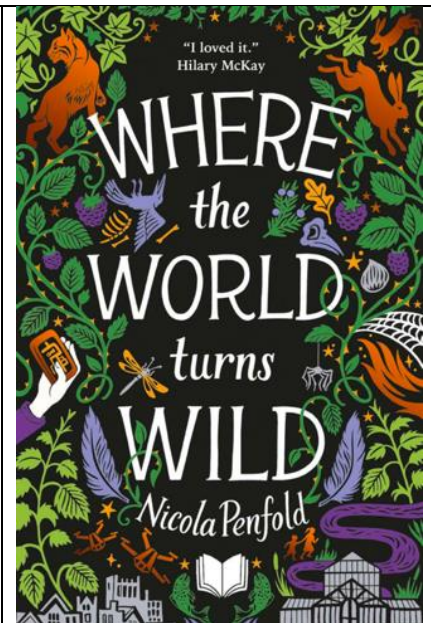
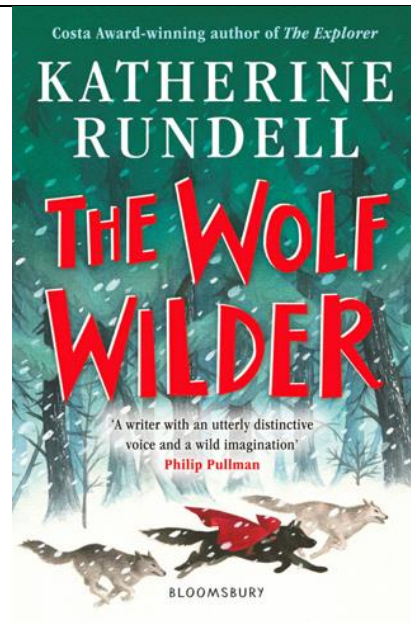
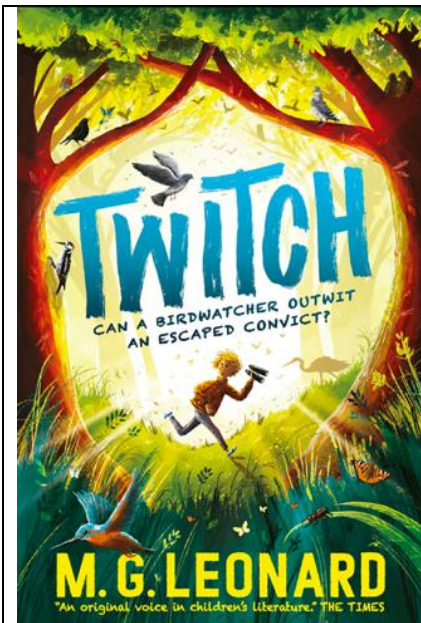


Make sure it's the Young Readers edition. Amazing autobiography. We'll read some of it in class but the whole book is worth reading. (Don't watch the Netflix version which has some grown-up themes and is not very good.)



This is an absolutely breath-taking collection of photographs of Earth taken from the International Space Station, with explanations about where they come from. An easy read and full of wonder!

Books I've been **highly** recommended but haven't got round to yet...



Tell me what you thought of them?

**Books to discuss**

Not all these books are true stories, but they're at least based on real stories from some very horrible, upsetting and bleak periods of history – Germany and Japan during WW2 and Afghanistan in the 1990s. They're all terrific books and some year 6 children hugely enjoy them but they're definitely not for everyone yet – and that's fine. **Speak to your parents/carers before reading any of them** and keep talking to them throughout as these sorts of books are meant to start discussions about different places and times.

