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https://uk.accessit.online/dnb00

Welcome to secondary school, and welcome to the ILC, Denbigh's School Library.

The library at Denbigh School can be found in the ILC, which not only has computers for you to use, but books for you to borrow and read.

The library has both fiction and non fiction books available for you to borrow, and these books are organized by topics.

This booklet is for you to keep and to understand the rules of how the library works, what the rules are, and recommendations of books to read during your first year at Denbigh School.

How to use the ILC

The ILC at Denbigh School has two sections - a computer lab with 40 desktops available for students to use during break, lunch, and after school; and a library with books for students to borrow and use for pleasure or study.

Books from the library must be borrowed by going to the desk and scanning books out under your name.

Year 7 students are allowed to borrow books for seven days, after which they have to return them or renew them for a further seven days.

Year 7 students are allowed to borrow books with **red, yellow, green, white** or **black** stickers, as these are KS3 reading books.

If you want to borrow books above your age range, please ask your parents to email zammitv@denbigh.net to give parental consent.

What can I not borrow?

The library has a selection of books that are known as **Reference** books. These are usually dictionaries and encyclopedias, and they are not allowed to leave the library. You can look at these books in the space, but not take home.

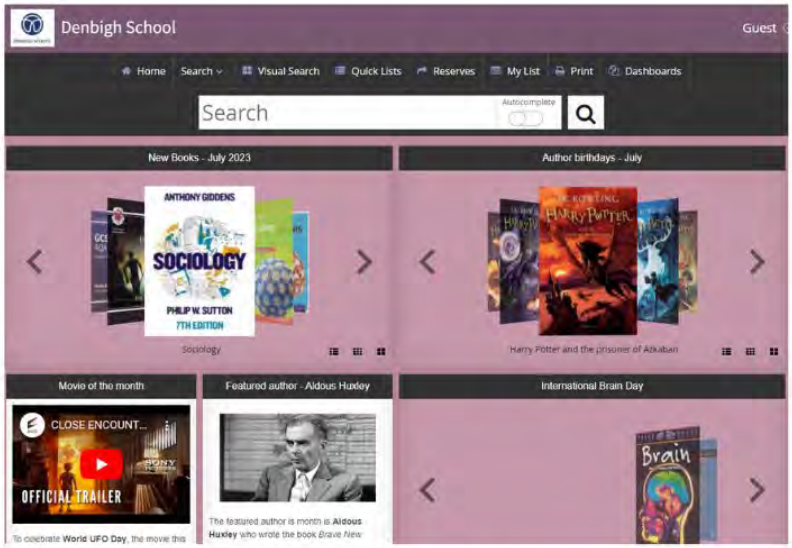
We also have a small **teacher's library** that only members of staff are allowed to borrow from.

As already said, Year 7 students cannot borrow from books with **blue, purple, pink** or **brown** stickers as these are for older year groups.

The library website

The library website can be accessed by going to https://uk.accessit.online/dnb00/. The website is linked to your school email account - you don't need to create a new account! When you log onto the website, simply click on the 'Guest' button at the top right, and then click the blue button that says 'Log in with school details'.

The library website allows you to search for books, put books on reserve, make reading lists, and write book reviews. Book reviews are worth ***5* share points** for each one.



The school library website during July 2023

Library rules

The library is **not a common room**. It is a place to sit and do work or read. Study work is permitted as long as the volume is at an acceptable level.

There is no food allowed in the library at any time. Food must be kept in your bag or eaten before you enter the library.

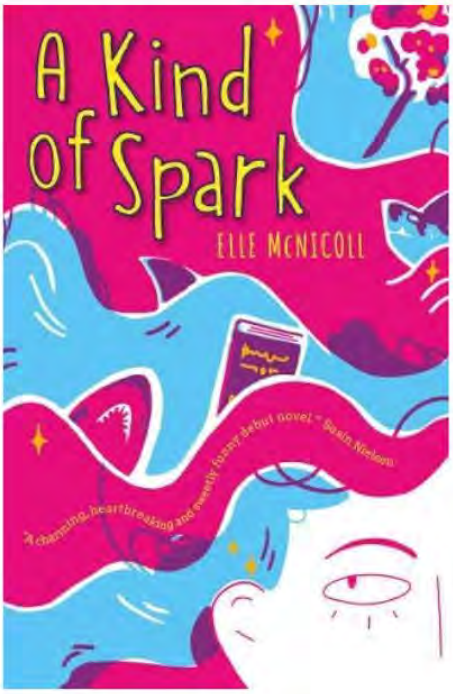
Library staff have the right to remove anybody from the space if they are being disrespectful.

The school policy on phones applies inside the library - no phones are allowed anywhere while on school premises.

Books must be returned to their correct place if removed from the shelf. If you're not sure where that is, give it to a member of the library staff.

What to read

As you start your secondary school journey, the library is proud to recommend some books to you that we have in stock that you can read. These books are ideal for Year 7 students, and deal with all kinds of topics and come from all types of genres!



A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll
Genre: General young adult
A young autistic girl living in a village in Scotland learns about the town's history with witch burnings, and goes on a quest to bring recognition to women who were punished for being different.

Key words: autism, friendship, history, family, school

Copies in the ILC: 3

Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick
Genre: Science Fiction & Horror
When Lance and his friends arrive at their Year 6 residential, things are not quite what they seem. There's no one around, there's a man covered in blood who stops their coach. And soon, students will fight to survive. Whatever you do, don't fall asleep...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: horror, mystery, adventure, science fiction, aliens, school trips

Copies in the ILC: 1

All the Things that could go Wrong by Stewart Foster
Genre: General young adult
Alex is a boy with OCD so bad, sometimes he can't leave the house. Dan is a boy who lashes out at everyone in his anger. They couldn't be more different, but their mothers are forcing them to spend time together...

Key words: mental health, school, family, friendship

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Can you see me? by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott
Genre: General young adult
Tally is nervous about starting up at a new school in Year 6. Nobody knows that she has autism, and now that she's in big school she has to learn how to be normal like everybody else. But is there such a thing as normal?
This is the first in a series.

Key words: autism, friendship, family, school stories

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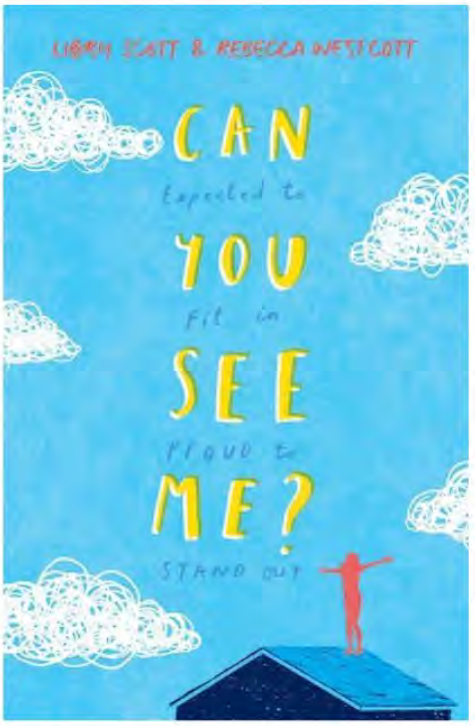

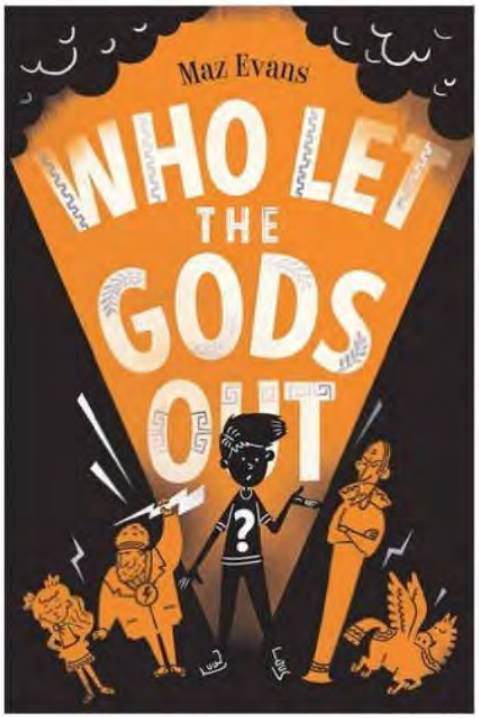

Who let the gods out? by Maz Evans
Genre: Fantasy
Elliot meeets a young goddess on a mission, and accidentally releases Thanatos, a wicked death demon, from his prison under Stonehenge. It's up to Elliot now, with the help of the Greek Gods, to solve this problem (and maybe his own problems, too).
This is the first in a series.

Key words: mythology, adventure, humour

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The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Genre: Fantasy, Ghost Stories
Nobody Owens has grown up in a cemetry, surrounded by ghosts and a guardian who is neither here nor there in the world of the living. Follow along with Bod as he adventures around the graveyard and grows up to become a young man.

Key words: fantasy, horror, paranormal, ghosts

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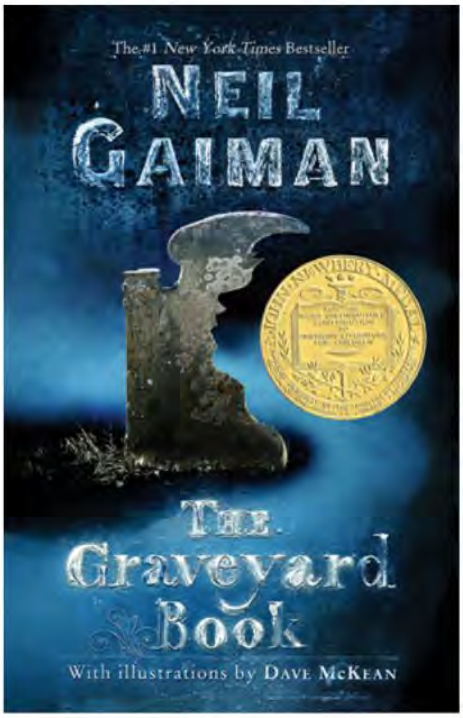

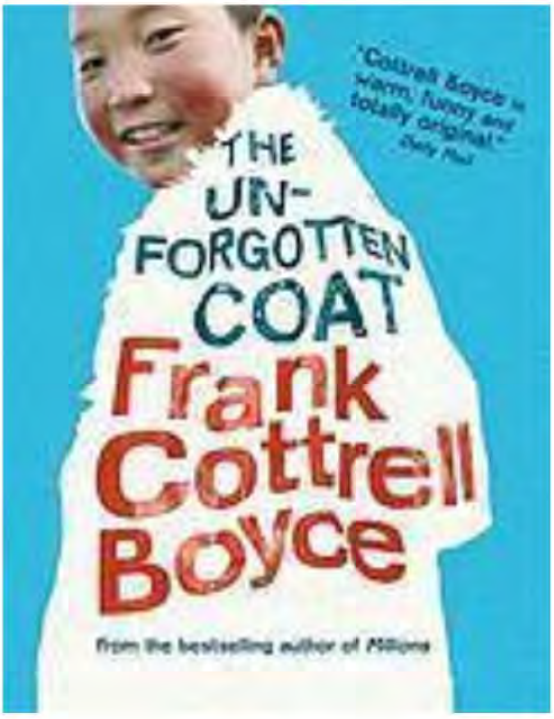

The Un-Forgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Genre: General young adult
Two brothers from Mongolia have just arrived in Liverpool and are determined to fit in to their new lives, but their extravagant stories make another memory of another immigrant pop up in their guide's memories, instead...

Key words: school, friendship, immigrants

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A monster calls by Patrick Ness
Genre: Fantasy
Conor's mother is very ill, and ever since she became sick he's been having the same dream. But tonight is different. Tonight, he has a visitor, one that is going to make him confront the truth that Conor isn't telling.

Key words: fantasy, horror, paranormal, death, family

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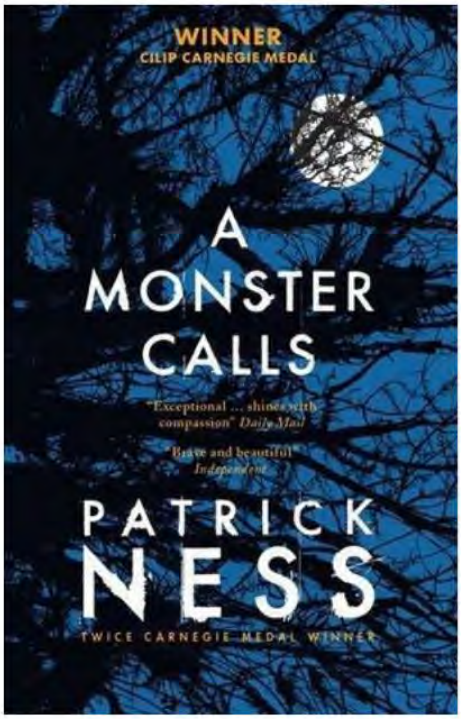

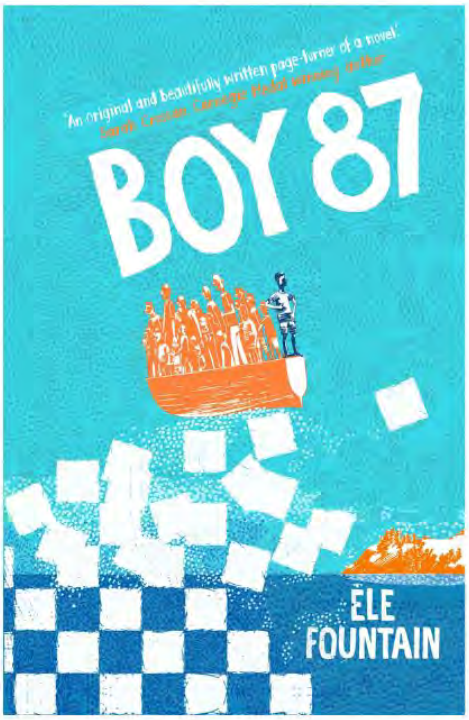

Boy 87 by Ele Fountain
Genre: General young adult
Shif was just an ordinary boy, until he runs away from home to avoid being in the army and fighting in the war. He is determined to find a future that he decides, and he will do anything to get what he wants.

Key words: survival, adventure, historical fiction, war

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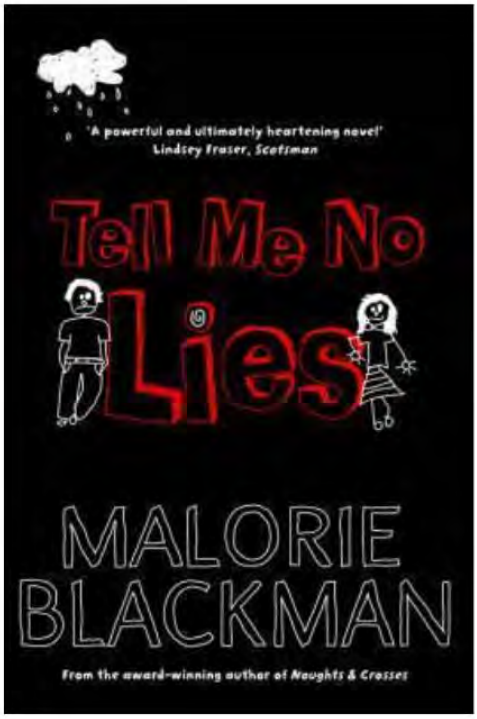

Tell Me No Lies by Malorie Blackman
Genre: Thriller
Gemma and Mike - two kids hurt by their past are now inextricably linked. Their effect on each others' lives will be explosive.

Key words: thriller

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The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow by Katherine Woodfine
Genre: Mystery
In Georgian England, somebody has stolen a priceless clockwork sparrow, and now it's up to Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose to crack some codes, eat some iced buns, and try to solve the mystery! This is the first in a series.

Key words: mystery, historical fiction, adventure

Copies in the ILC: 1

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
Genre: Mystery
Matthew has very bad OCD, he can't even leave the hosue sometimes. To pass the time, he watches his neighbours, and ends up getting caught in a mystery when the toddler next door disappears...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: mystery, mental health

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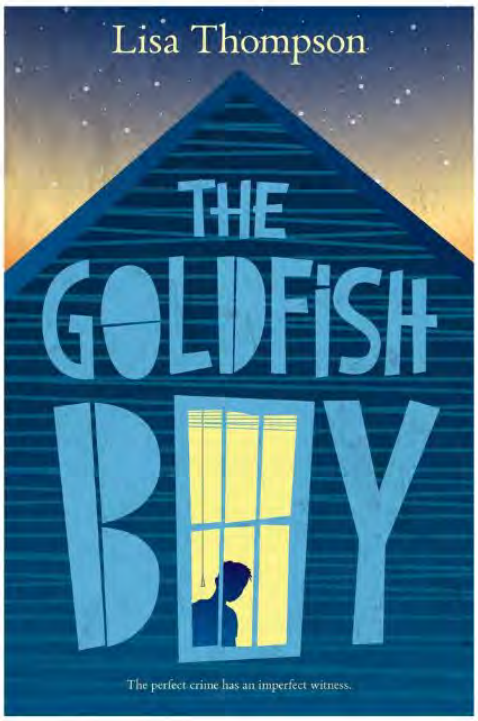

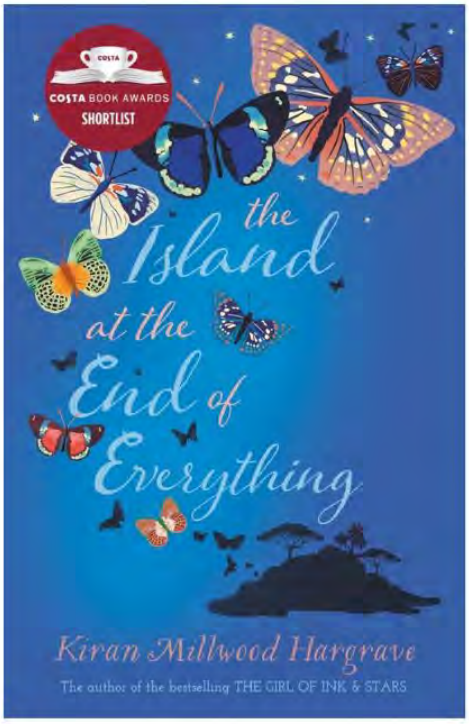

The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Genre: Historical fiction
Ami and her mother live on an island paradise, but when Mr Zamora arrives and separates them, Ami becomes determined to make it back to her mother no matter what.

Key words: historical fiction, adventure, fantasy

Copies in the ILC: 1

Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean
Genre: Historical fiction
In 1727, a group of men and boys are left on a sea stac to harvest food, but nobody ever comes to collect them. What happens? Is it the end of the world? How can they survive?

Key words: historical fiction, adventure, survival

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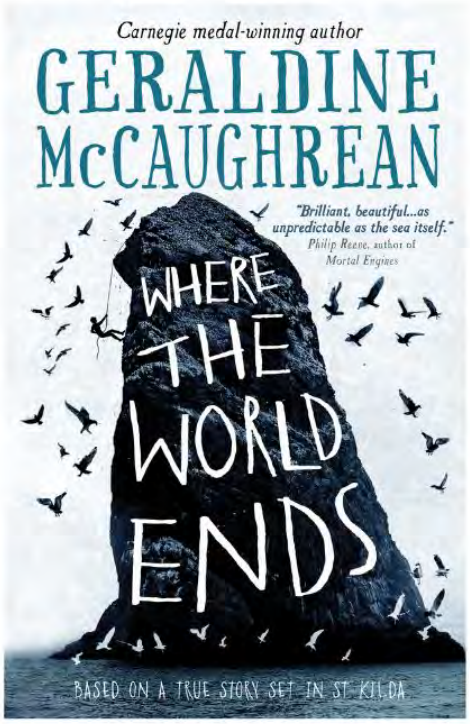

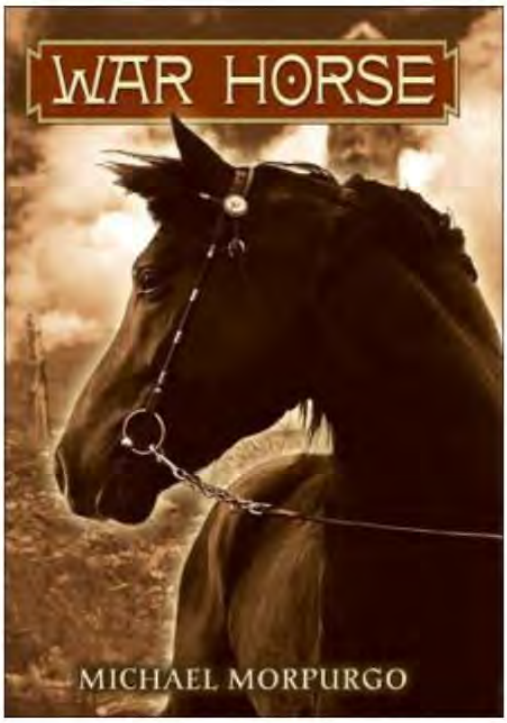

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Genre: Historical fiction
Joey is a beautiful, well bred horse that has been sold to the army to fight during World War One, and he proves himself to be great soldier. But will he ever see Albert, the farmer's son, again?

Key words: historical fiction, war, animals

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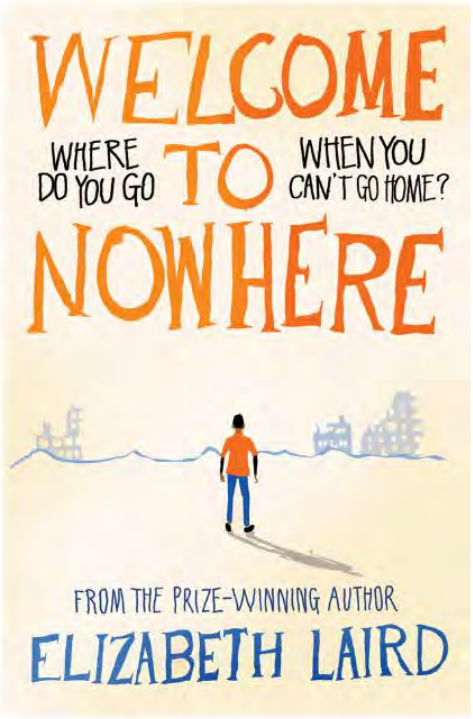

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird
Genre: Historical fiction
Omar and his siblings were born and raised in Syria, but when war breaks out and they have to flee, everything is put to the test.

Key words: historical fiction, war, survival, family

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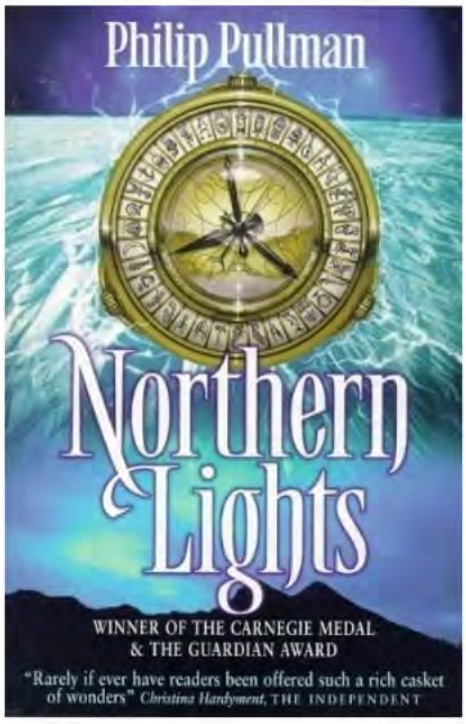

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman
Genre: Fantasy
In another version of Oxford, Lyra lives a wonderful life among the scholars. But her friend Roger has disappeared, and a mysterious woman has something to do with it...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, adventure, mystery, animals

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Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari
Genre: Romance
Mira's grandmother's health is declining, her family is very loud, and everybody has secrets. And then she meets Jide, a boy with a mysterious past, and she becomes determined to find out more about him.

Key words: romance, grief, death, school, family

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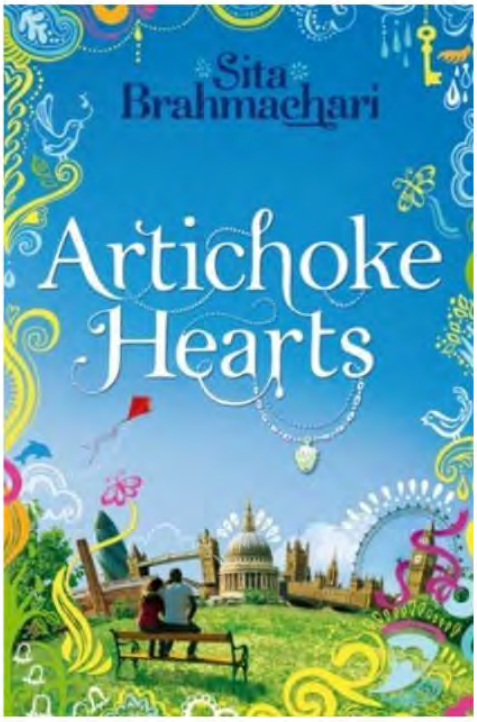

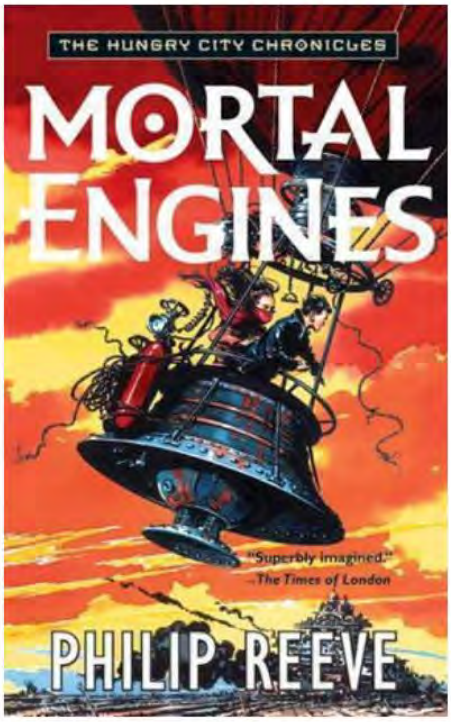

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve
Genre: Dystopia & Steampunk
In a steampunk debut where cities are alive and tensions abound, follow Tom as he navigates a world that is constantly shifting and a man who is reaching for ultimate power.
This is the first in a series.

Key words: science fiction, dystopia, steampunk, adventure, fantasy

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Watership Down by Richard Adams
Genre: Animal stories
A group of rabbits has decided to leave their beautiful rural landscape in order to escape the dustrction of their home by humans, and embark on a massive journey to a promised land...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: adventure, fantasy, animal stories

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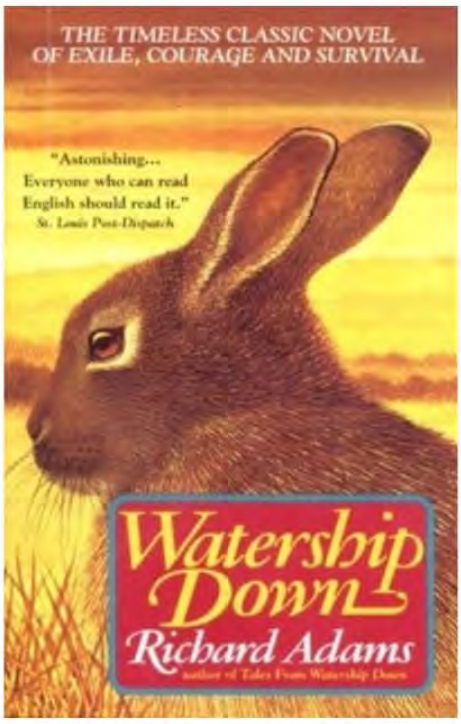

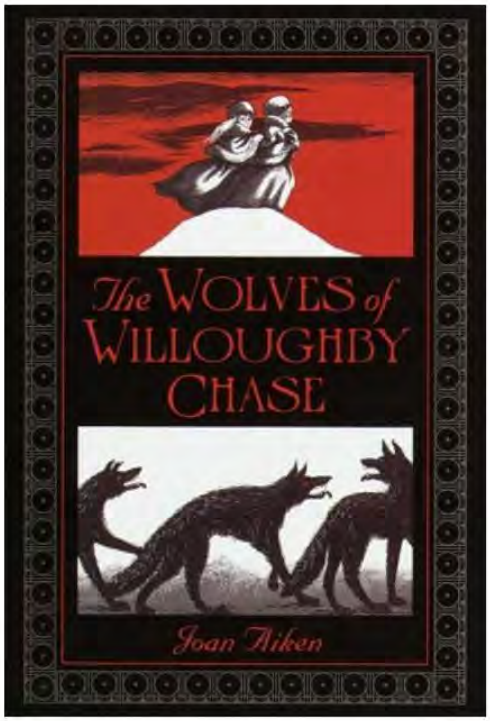

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
Genre: Fantasy
When Bonnie and Sylvia are left in the care of a cruel woman, they start to watch their home change and become unrecognizable. Can they save their once wonderful home?
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, historical fiction, adventure, Gothic

Copies in the ILC: 1

Peter Pan by J M Barrie
Genre: Fantasy & Classics
The boy who never grows up started off in this wonderful story by J M Barrie, that takes us to Neverland with Wendy, John and Michael, and takes us on many adventures through the land.

Key words: fantasy, classics, adventure, fairy tales

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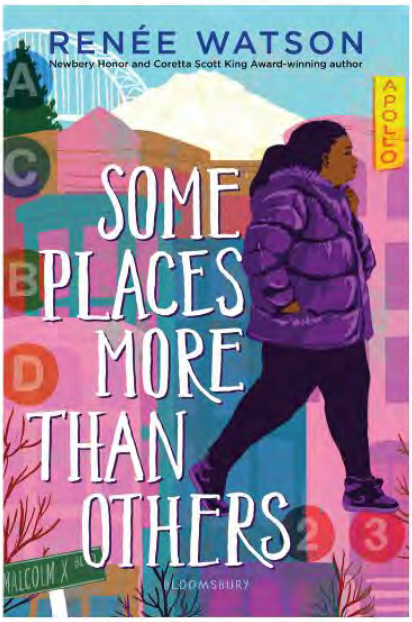

Some Places More than Others by Renee Watson
Genre: General young adult
Amara wants to visit her father's family in Harlem, New York, but the place she's dreamed of visiting all this time turns out to be not as great, and her family...that's another story.

Key words: family, heritage, Black main character

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The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland
Genre: Fantasy & Historical fiction
A 13-year-old boy named Arthur, growing up in 12th century England, realizes that his life and that of the legendary King Arthur are quite similar...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, historical fiction, Arthurian legend, mythology, medieval

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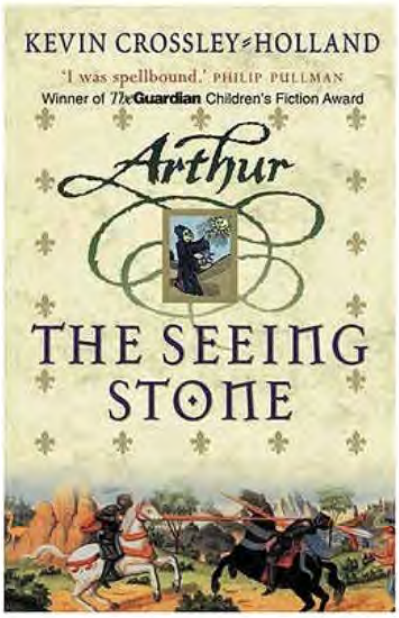

The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner
Genre: Fantasy
When Colin and Susan are chased by weird creatures, they are saved by the Wizard. He asks them for help in finding a stone that has been lost for 100 years, and the children must muster all their courage to defeat the great evil in the land...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, adventure, mythology, magic

Copies in the ILC: 1

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Genre: Fantasy
Meg's father, an eminent scientist, has disappeared, and she must use the help of mysterious ladies, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin to go on an adventure to find him and save the universe.
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, science fiction, time travel, adventure

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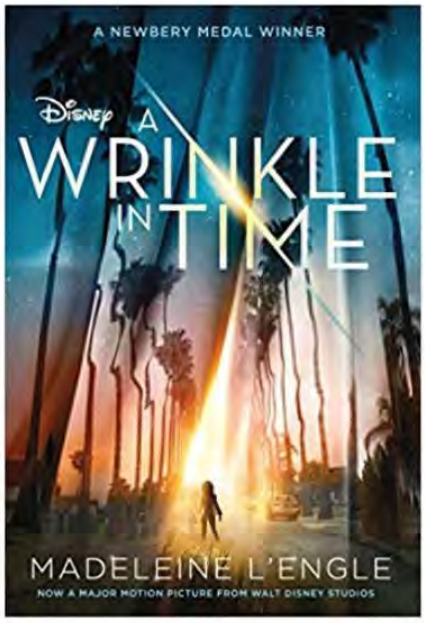

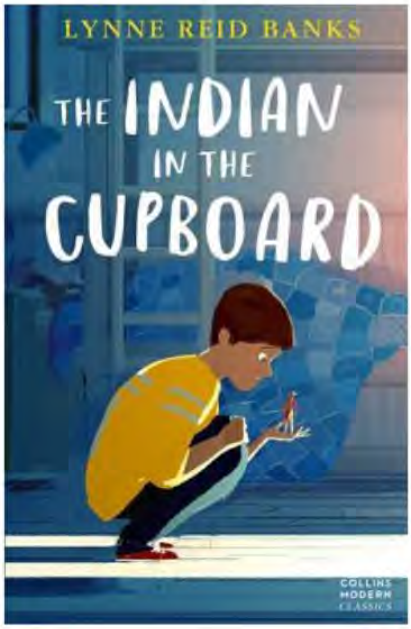

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Genre: Fantasy
Omri is given a plastic toy of an Indian for his birthday, and at first doesn't realize how special it is. Until it comes to life...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, classics, adventure

Copies in the ILC: 1

The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff
Genre: Historical fiction
A young Roman officer decides to set out on a mission to find out what happened to the Ninth Legion, who marched into the mists of northern Britain and never came back.

Key words: historical fiction, Roman Britain, adventure, fantasy, classics

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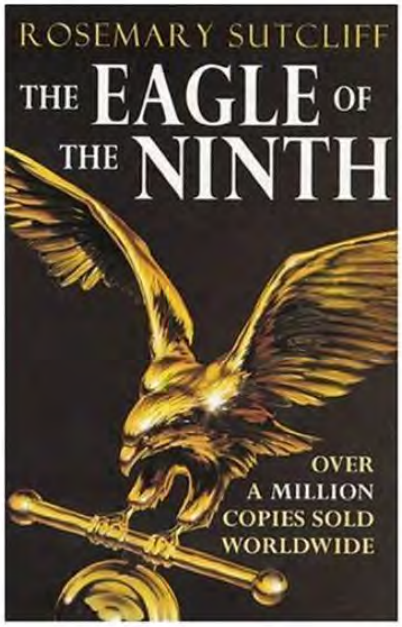

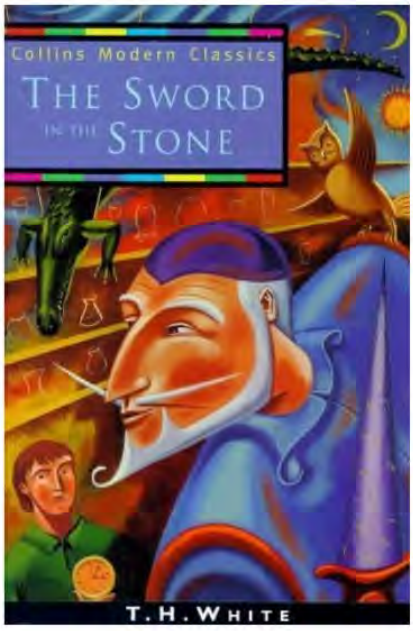

The Sword in the Stone by T H White
Genre: Fantasy
Before he was Arthur, he was Wart, a young boy who, under the wisdom of Merlyn, learns about what it means to be a king and a man, before he is ready to take the throne one day...
This is the first in a series.

Key words: fantasy, historical fiction, Arthurian legend, mythology

Copies in the ILC: 1

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
Genre: General young adult
Thirteen year old Cameron wants a normal life, but his heart doesn't work properly. Then he is offered a new chance at life. The catch? He is offered a transplant with a pig's heart...

Key words: family

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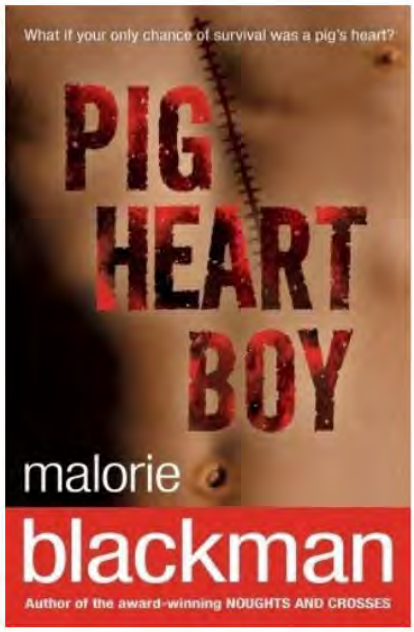

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Genre: Crime
Dylan is as normal as he can be in a town where he's the only boy and his best friends are two chickens. Oh, and his family are criminals. And now the crime of the century has fallen right into his lap...

Key words: crime, art, humour

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The Box of Delights by John Masefield
Genre: Fantasy
Kay boards a train to go home for Christmas when he meets an old man with a mysterious message. And so starts an adventure involving a magic box and magicians trying to corner Kay... This book is part of a series.

Key words: fantasy, Christmas, adventure

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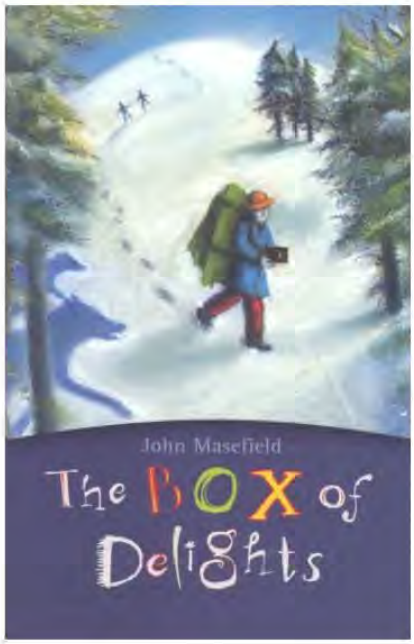

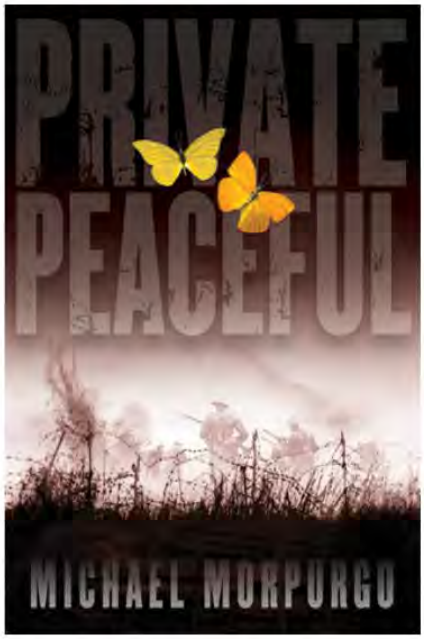

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
Genre: Historical fiction
This is the story of two brothers who are inseperable, who love the same woman, and who must stick together through the horrors of the Great War.

Key words: historical fiction, World War One, family

Copies in the ILC: 1

The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold
Genre: Animal stories
Rio is sent to live with his grandmother in California, and falls in love with the art of whale watching. It's there that he encounters White Beak, a magnificent white whale. But when she disappears, Rio might be the only one who can find her again...

Key words: animal stories, family, mental illness, fantasy

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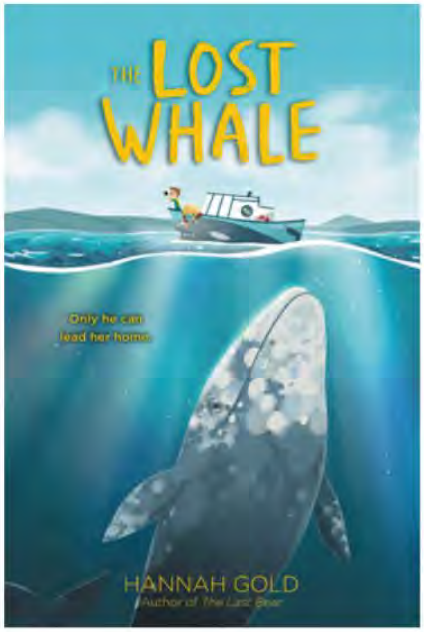

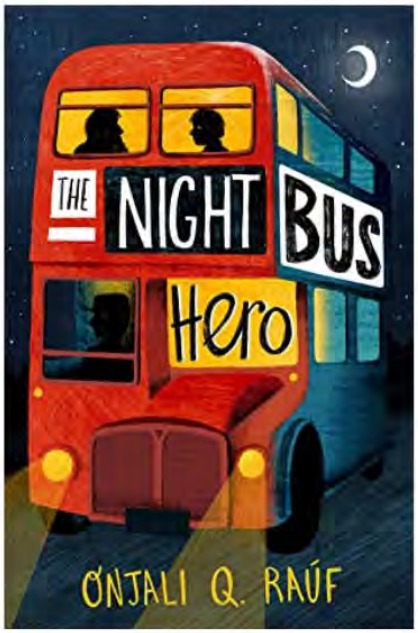

The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q Rauf
Genre: Mystery
Hector is known for causing trouble, but maybe he's caused *too* much trouble now. But he wants to make amends, and he wants to help the homeless community in London. Because somebody is blaming them for a string of disapperances...

Key words: mystery, crime, homelessness

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