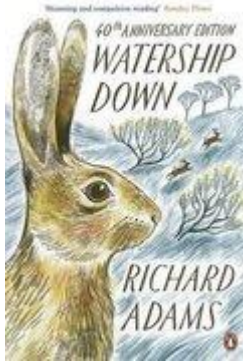


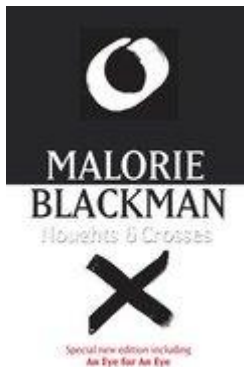
Take a look at our pick of the best books for 12-14 year olds from the last 100 years.



Watership Down

by **Richard Adams** Penguin

Young rabbit Fiver is convinced that a great evil is about to befall the warren where he lives - but no one will listen to him.



Noughts and Crosses

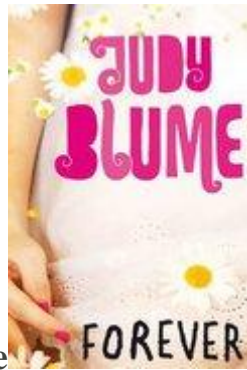
by **Malorie Blackman**

Doubleday Children's Books

Callum is a Nought but his best friend Sephy is a Cross - the daughter of one of the most influential politicians in the country.

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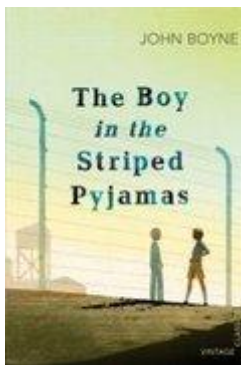
Forever



by **Judy Blume**

Macmillan Children's Books

Seventeen-year-old Katherine meets Michael at a party. The two of them like each other immediately, and soon fall in love - but are they ready to take their relationship to the next level?



The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

by **John Boyne**

David Fickling Books

Bruno is exploring his new home at 'Out-With' when he meets Shmuel, who lives on the other side of a fence which surrounds a large camp in the grounds.



Junk

by **Melvin Burgess**

Puffin

Tar loves Gemma, but Gemma doesn't want to be tied down to anyone or anything. Gemma wants to fly - but she can't fly forever...



Looking for JJ

by **Anne Cassidy**

Scholastic

When a 10-year-old girl kills her best friend, she is convicted of manslaughter and locked away. Seven years later she is released on licence with a new identity.

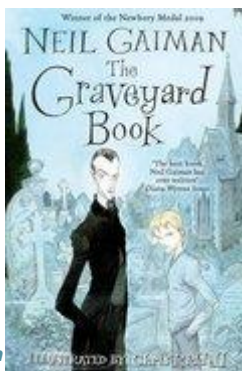


The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

Scholastic

Welcome to Panem: its Capitol repressively rules twelve satellite Districts, enslaving the populations as workers and controlling them through hunger.

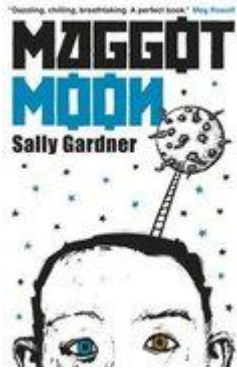


The Graveyard Book

by Neil Gaiman

Bloomsbury

After his family are killed, Bod is brought up in a graveyard by ghosts.

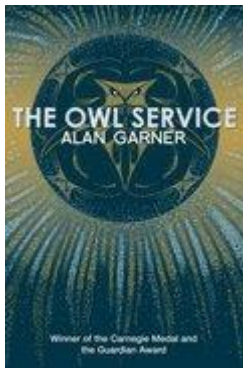


Maggot Moon

by Sally Gardner

Hot Key Books

Combining conspiracy theory and dystopia, this hugely original novel is set in an alternate 1950s in which Britain is dominated by the ruthlessly oppressive forces of The Motherland.

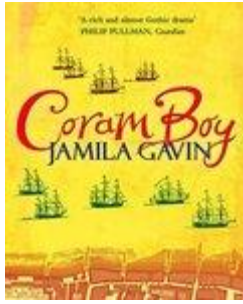


The Owl Service

by Alan Garner

HarperCollins Children's Books

When Alison finds a curious dinner service in the attic, the discovery sets off a strange chain of events that look set to effect everyone's lives.



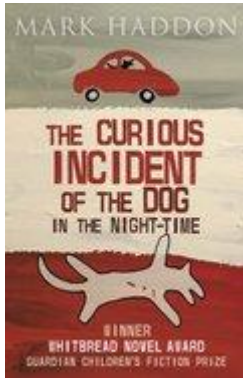
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Coram Boy

by Jamila Gavin

Egmont

Coram Boy is the story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate.



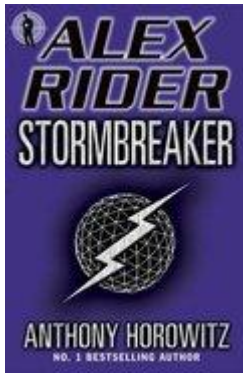
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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

by Mark Haddon

Red Fox

This funny, touching and compelling novel was the winner of the inaugural Booktrust Teenage Prize

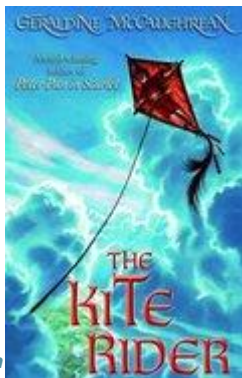


Stormbreaker

by **Anthony Horowitz**

Walker Books

Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6.



The Kite Rider

by **Geraldine McCaughrean**

Oxford University Press

Haoyou feels powerless when the man responsible for his father's death demands to marry his mother. Determined to support her himself, the young boy joins a travelling circus.

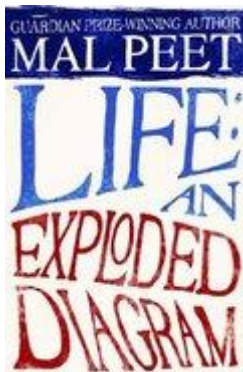


The Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness

Walker Books

The first in a series, this enthralling sci-fi/fantasy novel grips readers throughout, presenting them with tough questions about identity, ethics and the nature of truth.

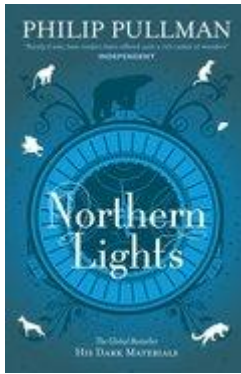


Life: An Exploded Diagram

by Mal Peet

Walker Books Ltd

In this intelligent young adult novel, Clem's coming-of-age story of first love and burgeoning sexuality is woven around a tense account of the mounting Cuban Missile Crisis



Northern Lights

by Philip Pullman

Scholastic

This extraordinary fantasy is the first book in Philip Pullman's multi-award-winning *His Dark Materials* trilogy

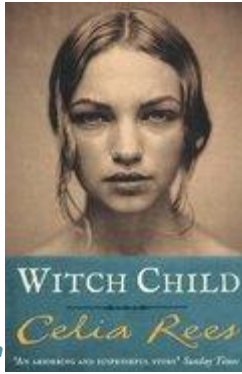


The Ruby in the Smoke

by Philip Pullman

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Determined to discover the truth about her father's tragic death, Sally Lockhart is plunged into a dangerous and terrifying adventure that takes her to the dark heart of Victorian London.

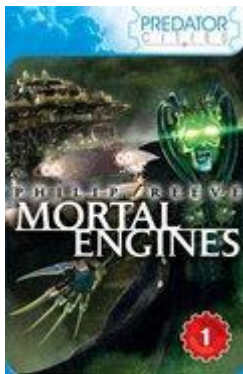


Witch Child

by **Celia Rees**

Bloomsbury Children's Books

This is the gripping tale of Mary, the granddaughter of a witch.

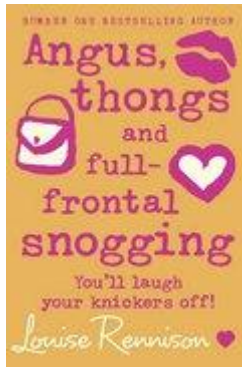


Mortal Engines

by **Philip Reeve**

Scholastic

London is on the move again: the traction city trawls the world on wheels, capturing and eating smaller towns.

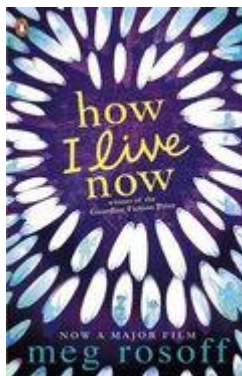


Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging

by Louise Rennison

HarperCollins Children's Books

Welcome to the world of Georgia Nicolson - an angst-ridden teenage girl who keeps a diary to record the rollercoaster of emotions and experiences she faces every day

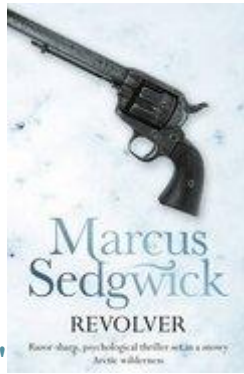


How I Live Now

by Meg Rosoff

Penguin

Fifteen-year-old New Yorker Daisy is sent to England to spend a summer with her unconventional cousins

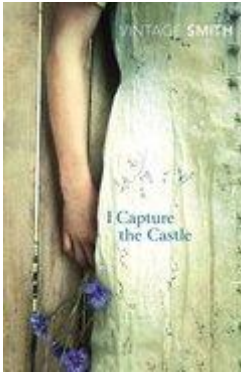


Revolver

by Marcus Sedgwick

Orion Children's Books

'They say dead men tell no tales, but they're wrong. Even the dead tell stories.'

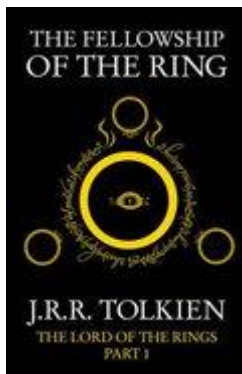


I Capture the Castle

by Dodie Smith

Vintage

17-year-old Cassandra lives an eccentric existence with her bohemian family in a crumbling castle in the English countryside, in this delightful classic coming-of-age story.



The Fellowship of The Ring

by J R R Tolkien

HarperCollins

The first part of J R R Tolkien's epic masterpiece *The Lord of the Rings*, this is the story of young hobbit Frodo Baggins, who finds himself faced with an immense and terrible duty.