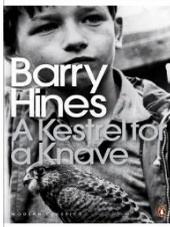
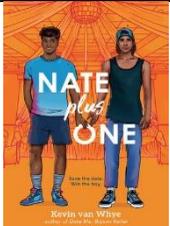


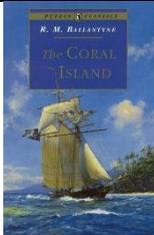
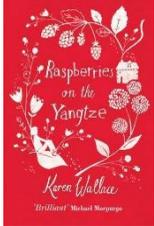
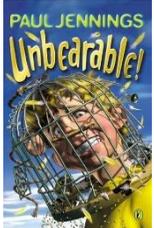
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A Kestrel for a Knave – Barry Hines	<b>Treated as a failure at school, and unhappy at home, Billy discovers a new passion in life when he finds Kes, a kestrel hawk.</b> Billy identifies with her silent strength and she inspires in him the trust and love that nothing else can, discovering through her the passion missing from his life.	
Nate plus One - Kevin Van Whye	From the author of <a href="#">Date Me, Bryson Keller</a> comes another adorable boy-meets-boy rom-com that will steal your heart. Music, a destination wedding, and secret crushes combine into an irresistibly feel-good story about two best friends falling in love.	
Be Resilient – Nicola Morgan (Non- fiction)	The essential teenage guide to building resilience for challenging times, from award-winning well-being expert <b>Nicola Morgan</b> , author of the bestselling Blame My Brain and The Teenage Guide to Stress. Some events in life will always be out of our control, whether it's a global crisis or a traumatic event at home – but <b>Be Resilient</b>	
Coram Boy – Jamila Gavin	<i>Coram Boy</i> 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. The two boys' lives are linked by the Coram Man, a shady figure who collects abandoned and unwanted children from across the country, supposedly to deliver them to a safe new life at the Coram Hospital in London. In reality, however, the unscrupulous man sells the unfortunate children into slavery, or 'disposes' of them if they are of no use to him. Soon, Toby and Aaron find themselves bound together in an epic journey, fraught with danger and excitement.	

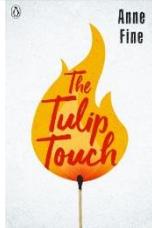
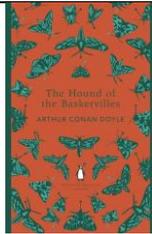
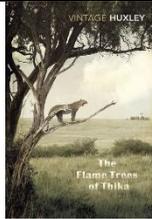
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<p>The Coral Island – R M Ballantyne</p>	<p><b><i>The Coral Island: A Tale of the Pacific Ocean</i></b> (1857) is a novel written by <a href="#">Scottish</a> author <a href="#">R. M. Ballantyne</a>. One of the first works of <a href="#">juvenile fiction</a> to feature exclusively juvenile heroes, the story relates the adventures of three boys marooned on a <a href="#">South Pacific</a> island, the only survivors of a shipwreck.</p>	
<p>Raspberries on the Yangtze – Karen Wallace</p>	<p>The Yangtze in our story is not China's river, but rather a magical place in the Canadian countryside on the outskirts of a small town. There, in the 1950s, a group of children look forward to what promises to be a glorious summer. There are six of them—all different in age and character. Nancy is a down-to-earth girl, and her only challenge in life is Andrew, her elder brother. Then there are Clare, Amy, Sandra, and Tracy. The children have known each other and their families for most of their lives, but this is the year when everything they ever thought they knew will change</p>	
<p>Unbearable - Paul Jennings (Short stories)</p>	<p>A collection of eight quirky, bizarre, and very funny short stories from the brilliant Paul Jennings.</p>	
<p>The Dam Busters – Paul Brickhill</p>	<p>On 17 May 1943, nearly 350 million tons of water crashed into the valleys of the Ruhr when the Lancaster bombers of 617 Squadron breached the giant Moehne and Eder Dams with colossal 'blockbuster' bombs. <i>The Dam Busters</i> tells the story of the raid and the squadron of fearless airmen who carried it through. Again and again, the crews of 617 Squadron Bomber Command used their flying skills, their tremendous courage and Barnes Wallis' highly accurate bouncing bombs to deal devastating blows to Nazi</p>	

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	<p>Germany.</p> <p>One of the most daring true stories to emerge from the Second World War, Paul Brickhill's <i>The Dam Busters</i> inspired the famous 1955 film starring Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd.</p>	
The Tulip Touch – Anne Fine	<p><b>Nobody wants Tulip in their gang.</b> She skives off school, cheeks the teachers and makes herself unpopular with her classmates by telling awful lies.</p> <p><b>None of this matters to Natalie who finds Tulip exciting.</b> At first she doesn't care that other people are upset and unnerved by Tulip's bizarre games, but as the games become increasingly sinister and dangerous, Natalie realises that Tulip is going too far. Much too far. Racing, in fact, to the novel's shocking ending.</p>	
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Arthur Conan Doyle	<p>When Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead, his face distorted with shock and horror, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are faced with a sinister and difficult puzzle. A fearsome creature stalks the wild and barren hills of Dartmoor. Is it a demon from the spirit world? Will it defeat their skill and courage? Who is the tall, mysterious figure seen lurking on the moor at night? Can Holmes save Sir Henry, the new owner of Baskerville Hall, from the ancient family curse? Or will the terrifying hound claim yet another victim?</p>	
The Flame Tresses of Thika – Elspeth Huxley (Autobiography)	<p>In an open cart Elspeth Huxley set off with her parents to travel to Thika in Kenya. As pioneering settlers, they built a house of grass, ate off a damask cloth spread over packing cases, and discovered--the hard way--the world of the African. With an extraordinary gift for detail and a keen sense of humor, Huxley recalls her childhood on the small farm at a time when Europeans waged their fortunes on a land that was as harsh as it was beautiful. For a young girl, it was a time of adventure and freedom, and Huxley paints an unforgettable portrait of growing up among the Masai and Kikuyu people,</p>	

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	discovering both the beauty and the terrors of the jungle, and enduring the rugged realities of the pioneer life.	
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams	<p>One Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyperspace bypass. It's the final straw for Arthur Dent, who has already had his house bulldozed that morning. But for Arthur, that is only the beginning . . .</p> <p>In the seconds before global obliteration, Arthur is plucked from the planet by his friend Ford Prefect – and together the pair venture out across the galaxy on the craziest, strangest road trip of all time!</p> <p>Totally hilarious, <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> has been a radio show, TV show, stage play, comic book and film, and is and a work of utter comic genius from Douglas Adams.</p>	