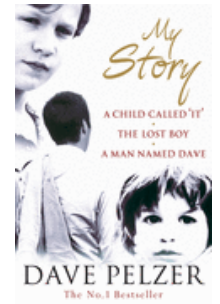


child called 'It'

Pelzer, David J 158.1 Knowledge

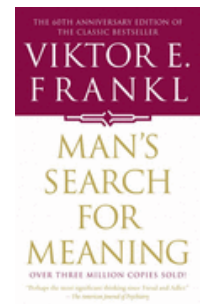
Dave Pelzer was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother, a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games - games that left one of her three sons nearly dead. She no longer considered Dave a son, but a slave; no longer a boy, but an 'it'. His bed was an old army cot in the basement, his clothes were torn and smelly, and when he was allowed the luxury of food it was scraps from the dog's bowl. The outside world knew nothing of the nightmare played out behind closed doors. But throughout Dave kept alive dreams of finding a family to love him. This book covers the early years of his life and is an affecting an



Man's search for meaning

Frankl, Viktor E 158.1 Knowledge

Man's Search for Meaning tells the chilling and inspirational story of eminent psychiatrist Viktor Frankl, who was imprisoned at Auschwitz and other concentration camps for three years during the Second World War. Immersed in great suffering and loss, Frankl began to wonder why some of his fellow prisoners were able not only to survive the horrifying conditions, but to grow in the process. Frankl's conclusion - that the most basic human motivation is the will to meaning - became the basis of his groundbreaking psychological theory, logotherapy. As Nietzsche put it, He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how. In Man's Search for



Real kids, real stories, real change : courageous actions around the world

Sundem, Garth 158.1 Knowledge

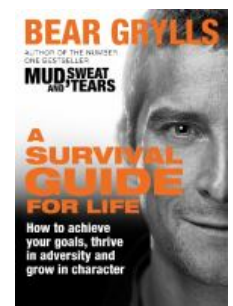
Kids saving the environment. The doggy dung disaster (Japan). The longest walk (Mexico). Turtle power (USA). Plastic bags sacked (India). Show me the water! (Australia). Comic book hero (Japan) -- Kids standing up for themselves. Top of the world (India). When small voices unite (Colombia). Come together (Kosovo). Get up, stand up (USA). Living proof (Canada). From rug maker and rescuer (Pakistan) -- Kids helping others. Hear that? (USA). Pop art (Japan). Early warning system (United Kingdom). Workers united (China). Sew what you reap



survival guide for life : how to achieve your goals, thrive in adversity and grow in character

Grylls, Bear 158.1 Knowledge

The wilderness teaches us lessons about ourselves and the world around us. These lessons can save our lives when we are up a mountain, but they can also improve our daily lives by giving us the skills and insights to understand our situation and the opportunities and risks around us. Bear Grylls shares the lessons he has learnt.



courage for peace : creating harmony in ourselves and the world

Diamond, Louise 327 Knowledge

Louise Diamond, an expert in conflict resolution, has spent more than 30 years examining the principles of peace. Her conclusion? That inner and outer peace are actually the same. Whatever the setting, there are four simple principles that must be engaged. Through reflection and real-life stories, Diamond examines the actions -- personal, local, and global -- that can contribute to a more peaceful world. Diamond has traveled the world, from the Balkans to Palestine, to promote peace and end the violence that tears families, towns, and

Trapped : remarkable stories of survival from the 2011 Canterbury earthquake

Van Beynen, Martin 551.2 Knowledge

'It was all so sudden. Twenty seconds and then silence. I started calling out, 'Can anyone hear me?' - nothing but silence. Over the next few hours I heard hysterical sobbing and people clapping as others were rescued. I could hear engines, drilling and what sounded like sledgehammers ...when the sounds went away I worried they weren't coming back.' Ann Bodkin, trapped for 25 hours. The Canterbury earthquake of February 2011 altered landscape, history, and most importantly, human lives. Many perished and the lives of thousands were

man who mistook his wife for a hat

Sacks, Oliver W 616.8 Knowledge

Using case studies, Sacks examines the effects of impairment and incapacity of neurological function such as loss of speech and loss of memory, and looks at the relationship between the brain and the mind. Oliver Sacks has become the world's best-known neurologist. His case studies of broken minds offer brilliant insight into the mysteries of consciousness . In his most extraordinary book, Oliver Sacks recounts the stories of patients lost in the bizarre, apparently inescapable world of neurological disorders. These are case studies of people who have lost their memories and with them the greater part of their pasts; and, who are no longer able to

33 Men: Inside the Miraculous Survival and Dramatic Rescue of the Chilean Miners

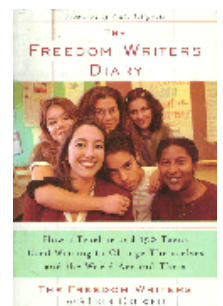
Franklin, Jonathan 622 Knowledge

A historic triumph of the human spirit Riveting and authoritative account of the 2010 San Josa mine rescue in Chile-after one of the longest human entrapments in history. With his coveted Rescue Pass, Franklin was permitted access far past the police perimeter. It would be seventeen long days before the miners were discovered alive and the world press descended. It would be another fifty-two days before the miners were all successfully rescued.

Freedom Writers diary : how a teacher and 150 teens used writing to change themselves and the world

Gruwell, Erin 808 Knowledge

As an idealistic twenty-three-year-old English teacher at Wilson High School in Long Beach, California. Erin Gruwell confronted a room of "unteachable, at-risk" students. One day she intercepted a note with an ugly racial caricature, and angrily declared that this was precisely the sort of thing that led to the Holocaust - only to be met by uncomprehending looks ... With



Let fly : a young topdressing pilot's courageous story

Cardno, Barry 92 CAR Knowledge



Behind enemy lines : a young pilot's story

DeMallie, H. R; DeMallie, H. R 92 DEM Knowledge

Howard DeMallie, a young American pilot, describes in riveting detail his successful bombing run from England to the industrial center of Germany. But things go very wrong on the return flight when his plane is struck by enemy fire and the crew is forced to parachute into Holland. Although a group of heroic Dutch resistance fighters try to hide him, the Nazis eventually capture DeMaillie and send him to a prisoner of war camp. There, he endures hunger, cold, and brutality until the Allies finally free him. Years later, he returns to Holland in search of his brave Dutch rescuers. An unforgettable autobiographical true story of survival during World War II.

Zlata's diary

Filipovic, Zlata; Di Giovanni, Janine; Pribichevich-Zoric, Christina
92 FIL Knowledge

Zlata Filipovic was given a diary shortly before her tenth birthday and began to write in it regularly. She was an ordinary, if unusually intelligent and articulate little girl, and her preoccupations include whether or not to join the Madonna fan club, the fate of the supermodels, her piano lessons, her tennis coaching, her friends and her new skis. But the distant murmur of war draws closer to her Sarajevo home. Her father starts to wear military uniform and her friends begin to leave the city. One day, school is closed and the next day

Soul surfer : a true story of faith, family, and fighting to get back on the board

Hamilton, Bethany 92 HAM Knowledge

Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfer lost her arm in a shark attack off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii. Not even the loss of her arm keeps her from returning to surfing, the sport she loves. Soul surfer describes how she has coped with this life-altering event with the help of her faith, the changes in her life, and her return to the sport she loves. Suggested level: secondary

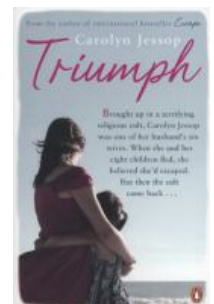


Forward -- Halloween morning -- Boats -- Serious competitor -- Mostly normal life -- Attack --

Triumph : life after the cult : a survivor's lessons

Jessop, Carolyn; Palmer, Laura 92 JES Knowledge

At the age of 18, Carolyn Jessop was forced to marry a 50-year-old stranger and religious cult member. She became one of six wives and bore him eight children in 15 years. When the cult started preaching death and destruction, she knew she and her children had to escape. Carolyn Jessop's extraordinary story as part of the fundamentalist Mormon church in the US was chronicled in her international bestseller *Escape*. Three years on, Carolyn has written *Triumph*, an inspirational guide which will help anyone overcome adversity and hardship to achieve their dreams. With the right tools, we can all face our fears and redefine our



Bite of the mango

Kamara, Mariatu; McClelland, Susan 92 KAM Knowledge

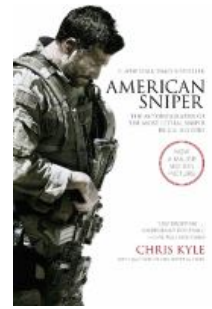
The incredible true story of one girl's journey from war victim to UNICEF Special Representative. Mariatu Kamara grew up in a small village in Sierra Leone, surrounded by family and friends. At first, rumours of the civil war were no more than a distant worry. But then the rebels attacked. Heavily armed soldiers, some no older than 12-year-old Mariatu herself, attacked her village, torturing her brutally and killing many of the people she loved. During this senseless violence, they cut off both her hands. Miraculously, Mariatu survived. Then began her journey of recovery, from the African bush to begging in the streets of



American sniper : the autobiography of the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history

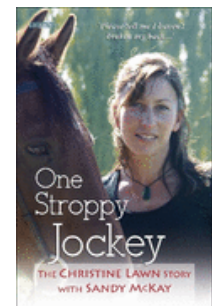
Kyle, Chris 1974-2013 92 KYL Library Office

Gripping, eye-opening, and powerful, American Sniper is the astonishing autobiography of SEAL Chief Chris Kyle, who is the record-holding sniper in U.S. military history. Kyle has more than 150 officially confirmed kills (the previous American record was 109), though his remarkable career total has not been made public by the Pentagon. In this New York Times bestselling memoir, Kyle shares the true story of his extraordinary decade-long career, including his multiple combat tours in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and elsewhere from 1999



One stroppy jockey : the Christine Lawn story

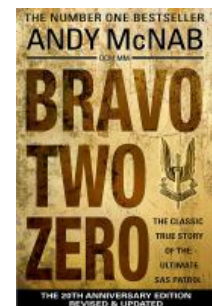
McKay, Sandy 92 LAW Knowledge



Bravo two zero

McNab, Andy 1959- author 92 MCN Knowledge

In January 1991, eight members of the SAS regiment embarked upon a top secret mission that was to infiltrate them deep behind enemy lines. Under the command of Sergeant Andy McNab, they were to sever the underground communication link between Baghdad and north-west Iraq, and to seek and destroy mobile Scud launchers. Their call sign: BRAVO TWO ZERO. Each man laden with 15 stone of equipment, they patrolled 20km across flat desert to reach their objective. Within days, their location was compromised. After a fierce fire fight, they were forced to escape and evade on foot to the Syrian border. In the desperate action that followed,



book of Hat

Rowland, Harriet 92 ROW Knowledge

Hat - was 17 when she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare form of cancer that starts in the bones. Living in Wellington, New Zealand, Hat has fought the disease for three years and found a friend in cancer sufferer Hazel from John Green's novel The Fault in Our Stars, duplicating her trip to the Anne Frank House. In 2013, Hat celebrated her 20th birthday and mixed with the stars of the new Hobbit movie - both things she never expected to do. Since her diagnosis, Hat has kept a blog called My Experience of Walking the Dog and the posts are collected in this book, edited with the author's blessing. Why the blog title? Her family says

one that got away

Ryan, Chris 92 RYA Knowledge

The Bravo Two Zero mission is one of the most famous stories of courage and survival. Of the eight SAS members involved, only one escaped capture - Chris Ryan. This title tells his true story. Junior ed



Carve her name with pride

Minney, R J 92 SZA Knowledge

Carve Her Name With Pride is the inspiring story of the half-French Violette Szabo who was born in Paris in 1921 to an English motor-car dealer, and a French Mother. She met and married Etienne Szabo, a Captain in the French Foreign Legion in 1940. Shortly after the birth of her daughter, Tania, her husband died at El Alamein. After Etienne's death, Violette felt she must do something for her country. She became a FANY (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) and was recruited into the SOE and underwent secret agent training. Once secret agent, she was landed in France to send details of German troop movements to assist the plans for the D-Day

Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Changed the World

Yousafzai, Malala; McCormick, Patricia 92 YOU Knowledge

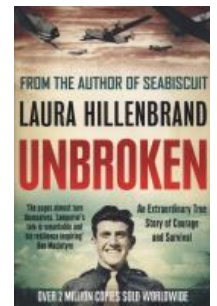
Malala Yousafzai was born in 1997 in the Swat Valley of Pakistan which she saw transformed from a beautiful and peaceful land to a place of fear and repression under the control of the Taliban. Meet the girl behind the icon - a girl who loves cricket, has spats with her best friend, and, on the day of the shooting, nearly overslept and missed an exam. A girl who saw women suddenly banned from public, schools blown up, and Taliban opponents whipped in public. A girl whose homeland descended into a state of fear and repression, and who found herself



Unbroken : an extraordinary true story of courage and survival

Hillenbrand, Laura 92 ZAM Knowledge

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. Ahead of Zamperini lay thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, a foundering raft, thirst and



Helen Keller story

Peare, Catherine Owens 92KEL Knowledge

This biography of Helen Keller tells the story of the controversial and turbulent relationship between Helen and her teacher, Annie Sullivan. It chronicles Helens doomed love affair, her struggles to earn a living, her triumphs at Radcliffe College and her work as an advocate for the disabled. Helen Keller has been venerated as a saint or damned as a fraud, this book shows her as a beautiful, intelligent, high-strung and passionate woman whose life was transformed not only by her disabilities but also by the people on whose help and friendship she relied.

Elsie and Mairi go to war : two extraordinary women on the Western Front

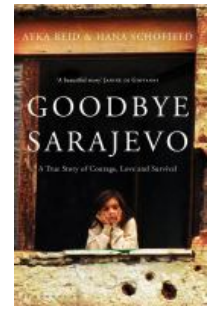
Atkinson, Diane 940.3 Knowledge

When they met at a motorcycle club in 1912, Elsie Knocker was a thirty-year-old motorcycling divorcee dressed in bottle-green Dunhill leathers, and Mairi Chisolm was a brilliant eighteen-year-old mechanic, living at home borrowing tools from her brother. Little did they know, theirs was to become one of the most extraordinary stories of the First World War. In 1914, they roared off to London 'to do their bit', and within a month they were in the thick of things in Belgium driving ambulances to distant military hospitals. Frustrated by the number of men

Goodbye Sarajevo : a true story of courage, love and survival

Reid, Atka; Schofield, Hana 949.7 Knowledge

Authors live in New Zealand May, 1992. Hana is twelve years old when she is put on one of the last UN evacuation buses fleeing the besieged city of Sarajevo. Her twenty-one-year-old sister, Atka, staying behind to look after their five younger siblings, is there to say goodbye. Thinking that they will be apart for only a few weeks, they make a promise to each other to be brave. But as the Bosnian war escalates and months go by without contact, their promise to each other becomes deeply significant. Hana is forced to come as a refugee in Croatia, far away



Empire of the sun

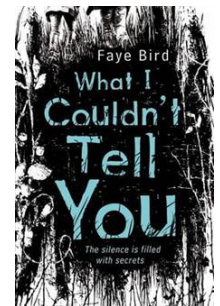
Ballard, J.G BAL Fiction

The heartrending story of a British boy's four-year ordeal in a Japanese prison camp during the Second World War. Based on J. G. Ballard's own childhood, this is the extraordinary account of a boy's life in Japanese-occupied wartime Shanghai - a mesmerising, hypnotically compelling novel of war, of starvation and survival, of internment camps and death marches. It blends searing honesty with an almost hallucinatory vision of a world thrown utterly out of joint. Rooted as it is in the author's own disturbing experience of war in own time, it is one of a handful of novels by which the twentieth century will be not only remembered but judged.

What I couldn't tell you?

Bird, Faye, author BIR Fiction

When 17-year-old Laura is attacked and left in a coma, the prime suspect is her boyfriend Joe, who fled the scene and vanished. But as the weeks pass, Laura's mute sister Tessie is entrusted with secrets about what really happened. Gradually she pieces together the truth of that night - but can she ever be brave enough to tell Laura's story?



Noughts & crosses

Blackman, Malorie BLA Fiction

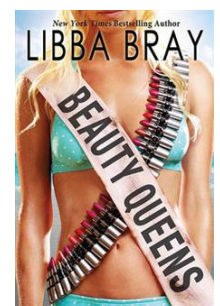
Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Until the first steps are taken towards more social equality and a limited number of Noughts are allowed into Cross schools... Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum - a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger...



Beauty queens

Bray, Libba BRA Fiction

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition. 'Beauty Queens' is a madcap surrealist satire of the world - reality TV, corporate sponsorship, beauty obsession - but ultimately, it's a story of empowering self-discovery. Though the jokes fly thick as unplucked brows, Bray also goes deeper into each character to show how our culture's insidious focus on female perfection keeps girls from being who they



We can be heroes

Bruton, Catherine BRU Fiction

My dad was killed in the 9/11 attacks in New York. But the stuff in this book isn't about that. It's about the summer my mum went away. The summer that me and Jed and Priti tried to catch a suicide bomber and prevent an honour killing. There's stuff about how we built a tree house and joined the bomb squad; how I found my dad and Jed lost his; and how we both lost our mums then found them again. So it's not really about 9/11 but, then again, none of those things would have happened if it hadn't been for that day. So I guess it's all back to front, sort of ...



Spark

Craw, Rachael author CRA Fiction

Evie doesn't have a choice. One day she's an ordinary seventeen year old, grieving for her mother. The next, she's a Shield, the result of a decades-old experiment gone wrong, bound by DNA to defend her best friend from an unknown killer. The threat could come at home, at school, anywhere. All Evie knows is that it will be a fight to the death. And then there's Jamie. Irresistible. Off-limits



Over to you : ten stories of flyers and flying

Dahl, Roald DAH Fiction

During the Second World War Roald Dahl served in the RAF and even suffered horrific injuries in an air crash in the Libyan desert. Drawing on his own experiences as a fighter pilot, Dahl crafted these ten spine-tingling stories: of air battles in the sky; of the nightmare of being shot down; the infectious madness of conflict; and, the nervy jollity of the Mess and Ops room. Dahl brilliantly conveys the bizarre reality of a wartime pilot's daily existence, where death is a constant companion and life is lived from one heartbeat to the next. Presents such stories as: Death of an Old Man , An African Story , A Piece of Cake , Madame Rosette , Katina , Yesterday

Intensive care : and, Daughter buffalo

Frame, Janet; Frame, Janet FRA Fiction

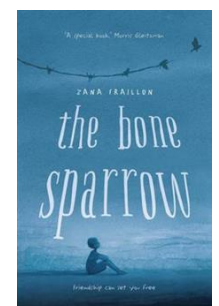
2 Novels Extending from World War I to an imagined twenty-first century, INTENSIVE CARE (first published in 1970) highlights the appalling treatment of the physically and mentally sick. Tom Livingstone, young and wounded in the trenches of Flanders, must learn the value of life and subsequently the value of death. In a futuristic world, the autistic Milly Galbraith has been deemed substandard and faces elimination. In this hypnotic novel, Janet Frame explores the harshness of humankind and makes a plea for us to restore humanity. Having touched on the reality of death in INTENSIVE CARE, Frame's next novel, DAUGHTER BUFFALO (published in



The bone sparrow

Fraillon, Zana author FRA Fiction

"Sometimes, at night, the dirt outside turns into a beautiful ocean. As red as the sun and as deep as the sky. I lie in my bed, Queeny's feet pushing up against my cheek, and listen to the waves lapping at the tent." Subhi is a refugee. Born in an Australian permanent detention centre after his mother fled the violence of a distant homeland, life behind the fences is all he has ever known. But as he grows, his imagination gets bigger too, until it is bursting at the limits of his world. The Night Sea brings him gifts, the faraway whales sing to him, and the birds tell their stories. The most vivid story of all, however, is the one that arrives one night in



Front lines

Grant, Michael 1954- author GRA Fiction

It's 1942. The fate of the world rests on a knife's edge. And the soldiers who can tip the balance . . . are girls. Set in an alternate World War II where young women are called up to fight alongside men, this is the story of Rio Richlin and her sisters-in-arms as they go into battle against Hitler's forces. But not everyone believes that the girls should be on the front lines of war. Now Rio and her friends must fight not only to survive, but to prove their courage and ingenuity to a sceptical world



Wolf by wolf

Graudin, Ryan author GRA Fiction

Germania, 1956. Over ten years since the Nazis won the war. 18-year-old Yael is part of the resistance, and she has just one mission: to kill Hitler. Experimented on during her time at Auschwitz, Yael has the unique ability to change her appearance at will. The only part of her which always remains are the five tattooed wolves on her arm; one for each of the people she's lost. Using her abilities, she must transform into Adele Wolfe, Germany's most famous female rider and winner of the legendary Axis Tour; an epic long distance motorcycle race from Berlin to Tokyo, where only the strongest (and wildest) riders survive. If she can win this, she will be



Shahana

Hawke, Rosanne; White, Lynette HAW Fiction

Shahana lives alone with her young brother in the shadow of the Line of Control, the border patrolled by Pakistani and Indian soldiers that divides Kashmir in two. Life is hard, but Shahana ekes out a living with her beautiful embroidery. Then she finds a boy lying unconscious near the border. Zahid is from across the Line of Control, and Shahana takes a terrible risk by sheltering him. But how can she give Zahid up to the authorities when she knows he'll be imprisoned - or worse? A moving story of one child's life in the conflict zone of Kashmir.



The girl in the blue coat

Hesse, Monica HES Fiction

Amsterdam, 1943 Hanneke spends her days procuring and delivering sought-after black-market goods to paying customers, her nights hiding the true nature of her work from her concerned parents, and every waking moment mourning her boyfriend, who was killed on the front line when the Germans invaded. She likes to think of her illegal work as a small act of rebellion. But one day Hanneke gets a very unusual request. One of her regular customers asks her to find a girl. A girl who has disappeared from the secret room in her house. A Jewish girl ...As she searches for clues Hanneke is drawn into a dangerous web of lies, secrets and



I am David

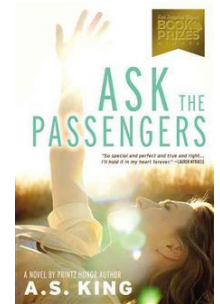
Holm, Anne HOL Fiction

David's entire twelve-year life has been spent in a grisly prison camp in Eastern Europe. He knows nothing of the outside world. But when he is given the chance to escape, he seizes it. With his vengeful enemies hot on his heels, David struggles to cope in this strange new world, where his only resources are a compass, a few crusts of bread, his two aching feet, and some vague advice to seek refuge in Denmark. Is that enough to survive? David's extraordinary odyssey is dramatically chronicled in Anne Holm's classic about the meaning of freedom and the power of hope.

Ask the passengers

King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970- KIN Fiction

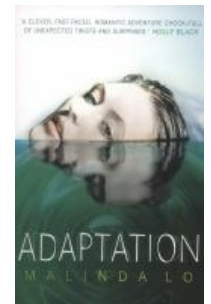
Astrid Jones copes with her small town's gossip and narrow-mindedness by staring at the sky and imagining that she's sending love to the passengers in the airplanes flying high over her backyard. Maybe they'll know what to do with it. Maybe it'll make them happy. Maybe they'll need it. Her mother doesn't want it, her father's always stoned, her perfect sister's too busy trying to fit in, and the people in her small town would never allow her to love the person she really wants to: another girl named Dee. There's no one Astrid feels she can talk to about this deep secret or the profound questions that she's trying to answer. But little does she know just



Adaptation

Lo, Malinda LO Fiction

Flocks of birds are hurling themselves at aeroplanes across America. Thousands of people die. Millions are stranded. Everyone knows the world will never be the same. On Reese's long drive home, along a stretch of empty highway at night, a bird flies into their headlights. The car flips over. When they wake up in a military hospital, the doctor won't tell them what happened. For Reese, though, this is just the start. She can't remember anything from the time between her accident and the day she woke up almost a month later. She only knows one thing: she's different now. Torn between longtime crush David and new girl Amber, the real question is:



Ash

Lo, Malinda LO Fiction

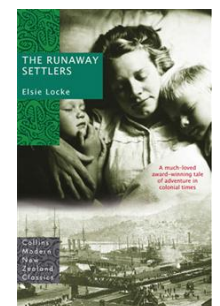
CINDERELLA RETOLD In the wake of her father's death, Ash is left at the mercy of her cruel stepmother. Consumed with grief, her only joy comes by the light of the dying hearth fire, re-reading the fairy tales her mother once told her. In her dreams, someday the fairies will steal her away, as they are said to do. When she meets the dark and dangerous fairy Sidhean, she begins to believe that her wish may be granted. The day that Ash meets Kaisa, the King's royal Huntress, her heart begins to change. Instead of chasing fairies, Ash learns to hunt with Kaisa. Though their friendship is as delicate as a new bloom, it reawakens Ash's capacity for love-and

The Runaway settlers

Locke, Elsie LOC Fiction

The year is 1859, Elizabeth Small and her six children escape their abusive husband and father in Australia, making a new life for themselves in the fledgling colony of Canterbury, N.Z.

Based on a true story



Gathering Blue

LOWRY, Lois LOW Fiction

It is a society ruled by savagery and deceit that shuns and discards the weak. Left orphaned and physically flawed, young Kira faces a frightening, uncertain future. Blessed with an almost magical talent that keeps her alive, she struggles with ever broadening responsibilities in her quest for truth, discovering things that will change her life forever.

As she did in THE GIVER, Lowry challenges readers to imagine what our world could become, how people could evolve, and what could be considered valuable. Every reader will be taken by Kira's plight and will long ponder her haunting world and the hope for the future. Lois Lowry

Touching Spirit Bear

Mikaelsen, Ben MIK Fiction

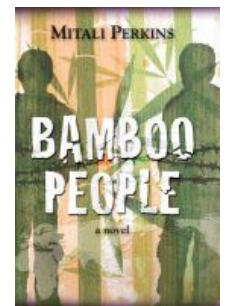
Within Cole Matthews lies anger, rage and hate. Cole has been stealing and fighting for years. This time he caught Peter Driscall in the parking lot and smashed his head against the sidewalk. Now, Peter may have permanent brain damage and Cole is in the biggest trouble of his life. Cole is offered Circle Justice: a system based on Native American traditions that attempts to provide healing for the criminal offender, the victim, and the community. With prison as his only alternative, Cole plays along. He says he wants to repent, but in his heart, Cole blames his alcoholic mom, his abusive dad, wimpy Peter- everyone but himself- for his situation. Cole



Bamboo people : a novel

Perkins, Mitali PER Fiction

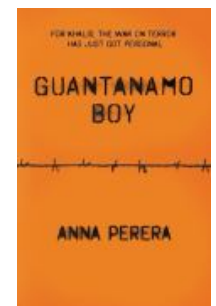
This coming-of-age story is narrated by two fourteen-year-old boys on opposing sides of the conflict between the Burmese government and the Karenni, one of the many ethnic minorities in Burma. Chiko, a studious Burmese youth, has been seized by the government for his liberal views and is conscripted into the Burmese army. Tu Reh, a Karenni boy whose home and bamboo fields are destroyed by the Burmese soldiers, is eager to fight for his people. When Chiko and Tu Reh meet, a close friendship is forged, demonstrating their courage to overcome violence and prejudice.



Guantanamo boy

Perera, Anna PER Fiction

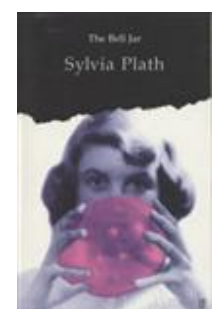
On the cover: For Khalid, the war on terror has just got personal. Fifteen-year-old Khalid likes footy, seeing his friends, playing football down the park., the normal thing. But when he is mistaken for a terrorist and kidnapped by unknown assailants, Khalid is forced to go to a place no child should ever see. A place where systematic humiliation, torture and brutality are part of the daily routine. A prison he is powerless to escape. A living hell called Guantanamo Bay. This is the story of his struggles while incarcerated. A fictional story inspired by real events. Suggested level: secondary



The bell jar

Plath, Sylvia PLA Fiction

Esther Greenwood is at college and is fighting two battles, one against her own desire for perfection in all things - grades, boyfriend, looks, career - and the other against remorseless mental illness. As her depression deepens she finds herself encased in it, bell-jarred away from the rest of the world. This is the story of her journey back into reality. Highly readable, witty and disturbing, The Bell Jar is Sylvia Plath's only novel and was originally published under a pseudonym in 1963. What it has to say about what women expect of themselves, and what society expects of women, is as sharply relevant today as it has always been.



Machine wars

Pryor, Michael PRY Fiction

Unknown to the world, a superintelligence has emerged and it wants to eliminate fifteen-year-old Bram Argent ...The superintelligence can control any machine connected to the net, and it uses them as its unstoppable agents to achieve its ends. And the superintelligence is paranoid. Controlling the entire world is its only way to ensure its own existence. Bram's mother is a high-level computer scientist. She's been investigating the possibility of the emergence of a superintelligence and she has evidence u copies of which she has given to her son and husband for safekeeping. But the superintelligence has become aware of her u and decided she needs to



Priceless

Richie, Nicole RIC Fiction

Meet Charlotte Williams! Rich, gorgeous, blonde and a talented singer, she has everything going for her. Spoiled and indulged, her life has always revolved around fashion, gossip, partying and men. When Charlotte's father -- her only family since her mother's tragic death years ago -- is arrested on fraud charges, her glittering world shatters around her. Alone and penniless, she must make her own way for the very first time. Harassed by paparazzi and the outraged victims of her father's crimes, Charlotte flees to New Orleans to escape the scandal. But what

Salt to the sea

Sepetys, Ruta author SEP Fiction

When the German ship the Wilhelm Gustloff was sunk in port in early 1945 it had over 9000 civilian refugees, including children, on board. Nearly all were drowned. Ruta Sepetys imagines the story of a handful of these people as they trek across Germany, bound together only by their desperation to reach the ship that can take them away from the war-ravaged land. From the gentle wisdom of the old man known as the Shoe Poet to the bravery of Emilia, the Polish girl who struggles onwards hiding a dark secret inside herself, this is a band of unforgettable characters and unmissable stories

On the beach

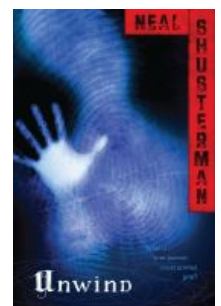
Shute, Nevil SHU Fiction

After the war is over, a radioactive cloud begins to sweep southwards on the winds, gradually poisoning everything in its path. An American submarine captain is among the survivors left sheltering in Australia, preparing with the locals for the inevitable. Despite his memories of his wife, he becomes close to a young woman struggling to accept the harsh realities of their situation... This most evocative novel on the aftermath of a nuclear war played an important role in raising awareness about the threat of nuclear war. On the Beach is Nevil Shute's most powerful novel. Both gripping and intensely moving, its impact is unforgettable.

Unwind

Shusterman, Neal SHU Fiction

In a society where unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts, three runaways fight the system that would unwind them. Connor's parents want to be rid of him because he's a troublemaker. Risa has no parents and is being unwound to cut orphanage costs. Lev's unwinding has been planned since his birth, as part of his family's strict religion. Brought together by chance, and kept together by desperation, these three unlikely companions make a harrowing cross-country journey, knowing their lives hang in the balance. If they can survive until their eighteenth birthday, they can't be harmed -- but when every piece of them, from



Cracked

Strahan, Clare STR Fiction

At fifteen, Clover is finding the going tougher than she expected. Her life is close to being derailed on the rocky terrain of family, friendship, first love, acts of defiance and a planet on the brink of environmental disaster. So when Keek breaks his promise to her, and school sucks, and her mother is impossible, and her beloved old dog is dying, and her dad is in the wind, and the girls at school are awful and the footy-boys are bullies and she's arrested for vandalism - well, what else can she be but a little bit broken? Can Clover pull herself together - or will she spiral further out of control? When life feels like it's fracturing, how do you find a



Fallout

Strasser, Todd, author STR Fiction

What if the bomb had actually been dropped? What if your family was the only one with a shelter? In the summer of 1962, the possibility of nuclear war is all anyone talks about. But Scott's dad is the only one in the neighborhood who actually prepares for the worst. As the neighbors scoff, he builds a bomb shelter to hold his family and stocks it with just enough supplies to keep the four of them alive for two critical weeks. In the middle of the night in late October, when the unthinkable happens, those same neighbors force their way into the shelter before Scott's dad can shut the door. With not enough room, not enough food, and not enough



Kitchen god's wife

Tan, Amy TAN Fiction

This story takes us back to Shanghai in the 1920s, through World War II, and the harrowing events that led to Winnie's arrival in America in 1949. The story is one of innocence and its loss, tragedy and survival and, most of all, the enduring qualities of hope, love and friendship.

Pearl Louie Brandt has a terrible secret which she tries desperately to keep from her mother, Winne Louie. And Winnie has long kept her own secrets -- about her past and the confusing circumstances of Pearl's birth. Fate intervenes in the form of Helen Kwong, Winnie's so-called

Let the circle be unbroken

Taylor, Mildred D TAY 850 Fiction

A sequel to the universally acclaimed Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, continuing in the story of the Logan family in Mississippi during the Depression. The children, especially Cassie, are happy in their warm, stable family but outside is a climate of fear and tension. Their friend T.J. goes on trial for murder and stands before an all-white jury. Cousin Suzella tries to pass for white, with humiliating consequences. And when Cassie's neighbour stands up for her right to vote she and her cousin are driven from their home. Cassie is realising what it means to grow up black and powerless, but her family stand together, proving that courage, love and

Roll of thunder, hear my cry

Taylor, Mildred D TAY 920 Fiction

Summary: A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand

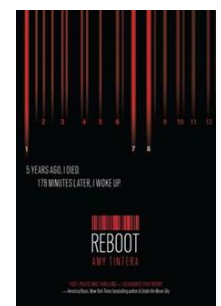
Sequel: Let the circle be unbroken



Reboot

Tintera, Amy, author TIN Fiction

In this fast-paced dystopian thriller ride, a seventeen-year-old girl rises from the dead as a Reboot and is trained as an elite crime-fighting soldier . . . until she is given an order she refuses to obey. Five years ago, Wren Connolly was shot three times in the chest. After 178 minutes, she came back to life as a Reboot--stronger, faster, able to heal, but less emotional. The longer Reboots are dead, the less human they are when they return, making Wren 178 the deadliest Reboot in the Republic of Texas.



Ashes, ashes

Treggiari, Jo TRE Fiction

The world has ended ... What comes next? Epidemics, floods, droughts--for sixteen-year-old Lucy, the end of the world came and went, taking 99% of the population with it. As the weather continues to rage out of control, and Sweepers clean the streets of plague victims, Lucy survives alone in the wilds of Central Park. But when she's rescued from a pack of hunting dogs by a mysterious boy named Aidan, she reluctantly realizes she can't continue on her own. She joins his band of survivors, yet, a new danger awaits her: the Sweepers are looking for her. There's something special about Lucy, and they will stop at nothing to have her. A thrilling



Code name Verity

Wein, Elizabeth WEI Fiction

Oct. 11th, 1943--A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun. When Verity is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution. As she intricately weaves her confession, Verity uncovers her past, how she became friends with the pilot Maddie, and why she left Maddie in the wrecked fuselage of their plane. On each

