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As we get ready to celebrate Youth Month and specifically Youth Day on 16 June, we hope we can encourage and inspire young minds to read more exciting and insightful reads.

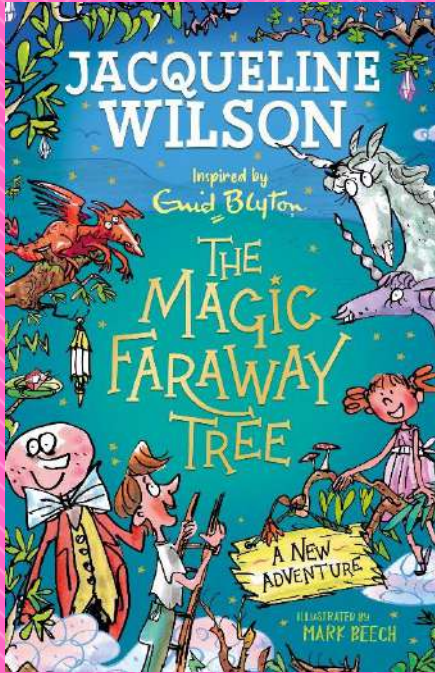
What better way to ease into the colder days than snuggling up with a warm drink and great, cozy read!

HAPPY YOUTH MONTH!

All the best,
The Jonathan Ball Kids Team



Spotlight



The Magic Faraway Tree: A New Adventure by Jacqueline Wilson
9781444963380 / Hodder / PB / R205.00

Discover the Magic Faraway Tree and explore the amazing lands it can lead to, in an irresistible new story by bestselling author Jacqueline Wilson, set in this much-loved world.

Milo, Mia and Birdy are on a countryside holiday when they wander into an Enchanted Wood. Among the whispering leaves, there is a beautiful tree that stands high above the rest. The Magic Faraway Tree is home to many remarkable creatures including a fairy called Silky, her best friend Moonface and more. Little Birdy is only too happy to find that fairies are real. Even her older brother and sister are soon won over by the magic of the Faraway Tree and the extraordinary places they discover above it, including the Land of Unicorns. But not every land is so much fun. Danger looms in the Land of Dragons. Will Moonface's magic work in time to save the children? The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton was Jacqueline Wilson's own favourite book as a very young child. Now Britain's favourite contemporary children's author, creator of Hetty Feather and Tracy Beaker, revisits this glorious magical world, weaving a brand-new story perfect for the next generation of young readers. Discover the magic!



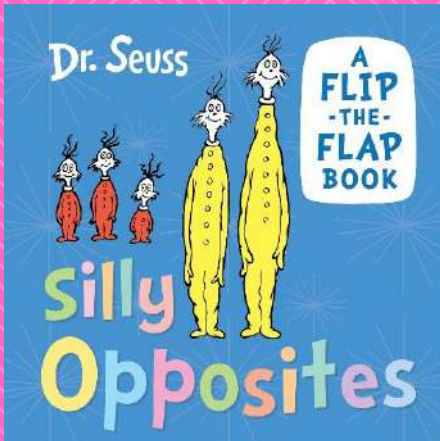
Cosima Unfortunate Steals Star by Laura Noakes
9780008579050 / HaperCollins / PB / R180.00

Cosima Unfortunate has spent all her life at the Home for Unfortunate Girls – a school where any disabled children, or children deemed different, are sent, whether their families want it or not. It is there that she meets her friends – Pearl, Mary and Diya – and they start to practice mini heists involving the theft of cakes, biscuits and other sweet goodies.

But when Cos finds out that Lord Francis Fitzroy, the explorer behind the Empire Exhibition, is planning to adopt them, she and her friends plot the biggest heist of their life. Instead of fondant fancies, they're going to steal Fitzroy's prized tiara, containing the legendary Star Diamond of India! But, as they start preparing for the day, Cosima finds herself drawing ever closer to discovering the one secret she's always wanted to know – the truth about her parents...

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0 – 5 years

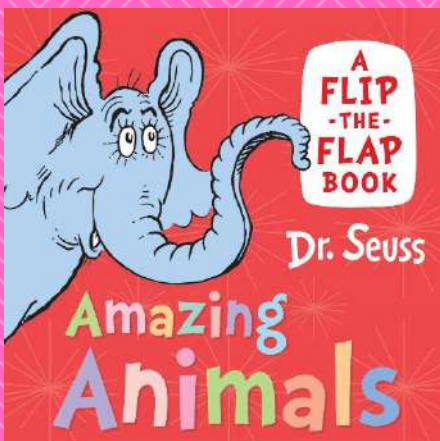


Silly Opposites by Dr Seuss

9780008592264 / HarperCollins / BRD BK / R165.00

An introduction to silly opposites and the world of Dr. Seuss, perfect for babies and toddlers!

Flip the flap, what can you see? Full of Dr. Seuss's craziest characters and wittiest rhymes, this brilliant board book explores the world of silly opposites. Bright, vibrant and with interactive flaps throughout, the Flip-the-Flap books are brilliantly designed for introducing early concepts to babies and toddlers and offer a perfect first step into the wonderfully wacky world of Dr. Seuss.

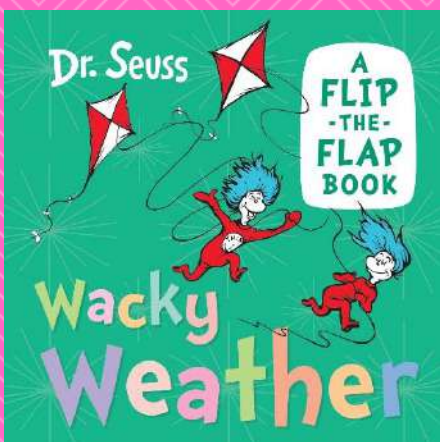


Amazing Animals by Dr Seuss

9780008592271 / HarperCollins / BRD BK / R165.00

An introduction to amazing animals and the world of Dr. Seuss, perfect for babies and toddlers!

Flip the flap – what can you see? Full of Dr. Seuss's craziest characters and wittiest rhymes, this brilliant board book explores the world of amazing animals. Bright, vibrant and with interactive flaps throughout, the Flip-the-Flap books are brilliantly designed for introducing early concepts to babies and toddlers and offer a perfect first step into the wonderful wacky world of Dr. Seuss.



Wacky Weather by Dr. Seuss

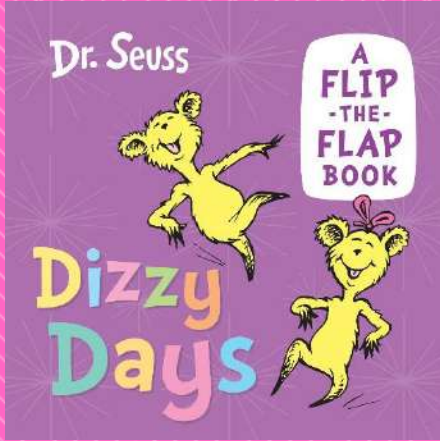
9780008592288 / HarperCollins / BRD BK / R165.00

An introduction to different types of weather and the world of Dr. Seuss, perfect for babies and toddlers!

Flip the flap – what can you see? Full of Dr. Seuss's craziest characters and wittiest rhymes, this brilliant board book explores different kinds of weather. Bright, vibrant and with interactive flaps throughout, the Flip-the-Flap books are brilliantly designed for introducing early concepts to babies and toddlers and offer a perfect first step into the wonderfully wacky world of Dr. Seuss.



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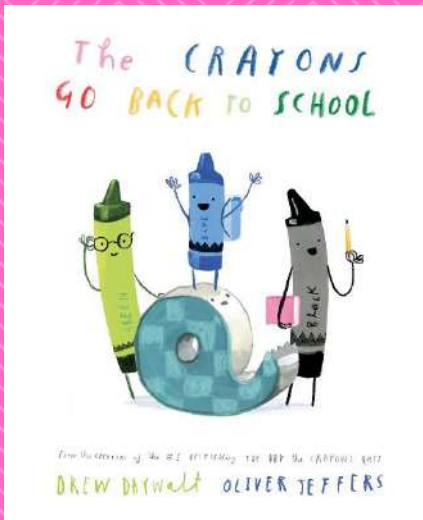
Dizzy Days by Dr Seuss

9780008592295 / HarperCollins / BRD BK / R165.00

An introduction to the concept of time and the world of Dr. Seuss, perfect for babies and toddlers!

Flip the flap – what can you see? Full of Dr. Seuss's craziest characters and wittiest rhymes, this brilliant board book explores the idea of time.

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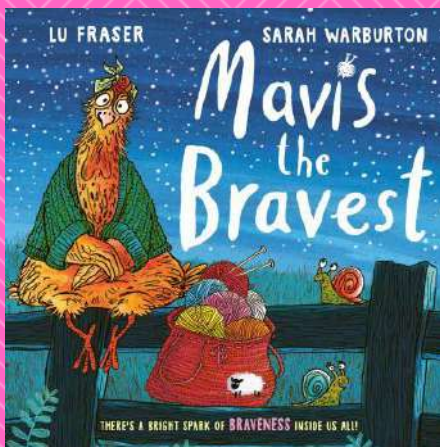
Crayons Back to School by Oliver Jeffers

9780008560829 / HarperCollins / HB / R220.00

The hilarious crayons from the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Day the Crayons Quit* are ready to go back to school!

The crayons are getting ready to go back to school and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most. They're also ready to meet new friends and let loose during their very favourite time of day . . . art class.

A hilarious back-to-school story featuring everyone's favourite school supplies!



Mavis Bravest by Lu Fraser

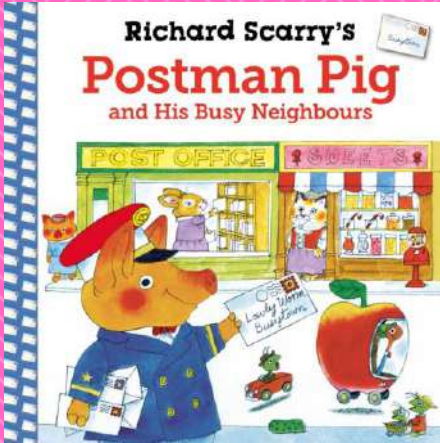
9781471191435 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R190.00

An irresistible story about finding the bright spark of braveness.

Mavis is not like her adventurous friend Marge. Mavis is a chicken who finds EVERYTHING scary (night-time and daytime and anything hairy!). So when the slumbering peace of their cosy barn is disturbed by someone trying to steal their friend Sandra the sheep, will Mavis be able to find her bright spark of braveness and save Sandra? This adorably warm-hearted story is brimful of humour, reassurance – and two exceedingly courageous chickens!



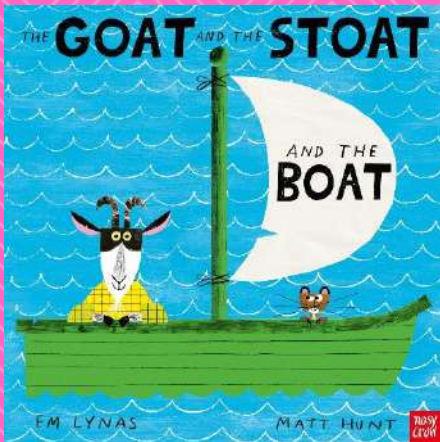
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Postman Pig and His Busy Neighbours by Richard Scarry
9780571375059 / Faber & Faber / PB / R210.00

Classic Richard Scarry: Join Postman Pig as he delivers post across Bustom!

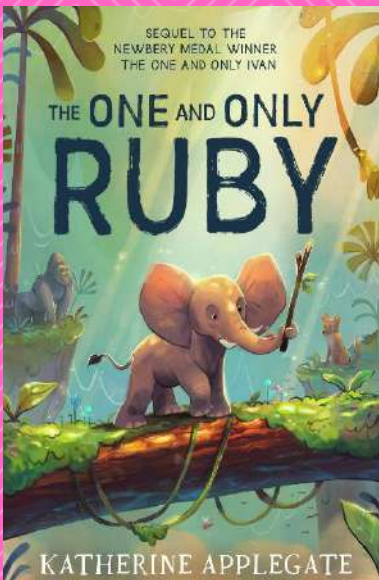
Join Richard Scarry's beloved Postman Pig for a day of discovery and adventure!
With deliveries to the police station, the doctor's office, the library and many more, young readers will see how those in their communities go about the day. This classic story is, indeed, a very special delivery.



The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat by Em Lynas
9781839944215 / Nosy Crow / PB / R220.00

A raucous, rhyming tale that will have children (and adults) in fits of laughter!
Stoat is playing in his favourite boat when suddenly Goat comes bounding in! Chaos ensues as an angry Stoat tries to chase Goat out of his boat. But before long, Goat and Stoat's lively antics make the boat wobble and wobble! Uh-oh! Can Stoat float in the water? And will Goat's colourful coat be ruined?
Features a hilarious, tongue-twister text, slapstick humour, bright neon artwork and colourful characters.

6 – 9 years



One & Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate
9780008470746 / HarperCollins / PB / R175.00

Ruby's story picks up a few months after the events of *The One and Only Bob*. Now living in a wildlife sanctuary, Ruby's caretaker from the elephant orphanage in Africa where she grew up is visiting. Seeing him again brings back a flood of memories both happy and sad of her life before the circus, and she recounts the time she spent in the African savannah to Ivan and Bob.
In the timeless way that only Katherine Applegate could craft, this highly anticipated novel in verse is the perfect mix of heartfelt and humorous, poignant and sweet.



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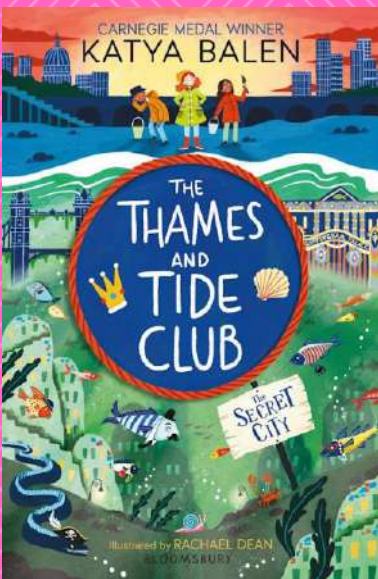


Minecraft Legends Return Of The Piglins by Matt Forbeck

9780008608804 / Farshore / PB / R220.00

Minecraft Legends saw the piglins invade the Overworld. Hundreds of years later, could history be about to repeat itself?

Farnum has always been terrified of adventure, content to run his zoo in the safety of the same town he's lived in for most of his life. But how will he ever expand his zoo without exploring the Overworld in search of new mobs for it? Piglin Kritten is advisor to the Great Bungus, piglin brute and ruler of a bastion remnant. At least, they were. Now, they'll do anything to ensure their survival. What happens when Farnum and Kritten's worlds collide and the old legends of a piglin invasion appear to be coming true?

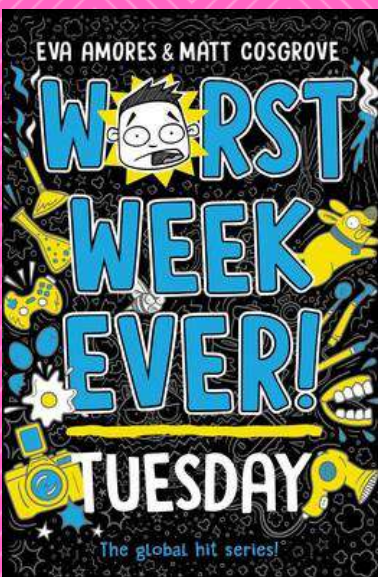


Thames & Tide Club 1 & Secret City by Katya Balen

9781526640482 / Bloomsbury / PB / R190.00

Clem and her friends Ash and Zara are members of the Thames and Tide Club! Every weekend they go mud larking by the river, searching for treasures that have washed up on the shore. Clem has found old things, new things and a whole heap of rubbish. But one day, she finds something really special. Something magical that belongs in the river and must be returned to its rightful owner or else.

Before they know it, the Thames and Tide Club are on the weirdest, wildest, underwater-iest adventure they could possibly have imagined on a mission to save Underwater London!



Worst Week Ever Tuesday by Eva Amores

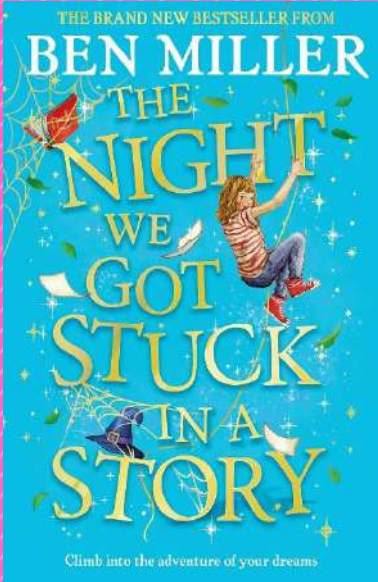
9781398521940 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R190.00

Have YOU ever had a bad week? The hilarious new series taking the world by storm.

His cat has been abducted by aliens, his dad is dating his new head teacher, and he's unexpectedly gone viral online in the most embarrassing way. Justin Chase is having the WORST WEEK EVER! At least his new-found inter-fame (or inter-shame) won't stand in the way of getting the perfect school photo, right? Maybe not... As the school's Super Science Spectacular is destined to blow up into a hair-raising, teeth shattering disaster of epic proportions! He barely made it through Monday, but now it's... **Tuesday!** The second book in the hilarious new seven-part highly-illustrated series for fans of the globally bestselling Treehouse series.



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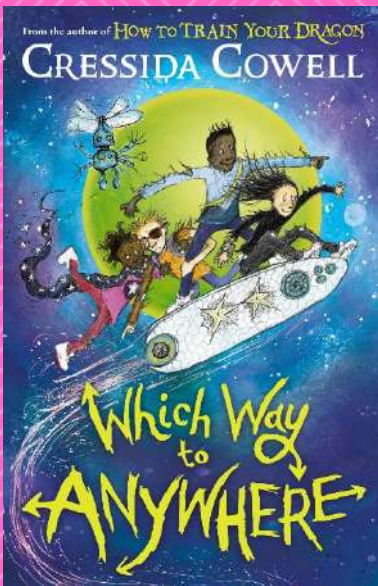


The Night We Got Stuck in a Story by Ben Miller
9781471192500 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R220.00

Climb into the adventure of your dreams in the next classic adventure from bestselling author, Ben Miller. Lana and Harrison are staying with their grandparents, when they discover their favourite tree to play in is under threat.

That night, a magical golden thread leads them up through the hollow of the tree into a storybook land, where wind and rain rage and a fearsome beast terrifies all who live there. When Harrison is kidnapped by the evil Spider Queen, Lana must do whatever it takes to find him, save the villagers and restore the balance of the storybook world, before the night is out.

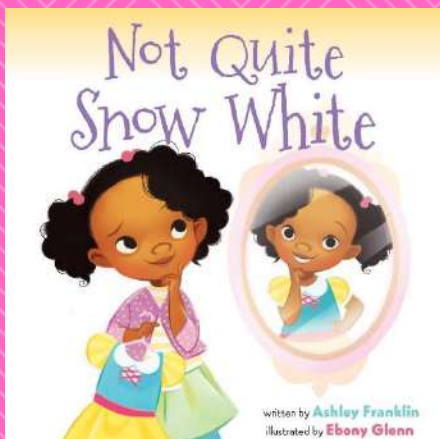
A breathtaking journey through magical worlds for all the family.



Which Way to Anywhere by Cressida Cowell
9781444968217 / Hodder / PB / R205.00

K2 O'Hero is a seemingly ordinary boy - after all, he and his twin sister Izzabird have been sworn to keep their family's magical history a secret. Not even their infuriating stepsiblings, Theo and Mable, know that magic exists. They believe K2 to be the most hopeless person they have ever known.

But K2 has a secret gift: he draws maps of worlds that are beyond the wildest of imaginations. Worlds with six hundred moons, burning rivers and dark, twisty jungles alive with plants that hunt by the smell of fear. But what K2 doesn't know, is that the maps he draws are *real*. When their baby sister Annipeck is kidnapped, the warring stepsiblings will have to use K2's gift to find a crossing point into one of those worlds and embark on a daring rescue mission. With a terrible beast and a petrifying robot assassin in their way, they must learn to work together quickly - because the future of their family is at stake ...



Not Quite Snow White by Ashley Franklin
9780063237407 / HarperCollins / PB / R210.00

A young brown girl is eager to play Snow White in a school musical even when her classmates don't think she's "quite right" for the part. But that doesn't stop Tameika from reaching for her fairy-tale ending?

Tameika loves the stage. She's cute. She's spunky. And she's played everything from a mermaid to a space cowgirl. So, when her elementary school announces that they will hold auditions for a *Snow White* musical, Tameika knows exactly who she wants to be: the main character, of course—Snow White herself.





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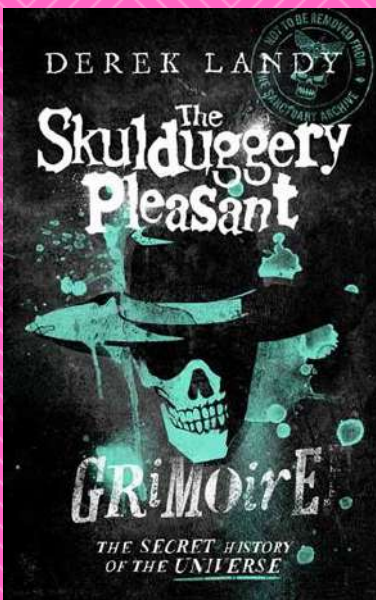
10 – 12 years



The Fall of the School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani
9780008554606 / HarperCollins / PB / R175.00

What rises . . . must fall. Two brothers One Good. One Evil.

In exchange for power and immortality, they watch over the Endless Woods and rule the School for Good and Evil. Yet all School Masters must face a test. Theirs is loyalty. But what happens when loyalty is corrupted? When are the bonds of blood broken? Who will survive? Who will die? And what will become of the school and its students? The journey that started a hundred years ago throttles towards its end. This final chapter in the duology that began with the RISE OF THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL brings the tale of the twin School Masters to the brink of war and a shocking conclusion that will change the course of the school forever.



Skulduggery Pleasant Grimoire by Derek Landy
9780008472450 / HarperCollins / PB / R200.00

An unmissable paraquel to the bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series – a thrilling recap of the books so far, a character guide and a treasure-trove of bonus content.

Relive the adventures of Skulduggery Pleasant in this lavishly illustrated compendium. Featuring a unique run-down of the books so far, it also includes an invaluable reference tool for the dizzying cast of characters, as well as bonuses, surprises and a dark story all of its own. This is essential reading for any Skulduggery fan.



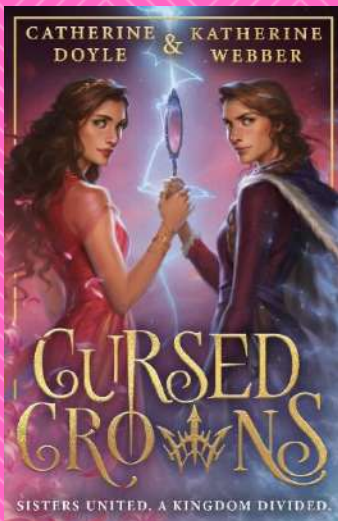
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Amari 2 & Great Game by BB Alston

9781405298650 / Farshore / PB / R220.00

After finding her brother and saving the entire supernatural world, Amari Peters is convinced her first full summer as a Junior Agent will be a breeze. But between the fearsome new Head Minister's strict anti-magician agenda, fierce Junior Agent rivalries, and her brother Quinton's curse steadily worsening, Amari's plate is full. So when the secretive League of Magicians offers her a chance to stand up for magiciankind as its new leader, she declines. She's got enough to worry about! But her refusal allows someone else to step forward, a magician with dangerous plans for the League. This challenge sparks the start of the Great Game, a competition to decide who will become the Night Brothers' successor and determine the future of magician kind. The Great Game is both mysterious and deadly, but among the winner's magical rewards is Quinton's last hope...so how can Amari refuse?



Cursed Crowns by Catherine Doyle

9780008492236 / Farshore / PB / R245.00

Twin queens Wren and Rose have claimed their crowns . . . but not everyone is happy about witches sitting on Eana's throne. Cool-headed Rose sets off on a Royal Tour to win over the doubters, but soon finds herself drawn to the Sunkissed Kingdom. Here secrets are revealed about those closest to her, and Rose finds her loyalties divided. Meanwhile rebellious Wren steals away to the icy north to rescue their beloved grandmother, Banba. But when she accepts King Alarik's deadly magical bargain in exchange for Banba's freedom, the spell has unexpected – and far-reaching – consequences... As an ancient curse begins to arise from the darkness, the sisters must come together and unite the crown. Their lives – and the future of Eana – depend on it.



They Hate Each Other by Amanda Woody

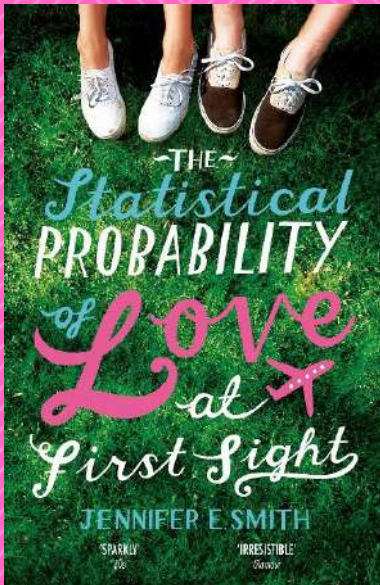
9781399719148 / Hachette / TPB / R365.00

There are plenty of words Jonah Collins could use to describe Dylan Ramirez. 'Arrogant', 'spoiled', and 'golden boy', to name a few. Likewise, Dylan thinks he has Jonah all figured out: an attention-seeking asshole who never shuts his filthy mouth. Their friends are convinced Jonah's and Dylan's disdain for one another is just thinly veiled lust - a rumour that surges like wildfire when the two wake up in the same bed after homecoming . . . Mutually horrified, Dylan and Jonah hatch a plan, and agree to use the faux pas to their advantage by fake dating. If they can stay convincing long enough to end their "relationship" in a massive staged fight, they can prove their incompatibility to their friends once and for all. But the more time they spend together, the more their plan begins to fall apart - and the closer they come to seeing each other clearly for the first time.



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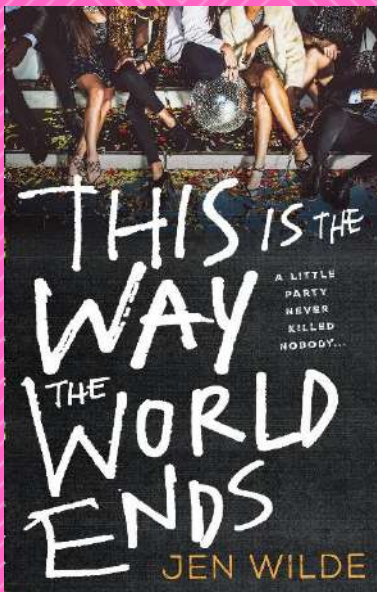
Statistical Probability of Love by Jennifer Smith

9781529427455 / Hachette / BPB / R250.00

Who would have guessed that four minutes could change everything?

Today should be one of the worst days of Hadley's life. Her father is getting married in London to a woman she's never even met, and she's just missed her flight. Hadley has never believed in destiny or fate before. But, stuck at the airport in New York, today is also the day she meets Oliver. He's British. He's cute. And he's on her new flight.

Set over twenty-four hours, Hadley and Oliver's story will make you believe that true love finds you when you're least expecting it.



This Is The Way The World Ends by Jen Wilde

9780349125367 / Hachette / PBO / R235.00

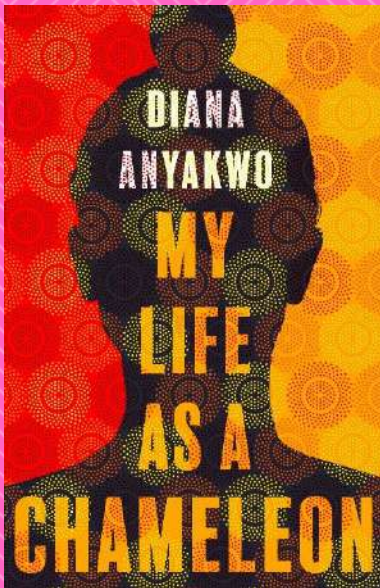
As an autistic scholarship student at the prestigious Webber Academy in New York City, Waverly is used to masking to fit in - in more ways than one. While her classmates are the children of the one percent, Waverly is getting by on tutoring gigs and the generosity of the school's charming dean. So, when her tutoring student and resident 'it girl' asks Waverly to attend the school's annual Masquerade disguised as her, Waverly jumps at the chance - especially once she finds out that Ash, the dean's daughter and her secret ex-girlfriend, will be there.

The Masquerade is everything Waverly dreamed of. Most importantly, there's Ash. All Waverly wants to do is shed her mask and be with her, but the evening takes a sinister turn when Waverly stumbles into a secret meeting between the dean and the school's top donors - and witnesses a brutal murder. Waverly's fairy-tale has turned into a nightmare, and she, Ash, and her friends must navigate through a dizzying maze of freight elevators and secret passageways if they're going to survive the night.



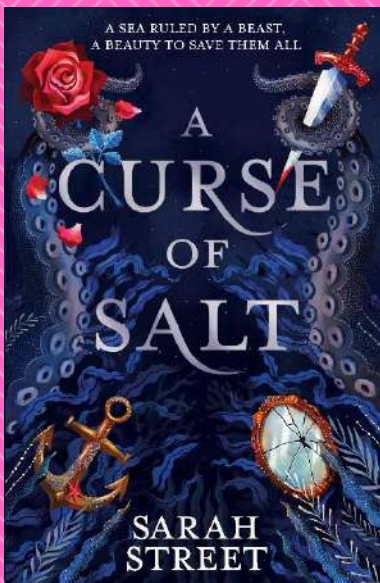


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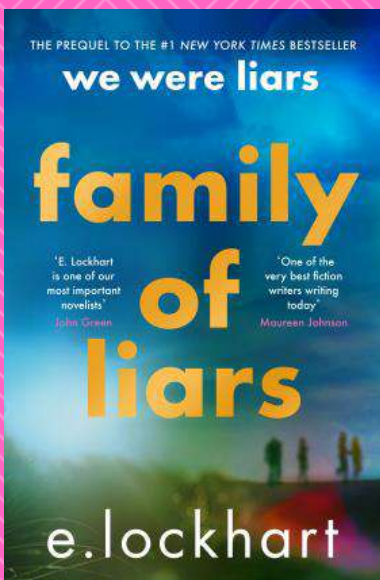
My Life as a Chameleon by Diana Anyakwo
9781472156150 / Hachette / PBO / R235.00

Lily is a sixteen-year-old living in Manchester. It is nearly five years since her father's death, and she is soon to return to her birthplace in Nigeria to reunite with her mother and siblings for the anniversary. As cold rain thunders on the streets of Moss Side she looks back over her young life and wonders...how did she get here? *My Life as a Chameleon* is a powerful story of resilience and belonging, about family secrets and how they can destroy even the deepest bonds. It is a story about finding your place in the world and realising you deserve to be there.



A Curse of Salt by Sarah Street
9781444967661 / Hodder / PB / R230.00

A heartless beast. A sister's sacrifice. And a love so strong it will drown the raging sea ...THIS FAIRYTALE IS CURSED!
In a kingdom that fears the sea, Ria Lucroy longs to be brave. Bodies are washing ashore and everyone knows who's to blame. Legends of the Heartless King shroud the continent in fear; they call him a pirate, a monster, a god. When his mercenaries raid her father's merchant ship, Ria's family is faced with a horrifying demand. They will spare his life, in exchange for one of his daughters. Prepare for stormy seas and swoony romance in this addictive retelling of Beauty and the Beast ... A



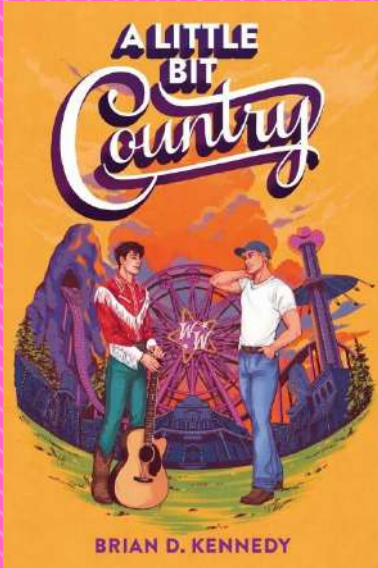
Family of Liars by E. Lockhart
9781471413520 / Hot Key / PB / R230.00

A windswept private island off the coast of Massachusetts. A hungry ocean, churning with secrets and sorrow. A fiery, addicted heiress. An irresistible, unpredictable boy. A summer of unforgivable betrayal and terrible mistakes.

Welcome back to the Sinclair family. They were always liars.



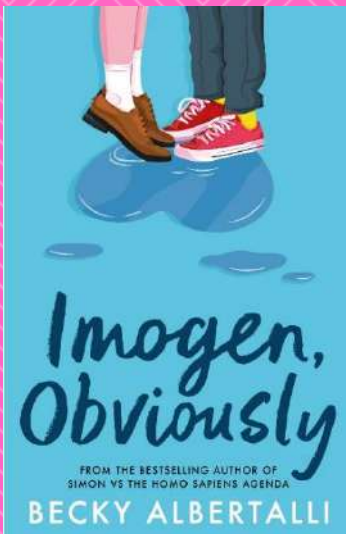
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A Little Bit Country by Brian D. Kennedy
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Imogen Obviously by Becky Albertalli
9780008607333 / HarperCollins / PB / R200.00

Imogen may be hopelessly heterosexual, but she's got the World's Greatest Ally title locked down.

And when she visits her best friend, Lili, at college who is newly-out, newly-graduated, and newly thriving, with a cool new squad of queer college friends, no one knows that Imogen's a raging hetero – not even Lili's best friend, Tessa.

Of course, the more time Imogen spends with chaotic, freckle-faced Tessa, the more she starts to wonder if her truth was ever all that straight to begin with...





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