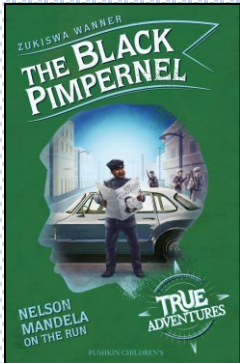


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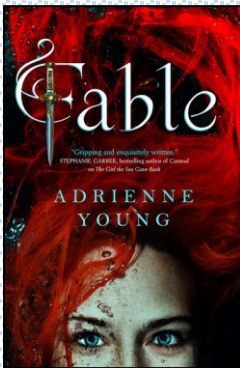
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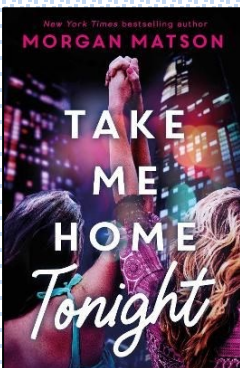
The Black Pimpernel: Nelson Mandela on the Run by Zukiswa Wanner
9781782693079 / Faber & Faber / PB / R180

In March 1961, after giving a brief speech at a conference, Nelson Mandela vanished. For the next eighteen months he was an outlaw, living under assumed identities and in various disguises (sometimes as a chauffeur, sometimes a gardener) as the South African police and secret services, helped by MI5 and the CIA, sought him in vain. His mission? To undergo military training and set up armed resistance to apartheid.



Fable by Adrienne Young
9781789094558 / Bloomsbury / PB / R230

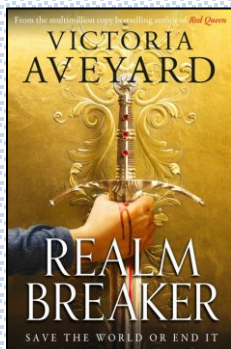
As the daughter of the most powerful trader in the Narrows, the sea is the only home seventeen-year-old Fable has ever known. It's been four years since the night she watched her mother drown during an unforgiving storm. The next day her father abandoned her on a legendary island filled with thieves and little food. To survive she must keep to herself, learn to trust no one and rely on the unique skills her mother taught her. The only thing that keeps her going is the goal of getting off the island, finding her father and demanding her rightful place beside him and his crew. To do so Fable enlists the help of a young trader named West to get her off the island and across the Narrows to her father. But her father's rivalries and the dangers of his trading enterprise have only multiplied since she last saw him, and Fable soon finds that West isn't who he seems. Together, they will have to survive more than the treacherous storms that haunt the Narrows if they're going to stay alive.



Take Me Home Tonight by Morgan Matson
9781471163906 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

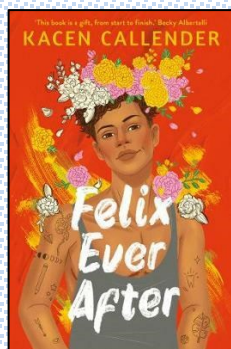
Kat and Stevie may be best friends, but they are opposites in almost every way, except for the one that counts: they've both spent the last three years in Stanwich High's theater program, paying their dues. Now that they're seniors, they're ready to race into the future. But before all that, they're sneaking out to spend a perfect night together in New York City. The plan is to go to the hottest restaurant, see an underground show, and have an adventure along the way. What isn't in the plan: Lost phones. A massive fight. A tiny pomeranian named Brad. Losing each other. Now, alone in New York City without money, without phones, and without one another, Kat and Stevie have to figure out what to do next.

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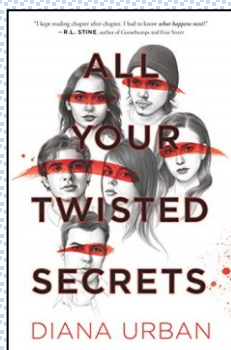
Realm Breaker by Victoria Aveyard
9781409193951 / Orion / PB / R335

A strange darkness is growing in the Ward. Even Corayne can feel it, tucked away in her small town at the edge of the sea. Fate knocks on her door, in the form of a mythical immortal and a lethal assassin, who tell Corayne that she is the last of an ancient lineage — with the power to save the world from destruction. Because a man who would burn kingdoms to the ground is raising an army unlike any seen before, bent on uprooting the foundations of the world. With poison in his heart and a stolen sword in his hand, he'll break the realm itself to claim it. And only Corayne can stop him. Alongside an unlikely group of reluctant allies, Corayne finds herself on a desperate journey to complete an impossible task, with untold magic singing in her blood and the fate of the world on her shoulders.



Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender
9780571368013 / Faber & Faber / PB / R200

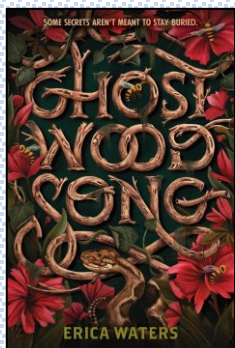
Felix Love has never been in love — and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. What's worse is that, even though he is proud of his identity, Felix also secretly fears that he's one marginalisation too many — Black, queer and transgender — to ever get his own happily-ever-after. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages, after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned, Felix comes up with a plan for revenge. What he didn't count on: his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle... But as he navigates his complicated feelings, Felix begins a journey of questioning and self-discovery that helps redefine his most important relationship: how he feels about himself.



All Your Twisted Secrets by Diana Urban
9780062908223 / HarperCollins / PB / R185

What do the queen bee, star athlete, valedictorian, stoner, loner, and music geek all have in common? They were all invited to a scholarship dinner, only to discover it's a trap. Someone has locked them into a room with a bomb, a syringe filled with poison, and a note saying they have an hour to pick someone to kill...or else everyone dies. Amber Prescott is determined to get her classmates and herself out of the room alive, but that might be easier said than done. No one knows how they're all connected or who would want them dead. As they retrace the events over the past year that might have triggered their captor's ultimatum, it becomes clear that everyone is hiding something. And with the clock ticking down, confusion turns into fear, and fear morphs into panic as they race to answer the biggest question: Who will they choose to die?

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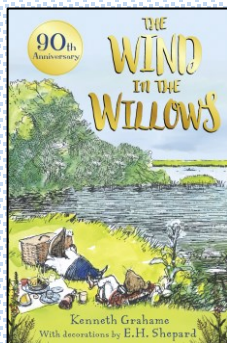
Ghost Wood Song by Erica Waters
9780062894236 / HarperCollins / PB / R185

Shady Grove inherited her father's ability to call ghosts from the grave with his fiddle, but she also knows the fiddle's tunes bring nothing but trouble and darkness. But when her brother is accused of murder, she can't let the dead keep their secrets. In order to clear his name, she's going to have to make those ghosts sing.



Excuse Me While I Ugly Cry by Joya Goffney
9781471410116 / Hot Key / HB / R190

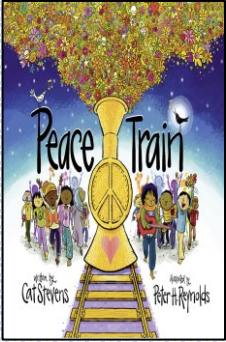
Quinn keeps lists of everything — from the days she's ugly cried, to "Things That I Would Never Admit Out Loud," to all the boys she'd like to kiss. Her lists keep her sane. By writing her fears (as well as embarrassing and cringeworthy truths) on paper, she never has to face them in real life. That is, until her journal goes missing... An anonymous account posts one of her lists on Instagram for the whole school to see and blackmails her into facing seven of her greatest fears, or else her entire journal will go public. Quinn doesn't know who to trust. Desperate, she teams up with Carter Bennett — the last known person to have her journal and who Quinn loathes — in a race against time to track down the blackmailer. Together, they journey through everything Quinn's been too afraid to face, and along the way, Quinn finds the courage to be honest, to live in the moment, and to fall in love.



The Wind in the Willows – 90th Anniversary edition by Kenneth Grahame
9780755500796 / Egmont / PB / R180

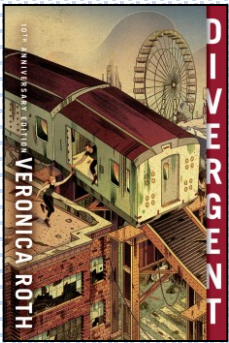
The Wild Wood seems a terrifying place to Mole, until one day he pokes his nose out of his burrow and finds it's full of friends. He meets brave Ratty, kind old Badger and the rascally Mr Toad, and together they go adventuring... but the Wild Wood doesn't just contain friends, there are also the sinister weasels and stoats, and they capture Toad Hall when Mr Toad is in jail. How will he escape? And can the friends fight together to save Toad Hall?

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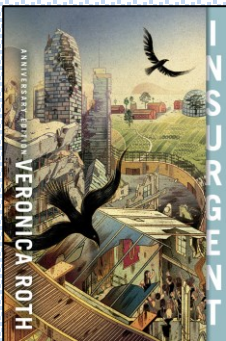
Peace Train by Cat Stevens
9780008476946 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Fifty years ago, *Peace Train* changed the world and defined a generation with its universal message of peace, hope and love between all people and cultures, and the heartfelt and heart-warming lyrics of this anthem have never been more relevant. Illustrated by the bestselling author and illustrator Peter H. Reynolds, Cat Stevens' iconic ode to harmony is now for the first time a joyously illustrated picture book perfect for spreading the love and sharing its timeless message with a whole new generation.



Divergent – 10th Anniversary edition by Veronica Roth
9780008468941 / HarperCollins / PB / R170

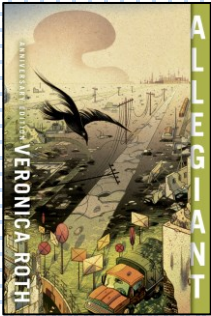
In the world of *Divergent*, society is divided into five factions — Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful) and Erudite (the intelligent). Every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. Beatrice Prior must choose between staying with her family and being who she really is. Her choice shocks everyone — including herself. During the initiation that follows, Tris and her fellow initiates undergo extreme tests with devastating consequences. As initiation transforms them, Tris must determine who her friends really are, and whether she can trust the man who both threatens and protects her. Because Tris has a deadly secret. And as growing conflict threatens to unravel their seemingly perfect society, this secret might save those she loves... or it might destroy her.



Insurgent – 10th Anniversary edition by Veronica Roth
9780008468958 / HarperCollins / PB / R170

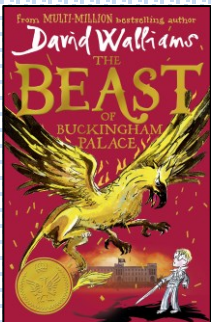
As war surges in the factions of dystopian Chicago all around her, Tris attempts to save those she loves, and herself, while grappling with haunting questions of grief and forgiveness, identity and loyalty, politics and love. In times of war sides must be chosen, secrets will emerge, and choices will become ever more irrevocable. Radical new discoveries and shifting relationships mean that Tris must fully embrace her Divergence — even though she cannot know what might be lost in doing so

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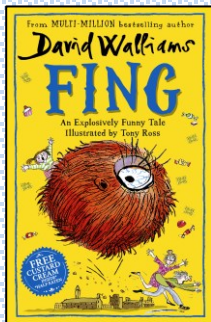
Allegiant- 10th Anniversary edition by Veronica Roth
9780008468965 / HarperCollins / PB / R170

The faction-based society that Tris Prior once believed in is shattered — fractured by violence and scarred by loss. So when offered a chance to explore the world past the limits she's known, Tris is ready. Perhaps, beyond the fence, she and Tobias will find a simple new life together, free from complicated lies, tangled loyalties, and painful memories. But Tris's new reality is even more alarming than the one she left behind. Once again, she must battle to comprehend the complexities of human nature, and of herself, while facing impossible choices about courage, allegiance, sacrifice and love.



The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams
9780008438708 / HarperCollins / PB / R165

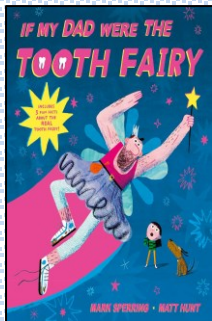
It is 2120 and London is in ruins. The young Prince Alfred has never known a life outside Buckingham Palace — but when strange goings-on breach its walls and stalk the corridors in the dead of night, he is thrust into a world of mystery, adventure and monsters. And when his mother, the Queen, is dragged away to the Tower of London, Alfred must screw up his courage and battle to save her, himself... and the entire city



Fing by David Walliams
9780008349110 / HarperCollins / PB / R165

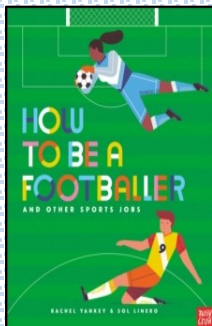
Myrtle Meek has everything she could possibly want. But everything isn't enough. She wants more, more, MORE! When Myrtle declares she wants a FING, there's only one problem... What is a FING? Mr and Mrs Meek will do anything to keep their darling daughter happy, even visit the spooky library vaults to delve into the dusty pages of the mysterious Monsterpedia. Their desperate quest leads to the depths of the jungliest jungle where the rarest creatures can be found. But will they ever find a FING?

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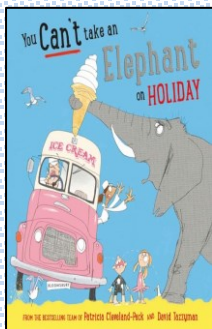
If My Dad Were The Tooth Fairy by Mark Sperring
9781471184482 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

Have you ever wondered what would happen if your dad quit his boring office job to become... the Tooth Fairy? Wouldn't it be cool if, instead of wearing a plain old shirt and trousers to tap on a computer all day, he zoomed across the sky on his sparkly wings wearing a tutu and tights?



How to be a Footballer and other Football jobs by Rachel Yanky
9781788006965 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

Do you have what it takes to become a professional footballer, a manager or even to work in sports TV? Learn all about football and the incredible sports jobs you could do, from training to become a player or team coach to running the game as a referee, scouting young players for talent or even working inside the stadium. This book will inspire any girl or boy who wants to kick start their interest in playing football.



You Can't Take an Elephant on Holiday by Patricia Cleveland-Peck
9781788006965 / Bloomsbury / PB / R180

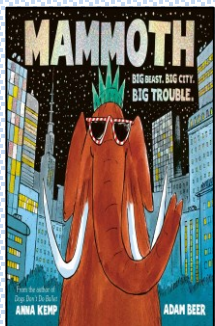
A cheetah in charge of a camper van? Rhinos rampaging round the campsite? Meerkats playing minigolf? This riotous book features all sorts of crazy creatures that you would definitely NOT want to take on your holiday! Imagine playing minigolf with meerkats or building a sandcastle with an armadillo! And don't even think about eating candyfloss when there's an albatross about!

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The Best Worst Day Ever by Sophy Henn
9781471194221 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

Arthur is having the WORST DAY EVER. So he runs away — nearly to the end of the garden. But when it's time to go home, Arthur's journey back is full of surprises and he learns how to turn a stomp into a skip, a huff into a hoot and a roar into a song! Maybe Arthur's day isn't so bad after all...



Mammoth by Anna Kemp
9781471191589 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

When an Ice Age mammoth finds himself in a modern-day city, he's not at all sure what to make of this huge, gleaming forest. Strange birds in the sky, strange beetles on the ground and strange, shouty cavemen. Is he the only mammoth in the WORLD?



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