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- Abdolah, Kader** **My Father's Notebook** **F ABD:K**
On a holy mountain in the depths of Persia there is a cave with a mysterious cuneiform carving deep inside it. Aga Akbar, a deaf-mute boy from the mountain, develops his own private script from these symbols and writes passionately of his life, his family and his efforts to make sense of the changes the twentieth century brings to his country. Exiled in Holland a generation later, Akbar's son Ishmael struggles to decipher the notebook, reflecting on how his own political activities have forced him to flee his country and abandon his family. As he gets closer to the heart of his father's story, he unravels the intricate tale of how the silent world of a village carpet-mender was forced to give way to one where the increasingly hostile environment of modern Iran has brought the family both love and sacrifice.
- Aliav, Ruth; Long, Peggy** **The last escape** **940.5315**
ALI
The true story of how just ten people managed to save the lives of many thousands of Jews who were doomed to die in Hitler's concentration camps. Describes Ruth Kluger's desperate and exciting adventures.
- Ansell, Rod; Percy, Rachel** **To fight the wild** **904.7 ANS**
Remarkable story of how a fishing accident led to a life-or-death journey up the remote Fitzmaurice River; and how the twenty-six-year-old bull catcher, Rod Ansell survived in one of the most isolated corners of the world.
- Armstrong, William** **Sounder** **F ARM:W**
Set in the American South in the era of sharecropping and segregation, this tale describes the courage of a father who steals a ham to feed his undernourished family; the determination of the eldest son, who searches for his father despite the apathy of prison authorities and the devotion of a dog named Sounder.
- Bailey, Maurice & Maralyn** **117 days adrift** **910.45:BAI**
After Maralyn and Maurice Bailey's yacht 'Auralyn' sank, they spent 117 days in their small rubber life raft. For most of the time they were totally dependent on resources provided by the ocean and the sky.
- Baillie, Allan** **Cat's Mountain** **F BAI:A**
When Cat is dropped off at her grandmother's hut in a remote part of the bush, she suddenly finds herself on her own. What has happened, and what can she do? Piecing together clues, Cat starts making sense of things, but not the sort of sense she was hoping for.
- Baillie, Allan** **Hero** **F BAI:A**
The Hawkesbury River has broken its banks and the children must get home before the black water overwhelms the bridges. Two boys and a girl leave school to try to get home in time. Four hours later they unexpectedly meet in dramatic and terrifying circumstances, and one of them will become a hero.
- Ballentine, R.M.** **The Coral Island** **F BAL:R**

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This is the story of Ralph, Jack and Peterkin who are shipwrecked on a South Sea island with only a telescope and an axe between them. The island seems a paradise of lagoons and coral reefs - until the arrival of pirates and cannibals ...

Berna, Paul **Flood warning** **F BER:P**
A group of schoolboys are trapped in a tower by rising flood waters. One of them shows exceptional courage.

Blackman, Malorie **Tell me no lies** **F BLA:M**
Gemma cuts out pictures for her scrapbooks, pictures of mothers, like the one she will never, ever see again. Mike is a new boy at school - a boy who is desperate not to be noticed. He has a secret so terrible it will haunt him forever. But Gemma is sure she has seen Mike's face before, and now she is out to get him

Boyne, John **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** **F BOY:J**
A story of innocence existing within the most terrible evil, this is the fictional tale of two young boys caught up in an event beyond their control. It begins in 1942 in Berlin when nine-year-old Bruno discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move from their home to a new house far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. But Bruno begins to explore his new environment and meets another boy whose life and circumstances are very different from his own.

Brickhill, Paul **Reach for the sky** **F BRI:P**
The true story of Douglas Bader, Britain's most courageous pilot and hero of the Battle of Britain. The real fight for Bader was not in the deadly dog-fights, but in the battle fought in a hospital ward learning to cope with two artificial legs.

Brudenell-Woods, Basil **Four packs to freedom** **F BRU:B**
The author, a private in the Australian Infantry Forces, as taken captive in North Africa. After 3 years as a prisoner of war in Italy and Germany, he volunteered for duty in a labour camp with the sole intention of making a break for freedom.

Brugman, Alyssa **Walking Naked** **F BRU:A**
Megan is one of the leaders of the in-group. She wouldn't dream of talking to Perdita, "the Freak". But when they are thrown together in detention, she finds herself drawn into a spiky, challenging almost-friendship. Megan then faces an uncomfortable choice: Perdita or the group?

Brunner, Hans **Survivors!** **F BRU:H**
15-year-old Peter is shipwrecked and marooned on an Antarctic island with other survivors. Their only hope is that someone in the Southern Ocean will hear their Mayday signal. One of the crew mysteriously disappears and Peter comes face to face with a stranger in the white snowsuit...

Buchan, John **The Thirty-nine steps** **F BUC:J**
This is one of the most exciting adventure stories ever written and comes from the pen of that

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master of mystery and romance, John Buchan. His hero, Richard Hannay, becomes a secret service agent by mistake.

Burgess, Melvin **The cry of the wolf: hunter or hunted?** **F BUR:M**
A powerful story of courage, survival and family love in the animal kingdom that will keep you in suspense until the very last page.

Carr, Roger Vaughan **Firestorm!** **F CAR:R**
For Ben, his family, and many other people, the bushfires that broke out on Ash Wednesday in Victoria could never be forgotten. Neither could the emotions that erupted in the township afterwards.

Carter, Alden R. **Between a rock and a hard place** **F CAR:A**
Mark sets off on a trip with his cousin Randy, who is a diabetic. They have to canoe, camp and fish their way into manhood, just like their fathers and grandfathers did. Things start to go very wrong....

Chase, Diana **No More Borders for Josef** **F CHA:D**
Orphaned in the brutal Balkans conflict, thirteen-year-old Josef is forced to flee dramatically through the forest to the border. Frightened, angry and deeply traumatised, he then suffers the uncertainty and boredom of a refugee camp before finally being plucked to safety in Australia by an uncle he never knew existed.

Chekov, Anton **The Bet** **F CHE:A**
A young lawyer. A wealthy banker. And the bet of a lifetime. Imprisoned for life or ending life - which is more humane? The lawyer truly believes in life at any cost so the banker sets a wager. Fifteen years of imprisonment for two million. The lawyer accepts his life behind a closed door with the promise of his reward. What could be better? What could be worse? Freedom, money death. What price life?

Cooper, James Fenimore **The Last of the Mohicans** **F COO:J**
The second of Fenimore Cooper's five "Leatherstocking Tales", it was first published in 1826. At the centre of the novel is the celebrated "massacre" of British troops and their families by Indian allies of the French at Fort William Henry in 1757. Around this historical event, Cooper builds a romantic fiction of captivity, sexuality and heroism, in which the destiny of the Mohicans Chingachgook and his son Uncas is inseparable from the lives of Alice and Cora Munro and of Hawkeye, the frontier scout.

Courtenay, Bryce **The power of one** **F COU:B**
A young boy growing up in South Africa during the 1940s struggles to keep his sense of morality and identity in a society divided by racial hatred and conflict.

Clark, Joan **Wild man of the woods** **F CLA:J**

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Stephen's holiday in the Rockies with his country cousin Louie, is marred by two bullies who are determined to make things unpleasant. Stephen meets Angus, a mysterious Indian mask carver. When Stephen puts on one of Angus's masks he suddenly gains the courage to face the troublemakers.

Crane, Stephen **The red badge of courage** **F CRA:S**

A young Civil War recruit faces the terror of battle. Will he find the courage he needs? An 'American classic' - a story of fear, courage, conflict and death.

Crofford, Emily **Born in the year of courage** **F CRO:E**

In 1841, a 15-year-old Japanese boy was shipwrecked. Manjiro was picked up by an American whaling ship outside Japanese territorial waters. He decides to live in America. This is based on the true story of Manjiro's remarkable life.

Cross, Gillian **On the edge** **F CRO:G**

Kidnapped by a terrorist group, Tug finds himself in unfamiliar surroundings with a couple who claim to be his parents. Totally confused, Tug begins to doubt his own identity. A brilliant psychological thriller.

Crossley-Holland, Kevin **Arthur: King of the Middle March** **F CRO:K**

Thousands of knights and footsoldiers are mustering in Venice for the launch of the Fourth Crusade. Among them is young Arthur de Caldicot, soon to be dubbed a knight. He is thrilled to be part of this huge gathering, but all too soon the crusade falls into disarray.

Diver, Stuart **Survival** **920 DIV**

The story of how one man found the mental and physical strength to live through tragedy and survive against impossible odds. Stuart explores the event that changed his world forever.

Drake, John **The fourth test** **F DRA:J**

With no dad to guide him, Sam must make his own decisions about standing up for what he knows is right, but this time he's picked the wrong guy to mess with.

Fienberg, Anna **The witch in the lake** **F FIE:A**

Leo has heard the stories since he was a baby and now he's determined to find out if it's true. With his best friend, Merilee, he sets out to expose the superstitions that haunt his village. Leo is a wizard, like his great grandfather Illuminato, but there are sinister secrets at work against him.

Forbes, Esther **Johnny Tremain** **F FOR:E**

Johnny Tremain is one of a group of conspirators preparing for the famous Boston Tea Party which sparked off the American Revolution.

Fraser, Antonia **King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table** **F FRA:A**

Arthur lifts the sword from the stone and the great age of chivalry is born. This retelling of the greatest of stories captures all the excitement and romance of the age.

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- Fraser, Antonia** **Robin Hood** **F FRA:A**
Stealing from the rich to feed the poor, Robin Hood is a familiar figure from legend. In this skilful retelling a classic adventure is brought to life as never before. Every page is packed with adventure, romance and excitement. It also contains betrayal and blackmail, while the Sheriff's forces try to get the upper hand.
- French, Jackie** **Walking the boundaries** **F FRE:J**
Martin's great-grandfather was told he could have the farm for free if he walked the boundaries. Unfortunately, others want to stop this happening, no matter what the cost.
- Gallico, Paul** **The Poseidon adventure** **F GAL:P**
A sea-liner 'Poseidon', is caught by an underwater earthquake and capsizes. As the ship slowly sinks, a group of survivors, with the help of an American mountaineer, attempt to inch their way upward through the bowels of the ship to safety.
- Garfield, Leon** **The golden shadow** **F GAR:L**
An original and enthralling version of the Greek myths. The stories describe epic conflicts among the Greek Gods.
- Glatshiteyn, Yankev** **Emil and Karl** **F GLA:Y**
Two friends - Emil is Jewish, while Karl is not - are trapped in Vienna during the Anschluss with no one to rely upon except each other, as murder and madness have disposed of their parents. While they are more afraid of becoming separated than they are of the Nazis, it is clear they are coming of age and into a terrible knowledge, ahead of the rest of the population, as they observe the world descending into madness around them.
- Gray, Keith** **Creepers** **F GRA:K**
Derwent Drive was known as the 'Speed Creep'. A novel about friendship, courage and loss.
- Great soldiers' tales** presented by Michael Carver **F GRE**
A collection of short stories based on the experiences of soldiers at war, from the writings of Kipling, C. S. Forester, Leon Tolstoy, Montserrat and many more.
- Green, Cliff** **Boy soldiers** **F GRE:C**
It is 1914 and the law says that 15-year-old boys must do military training or be sent to jail. Will and Ned have their own reasons for avoiding army training, but they finally confronted with the violence of war.
- Green, Roger Lancelot** **King Arthur and his knights of the round table** **F GRE:R**
Epic tales of good and evil, from the birth of Arthur to the mystical sword in the stone, to the quest for the Holy Grail and the Last Battle at Camlann.
- Green, Roger Lancelot** **The Luck of Troy** **292.08 GRE**

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Carried off by his mother at the age of two, Prince Paris of Troy feels justified in helping the Greeks to attack Troy. This is the epic story of the siege of Troy by the Greeks.

Tales of the Greek heroes

292.08 GRE

Green, Roger Lancelot

The story of Helen and the judgment of Paris; the gathering of the heroes and the siege of Troy; of Achilles and Odysseus who conceived the idea and carried out the making of the Wooden Horse and his many adventures on his long journey back to Greece.

Gripping war stories: ten exciting tales of war collected by Tony Bradman

F GRI

For Tommy, war is only a game, but for plenty of other young people it's a grim fight for survival. Dafna is desperate for decent food when Jerusalem is besieged: Anton is caught up in a dangerous Resistance plot in occupied Amsterdam: and Younger Bear, a Cheyenne warrior, prepares for his first battle....

Haggard, H. Rider

King Solomon's mines

F HAG:R

They were diamond mines and there were chests full of uncut stones, some as large as pigeon's eggs. But it was not for them that three Englishmen made their perilous expedition north of Durban. They went in search of a man.

Harnett, Sonya

Stripes of the sidestep wolf

F HAR:S

In a dying country town lives a young man fighting the future, a young woman fighting the past, and a long-lost animal that can teach them both the art of survival.

Heaney, Seamus

Beowulf

829.3 BEO:H

Composed towards the end of the first millennium of our era, the Anglo-Saxon poem "Beowulf" is one of the great Northern epics and a classic of European literature. It is a tale of its hero's triumphs as a young warrior and his fated death as a defender of his people.

Heyerdahl, Thor **The Kon-Tiki expedition : by raft across the south seas**

910.9164:HEY

The exciting true story of the Kon-Tiki's famous crossing of the Pacific on a balsa-wood raft.

Hill, Anthony

Soldier boy

F HIL:A

Jim Martin was 14 when he sailed away to war on the troopship Berrima, on 28 June 1915, bound for Gallipoli. This is the true story of how an inexperienced schoolboy became Australia's youngest known Anzac.

Hill, Deirdre

Flight from fear

F HIL:D

War can scar the mind as well as the body. After his mother and sister were killed in an air raid Tommy goes to Australia to live with his aunt in Tiboorie. To Tommy, Tiboorie is the end of the world, middle of nowhere. Yet even here there's an Air Force base with its reminder of air raids and bombs...

Hope, Anthony

The prisoner of Zenda

F HOP:A

It was a little more than idle curiosity and a penchant for travel that took Rudolf Rassdyll to Ruritania to witness the coronation of its king. There he is astonished to meet his exact double - the

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King of Ruritania! When the king is kidnapped, there seemed only one way to avert disaster: Rudolf must impersonate the king.

Hough, Richard **Razor eyes** **F HOU:R**
A vivid portrayal of the experiences of a young man going from school in 1940 into the RAF. The descriptions of action in the air, culminates in an utterly thrilling solo flight into France to photograph and destroy Germany's prototype jet fighter.

Iweala, Uzodinma **Beasts of No Nation** **F IWE:U**
The story of a boy soldier. Agu is just a boy when war arrives at his village. His mother and sister are rescued by the UN, while he and his father remain to fight the rebels. 'Run!' shouts his father when the rebels arrive. And Agu does run, straight into the rebels' path.

Jones, V.M. **Shooting the Moon** **F JON:V**
When Pip McLeod heads into the wilderness with his father on the traditional McLeod first hunting trip he faces a dramatic choice and discovers what it means to confront issues of life and death. (Follow up to the novel - Juggling with Mandarins.)

Kadohata, Cynthia **Kira – Kira** **F KAD:C**
Kira-kira, (glittering, shining) is Katie Takeshima's first word, taught to her by big sister Lynn. Lynn is the person who can always make things glitter, even when the family is forced to move from a Japanese community in Iowa to the less welcoming Deep South of Georgia. As a member of one of the seven Japanese families in a large town, Katie is initially friendless, attracting stares on the street. But she is too busy having fun with her sister to take notice - Lynn reads to her, and explains the important things in life with an unquenchable sense of optimism. When Lynn becomes seriously ill, she is slowly sapped of her vital energy, rendering it Katie's responsibility to make things 'kira-kira'.

Kuhne, Cecil **On the edge** **910.4 KUH**
Follows the fortunes and misfortunes of the world's best travel writers in jungles, mountains, oceans, off the beaten track and even off the planet, traveling on foot, train, plane, by camel-back, elephant or sailing ship.

Lang, Andrew **Tales of Troy and Greece** **292.08 LAN**
A delightful collection of stories grouped under various headings: Troy: The Greek Seas: the Fleece of Gold, which gives the complete history of Jason and the Argonauts: and Theseus and Perseus.

Lasenby, Jack **Because we were the travellers** **F LAS:J**
This is Ish's story, a tale of rejection, of survival against the odds, of growing up in an age when much is feared and few can be trusted.

Lerangis, Peter **Antarctica: journey to the pole** **F LER:P**

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In 1909, a famous explorer led a secret American expedition to discover the South Pole. With him were his 16-year-old son and two other teenagers. The voyage south was not easy. Conditions were harsh. Tensions escalated. And when the bottom of the world was reached, things became even worse.

Lerangis, Peter **Antarctica: escape from disaster** **F LER:P**
In the darkest hours of 1910, mutiny, doubt and disaster threatened to destroy Jack Winslow's secret American expedition to discover the South Pole. When the explorers' ship, the *Mystery* was frozen in the Antarctic ice, Winslow and his sons were forced to make a daring rescue attempt at the risk of their lives.

Lively, Penelope **In search of a homeland** **F LIV:P**
The Roman poet Virgil, inspired by the poetry of Homer, wrote his epic 'The Aeneid' towards the end of his life. Over two thousand years later, Penelope Lively retells Aeneas' story.

London, Jack **White Fang** **F LON:J**
From the beginning White Fang was different from his brothers and sisters. White Fang was pure wolf, body and soul. This is the story of his young years - how he learnt about the world, and about man. White Fang soon found out how harsh a man's rule can be. And eventually, how to build a bond of trust and affection with man.

Maclean, Alistair **The guns of Navarone** **F MAC:A**
Germans control the island that guards the approaches to the eastern Mediterranean with massive guns. After all other attempts have failed, a five-man British army team is chosen to silence the guns of Navarone.

Mah, Adeline Yen **Chinese Cinderella** **F MAH:A**
When Adeline Yen Mah's mother died giving birth to her, the family considered Adeline bad luck and she was made to feel unwanted all her life. This is the story of her struggle for acceptance and how she overcame the odds to prove her worth.

Malory, Thomas **King Arthur and his knights** **F MAL:T**
A retelling of the story of King Arthur, the Round Table, and the exploits of the knights, with the principal focus on Sir Gawain.

Marsden, John **Tomorrow when the war began** **F MAR:J**
Seven teenagers go on a weekend trip to an isolated valley. Upon their return they find their families have disappeared and their country has been invaded by a foreign army. The teenagers take on new maturity when they realise that they must not only survive but try to counteract this foreign invasion.

Martin, Jesse **Lionheart** **910.41 MAR**

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On 31 October 1999, Jesse Martin, in his yacht "Lionheart", completed the last great adventure of the twentieth century, becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world. He was eighteen years old and didn't know the meaning of impossible. 'Lionheart' is Jesse's story.

Masters, Anthony **White out** **F MAS:A**
Two teenage boys are taken to Antarctica on a special expedition to retrace the last steps of their fathers, geologists who perished there a year earlier. Their leader is the survivor of that ill-fated expedition. A terrifying, perilous journey ensues.

Mayne, William **Drift** **F MAY:W**
A thrilling adventure of a young boy and an Indian girl, stranded on a frozen floating island in the North American wilderness.

McCaffrey, Kate **Destroying Avalon** **F MCC:K**
When Avalon moves to the city her life is turned upside down. Starting at a new high school, she finds herself at the centre of a brutal cyber-bullying campaign. She is inundated with obscene test messages, and subject to increasingly vicious web site postings, as things spiral out of control.

McDonald, Roger **Slipstream** **F MCD:R**
The story of a famous Australian aviator, Roy Hilman who first achieved glory as a pilot in WWI and then as a stuntman in the early days of Hollywood.

Morpurgo, Michael **Joan of Arc** **F MOR:M**
The moving story of the life of Joan of Arc of Domremy - one of the most extraordinary lives ever lived - brings Joan to life, nearly seven hundred years after her terrible death in Rouen.

Morris, Willie **My dog Skip** **F MOR:W**
The classic story of a boy, a dog and small-town America in the vein of "Tom Sawyer".

Mowat, Farley **Lost in the Barrens** **F MOW:F**
Jamie and Awasin accompany a hunting party into the wilds and discover a mysterious cache of relics. The adventure becomes terror when they are separated from their Indian friends, and with their canoe lost in the rapids, they are faced with months of desperate struggle to survive in the Barrenlands winter ...

Naidoo, Beverley **No turning back** **F NAI:B**
Escaping from his violent stepfather, twelve-year-old Siphon heads for Johannesburg, where he has heard that gangs of children live on the streets. Surviving hunger and the bitter-cold winter nights is hard enough, but Siphon also has to learn, in the 'new' South Africa, who to trust.

Napoli, Donna Jo **Stones in water** **F NAP:D**

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Life is hard for Roberto and Samuele in the Nazi labour camp - backbreaking work, near starvation and above all Samuele's secret, a secret that, if discovered, will mean death for them both. Escape is Roberto's only chance. But can he survive the brutal winter cold? Can he find his way back home?

Noonan, Michael **McKenzie's boots** **F NOO:M**
Rod McKenzie, a Sydney school boy, over-size, but underage, manages to enlist and is sent to New Guinea. This is the story of Rod's life as a young soldier, full of incidents and discoveries as he matures.

O'Brien, Raud **Little wing : eastabout the southern oceans** **910.41 OBR**
The story of Raud O'Brien's single-handed circumnavigation of the world in his yacht, Little Wing, a journey of 20,000 miles. In a vessel totally designed, predominantly built, and entirely financed by his own efforts, no life-raft, no means of communication, no engine, and no modern technology to help him

Paulsen, Gary **Hatchet** **F PAU:G**
13 year old Brian is flying in a two-seater aircraft across the Canadian outback when the pilot dies of a heart attack. The plane crashes, sinking in a lake. Brian survives, but is stranded on an uninhabited island, his only resource a hatchet on his belt.

Phipson, Joan **Good luck to the rider** **F PHI:J**
The story of 12-year-old Barbara who is the youngest of four children growing up on a remote sheep station. Barbara is too timid and fearful about the future; she is constantly overshadowed by her confident siblings - and is even afraid of her pony.

Picard, Barbara L. **Stories of King Arthur and his Knights** **F PIC:B**
All the familiar legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table, retold in simple language.

Picard, Barbara L. **The Iliad of Homer** **F HOM**
In the tenth year of the siege of Troy, no one knows who will win. The gods watch from Mt Olympus and fight too. Some for the Greek and some for the Trojans. There are battles and quarrels. Achilles, who is the greatest warrior among the Greeks, refuses to fight any longer. But Trojans hero, who is Hector, kills Achilles' best friend.

Porter, James **Piya** **F POR:J**
Set on the island of Biagurra which lies off the north Queensland coast, this novel describes the experiences of a young Aboriginal girl struggling to survive in the wake of a cyclone and tidal wave.

Pyle, Howard **The story of King Arthur and his knights** **F PYL:H**
A collection of stories which describe the perilous and thrilling adventures of King Arthur and his knights in a glorious age of chivalry and honour.

Pulman, Felicity **Shalott** **F PUL:F**
Through a virtual reality program, five teenagers are zapped back in time to the court of King Arthur. Unable to return, they are caught up in the dangerous liaison between Lancelot and

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Even though Midnite was 17, he wasn't very bright. When his father died, his five animal friends decided to look after him. Khat, the Siamese, suggested he became a bushranger and Red Ned, his horse offered to help. But it wasn't very easy, especially when Trooper O'Grady kept putting him in prison.

Stodart, Eleanor **When the mountains change their tune** **F STO:E**
With the promise of a fantastic weekend of skiing ahead of them, Karl, Andrew, Ian, and Jason set off from Canberra one early Saturday morning, bound for the Snowy Mountains. But when Andrew has an accident, the weekend turns into a nightmare.

Stassen, J.P. **Deogratias: A Tale of Rwanda** **F STA:J**
This is the story of a boy caught up in an unthinkable horror; a harrowing tale of the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, as seen through the eyes of a boy named Deogratias.

Sutcliff, Rosemary **Dragon slayer /Beowulf** **F SUT:R**
This dramatic Anglo-Saxon poem retold. It recounts Beowulf's three great battles: with Grendel, with the sea-woman, and finally with the Fire-Drake that had left the hoard of treasure it had guarded for 300 years to spread death and isolation throughout the land. Originally published as: Beowulf.

Sutcliff, Rosemary **Song for a dark queen** **F SUT:R**
This account of the life of Boudicca (Boadicea) is in the heroic tradition of mighty deeds of war, characters greater than ordinary folk, strong and simple sentiments of personal and tribal loyalty and courage, poetic beauty of dialogue and description and a brooding sense of inevitable doom.

Sutcliff, Rosemary **The sword and the circle** **F SUT:R**
Thirteen Arthurian stories retold mainly from Sir Thomas Malory's 'Le Morte d'Arthur', involving King Arthur, Merlin, Sir Lancelot and Morgan la Fay.

Sutherland, Robert **Mystery at Black Rock Island** **F SUT:R**
David's vacation, in the Scottish Hebrides, becomes a life or death struggle when he is caught in a race to stop terrorists from holding the world to ransom.

Thiele, Colin **Blue fin** **F THI:C**
'Snook' Pascoe never seems to be able to do the right thing as far as his father is concerned. He is desperate to accompany his father on his tuna clipper, 'Blue Fin'. His chance comes when his father finds himself short of a crew member at Easter.

Tranter, Nigel **Lord of the Isles** **F TRA:N**
By the power of his sword arm, his dragon fleet and his sheer personality, Somerled Norse Slayer carved an enduring name for himself in Scottish legend. Inheriting his father's shattered kingdom in Argyll in the twelfth century, he enlarged it by courage, initiative, military shrewdness and diplomacy.

Trease, Geoffrey **Bows against the barons** **F TRE:G**
This story tells of the conflict between the rich and the poor of Medieval England, but above all, it tells of the great leader, Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest.

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Ullman, James Ramsey **Banner in the sky** **F ULL:J**

The thrilling story of a boy's determination to conquer a challenging Swiss mountain.

Uris, Leon **Mila 18** **F URI:L**

Set in the midst of the ghetto uprising that defied Nazi tyranny, as the Jews of Warsaw boldly met Wehrmacht tanks with homemade weapons and bare fists. It is a compelling story of one of the most heroic struggles of modern times.

Vassilieva, Tatiana **Hostage to war** **F VAS:T**

Tania is 13 when Russia is invaded by Nazi troops. After enduring months of starvation, she is transported to a labour camp in Germany. For 3 years Tania has to work in the fields and factories of the Third Reich. Throughout the hardship she is kept going by the thought that her mother and sister might still be alive.

Vondra, Josef **No-name bird** **F VON:J**

Jose Rodrigus was 14 years old when the Indonesians came to East Timor in 1975. This is the story of his Uncle Adolfo and the fighting bird they train as their daily lives changed forever. Jose is caught up in adventure and danger, and the fighting bird becomes a symbol of courage which he clings to.

Walsh, Jill Paton **The Dolphin crossing** **F WAL:J**

This is the story of two boys and the friendship that developed between them during the early days of the Second World War. Pat and John risked their lives to help save the stranded British army from Dunkirk.

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