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.

Ambrosio, Gabriella  Before We Say Goodbye  F AMB:G
Jerusalem, 2002 - where one young Palestinian is about to make the greatest sacrifice of all. In the style of the TV drama 24, each chapter covers an hour in the day leading up to a suicide bombing.

Anderson, Laurie Halse  The Impossible Knife of Memory  F AND:L
Hayley is hoping for a normal life now that she and her father have left their life on the road. But it seems things will never be normal when your dad is running from a past that tortures him and you’re trying to block out your own painful memories.

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.

Ayarbe, Heidi  Freeze Frame  F AYA:H
No matter how many times Kyle rewrites the scene, he can't get it right. he can't remember what happened that day in the shed. The day Jason died. And until he can, there is one question that keeps haunting Kyle: Did he kill his best friend on purpose?

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**  
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**  
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.

**Ballantyne, R.M.**  
**The Coral Island**  
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 ...

**Bartoletti, Susan Campbell**  
**The Boy Who Dared**  
When 16-year-old Helmuth Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he's tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail cell, Helmuth's story emerges in a series of flashbacks that show his growth from a naive child, to a sensitive and mature young man who thinks for himself.

**Beckett, Bernard**  
**Lullaby**  
Rene's twin brother Theo lies unconscious in hospital after a freak accident left him with massively disrupted brain function. There is hope though. An experimental procedure - risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable - could allow him to gain a new life. But what life, and at what cost? Only Rene can give the required consent. And now he must face that difficult decision. But first there is the question of Rene's capacity to make that decision. And this is where the real story begins.

**Blackman, Malorie**  
**Tell Me No Lies**  
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**
**Difficult Decisions – Between a Rock and a Hard Place**

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.

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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?

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<td>Emily's dad is accused of killing a teenage girl. She's sure he's innocent, and is determined to discover the truth of what happened. But her journey leads her to discover that dangerous games are being played in the woods at night.</td>
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<td>The second of Fenimore Cooper's five &quot;Leatherstocking Tales&quot;, it was first published in 1826. At the centre of the novel is the celebrated &quot;massacre&quot; 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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side.</td>
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Difficult Decisions – Between a Rock and a Hard Place

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.

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<td>Seventeen-year-old Jed White lives with his mum and dad behind the Ampol service station in the small coastal town of Plenty. His girlfriend Chrissy works in the local fish cannery. When a foreign trawler crashes on the rocks one night, Jed and Chrissy figure from the rolls of stained bedding below deck that the boat must have been carrying a lot of people. They soon discover that dozens of refugees are sheltering at a nearby property.</td>
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<td>Diver, Stuart</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>When Mikey’s sister claims a boy assaulted her at a party, his world begins to fall apart. When Ellie’s brother is charged with the crime, but says he didn’t do it, her world begins to unravel. When Mikey and Ellie meet, two worlds collide.</td>
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<td>Alex’s beloved grandfather is sick. His memory is failing, and Alex's parents want to put him in a home. Alex has promised Grandad that he won't let that happen. But Alex has broken promises before. When he was growing up in the Bosnian War, he swore that he would protect his brother. It was a promise that he couldn't keep. Alex can't fail again.</td>
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<td>Eishes Chayil</td>
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<td>(also known as Judy Brown) Inside the closed community of Borough Park, where most Chassidim live, the rules of life are determined by an ancient script written thousands of years before-and abuse has never been a part of it. But when thirteen-year-old Gittel learns of the abuse her best friend has suffered at the hands of her own family member, the adults in her community try to convince Gittel, and themselves, that nothing happened. Forced to remain silent, Gittel begins to question everything she was raised to believe.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Forbes, Esther</td>
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<td>Johnny Tremain is one of a group of conspirators preparing for the famous Boston Tea Party which sparked off the American Revolution.</td>
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For seventeen-year-old Mia, surrounded by a wonderful family, friends and a gorgeous boyfriend, decisions might seem tough, but they're all about a future full of music and love, a future that's brimming with hope. But life can change in an instant.

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.

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.

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.

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.

An original and enthralling version of the Greek myths. The stories describe epic conflicts among the Greek Gods.

Two friends - Emil is Jewish, while Karl is not - are trapped in Vienna during the Anschluss with no-one to rely upon as murder and madness have disposed of their parents. 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.

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.

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.

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.
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Green, Roger Lancelot  
**The Luck of Troy**  
292.08 GRE  
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.

Green, Roger Lancelot  
**Tales Of the Greek Heroes**  
292.08 GRE  
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.

Hartnett, 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
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to witness the coronation of its king. There he is astonished to meet his exact double - the 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.

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.

Kurlansky, Mark  
Battle Fatigue  
F KUR:M
But by the time Joel is eighteen, the Vietnam War is in full swing, and it's not as simple as the war games he played when he was a child. Old enough to be drafted, Joel loves his country, but he knows that fighting in an unjust war isn't something he can do. After trying and failing to be a conscientious objector he leaves for Canada - a decision that will help him avoid the physical conflict of the war, but will create another inside him that will take much longer to resolve.

Lahiri, Jhumpa  
The Lowland  
F LAH:J
From Subhash's earliest memories, at every point, his brother was there. In the suburban streets of Calcutta where they wandered before dusk and in the hyacinth-strewn ponds where they played for hours on end, Udayan was always in his older brother's sight. So close in age, they were inseparable in childhood and yet, as the years pass - as U.S tanks roll into Vietnam and riots sweep across India - their brotherly bond can do nothing to forestall the tragedy that will upend their lives.

Lake, Nick  
Hostage Three  
F LAK:N
It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing: a girl on a yacht with her super-rich banker father; a chance for the family to heal after a turbulent time; the peaceful sea, the warm sun. But a nightmare is about to explode as a group of Somali pirates seizes the boat and its human cargo. Hostage One is Dad - the most valuable. Amy is Hostage Three. As she builds a strange bond with one of her captors, it becomes brutally clear that the price of a life and its value are very different things.

Lang, Andrew

Tales of Troy and Greece


Lasenby, Jack

Because We Were the Travellers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Makkai, Rebecca

The Borrower
Lucy Hull, a 26-year-old children's librarian in Hannibal, Missouri, finds herself both kidnapper and kidnapped when her favourite patron, 10-year-old Ian Drake, runs away from home. The odd pair embarks on an improvised road trip from Missouri to Vermont. Along the way, Lucy struggles to make peace with her Russian immigrant father and his fugitive past, and is forced to use his shady connections to escape discovery.

Malory, Thomas

King Arthur and His Knights

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

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

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.

Mayne, William

Drift

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

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.

McCaughran, Geraldine

Tamburlaine's Elephants

Rusti is a Tartar, travelling and pillaging with the legendary Horde of Tamburlaine, Conqueror of the World. He dreams of honour and riches, and is proud to capture his first prisoners - an elephant and her keeper. Yet amidst the death and destruction, an unlikely friendship takes hold in this breathtaking tale.

McDonald, Roger

Slipstream

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

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

The classic story of a boy, a dog and small-town America in the vein of "Tom Sawyer".

Mowat, Farley

Lost In the Barrens

Jamie and Awasin accompany a hunting party into the wilds and discover a mysterious cache of relics.
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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

Escaping from his violent stepfather, twelve-year-old Sipho 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 Sipho also has to learn, in the 'new' South Africa, who to trust.

Naidoo, Beverley

Web Of Lies

Two years after their flight from Nigeria, 14-yr-old Sade, her younger brother Femi and her father are living in a council flat in London, waiting for their claim for asylum to be approved. But when Femi is arrested for murder, and the gang set fire to their flat, the family has to pull together to get through this most difficult time.

Napoli, Donna Jo

Stones In Water

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

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

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

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

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

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
Difficult Decisions – Between a Rock and a Hard Place

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. Archilles, who is the greatest warrior among the Greeks, refuses to fight any longer. But Trojans hero, who is Hector, kills Archilles' best friend.

Porter, James Piya
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
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
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 Guinevere, the deadly magic of Morgan Le Fay and Mordred's ambition to rule Camelot.

Matarasso, P.M. The Quest Of the Holy Grail
A translation from the French of the fabulous legend of King Arthur where chivalrous adventures like Gawain, Lancelot and Galahad journey across a land strewn with fantastic dangers and temptations.

Rai, Bali Killing Honour
When Sat's sister, Jas, is married off into the Atwal family she changes; she becomes quiet and distant. Then Jas disappears. According to her new husband, she's run off with another man. Her family disown her; don't seem to care if she's ever found. But Sat doesn't believe it. Something has happened to his sister and he's determined to figure out what.

Read, Paul Piers Alive : the Story Of the Andes Survivors
In 1972, an aircraft carrying a party of Uruguayan rugby players took off from Argentina to fly over the Andes to Chile. In the middle of those jagged mountains, the aircraft crashed. Some passengers were killed on impact, others seriously injured. This is the tale of how they survived.

Renault, Mary The Bull From the Sea
The story of Theseus, King of Athens, who triumphantly returns from Crete, after slaying the Minotaur, to mount the throne left empty by his father. Throughout his reign, Theseus is torn between his genius for kingship and a craving for adventure.

Renault, Mary Fire From Heaven
The life of "Alexander The Great" is described, from childhood to the age of twenty when he succeeded his murdered father, King Philip of Macedon.

Riordan, James Tales From the Arabian Nights
Ten stories from Shaharazad’s tales of a thousand and one nights, first told to the Shah of Tartary to save her life. Included are Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp, Sinbad the Sailor and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.

Roth, Arthur The Iceberg Hermit
When Allan's ship is totally destroyed, he is stranded alone on a giant iceberg. Without food or any warmth, how can he survive?

Saxby, Maurice & Ingpen, Robert
The Great Deeds Of Superheroes
Some of the oldest and most exciting stories ever told. They range from Jason’s voyage to win the golden fleece, the downfall of Samson at the hands of Delilah and King Arthur’s pulling of the sword from the stone.

Saxby, Maurice & Ingpen, Robert
Great Deeds of Heroic Women
Tales of goddesses, enchantresses, queens, warriors, saints, stalwart fold heroines, courageous survivors - they’re all here in this collection of stories of extraordinary women.

Senzai, N. H.
Shooting Kabul
In the summer of 2001, twelve year old Fadi's parents make the difficult decision to illegally leave Afghanistan and move the family to the United States. When their underground transport arrives at the rendezvous point, chaos ensues, and Fadi is left dragging his younger sister Mariam through the crush of people. But Mariam accidentally lets go of his hand and becomes lost in the crowd, just as Fadi is snatched up into the truck. With Taliban soldiers closing in, the truck speeds away, leaving Mariam behind.

Seredy, Kate
The White Stag
For generations the tribes of Huns and Magyars moved relentlessly westward, obeying the voices of their pagan gods to follow the elusive white stag to their promised homeland. Their leader was called Attila and the land Hungary. This is an epic story of their tribal migration and their fierce leader - known to us even today.

Schembri, Jim
In It Up To Here
It is the middle of the night. Alex and Nigel are stuck at the bottom of a deep, dark hole and are about to drown in 300 tonnes of industrial strength concrete which is pouring in around them. Nobody knows they are there. This is not exactly what they had in mind for the first week of their school holidays.

Scott, Tom
Tales of King Robert the Bruce
King Robert of Scotland was brave of heart and hand, and so was his comrade, the good Sir James Douglas - a knight so valiant in his time that his achievements and nobility were famous in many countries far from his own.

Serrailler, Ian
The Silver Sword
This is a true story, about a Jewish family trapped in Poland during WWII. This is the story of children left behind after their parents were deported. They became homeless and were forced to fend for themselves.

Silvey, Craig
Jasper Jones
Late on a hot summer night in 1965, Charlie Bucktin, a precocious and bookish boy of thirteen, is startled by an urgent knock on the window of his sleep-out. His visitor is Jasper Jones, an outcast in the regional mining town of Corrigan. Rebellious, mixed-race and solitary, Jasper is a distant figure of danger and intrigue for Charlie. So when Jasper begs for his help, Charlie eagerly steals into the night by his side, terribly afraid but desperate to impress. Jasper takes him to his secret glade in the bush, and it's here that Charlie bears witness to Jasper's horrible discovery.

**Southall, Ivan**  
Hill’s End  
F SOU:I

The town of Hill's End set off on its annual picnic when a squabble led to six children being left behind. While they are exploring some caves, a cyclone hits the town. The children have to learn how to build on their personal strengths and to overcome weaknesses for the survival of the group.

**Southall, Ivan**  
To the Wild Sky  
F SOU:I

Six children are stranded in the Australian outback when the pilot flying the plane taking them home dies and the plane crashes.

**Spinelli, Jerry**  
Milkweed  
F SPI:J

The incredible memoir of Misha, an orphan living on the streets of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II. Through the eyes of a child who has no past and no identity, we witness the horrors of the invasion.

**Stead, Rebecca**  
First Light  
F STE:R

Peter is going to Greenland, where his father studies climate change. On the ice cap, Peter is troubled by a series of visions that both frighten and entice him. Peter's search for answers takes him to Thea’s hidden world. Together they unravel a past that reveals a surprising connection.

**Stow, Randolph**  
Midnite : the Story Of a Wild Colonial Boy  
F STO:R

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.

**Sutcliff, Rosemary**  
Dragon Slayer : Beowulf  
F SUT:R

This dramatic Anglo-Saxon poem is retold and 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**  
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.

**Sutcliffe, William**  
The Wall : a Modern Fable  
F SUT:W
Difficult Decisions – Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Joshua is a troubled boy who lives with his mother and stepfather in a divided city, where a wall and soldiers separate two communities and the rubble-strewn residue of their broken world gives hints of the old life before the wall was built. Joshua discovers a manhole, which leads to a tunnel, which leads in pitch darkness under the wall and across to the other side. Forbidden territory, dangerous territory, violent territory, which a boy like him - visibly different - shouldn't stray into. An act of kindness from a girl saves his life, but leads to a brutal act of cruelty and a terrible debt he's determined to repay. And no one, no one must find out that he's been there - or the consequences will be unbearable.

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.

Thiong'o, Ngugi wa Weep Not, Child F THI:N
Details the effects of the infamous Mau Mau war, the African nationalist revolt against colonial oppression in Kenya, on the lives of ordinary men and women, and on one family in particular.

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.

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.

Vann, David Goat Mountain F VAN:D
Three generations of men hunt for deer on Goat Mountain. One hot autumn day, grandfather, son and grandson discover a poacher on their land. The eleven-year-old studies the poacher through the scope of his father's rifle - and pulls the trigger. Goat Mountain is an intensely powerful novel about how these men, and their boy, deal with the poacher's death, and with his body. In prose devastating and beautiful in its precision, David Vann explores our most primal urges, the ties that bind us, and the consequences of our actions - what we owe for what we've done.

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.

Viola was born with a genetic condition that makes sunlight deadly. In the dark of night, when most teenagers are tucked up in bed, Viola has the run of her parents' farm and the surrounding forest. She is used to seeing hidden things through her night-vision goggles, but one night she sees something that could get her into a whole lot of trouble.

The extraordinary story of a boy called the Wart - ignored by everyone except his tutor, Merlin - who goes on to become King Arthur.

Ancient China: Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon make an epic journey across China carrying a mysterious stone that must be protected.

A collection of escape stories of twelve different men and women who were involved in the Second World War. Not all the stories are about actual escapes, some describe measures taken to evade the enemy over a number of years.

This is an adventure story of the Second World War. Eric Williams' own experience is the basis for this story of three British soldiers who successfully escape from the "escapeproof" Stalag Luft III.

Peter Howard was shot down and captured by the Germans. He was sent to a high-security prison camp in Poland where the only hope of escape was to dig a tunnel.

Monalo Olivar knows he is a coward. He is afraid of so many things, but especially bulls. But he is the son of Juan Olivar, the greatest matador in Spain, and now at eleven, he must fight his first bull.

Boarding for a term in the wilderness, sixteen-year-old Sibylla expects the gruesome outdoor education program - but friendship complications, and love that goes wrong, they're extra-curricula? Enter Lou, the reluctant new girl. Fragile behind an implacable mask, she is grieving a death that occurred almost a year ago. But despite herself, Lou becomes intrigued by the unfolding drama between her housemates Sibylla and Holly, and has to decide whether to end her self-imposed detachment and join the fray. And as Sibylla confronts a tangle of betrayal, she needs to renegotiate everything she thought she knew about surviving in the wild.

Hanna is a talented pianist. Relatively late in World War II the Budapest Jews were rounded up and sent to Auschwitz. Hanna and her mother and sister are separated from her father. Her mother becomes increasingly mentally ill until she too is taken away somewhere. Her sister Erika is slowly starving to
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dead. Hanna is quite a naive 15-year-old but when presented with the opportunity to play piano for the
camp commander, she is desperate to be chosen. But the longer Hanna goes to the house, the more she
realises there are other things going on. Secret things. Karl may not be the person she thinks he is.

Zenatti, Valerie  
Message In a Bottle  
F ZEN:V

Following a suicide bomb attack on her local Jerusalem café, in which she and her friends could so
easily have been its victims, a seventeen-year-old Israeli schoolgirl decides to send a message in a
bottle to Gaza.

Her message is found by a young man who calls himself Gazaman, and a remarkable email
correspondence begins.