

## ADVENTURE AND SURVIVAL STORIES – READING LIST

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**Abercrombie, Joe**                      **Half a King**    **F ABE:J**  
Betrayed by his family and left for dead, Prince Yarvi, reluctant heir to a divided kingdom, has vowed to reclaim a throne he never wanted. First, he must survive cruelty, chains and the bitter waters of the Shattered Sea itself - all with only one good hand.

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**Abercrombie, Joe**                      **Half the World**    **F ABE:J**  
Desperate to avenge her dead father, she lives to fight. But, she has been named murderer by the very man who trained her to kill. Fate traps her in the schemes - and on the ship - of the deep-cunning minister Father Yarvi. Crossing half the world to find allies against the ruthless High King, she learns harsh lessons of blood and deceit.

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**Adams, Michael**                      **Skyfire**    **F ADA:M**  
Enter the DARE awards . . . make your dreams come true! The seven winners of the inaugural DARE awards are thrust together on a life-changing journey, to cross seven continents in seven days. But on the eve of their adventure, they receive The First Sign. Before they can solve the puzzle of the mysterious symbols, a deadly attack throws one of them into a terrifying fight for life.

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**Asher, Neal**                              **Dark Intelligence**    **F ASH:N**  
Thorvald Spear wakes in hospital, where he finds he has been brought back from the dead. What's more, he died in a human versus alien war, which ended a whole century ago. But when he relives his traumatic final moments, he finds the spark to keep on living. That spark is vengeance.

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**Baldacci, David**                      **The Finisher**    **F BAL:D**  
Welcome to Wormwood: a place where curiosity is discouraged and no one has ever left. Until one girl, Vega Jane, discovers a map that suggests a mysterious world beyond the walls. A world with possibilities and creatures beyond her imagining. But she will be forced to fight for her freedom.

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**Banks, Tristan**                      **Two Wolves**    **F BAN:T**  
One afternoon, police officers show up at Ben Silver's front door. Minutes after they leave, his parents arrive home. Ben and his little sister Olive are bundled into the car and told they're going on a holiday. But are they?

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**Baillie, Allan**                              **The First Voyage**    **F BAI:A**  
An adventure story set in our very distant past, 30,000 years ago, when the first tribes from Timor braved the ocean on primitive rafts to travel into the unknown, and reached the land mass of what is now Australia.

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**Beale, Fleur &  
Redding, Bill**                              **Red Dog in Bandit Country**    **F RED:B**  
The area is frequented by paramilitaries, guerrillas and bandits... but danger only fires the blood of Bill (Red Dog) Redding. He flies a perilous delivery to the heart of Colombian bandit country, then takes explosives work with a construction company where 'safety last' seems the motto.

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**Beames, Margaret**                      **Josef's Bear**    **F BEA:M**  
When Josef's home in Berlin was destroyed during the war, he was rescued by Helga, a farmer's wife, but now Josef is driven from the farm by Helga's husband. With the wooden bear in his pack, he heads for Berlin. In the war-ravaged city, now in the throes of the Russian blockade, survival is a daily struggle.

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**Birch, Carol**                              **Jamrach's Menagerie**    **F BIR:C**  
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London, 1857: After surviving an encounter with an escaped tiger on the streets of Bermondsey, nine-year-old Jaffy stumbles into a job for its owner, the wild animal collector, Mr Jamrach. Commissioned by Jamrach to find and collect a sea dragon, Jaffy soon joins a ship bound for the South Seas, and so begins a wonder-filled voyage of discovery.

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**Birmingham, John**                      **The Dave Hooper Series**                      **F BIR:J**

'Dave Hooper has the hangover from hell, a demonic ex-wife and the claws of the tax office sinking into him. So, the last thing he needs is an explosion at the offshore oil rig where he works. But this is no ordinary industrial accident, and despite the news reports, Dave knows that terrorists are not to blame for the disaster. He knows because he has killed one of the things responsible.

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**Blackman, Malorie**                      **Noble Conflict**                      **F BLA:M**

Years after a violent war destroyed much of the world; Kaspar has grown up in a society based on peace and harmony. But beyond the city walls, a vicious band of rebels is plotting to tear this peace apart. It is up to the Guardians - an elite peacekeeping force - to protect the city, without ever resorting to the brutal methods of their enemy.

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**Boyd, William**                      **Solo**                      **F BOY:W**

It is 1969, and James Bond - British special agent 007 - is summoned to headquarters to receive an unusual assignment. Zanzarim, a troubled West African nation, is being ravaged by a bitter civil war, and M directs Bond to quash the rebels threatening the established regime.

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**Bradford, Chris**                      **The Way of the Warrior (Yung Samurai Series)**                      **F BRA:C**

August 1611. Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan - his beloved father and the crew lie slaughtered by ninja pirates. Rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi, Jack's only hope is to become a samurai warrior. And so, his training begins.

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**Breslin, Theresa**                      **Prisoner of the Inquisition**                      **F BRE:T**

Zarita lives a life of wealth and privilege. Saulo, son of a family reduced by circumstances to begging, witnesses his father wrongfully arrested and dealt with in the most horrifying way. Hauled off to be a slave at sea and pursued by pirates he encounters the ambitious mariner explorer, Christopher Columbus.

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**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 master of mystery and romance, John Buchan. His hero, Richard Hannay, becomes a secret service agent by mistake at the outset, and his job is to untangle the thick web of lies and deceit.

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**Buckley, Michael**                      **Undertow**                      **F BUC:M**

Sixteen-year-old Lyric Walker's life is forever changed when she witnesses the arrival of 30,000 Alpha, a five-nation race of ocean-dwelling warriors, on her beach in Coney Island. The world's initial wonder and awe over the Alpha quickly turns ugly and paranoid and violent, and Lyric's small town transforms into a military zone with humans on one side and Alpha on the other.

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**Cameron, Miles**                      **The Dread Wyrn**                      **F CAM:M**

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Some are born to power. Some seize it. And some have the wisdom never to wield it. The Red Knight has stood against soldiers, armies and the might of an empire without flinching. He is fought on real and magical battlefields alike, and now he is facing one of the greatest challenges yet. A tournament. A joyous spring event, the flower of the nobility will ride against each other for royal favour and acclaim. It is a political contest - one that the Red Knight has the skill to win.

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**Carmody, Isobelle**                      **The Gathering**    **F CAR:I**  
An exciting story about a sinister town and a group of teenagers who together have the power to rid the town of evil if they can unravel the messages from the past.

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**Card, Orson Scott**                      **Pathfinder Series**    **F CAR:O**  
When Rigg and his friends crossed the Wall between the only world they knew and a world they could not imagine, he hoped he was leading them to safety. But the dangers in this new world are more difficult to see. Rigg, Umbo, and Param know that they cannot trust the expendable, Vadesh--a machine shaped like a human, created to deceive--but they are no longer certain that they can even trust one another.

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

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**Chabon, Michael**                      **Gentlemen of the Road**    **F CHA:M**  
Set in the Kingdom of Arran, in the Caucasus Mountains, between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, A.D. 950. It tells the tale of two wandering adventurers and unlikely soulmates, variously plying their trades as swords for hire, horse thieves and con artists - until fortune entangles them in the myriad schemes and battles that follow a bloody coup in the medieval Jewish empire of the Khazars.

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**Cheverton, Mark**                      **Gameknight Series**    **F CHE:M**  
The world of Minecraft comes to life in this thrilling adventure! Gameknight999 loved Minecraft, but above all else, he loved to grief-to intentionally ruin the gaming experience for other users. When one of his father's inventions teleports him into the game, Gameknight is forced to live out a real-life adventure inside a digital world. What will happen if he's killed? Will he respawn? Die in real life? Stuck in the game, Gameknight discovers Minecraft's best-kept secret, something not even the game's programmers realize: the creatures within the game are alive!

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**Clark, Joan**                      **Wild Man of the Woods**    **F CLA:J**  
Stephen's holiday in the Rockies with his country cousin Louie, is marred only by two bullies who are determined to make things unpleasant. But when Stephen meets Angus, a mysterious Indian mask carver, and tries on the masks, he suddenly gains courage to face the troublemakers.

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**Colfer, Eoin**                      **The Hangman's Revolution**    **F COL:E**  
FBI agent Chevie Savano is trapped in a nightmare future. Unless she can return to nineteenth-century London and change the course of history, millions will die. Luckily, she has Riley the boy magician and a Victorian gangster with lovely hair to help her battle two crazed villains, who have brought the military technology of the future back in time – with potentially disastrous consequences.

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**Cooper, Susan**                      **Ghost Hawk**    **F COO:S**

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In the winter of his eleventh year, Little Hawk goes deep into the forest, where he must endure a three month test of solitude and survival, which will turn him into a man. But outside the woods, the world is changing. English settlers are landing on the shores of the New World, and tensions between native tribes and the invaders are rising.

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**Cornwell, Bernard**                      **Sharpe's Eagle: Richard Sharpe and the Talavera Campaign July 1809**                      **F COR:B**  
Richard Sharpe, bold, professional and ruthless, goes to war. Once a private, now he leads his men into action in the bloodiest battle of the war. The danger is as great from his enemies on his own side as from those across the battlefield.

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**Courtenay, Bryce**                      **The Power of One**                      **F COU:B**  
In South Africa in the 1940s, a young boy struggles to realise his individuality in a society divided by racial hatred and conflict. A riveting story filled with unforgettable characters.

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**Crane, Stephen**                      **The Red Badge of Courage**                      **F CRA:S**  
A young Civil War recruit looks down at the torn, wavering line of battle in terror. Will he be a coward, or will he stay to fight? An American classic story of fear, courage, conflict and death.

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**Crew, Gary**                      **Sam Silverthorne: Quest**                      **F CRE:G**  
Set in the 19th century; fourteen-year-old Sam Silverthorne runs away from his home in London and his cruel Aunt Bertha. He embarks on a quest to find his father, who has failed to return from his most recent ornithological expedition in search of the fabled silver Bird of Paradise, which lives in the steamy jungles of the Malay Archipelago.

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**Crew, Gary**                      **Voicing the Dead**                      **F CRE:G**  
14-year-old English-born shipwreck survivor, Jack Ireland, is captured by headhunters and adopted by Torres Strait Islanders as the ghost of their own dead child. This novel is based on his own remarkable autobiography published in 1845.

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**Crichton, Michael**                      **Sphere**                      **F CRI:M**  
The sphere rests on the floor of the South Pacific - a spacecraft that had landed 300 years ago. It was made of unknown material. Who had sent it? Was it manned? How do we find out about it?

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**Cross, Gillian**                      **After Tomorrow**                      **F CRO:G**  
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.

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**Cross, Gillian**                      **The Odyssey**                      **F CRO:G**  
Homer's great story is retold with simplicity and style by award-winning children's writer Gillian Cross, and vividly brought to life in Neil Packer's stunning illustrations. It charts the ten-year epic voyage of Odysseus as he returns from the Trojan War to the island of Ithaca.

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**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

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be his parents. Totally confused, Tug begins to doubt his own identity. A brilliant psychological thriller.

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**Cussler, Clive**                      **The Mayan Secrets**                      **F CUS:C**

Husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo are in Mexico, when they come upon a remarkable discovery - the skeleton of a man clutching an ancient sealed pot, and within the pot, a Mayan book, larger than anyone has ever seen. The book contains astonishing information about the Mayans, about their cities, and about humankind itself.

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**Dashner, James**                      **The Eye of Minds**                      **F DAS:J**

For Michael and the other gamers, the VirtNet can make your wildest fantasies become real. And the more hacking skills you have, the more fun. Who wants to play by the rules anyway? But some rules were made for a reason. One gamer has been taking people hostage inside the VirtNet with horrific consequences.

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**D'ath, Justin**                      **47 Degrees**                      **F DAT:J**

A thrilling story of hope and bravery from the Black Saturday Bushfires.

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**De Fombelle, Timothee**                      **Toby Alone**                      **F DEF:T**

Toby Lolness is just one and a half millimeters tall, and he's the most wanted person in his world, the great oak Tree. When Toby's father makes a groundbreaking discovery, tapping into the very heart of the Tree's energy, he also realises that exploiting it could do permanent damage to their world. Refusing to reveal the secret of his invention to an enraged community, the family is exiled.

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**Delaney, Joseph**                      **Arena 13**                      **F DEL:J**

Sixteen-year-old Leith is determined to train as a Trig fighter and gets himself apprenticed to Tyron, the greatest of all trainers. But little does his new trainer or the other apprentices know Leith has a personal battle to fight. He is going to avenge the death of his father by killing Hob himself.

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**Ducie, Joe**                      **Crystal Force**                      **F DUC:J**

On the run after escaping from what was supposed to be the world's most secure juvenile facility (and blowing it up in the process), Will Drake knows it's only a matter of time before the sinister Alliance catches up with him.

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**Dumas, Alexandre**                      **Twenty Years After**                      **F DUM:A**

Two decades have passed since the musketeers triumphed over Cardinal Richelieu and Milady. Time has weakened their resolve, and dispersed their loyalties. But treasons and stratagems still cry out for justice: civil war endangers the throne of France, while in England Cromwell threatens to send Charles I to the scaffold.

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**Drake, John**                      **Flint and Silver**                      **F DRA:J**

After pirates stormed his merchant's ship, massacring all around them, they found one opponent who wouldn't go down: John Silver. And so, with six men dead at his hand, Silver is made an offer he can't refuse: join them or die. On the other side of the world, the legendary Captain Flint is the meanest, most dangerous bandit on the high seas.

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**Eaton, Anthony**                      **Into White Silence**                      **F EAT:A**

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During the winter of 1922, the exploration vessel, Raven, became trapped in the Antarctic icepack, entombing twenty-eight men aboard it through the dark polar night. 'Into White Silence' tells their story - a story of a lost past, of a tragic future, of ice, ambition and madness. It captures the terrible, fascinating beauty of Antarctica, both as it was then and as it is today.

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**Ellis, Deborah**                      **Shauzia**    **F ELL:D**  
Imagine that you are alone in a foreign city - to eat, you must scrounge through rubbish, and to sleep you huddle in doorways. Where do you go? Whom do you trust? When Shauzia leaves the relative safety of the refugee camp, she faces many difficulties.

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**Falkner, Brian**                      **Assault (Recon Team Angel Series - Vol. 1-3)**    **F FAL:B**  
It is 2030, and the world is at war with an alien race: the Bzadians. The battleground: Earth. Recon Team Angel, made up of teenagers from around the world, has been training for years. They have learned Bzadian languages, learned how to operate their weapons, how to work, eat, and think like them. Now it is time to act.

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**Flanagan, John**                      **Brotherband Series**    **F FLA:J**  
Brotherband is a series of fantasy and adventure novels written by Australian author John Flanagan. The series is a spin-off from Flanagan's other highly popular series, Ranger's Apprentice, but it focuses on new Skandian characters.

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**Flanagan, John**                      **Ranger's Apprentice Series**    **F FLA:J**  
The series follows the adventures of Will, an orphan who is taken as an apprentice Ranger, as he strives to keep the Kingdom of Araluen safe from invaders, traitors, and threats. He is joined on his adventures by his mentor Halt and his best friend Horace.

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**Fletcher, Charlie**                      **Iron Hand**    **F FLE:C**  
George makes a promise to Edie to protect her no matter what. But when George makes his promise he is not aware that high on the rooftops an unseen gargoyle is watching them hungrily, waiting to unfold its stone wings and pounce. Iron hand takes us deeper into the layers of un-London, the place where the good and the bad statues, the spits and the taints, walk and war. George and Edie must repay the debt, which they owe the Gunner for his sacrifice. They must face unspeakable danger and doubt if they are to save him.

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**Forester, C.S.**                      **Mr Midshipman Hornblower**    **F FOR:C**  
Horatio Hornblower survives a duel, learns to overcome his seasickness and goes on to risk his life many times over. It is 1793, Britain is at war with France and life on a sailing ship of war is hard and dangerous. But the hardest battles are fought by Hornblower within himself.

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**Forsyth, Frederick**                      **The Day of the Jackal**    **F FOR:F**  
Dissident OAS officers hire a mercenary, known by the code-name "Jackal" to assassinate General Charles de Gaulle. The officers hope to cash in on the political chaos that would follow. A thriller in which the suspense is acute.

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**French, Jackie**                      **Walking the Boundaries**    **F FRE:J**

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When Martin's great-grandfather told he could have the farm if he walked the boundaries, he could hardly believe it. When he is almost killed while walking the boundaries, he realises that it may not be a joke.

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**Gee, Maurice**                      **The Fire-Raiser**                      **F GEE:M**  
The night Dargies' stables burn to the ground, Kitty is knocked tumbling as a strange figure flees from the scene. Who is the fire-raiser? Kitty soon has her suspicions, and so do other children in the town. He will strike again - and this time the children will be in terrible danger.

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**Gemmell, N.J.**                      **The Icicle Illuminarium**                      **F GEM:N**  
Kick, Bert, Scruff and Pin are rejoicing - Dad's been found! But he's ill from his wartime experiences, and he's sent away to recover. Then a hint from the butler sets their hearts racing. Could their mother still be alive too? The four siblings begin a wild goose chase to search for clues. But it all goes terribly, horribly wrong when they're kidnapped.

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**Gentill, S.D.**                      **Chasing Odysseus**                      **F GEN:S**  
An adventure of ancient myth, monsters, gods, sorcerers, sirens, magic and many evils...the fall of Troy and a desperate chase across the seas in a magical ship. Hero and her three brothers - Mac, Cad and Lycon - go on this exciting and dangerous quest to redeem their murdered father's honour, the betrayal by King Odysseus and the loyalty of their own people to the conquered city of Troy.

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**Gleitzman, Morris**                      **Boy Overboard**                      **F GLE:M**  
Jamal and Bibi have a dream. To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup. But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins. Can Jamal and his family survive their incredible journey and get to Australia?

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**Grant, Michael**                      **Fear (Gone Series)**                      **F GRA:M**  
It's been one year since all the adults disappeared. Gone. Despite the hunger, despite the lies, even despite the plague, the kids of Perdido Beach are determined to survive. Creeping into the tenuous new world they've built, though, is perhaps the worst incarnation yet of the enemy known as the Darkness: fear.

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**Great Soldiers' Tales presented by Michael Carver**                      **F GRE**  
All the heroism, sacrifice and humour of the soldier at war, captured in a superb collection of short stories. 18 stirring tales of fighting men from Kipling, C S Forester, Tolstoy, Monsarrat and many more.

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**The Greatest Escape Stories Ever : Twenty-Five Unforgettable Tales edited by Darren Brown**                      **904 GRE**  
To reach freedom, the most famous escapers of all time have been willing to endure the most horrific conditions – and the direst consequences if caught. This collection of twenty-five unforgettable tales is gripping as only true life-and-death struggles can be.

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**Gwynne, Phillip**                      **The Debt (Series: Volumes 1 - 6)**                      **F GWY:P**  
One boy. Six tasks. An ancient family debt.

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**Haggard, H. Rider**                      **King Solomon's Mines**                      **F HAG:R**  
They were diamond mines and chests full of uncut stones, some as large as pigeon's eggs. But it was

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not for them that the three Englishmen made their perilous expedition to the north of Durban. They went in search of a man.

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**Harkaway, Nick**                      **Angelmaker**                      **F HAR:N**  
An adventure story, a war story, and a love story, all wound into one. Joe Spork, son of the infamous criminal Mathew 'Tommy Gun' Spork, just wants a quiet life, repairing clockwork in a wet, unknown bit of London. Edie Banister, former superspy, lives quietly and wishes she didn't. She's nearly ninety and the things she fought to save don't seem to exist anymore. She's beginning to wonder if they ever did. When Joe is asked to fix one particularly unusual device, his life is suddenly upended.

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**Hatfield, Ruth**                      **The Book of Storms**                      **F HAT:R**  
Eleven-year-old Danny's parents are storm chasers - which sounds fun and exciting, and it is, so long as you aren't the son who has to wait behind at home. And one night, after a particularly fierce storm, Danny's parents don't come back. Stranger still, the old sycamore tree in Danny's yard seems to have been struck by lightning, and when he picks up a fragment of wood from the tree's heart, he finds he can hear voices, including that of the next door's rather uppity cat, Mitzy.

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**Hearn, Lian**                      **Emperor of the Eight Islands: the Tale of Shikanoko**                      **F HEA:L**  
Two rival clans struggling over who will be crowned Emperor of the Eight Islands, in a medieval Japanese country inhabited by warriors, assassins, ghosts and guardian spirits. As the laws of destiny play out their inexorable drama, so the battle for the Lotus Throne begins.

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**Herrndorf, Wolfgang**                      **Why We Took the Car**                      **F HER:W**  
Mike Klingenberg isn't exactly one of the cool kids at his school. Andre Tschichatschow, aka Tschick is new in school, and unpopular as well, But one day, Tschick shows up at Mike's house and together, they are heading out on a road trip across Germany. No parents, no map, no destination.

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**Higgins, Jane**                      **Havoc**                      **F HIG:J**  
The ceasefire is barely holding. Southside waits, with a kind of hope that feels like defeat. Then Cityside blows up the bridge. And amid the chaos and rubble Nik and Lanya are drawn into a complex web of power, fear and betrayal. Who is the girl found crying out from the bombed bridge? What is her connection to the secret experiments taking place at Pitkerrin Marsh? And why does she cry 'havoc'? But before Nik can find out he must find his father, and face the hardest decision of his life.

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**Hill, Anthony**                      **Soldier Boy: the True Story of Jim Martin the Youngest Anzac**                      **F HIL:A**  
Jim Martin was 14 when he sailed away to war on the troopship Berrima in 1915, bound for Gallipoli. The true story of how an inexperienced and enthusiastic schoolboy became Australia's youngest known Anzac.

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**Hill, David**                      **Running Hot**                      **F HIL:D**  
The forest is on fire. Garth and five others are trapped. As they flee for their lives with the flames raging after them, he wonders if they will all survive.

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**Horowitz, Anthony**                      **Russian Roulette**                      **F HOR:A**



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Once the river teemed with otters. But now Lut is the last survivor. Badly savaged by farm dogs, he is saved by a runaway boy. Together, boy and otter voyage through the misted marshes in search of a mate for Lut. The quest becomes a fight for survival in a mysterious and dangerous world.

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**London, Jack**                      **White Fang**                      **F LON:J**  
White Fang was pure wolf, body and soul. This is the story of how he learnt about the world, and about man - how harsh a man's rule can be but eventually how to build a bond of trust and affection with man.

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**Maclean, Alistair**                      **The Guns of Navarone**                      **F MAC:A**  
*Also available as an eBook.*  
World War II is being fought, and Germans control the island that guards the approaches to the eastern Mediterranean with big guns. After all other attempts have failed; a five-man British army team is chosen to silence the guns of Navarone.

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**Manfredi, Valerio**  
**Massimo**                      **Odysseus: the Oath**                      **F MAN:V**  
As a young boy in Ithaca, Odysseus listens in wonder to his grandfather Autolykos – a ruthless fighter and a man feared by many across the land. He learns of his heritage and a lifelong passion is sparked to become an adventurer and warrior.

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**Marsden, John**                      **South of Darkness**                      **F MAR:J**  
Thirteen-year-old Barnaby Fletch is a bag-and-bones orphan in London in the late 1700s. Barnaby lives on his wits and ill-gotten gains, on streets seething with the press of the throng and shadowed by sinister figures. Life is a precarious business. When he hears of a paradise on the other side of the world - a place called Botany Bay - he decides to commit a crime and get himself transported to a new life, a better life.

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**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.

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**Mayhew, Jon**                      **The Wrath of the Lizard Lord**                      **F MAY:J**  
Prince Dakkar and his mentor Count Oginski discover a plot by arch-enemy Cryptos to kill Napoleon. Arriving on their revolutionary submersible to intercept Cryptos, they glimpse a terrifying monster that seems to escape back into the bowels of the Earth. It leads them to discover an amazing underground world, and a plan more nefarious than they could ever have believed - even from Cryptos.

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**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.

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**Mayo, Catherine**                      **The Bow**                      **F MAY:C**  
War is coming to Bronze Age Greece. It's time to skill up. And Odysseus's challenges are mounting. Can he find his grandfather's hidden gold? Find the strength to string and shoot the Great Bow of Eurytos, which no man has done for generations? Toughest of all, can her persuade a girl to love him?

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**Mayo, Catherine**                      **Murder at Mykenai**                      **F MAY:C**

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Friendship vs. Treachery in Ancient Greece, a decade before the Trojan War. Menelaos, teenage son of the assassinated High King of Greece, is skidding ever deeper into danger. Odysseus, his best friend, tries to help - but Odysseus's great ideas have a tendency to backfire.

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**McCaughrean, Geraldine      The Death Defying Pepper Roux      F MCC:G**

When Pepper Roux was born his aunt foretold that he would not live past 14 years of age. Pepper wakes up on his 14th birthday he knows this will be the day that he'll die. But as the day wears on, and Pepper finds himself still alive, he decides to set off to sea in an attempt to try and avoid death for as long as possible.

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**McCormick, Patricia      Never Fall Down: a Novel      F MCC:P**

Eleven-year-old Arn is walking through the countryside in Cambodia. His whole town is walking with him. They're walking into one of the most tragic moments of history: the Killing Fields.

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**McGahan, Andrew      The War of the Four Isles      F MCG:A**

Nearly three years have passed since Dow Amber escaped the ruin of the Twelfth Kingdom. In that time, war has raged across the Four Isles, but Dow himself has been hidden away by his Twin Islands hosts, relegated to a backwater of the war in the company of the beguiling Cassandra.

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**McLean, David      Name Given (Riddle-Quest Books Vol. 1-3)      F MCL:D**

Four young travellers must venture from their villages on a quest to find their names - Each has a staff, a challenge and a history of riddling to help them on their way - Will they survive the adventures that lie in store ahead of them.

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**McLean, John      The Golden Few      F MCL:J**

Ten-year-old Brett Talbot was born a thousand miles inland and, in the normal course of events, would not have become a surfer. But nothing is normal in Central Africa; tragedy and adventure combine to send him to the coast where he sees the ocean for the first time and falls in love with it.

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**McCabe, Andy      Last Light      F MCN:A**

When SAS operator Nick Stone aborts an officially sanctioned assassination attempt at the Houses of Parliament, having realised whom the target is, he is given a chilling ultimatum by his bosses; fly to Panama and finish the job, or Kelly, the eleven-year-old orphan in his guardianship, will be killed.

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**McQuillan, Heather      Nest of Lies      F MCQ:H**

Ashlee is terrified of birds. Everybody in the Citadel is. In their stories birds are blamed for the Plague that destroyed civilization. Ashlee becomes a slave to her wicked stepfamily, but when a yellow hammer bird comes tapping at her window it leads her to a message of hope from her lost brother.

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**McRobbie, David      To Brave the Seas      F MCR:D**

It is 1940, and war rages. With nothing to keep him at home, fifteen-year-old Adam Chisholm joins Britain's Merchant Navy. His first ship takes him on a stormy Atlantic convoy where he faces seasickness, submarines and shipwreck. In his remarkable sea journeys, Adam meets enemies face to face, and makes friends - some for a lifetime.

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**Meloy, Maile      The Apothecary      F MEL:M**

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A mysterious apothecary. A magic book. A missing scientist. An impossible plan. It's 1952 and the Scott family has moved from Los Angeles to London. Janie feels uncomfortable in her strange new school, until the local apothecary promises her a remedy for homesickness. But the real cure is meeting the apothecary's son Benjamin.

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**Moers, Walter**                      **Rumo & his Miraculous Adventures**                      **F MOE:W**  
Rumo is a little Wolperting who will one day become the greatest hero in the history of Zamonia. Armed with Dandelion, his talking sword, he fights his way across Overworld and Netherworld, two very different worlds chock-full of adventures, dangers, and unforgettable characters: including Rala, the beautiful girl Wolperting who cultivates a hazardous relationship with death.

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**Morgan, Dave**                      **Ice Journey: a Story of Adventure, Escape and Salvation**                      **920 MOR**  
Ice Journey is the biography of Vietnam veteran Dave Morgan, whose long career in meteorology culminated in a life-changing expedition to Antarctica. Like many of his fellow soldiers, Dave tried to present a 'normal' face to the world while battling Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It was a debilitating struggle that ultimately sparked a personal obsession to escape.

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**Motion, Andrew**                      **Silver: Return to Treasure Island**                      **F MOT:A**  
The thrilling follow-up to Treasure Island, as told by one of England's greatest contemporary writers. Young Jim Hawkins is caught up with the daughter of pirate Long John Silver in search of the buried treasure of the buccaneer Captain Flint.

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**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.

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**Naidoo, Beverley**                      **No Turning Back**                      **F NAI:B**  
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.

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**Napoli, Donna Jo**                      **Stones in Water**                      **F NAP:D**  
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?

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**Newsome, Richard**                      **The Billionaire's Curse**                      **F NEW:R**  
The world's most valuable diamond has been stolen and its police constable guard lies unconscious in the British Museum, two sedative darts protruding from his backside. Not something Gerald Wilkins knows or cares anything about. Not until he opens a bundle of envelopes from his dead great aunt. Was she murdered? Who stole the diamond? And what is the mysterious casket that everyone seems to be looking for?

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**Nix, Garth**                      **Goldenhand**                      **F NIX:G**

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Lirael is no longer a shy Second Assistant Librarian. She is the Abhorsen-in-Waiting, with dead creatures to battle and Free Magic entities to bind. She's also a Remembrancer, wielder of the Dark Mirror. Lirael lost one of her hands in the binding of Orannis, but now she has a new hand, one of gilded steel and Charter Magic.

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**Patrick, Den**                      **The Boy with the Porcelain Blade**                      **F PAT:D**  
Lucien de Fontein has grown up different. One of the mysterious and misshapen Orfano who appear around the Kingdom of Landfall, he is a talented fighter yet constantly lonely, tormented by his deformity, and well aware that he is a mere pawn in a political game.

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

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**Perham, Mike**                      **Sailing The Dream : the Amazing True Story of the Schoolboy Who Sailed Single-Handed Around the World**                      **920 PER**  
At the age of just 17, Mike Perham became the youngest person to have sailed solo around the world. Sailing the Dream tells the story of that amazing voyage, a nine-month odyssey full of technical and navigational challenges that would stump sailors twice Mike's age.

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**Pratchett, Terry**                      **Nation**                      **F PRA:T**  
Finding himself alone on a desert island when everything and everyone he knows and loves has been washed away in a huge storm; Mau is the last surviving member of his nation. He's also completely alone - or so he thinks until he finds the ghost girl. As it happens, they are not alone for long. Other survivors start to arrive to take refuge on the island they all call the Nation and then raiders accompanied by murderous mutineers from the Sweet Judy.

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**Reilly, Matthew**                      **Contest**                      **F REI:M**  
***Also available as an eBook.***  
The New York State Library. A silent sanctuary of knowledge: a 100-year-old labyrinth of towering bookcases, narrow aisles and spiralling staircases. For Doctor Stephen Swain and his daughter, Holly, it is the site of a nightmare. Because for one night this historic building is to be the venue for a contest. A contest in which Swain is to compete - whether he likes it or not. The rules are simple: seven contestants will enter. Only one will leave.

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**Reilly, Matthew**                      **The Four Legendary Kingdoms**                      **F REI:M**  
***Also available as an eBook.***  
Jack West Jr and his family are living happily on their remote farm, when Jack is brutally kidnapped and he awakes in an underground cell to find a masked attacker with a knife charging at him. Jack, it seems, has been chosen - along with a dozen other elite soldiers - to compete in a series of deadly challenges designed to fulfil an ancient ritual.

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**Reilly, Matthew**                      **The Great Zoo of China**                      **F REI:M**

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**Also available as an eBook.**

It is a secret the Chinese government has been keeping for forty years. They have found a species of animal no one believed even existed. It will amaze the world. Now the Chinese are ready to unveil their astonishing discovery within the greatest zoo ever constructed. A small group of VIPs and journalists has been brought to the zoo deep within China to see its fabulous creatures for the first time.

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**Reilly, Matthew**                      **Ice Station**    **F REL:M**  
**Also available as an eBook.**

At a remote ice station in Antarctica, US scientists make an amazing discovery – something in a 100 million-year-old later of ice. Something made of METAL. A team of crack US Marines is sent to investigate. They're a tough, fearless unit who would follow their leader into hell. They just did....

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**Reilly, Matthew**                      **Troll Mountain**    **F REI:M**  
**Also available as an eBook.**

A young hero. Barbaric monsters. An impossible quest. In a remote valley, a tribe of humans is being killed off by a terrible disease. There is a rumour that the trolls of Troll Mountain have a cure for the illness: a miraculous elixir. When Raf's sister gets sick and his tribal leaders refuse to help him, he makes a courageous decision. He sets out on his own for Troll Mountain to steal the elixir.

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**Rigby, Robert**                      **The Eagle Trail: Who is the Traitor Among Us?**    **F RIG:R**

WWII, German-occupied Antwerp, and life continues as usual for 16-year-old Paul Hansen - until his father is shot. Paul learns that his parents are part of a group of resistance fighters and he's whisked away by Jos Theys, his father's closest friend, to the home of an elderly couple. There Paul learns he must leave Antwerp as quickly as possible and travel south through France and across the Pyrenees into Spain, and from there to England, and freedom.

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**Riordan, Rick**                      **Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer**    **F RIO:R**

Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he's never met - a man his mother claimed was dangerous.

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**Riordan, Rick**                      **Percy Jackson and the Greek Heroes**    **F RIO:R**

In this follow-up to Percy Jackson and the Greek Gods, demigod Percy Jackson tells the stories of twelve of the original Greek heroes in all their gory, bloodthirsty glory. Want to know who cut off Medusa's head? Which hero was raised by a she-bear? Who tamed Pegasus, the winged horse? Percy has all the answers.

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**Rose, Malcolm**                      **Plague**    **F ROS:M**

A man lies dying in the most horrific pain – he is leaking blood – from a virus. It happened before, in Zaire, but this is Britain. Rev, Lucy and Scott are trapped as the body count piles up in the sealed-off town. Where did the plague come from? Just knowing might help. Then Scott remembers something that leads to a shocking discovery...

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**Roth, Arthur**                      **The Iceberg Hermit**    **F ROT:A**

When Allan's ship is totally destroyed, he is stranded alone on a giant iceberg. Without food or any warmth, how can he survive? A marvellous story based on fact.

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**Ryan, Chris**                      **Mission: Rat-Catcher**    **F RYA:C**



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Tuscany, 1096 AD. Luca, young heir to the title of Conte de Falconi, sees demons. Since no one else can see them, Luca must keep quiet about what he sees, or risk another exorcism by the nefarious priest Ramberti. Luca also has dreams - dreams that sometimes predict the future. Night after night Luca sees his father murdered, and vows to stop it coming true.

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**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.

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**Tanner, Lian**                              **Ice Breaker**    **F TAN:L**  
Petrel lives in the dark corners of an ancient icebreaker, the Oyster. She trusts no one, speaks to no one except two large grey rats, Mister Smoke and Missus Slink. But then a boy is discovered, frozen on an iceberg, and petrel is determines to save him.

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**Thiele, Colin**                              **Blue Fin**    **F THI:C**  
Snook never seems to be able to do anything right 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 is short of a crew member at Easter.

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**Verne, Jules**                              **Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea**                      **F VER:J**  
Perhaps the most remarkable and exciting adventure story of all Verne's science fiction. The prisoners of Captain Nemo travel the oceans under ice, around wrecks, and through underwater forests and encounter horrific octopuses and sharks until it seems there is really no escape from the amazing, self-sufficient submarine, Nautilus.

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**Walden, Mark**                              **Earth Fall: Retribution**    **F WAL:M**  
Sam wakes to see strange vessels gathered in the skies around London. As he stares up, people stream past, walking silently towards the enormous ships, which emit a persistent noise. Only Sam seems immune to the signal. Six months later, Sam is absolutely alone.

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**Watkins, Paul**                              **Thunder God**    **F WAT:P**  
Charts the voyages of Hakon, a fisherman's son who is struck by lightning, kidnapped by raiders, taken to Miklagard, where he becomes part of the Emperor's personal guard, caught up in a raid on the Welsh coast and storm-driven across the Atlantic.

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**Westall, Robert**                              **The Machine Gunners**    **F WES:R**  
A great adventure story about Newcastle gang rivalry during the Second World War and the theft by boys of a machine gun taken from a crashed aircraft.

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**Westerfeld, Scott**                              **Leviathan**    **F WES:S**  
It is the beginning of the 20th century; 80 years after Darwin established the foundations of modern biology. But in the world of Leviathan these discoveries changed history more dramatically than in our own. In this world, Prince Aleksandar is on the run from those who would deny him his inheritance.

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**Wilkinson, Carole**                              **Shadow Sister**    **F WIL:C**

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With the aid of Deltora's last dragons, Lief, Barda and Jasmine have destroyed three of the Four sisters, evil Shadow Lord creations that are poisoning their land. Their quest will end in the city of Del, where the Sister of the South lies hidden. Burdened by a terrible sense of foreboding, Lief knows that every step he takes leads closer to disaster. Yet he cannot stop, he cannot turn back...

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**Yeldham, Peter**

**Glory Girl**

**F YEL:P**

Former wartime ace James Harrington has his sights set on being the first person to fly from Britain to Australia in a light aircraft. With so much desert and ocean to cross, he's been told it can't be done. Feisty Australian Sarah Carson can help make his dream a reality, but only on the condition, that he takes her with him. So, begins the flying adventure of a lifetime.

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**Zafon, Carlos Ruiz**

**The Prince of Mist**

**F ZAF:C**

It's war time, and the Carver family decides to leave the capital where they live and move to a small coastal village where they've recently bought a home. But from the minute they cross the threshold, strange things begin to happen. In that mysterious house still lurks the spirit of Jacob, the previous owners' son, who died by drowning.

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