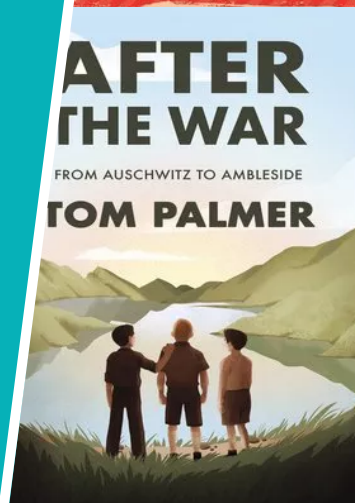
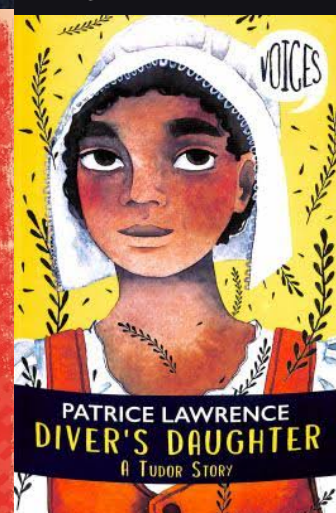
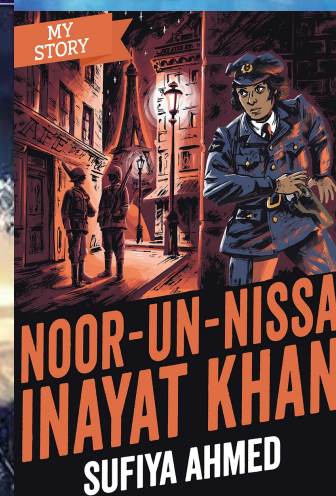
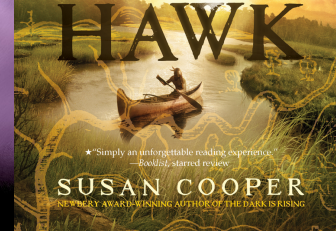
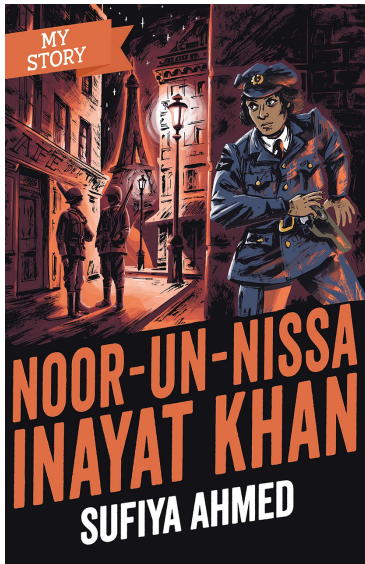


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Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Khan - My Story

Sufiya Ahmed

Forced to flee to London when the Nazis invade France, Noor signs up to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force against her mother's wishes. Her talents quickly noticed, Noor soon joins the SOE and is sent back to France as a secret agent.

Keywords:

Espionage; Spy; WW2

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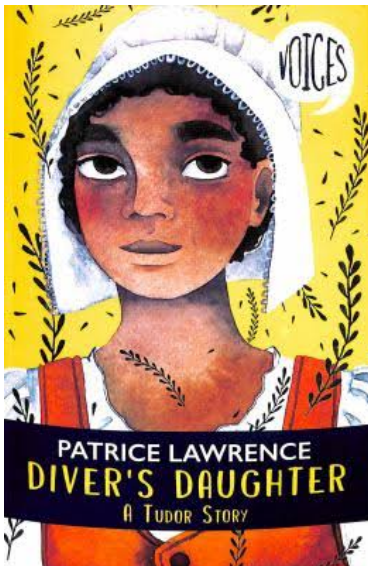


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AR Pts: 6.0



Diver's Daughter - A Tudor Story

Patrice Lawrence

When Eve and her mother hear that one of the African divers sent to salvage the Mary Rose is still alive, and that another wreck rich with treasures lies nearby, they set out on a journey filled with danger and prejudice to find him.

Keywords:

Adventure; Shipwreck; Tudor Period

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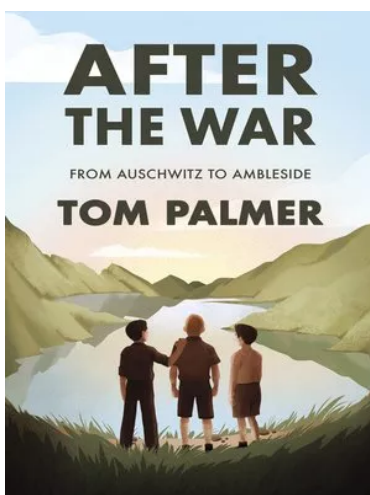


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After the War

Tom Palmer

The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover. But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares.

Keywords:

Holocaust; Refugees; Trauma

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Persepolis

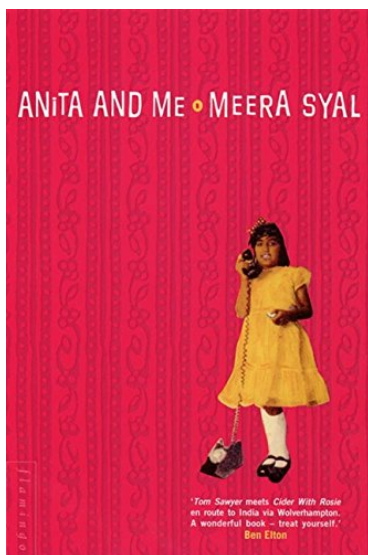
Marjane Satrapi

Persepolis is Marjane Satrapi's astonishing visual memoir of growing up in Iran during the Iranian Revolution.

Keywords:

Memoir; Middle East; Iran; Feminism

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Anita and Me

Meera Syal

It's the 1970s. Flares and glam rock! Meena can't wait to grow up and break free from her parents. But, as the daughter of the only Punjabi family in the mining village of Tollington, her struggle for independence is different from most at the time.

Keywords:

Childhood; Friendships; Culture; 1970s

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AR Pts: 19.0



Windrush Child

Benjamin Zephaniah

Leonard is shocked when he arrives in the Southampton port with his mum, his father is a stranger to him and everything is different to Jamaica. Can he learn to enjoy his life when so much is against him?

Keywords:

Migration; Windrush Generation

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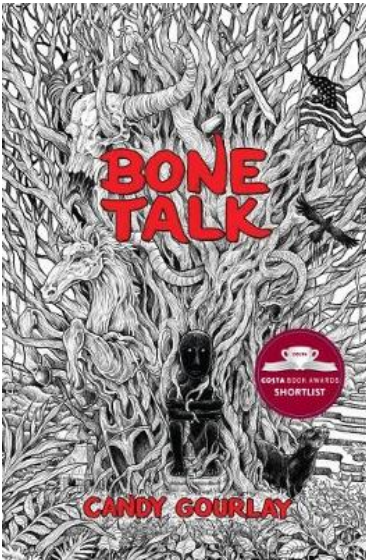


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Bone Talk

Candy Gourlay

Bone Talk is set in a historical moment in the Philippines when "headhunting tribes" came face to face with American invading forces for the first time.

Keywords:

Adventure; Bereavement; Conflict; Friendship; Imperialism; Philippines

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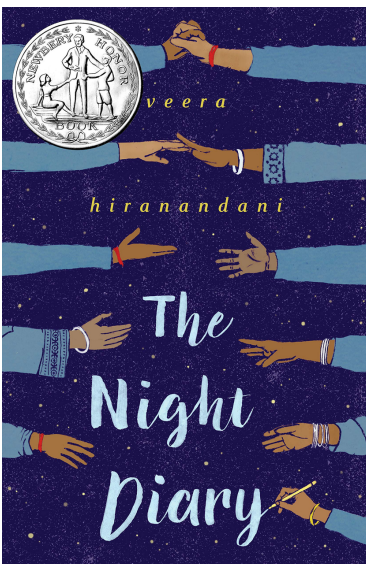


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AR Pts: 7.0



The Night Diary

Veera Hiranandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing in the pages of her diary.

Keywords:

Diary; India; Pakistan; Religion

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AR Pts: 8.0



The Royal Rebel

Bali Rai

The daughter of the last Sikh ruler of the Punjab and goddaughter of Queen Victoria, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh's upbringing left her unsure about where she belonged - in India or England. Sensitive to injustice, she became a Suffragette.

Keywords:

Biography; Suffragettes

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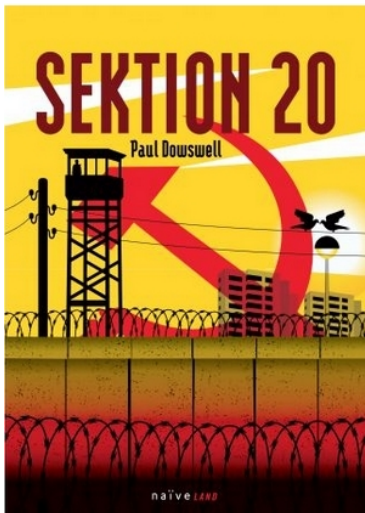
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AR Pts: 2.0





Sektion 20

Paul Dowswell

Alex lives in East Berlin. The cold war is raging and he and his family are forbidden to leave. But the longer he stays the more danger he is in. Alex is no longer pretending to be a model East German, and the Stasi has noticed.

Keywords:

Cold War; East Germany; Thriller

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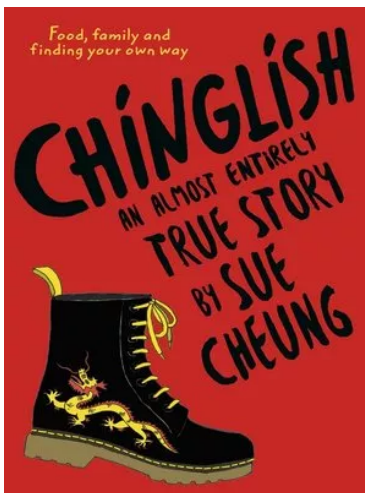


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BL: 6.0

AR Pts: 9.0



Chinglish

Sue Cheung

It's 1984, and Jo Kwan's family have just moved to Coventry. Can Jo achieve her dreams while dealing with annoying siblings, racism, bullies and drama? Contains racist slurs, scenes of violence and abuse.

Keywords:

1980s; Diary; Fashion; Second/Third Generation Migrant

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AR Pts: 10.0



March

John Lewis et al.

A graphic novel detailing a vivid first-hand account of Congressman and civil rights activist, John Lewis' life. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, the book spans the highs and lows of the US civil rights movement.

Keywords:

Anti-Racism; Biography; Civil Rights; Graphic Novel; 1950s & 1960s US History

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Hetty Feather

Jacqueline Wilson

The story of a baby left at the Foundling Hospital by her mother in Victorian England, and her trials and tribulations as she searches for her mother.

Keywords:

Adventure; Victorian England

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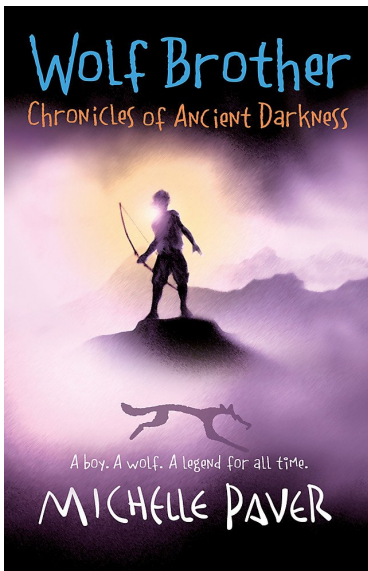


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AR Pts: 13.0



Wolf Brother

Michelle Paver

Wolf Brother is the first book in the series Chronicles of Ancient Darkness by Michelle Paver. Wolf Brother takes place six thousand years ago during the Middle Stone Age, and tells the story of twelve-year-old Torak, a boy who can talk to wolves

Keywords:

Animals; Stone Age

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IL: MY

BL: 4.5

AR Pts: 8.0



An Eagle in the Snow

Michael Morpurgo

Barney is on a train with his mother when a siren sounds and the journey grinds to a halt. Sitting in the darkness, a stranger in their cabin offers to tell the true story of a highly decorated World War I soldier, who had a chance to kill a young Adolf Hitler - but let him go

Keywords:

Ghost Story; World War I

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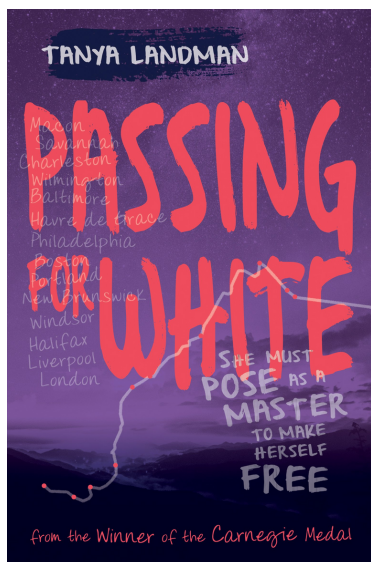


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AR Pts: 3.0



Passing for White

Tanya Landman

It's 1848 in the Deep South of America. Rosa is a slave but her owner is also her father and her fair skin means she can 'pass for white'. With the help of her husband Benjamin, she disguises herself as a young southern gentleman - and Benjamin's master. In this guise, the couple flee the South.

Keywords:

USA; Slavery

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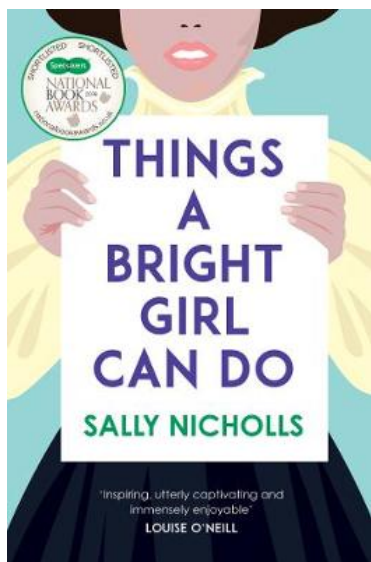


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AR Pts: 3.0



Things a Bright Girl Can Do

Sally Nicholls

Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote. Evelyn is seventeen, and though she is rich and clever, she may never be allowed to follow her older brother to university.

Keywords:

Activism; East London; Suffragettes

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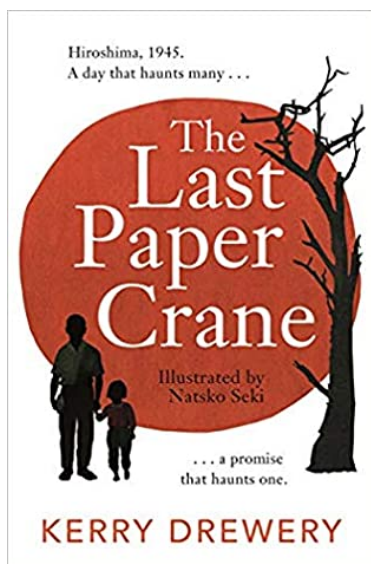


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AR Pts: 14.0



The Last Paper Crane

Kerry Drewery

We are taken to 1945, Hiroshima, and Mizuki's grandfather as a teenage boy chatting at home with his friend Hiro. Moments later the horrific nuclear bomb is dropped on Hiroshima. What follows is a searing account of the blinding flash, the harrowing search for family and the devastation both human and physical.

Keywords:

Hiroshima; Nuclear Bomb; World War II

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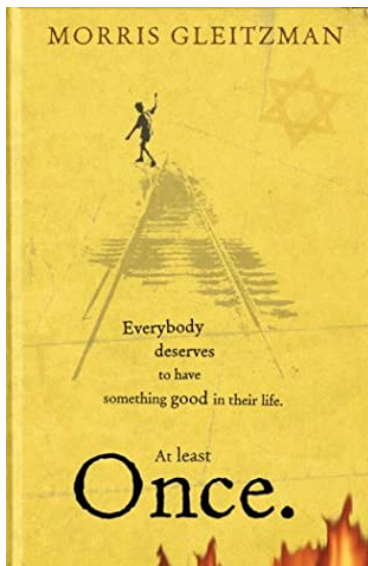


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AR Pts: 4.0



Once

Morris Gleitzman

Once by Morris Gleitzman is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.

Keywords:

Holocaust; Poland; World War II

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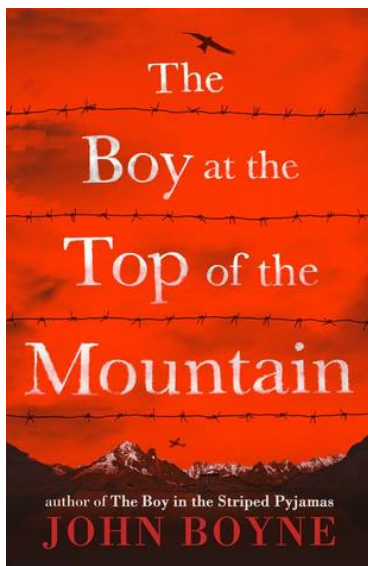


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The Boy at the Top of the Mountain

John Boyne

When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.

Keywords:

Thriller; Suspense; World War II

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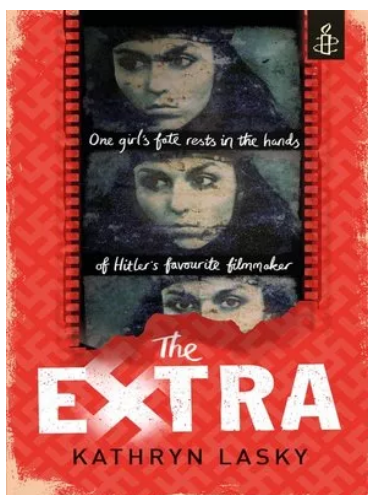


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AR Pts: 9.0



The Extra

Kathryn Lasky

Fifteen-year-old Lilo and her family are suddenly picked up by Hitler's police and imprisoned. Just when it seems certain that they will be sent to a labour camp, Lilo is chosen by filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl to work as a film extra. Life on the film set is a bizarre alternate reality.

Keywords:

Film; Roma people; World War II

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AR Pts: 9.0



The Short Knife

Elen Caldecote

It is the year 454AD. The Roman Empire has withdrawn from Britain, throwing it into the chaos of the Dark Ages. Mai has been kept safe by her father and her sister, Haf. But when Saxon warriors arrive at their farm, the family is forced to flee to the hills where British warlords lie in wait

Keywords:

Adventure; Anglo-Saxons; Roman Empire

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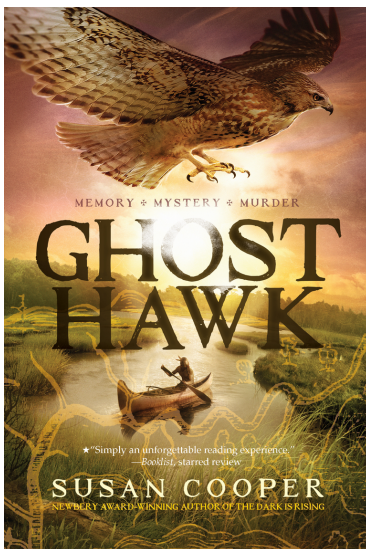


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Ghost Hawk

Susan Cooper

On the winter day Little Hawk is sent into the woods alone, he can take only a bow and arrows, his handcrafted tomahawk, and the amazing metal knife his father traded for with the new white settlers. If Little Hawk survives three moons by himself, he will be a man.

Keywords:

Adventure; Colonisation; Nation American

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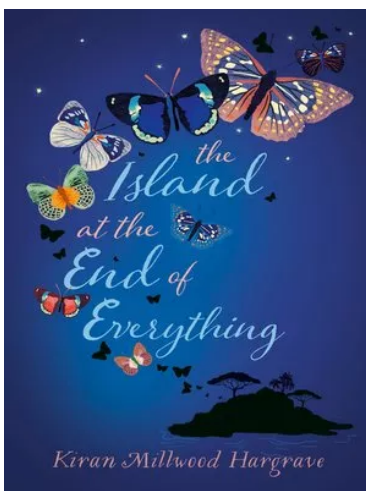


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The Island at the End of Everything

Kiran M Hargrave

Amihan lives on the secluded island of Culion with her sick mum, who has leprosy. But when the government decides the island must be quarantined, Ami and all the children who don't have the disease are forced to leave – while her mum must stay behind, along with everything Ami has ever known.

Keywords:

Disease & Medicine; Love & Relationships; Philippines

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BL: 5.0

AR Pts: 8.0



I, Coriander

Sally Gardner

Set in Sixteenth Century London, Coriander is a young girl who has inherited magical powers. When Coriander finds herself locked in a chest with no hope of escape and no will to survive, this is when her story truly begins.

Keywords:

Adventure; Historical Fiction; Magic; Low Fantasy

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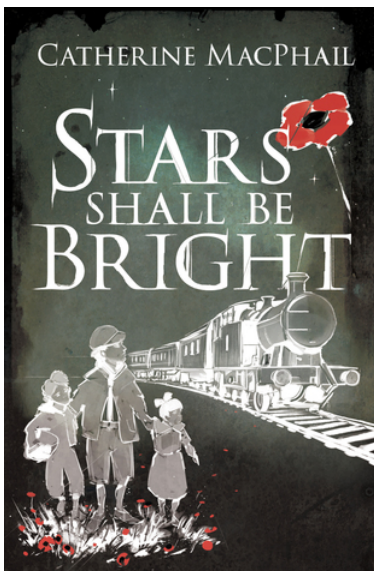


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Stars Shall be Bright

Cathy MacPhail

Historical family drama set during World War One, inspired by the true story of the Quintinshill Rail Disaster.

Keywords:

Supernatural; World War I

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