

Adventure

The adventure genre consists of books where the protagonist goes on an epic journey, either personally or geographically. The genre normally includes a strong element of danger, excitement and risk.

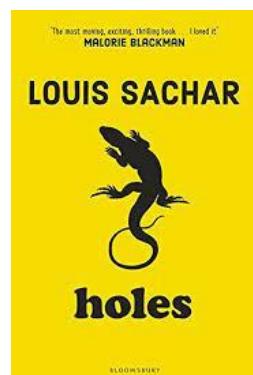


SAS Hero: Flash Flood

AR points = 8

Chris Ryan

Ben's on a trip to London to meet his mum. But an accident at the Thames Barrier, combined with a tidal surge and a dramatic thunderstorm - and suddenly his trip turns into something totally different as the Barrier is breached and London is flooded. With streets underwater, communications down, rats pouring up out of the sewers and thousands of people in a state of panic, survival becomes a key issue.

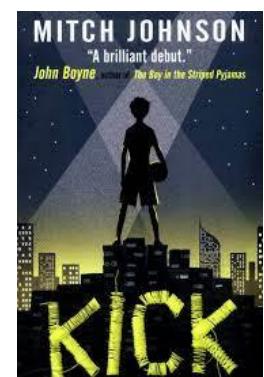


Holes

AR points = 7

Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five-foot-wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.



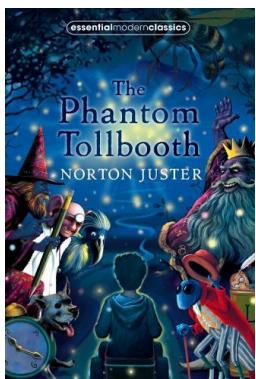
Kick

AR points = 9

Mitch Johnson

Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.

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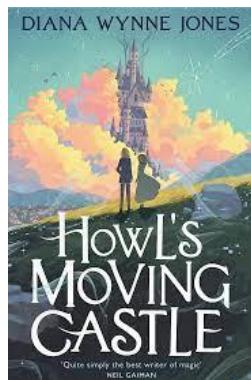


The Phantom Tollbooth

AR points = 7

Norton Juster

Milo's extraordinary voyage takes him into such places as the Land of Expectation, the Doldrums, the Mountains of Ignorance and the Castle in the Air. He meets the weirdest and most unexpected characters, and, once home, can hardly wait to try out the Tollbooth again. But will it be still there when he gets back from school?

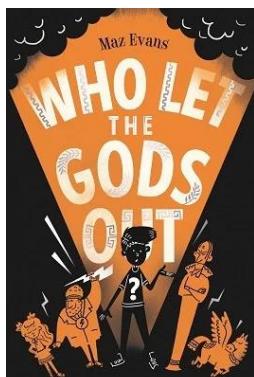


Howl's Moving Castle

AR points = 12

Diana Wynne Jones

In the land of Ingary, where cloaks of invisibility exist, Sophie Hatter attracts the unwelcome attention of the Witch of the Waste and is put under a curse. Determined to make the best of things, Sophie travels to the one place where she might get help.

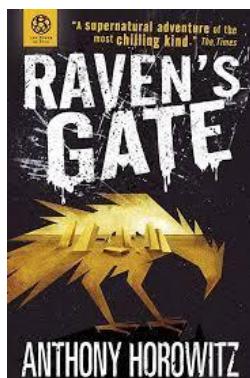


Who Let the Gods Out?

AR points = 10

Maz Evans

Twelve-year-old Elliot Hooper has problems with his family and at school. After finding a girl in his cowshed, who claims to be the constellation Virgo, they must track down the other gods to help catch Thanatos, the Daemon of Death.



Raven's Gate

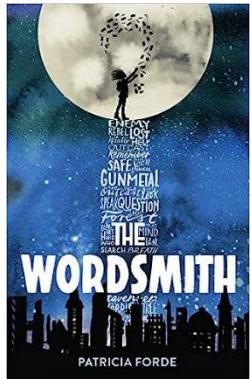
AR points = 10

Anthony Horowitz

Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.

Year 8 Reading ListDystopian and Science Fiction

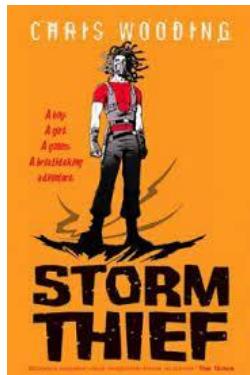
Science fiction, often called “sci-fi,” is a genre of fiction literature whose content is typically deals with imaginative and futuristic concepts such as advanced science and technology, space exploration, time travel, parallel universes, and extra-terrestrial life.

The Wordsmith

AR points = 11

Patricia Forde

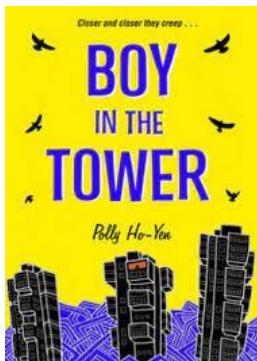
On the death of her master, Letta is suddenly promoted from apprentice to wordsmith, charged with collecting and archiving words in post-apocalyptic, neo-medieval Ark. When she uncovers a sinister plan to suppress language and rob the people of Ark of the power of speech, she realises that she has to save not only words, but the culture itself.

Storm Thief

AR points = 13

Chris Wooding

Vail and Moa are two teenage thieves. Vago is a golem of metal and flesh. All three are denizens of Orokos, a city scoured by chaotic storms that rearrange streets and turn children into glass. No one can enter the city, or leave. Until one day Rail finds a mysterious artefact that may hold the key to the secrets of the city - and the chance of escape. And so begins an impossible quest.

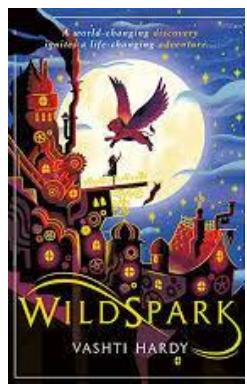
Boy in the Tower

AR points = 9

Polly Ho-Yen

Ade loves living at the top of a tower block, but one day other tower blocks start falling down around him. Strange, menacing plants appear. And now his tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there seems no way out.

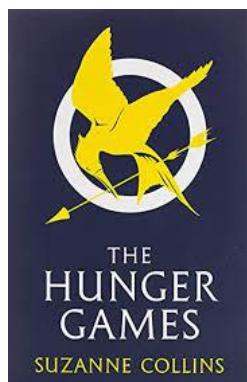
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Wildspark
Vashti Hardy

AR points = 11

A year after the death of her older brother, Prue Haywood's family is still shattered by grief. But everything changes when a stranger arrives at the farm. A new, incredible technology has been discovered in the city of Medlock, where a secretive guild of inventors have developed a way to capture spirits of the dead in animal-like machines. Prue knows that the "Ghost Guild" might hold the key to bringing her brother back, so she seizes the stranger's offer to join as an apprentice. But to find her brother, she needs to find a way to get the ghost machines to remember the people they used to be.



The Hunger Games

AR points = 15

Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16 year old Katniss's skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place.

Fantasy

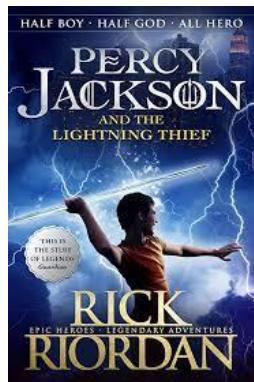
The fantasy genre consists of elements that cannot exist within the real world. This fictional universe includes things like magic, mythology, or life from other worlds or universes. Fantasy fiction incorporates lots of elements from folklore into the genre, such as tales of monsters, fairies, and magical powers.



City of Stolen Magic

Nazneen Ahmed Pathak

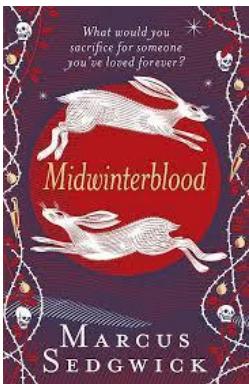
Growing up in an isolated village, hot-headed Chompa has never understood why her mother forbids her from using her potent finger-magic - until, one day, she casts a spell. Soon after, her mother is kidnapped. In desperate search of her mother, Chompa must travel to another world: to England, and the bustling streets of East End London, where the powerful Company is transporting magical people for the most sinister purpose.

Year 8 Reading ListPercy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

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Rick Riordan

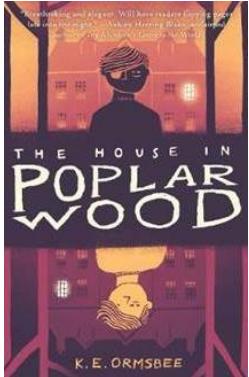
Percy was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until he accidentally vaporized his maths teacher. Now he spends his time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. Will he succeed or will there be Hades to pay.

Midwinterblood

AR points = 7

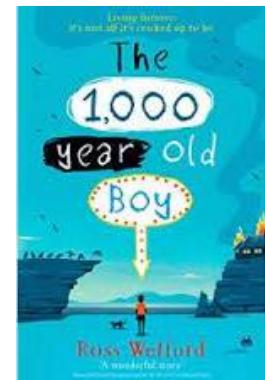
Marcus Sedgwick

Eric and Merle loved and lost one another and have been searching for each other through time ever since. This novel comprises seven short stories and travels in time, from 2073 back to the days of Viking sagas. Across the different tales, the two souls appear as lovers, mother and son, brother and sister, and artist and child as they come close to finding each other before facing the ultimate sacrifice.

The House in Poplar Woods

K. E. Ormsbee

For as long as the Vickery twins can remember, Lee and his mother have served Memory, while Felix and his father assist Death. This is the Agreement. But one Halloween, Gretchen Whipple smashes her way into their lives. Her bargain is simple: If the twins help her solve the murder of local girl Essie Hasting, she'll help them break the Agreement.

The 1,000 Year Old Boy

AR points = 11

Ross Welford

There are stories about people who want to live forever. This is not one of those stories. This is a story about someone who wants to stop...Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy – except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Obviously no one believes him. So when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live...



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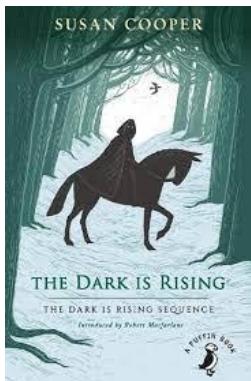


Loki: Where Mischief Lies

AR points = 13 b

Mackenzi Lee

After the banishment of his only friend, the sorceress Amora, to Earth, a young Loki travels to nineteenth-century London to investigate a string of murders but finds much more than he expects.



The Dark is Rising

AR points = 13

Susan Cooper

It's Christmas-time in the Stanton family house: presents, carol singing, good cheer. But for eleven-year-old Will Stanton, something sinister has begun, inching round his subconscious, shouting silent warnings he can't decipher. Then on Midwinter Day, Will wakes up to a different world: silent, covered in snow and ancient forest, a world of another time. A world where evil lurks.



Like a Charm

AR points = 9

Elle McNicoll

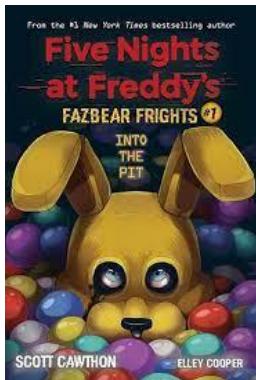
Edinburgh is a city filled with magical creatures. No one can see them... until Ramya Knox. As she is pulled into her family's world of secrets and spells, Ramya sets out to discover the truth behind the Hidden Folk with only three words of warning from her grandfather: Beware the Sirens.

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Horror

Horror is a genre of fiction whose purpose is to create feelings of fear, dread, repulsion, and terror in the audience—in other words, it develops an atmosphere of **horror**.

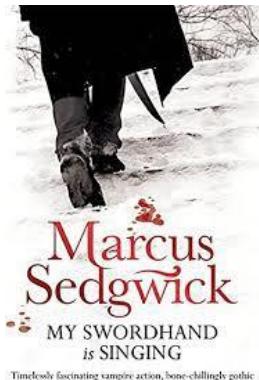


Five Night at Freddy's: Fazbear Frights

AR points = 6

Scott Cawthon

Oswald wishes his summer wasn't so boring, Sarah wishes to be beautiful, and Millie wishes she could just disappear from the face of the earth. But in the twisted world of Five Nights at Freddy's, their hearts' deepest desires have an unexpected cost.



My Swordhand is Singing

AR points = 6

Marcus Sedgwick

In the dark of winter in an Eastern European village during the early seventeenth century, Peter learns from a gypsy girl that the Shadow Queen is behind the recent murders and re-animations, and his father's secret past may hold the key to stop her.



Dread Wood

AR points = 7

Jennifer Killick

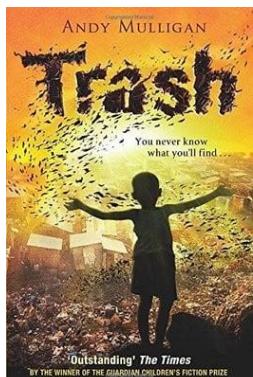
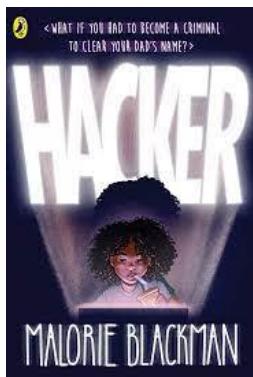
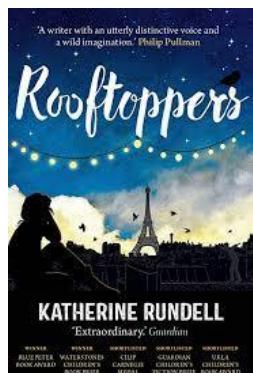
When four students are given Saturday detention, they think things can't get any worse. But when something drags their teacher underground, they realise that they must work together to fight what lurks in the shadows.

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Mystery

The mystery genre consists of stories that focus on a puzzling crime, situation, or circumstance that needs to be solved. Many mystery stories involve what is called a “whodunit” scenario, meaning the mystery revolves around the uncovering a culprit or criminal.



Rooftoppers

AR points = 6 b

Katherine Rundell

Sophie may have survived a shipwreck as a baby, but her life began when an eccentric but loving bachelor brought her home. When a child services organisation threatens to remove Sophie, she and Charles flee to Paris in search of her long-lost mother.

Hacker

AR points = 7

Malorie Blackman

When Vicky's father is arrested, accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works, she is determined to prove his innocence. But how? There's only one way - to attempt to break into the bank's computer files.

Even if Vicky is the best hacker in the world, will she find the real thief before they find her?

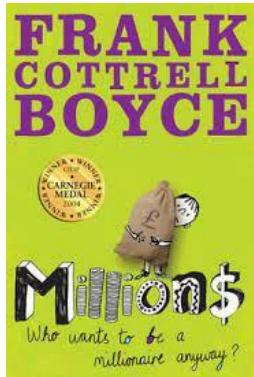
Trash

AR points = 8

Andy Mulligan

Raphael lives on a dumpsite, eking out a living sifting through rubbish. One unlucky-lucky day, he makes an extraordinary and deadly discovery. Now he and his two friends, Gardo and Rat, are wanted by the corrupt forces that run the city and will stop at nothing to get back what they've lost.

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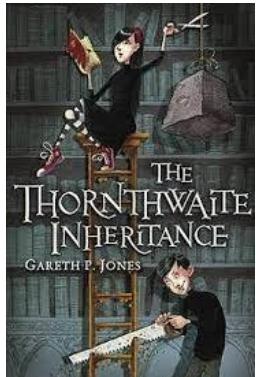


Millions

AR points = 6

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to join the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma -- how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless. But the clock ticking -- the bungling bank robbers are closing in. Pizzas or World Peace, what would you choose?

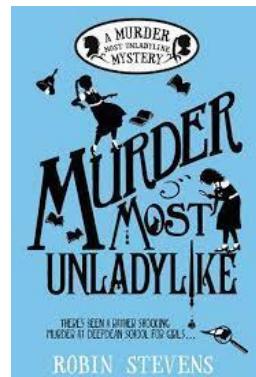


The Thornthwaite Inheritance

AR points = 7

Gareth P. Jones

Ovid and Lorelli Thornthwaite have been trying to kill each other for so long that neither twin can remember which act of attempted murder came first. Until one day a lawyer arrives at their house to take stock of its contents, and his accompanying son attracts their attention. Soon a new battle evolves - one in which the twins have to work together to solve the mystery of their parents' deaths. Can Lorelli and Ovid overcome their old animosities, and will they ever get to finish that game of chess?

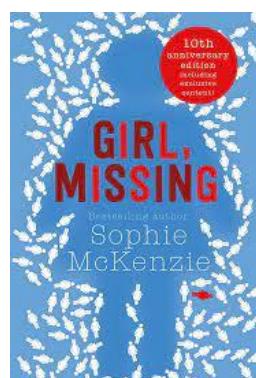


Murder Most Unladylike

AR points = 9 r

Robin Stevens

When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident – but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve, they must prove one happened in the first place.



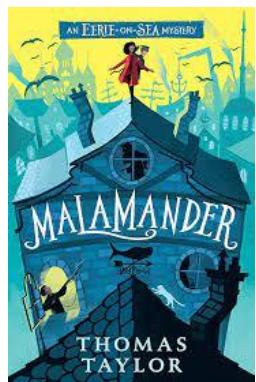
Girl, Missing

AR points = 8 y

Sophie McKenzie

Lauren is adopted and eager to know more about her mysterious past. But when she discovers she may have been snatched from her family as a baby, her whole life suddenly feels like a sham. Could her adoptive parents really have been responsible for kidnapping her?

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Malamander

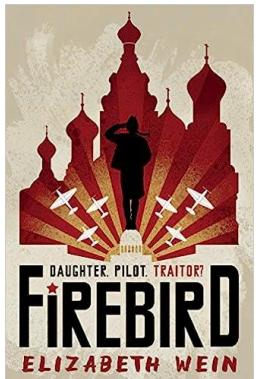
AR points = 8

Thomas Taylor

Violet bursts into the Grand Nautilus Hotel and Herbie's life when she needs his help finding her parents. Meanwhile, beyond the pier, something stirs. Could the legendary malamander have returned?

Historical Fiction

Historical fiction is a story that takes place in the past. Historical novels capture the details of the time period as accurately as possible for authenticity. Many novels in this genre tell fictional stories that involve actual historical figures or historical events.

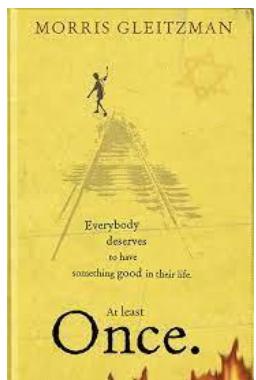


Firebird

AR points = 3

Elizabeth Wein

Nastia is no traitor. She is a daring pilot, the daughter of revolutionaries, and now, as the Second World War descends on Russia, she must fight to save the glorious Motherland. But all is not as it seems, and when the battles begin, secrets are revealed and everything that she once knew is challenged...



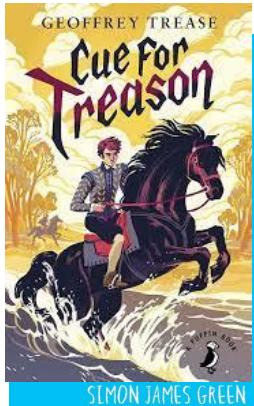
Once

AR points = 4

Morris Gleitzman

After living in a Catholic orphanage for nearly four years, a naive Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents. Book #1. Contains graphic descriptions of violence.

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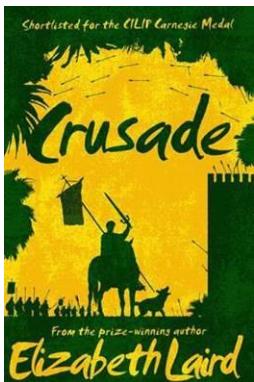


Cue for Treason

AR points = 10 r

Geoffrey Trease

Fleeing from the evil Sir Philip Morton, Peter Brownrigg finds himself on the wrong side of the law. On the run to London he meets Kit and the two decide to stick together. But a chance discovery endangers their lives and soon Peter is deep in murderous plots, secrets and even treason.

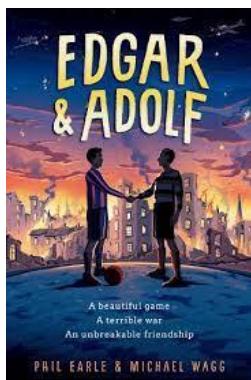


Crusade

AR points = 18

Elizabeth Laird

Adam and Salim, both boys from impoverished backgrounds, one in England, the other in Palestine, find themselves part of opposing armies in the Europe-wide Christian crusade against Sultan Saladin's Islamic empire. Each boy discovers that friendship, compassion and loyalty can transcend religious difference, and that there is more that unites than divides them.



Edgar and Adolf

AR points = 3

Phil Earle and Michael Wagg

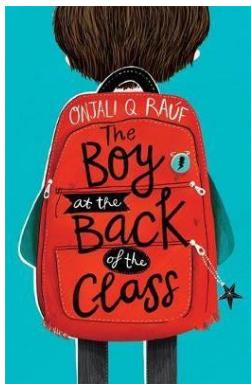
When he inherits a special football badge, German teenager Adi sets off on a mission to fulfil his grandfather's dying wish and return the badge to its rightful owner, former England footballer, Edgar Kail.

Part of the 'Super-readable rollercoaster' series

Young Adult

YA isn't really a genre, but a category of fiction based on readers' ages. The themes within young adult fiction are designed to resonate with teen readers. Despite the predominately teenage themes, the boundaries of young adult fiction often blur with those of children's literature and adult fiction.

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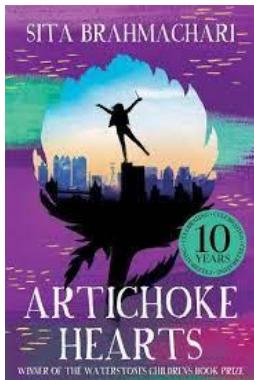


The Boy at the Back of the Class

AR points = 9

Onjali Q Raúf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. When the class learn that Ahmet is a refugee, one group of friends come up with a plan to help.

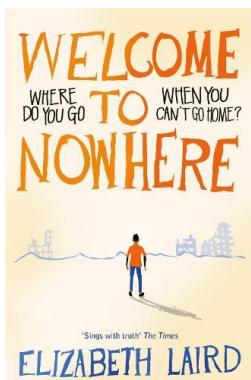


Artichoke Hearts

AR points = 11

Sita Brahmachari

Mira slowly comes to terms with Nana Josie's cancer as she develops a relationship with a boy from school. As Mira is experiencing grief for the first time, she is also discovering the wondrous and often mystical world around her.

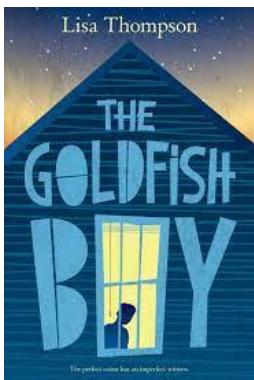


Welcome to Nowhere

AR points = 10

Elizabeth Laird

Twelve-year-old Omar and his brothers and sisters were born and raised in the beautiful and bustling city of Bosra, Syria. Omar doesn't care about politics - all he wants is to grow up to become a successful businessman. But soon, bombs are falling, and Omar's family have no choice but to flee with whatever they can carry.



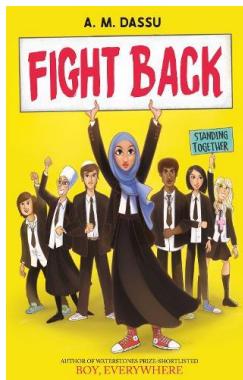
The Goldfish Boy

AR points = 10

Lisa Thompson

Emotionally troubled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew passes the day observing his neighbours from his window. When a toddler staying next door disappears, Matt is the key to solving a mystery and possibly saving a child's life.

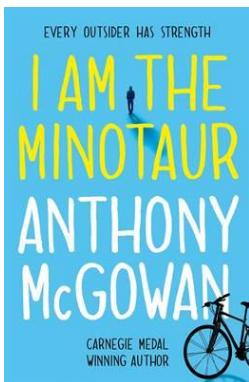
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Fight Back

A. M. Dassu

An empowering story about finding your identity and the courage to fight for it. Aaliyah is an ordinary thirteen-year-old living in the Midlands - she's into her books, shoes, K-pop and she is a Muslim. She has always felt at home where she lives until a terrorist attack in her area changes everything.



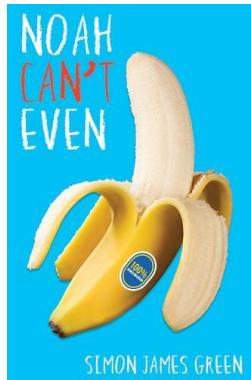
I am the Minotaur

AR points = 3

Anthony McGowan

Matthew is 14 and is struggling to fit in - something that's extra hard when you're taking care of your mum, being bullied at school, and have earned the nickname Stinky Mog because of your poor personal hygiene. On top of all that, he wants to catch the attention of one of the coolest girls in school, Ari.

Part of the 'Super-readable rollercoaster' series



Noah Can't Even

AR points = 11

Simon James Green

Noah's dad disappeared years ago, his mother's Beyonce tribute act is an embarrassment and school is hell for him. When his only friend Harry kisses him at a party it turns his life into utter chaos.