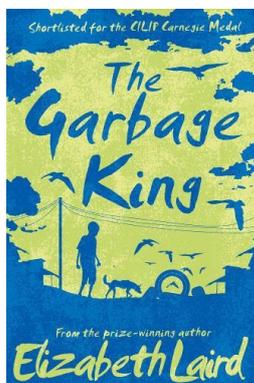




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Adventure

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.

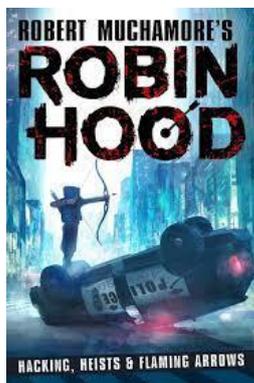


The Garbage King

AR points = 12

Elizabeth Laird

When Mamo's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Dani is rich, educated - and fleeing his tyrannical father. Together they join a gang of homeless street boys who survive only by mutual bonds of trust and total dependence on each other.

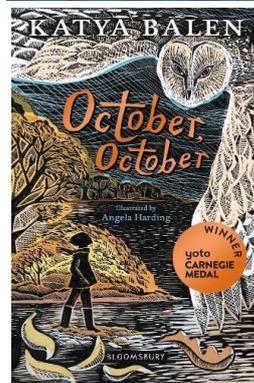


Robin Hood: Hacking, Heists and Flaming Arrows

AR points = 8

Robert Muchamore

When Robin's father is falsely accused of a crime, Robin escapes into Sherwood Forest where he faces violent clashes in his fight to survive and to get revenge on his father's accusers.



October, October

AR points = 7

Katya Balen

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is. Until the year October turns eleven. The year everything changes.



Dark Peak

AR points = 3

Marcus Sedgwick

During a long, hot summer, two children, Stephanie and Stephen, go missing while on a school trip to Ludx27s Church, a deep chasm in the heart of the Peak District. Porter and his friend, Sam, are sent to fetch help. When they return, they are surprised to find that although Stephanie has been found, no one is even looking for Stephen anymore. Why is no one looking for Stephen?

Part of the 'Super-readable rollercoaster' series



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Crime and 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.

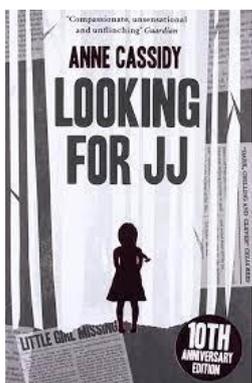


Stalking Jack the Ripper

AR points = 14 b

Kerri Maniscalco

This book is a gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper.



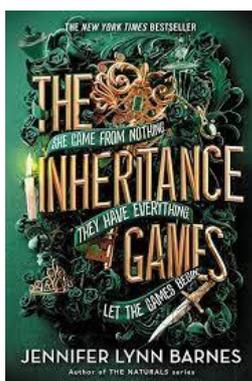
Looking for JJ

AR points = 10

Anne Cassidy

Three children walked away from the edge of town one day - but only two of them came back . . . A gripping and emotionally searing novel from a talented author, *Looking for JJ* explores the circumstances and motives behind the murder of a child - by her friend. Six years later, JJ has now been released, and has a new identity. But is there any way that she can lead a "normal" life?

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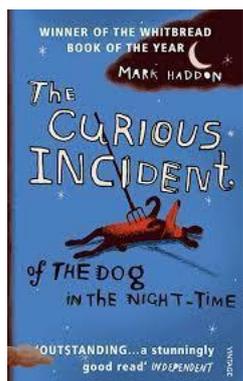


The Inheritance Games

AR points = 13 y

Jennifer Lynn Barnes

When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.



The Curious Incident in the Night-time

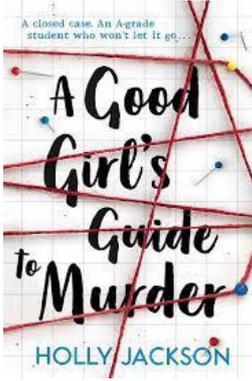
AR points = 10 r

Mark Haddon

When Christopher finds a neighbour's dog killed he is determined to unravel the mystery. But the world is a very strange place seen through the eyes of an autistic and gifted 15-year-old boy, and Christopher soon finds out more than he could ever imagine.



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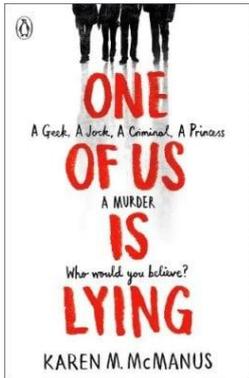


A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

AR points = 16

Holly Jackson

The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden.

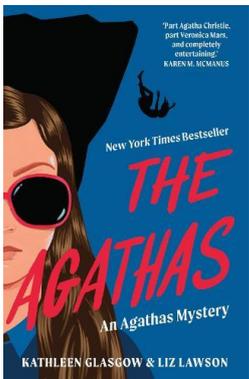


One of Us is Lying

AR points = 14

Karen M. McManus

Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive. When the creator of a school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects. It is up to them to solve the case. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.



The Agathas

Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson

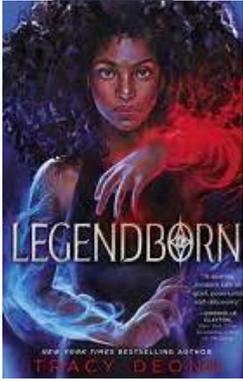
The most popular girl in school is dead - and everyone's blaming the wrong guy. When Alice Ogilvie ran away last summer, her disappearance was Castle Cove's biggest mystery. But then her ex-best friend Brooke Donovan vanishes. Initially dismissed as a copycat case, Alice suspects there is something darker at play.

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



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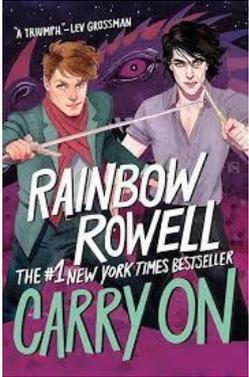


Legendborn

AR points = 24

Tracy Deonn

After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family memories or childhood home. A residential program for bright high schoolers at UNC-Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape--until Bree witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus. ***Mature themes***

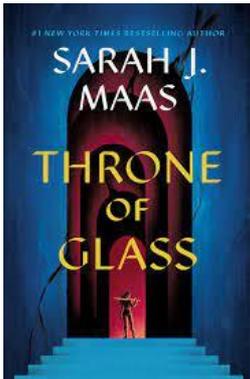


Carry On

AR points = 17

Rainbow Rowell

During his last year at Watford School of Magicks, Simon Snow, the Chosen One, faces a magic-eating monster wearing his face, a break-up, and a missing nemesis. Plus, there are ghosts. And vampires. And actual evil things trying to shut Simon down. When you're the most powerful magician the world has ever known, you never get to relax and savour anything.



Throne of Glass

AR points = 18

Sarah J. Maas

After a year of hard labour in the salt mines, Prince Dorian offers 18-year-old assassin Celaena her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a new royal assassin. The beginning of an epic 8 book long fantasy series. ***Mature themes***



Clockwork Angel

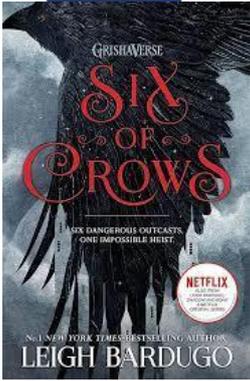
AR points = 21

Cassandra Clare

Something terrifying is waiting for Tessa Gray in London's Downworld, where vampires, warlocks and other supernatural folk stalk the gaslit streets. Tessa seeks refuge with the Shadowhunters, a band of warriors dedicated to ridding the world of demons.



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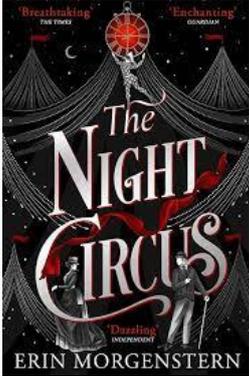


Six of Crows

AR points = 21

Leigh Bardugo

Criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams - but he can't pull it off alone. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction - if they don't kill each other first.

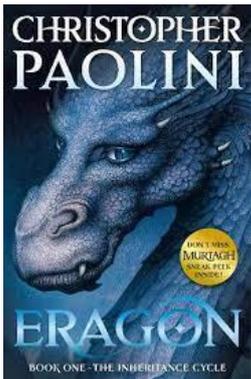


The Night Circus

AR points = 20

Erin Morgenstern

The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breath-taking amazements. It is called Le Cirque des Rêves, and it is only open at night. But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors.

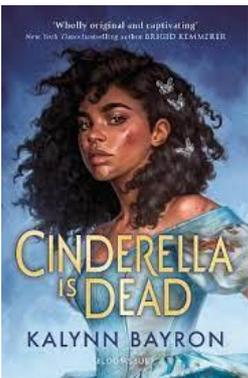


Eragon

AR points = 25

Christopher Paolini

In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon, finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic and power, peopled with dragons, elves and monsters.



Cinderella is Dead

AR points = 13

Kalynn Bayron

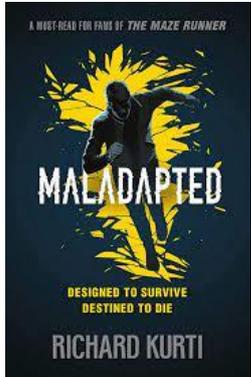
Sophia doesn't want to be chosen by a man at the ball; she's in love with Erin and refuses to be traded like cattle. At the ball, Sophia makes the desperate decision to flee, and finds herself hiding in Cinderella's mausoleum. There, she meets Constance, the last known descendant of Cinderella and her stepsisters. Together they vow to bring down the king once and for all— and in the process, they learn that there's more to Cinderella's story than they ever knew . . .



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Dystopian 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.

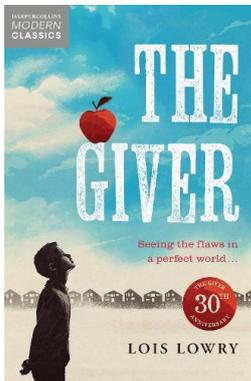


Maladapted

AR points = 9

Richard Kurti

Cillian is the sole survivor of a devastating terrorist attack. How did he survive when everyone else was killed? Searching for answers with the mysterious Tess, Cillian discovers that his father has links to P8, a group of genetic scientists.

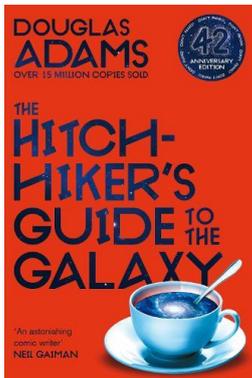


The Giver

AR points = 7

Lois Lowry

Twelve-year old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.



The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

AR points = 8

Douglas Adams

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed, in large friendly letters, with the words: DON'T PANIC.



Legend

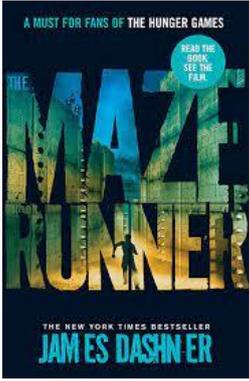
AR points = 11

Marie Lu

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, 15-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover they have a common enemy.



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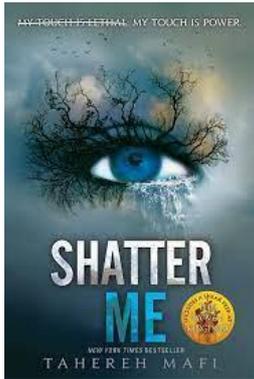


Maze Runner

AR points = 15

James Dashner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realises he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

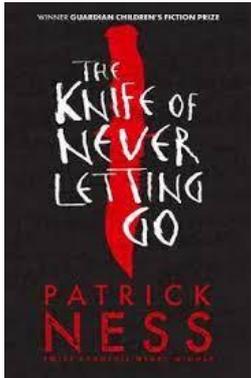


Shatter Me

AR points = 11

Tahereh Mafi

Ostracized her entire life, 17-year-old Juliette is freed from isolation and forced to support a post-apocalyptic dictatorship. Adam, the only person to show her affection, offers hope of a better life. ***Mature themes***



The Knife of Never Letting Go

AR points = 16

Patrick Ness

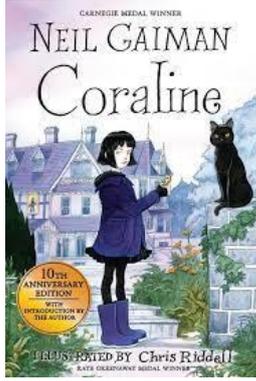
Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

Gothic

Gothic literature is a genre of writing that is characterised by its exploration of darker themes, with a particular penchant for Gothic architecture, the supernatural, religion, and the past.



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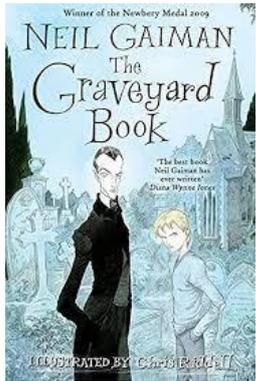


Coraline

AR points = 5

Neil Gaiman

Coraline has moved to a new house and is intrigued by a bricked-up door which appears to lead nowhere. One day, she opens the door to find the bricks have vanished. Inquisitive, she goes through the door and enters a world where things are not quite as they seem.

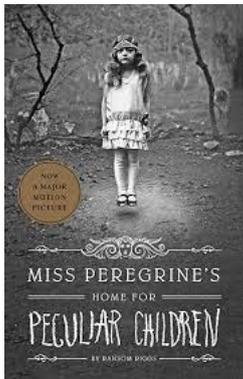


The Graveyard Book

AR points = 10

Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man Jack--who has already killed Bod's family.



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

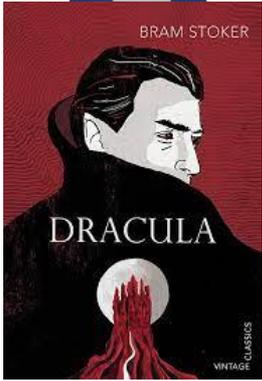
AR points = 13

Ransom Riggs

A horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children who once lived here - one of whom was his own grandfather - were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous.



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Dracula

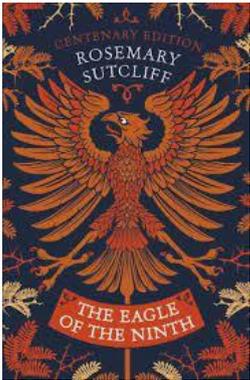
AR points 25

Bram Stoker

Famous for introducing the character of the vampire Count Dracula, the novel tells the story of Dracula's attempt to move from Transylvania to England so he may find new blood and spread undead curse, and the battle between Dracula and a small group of men and women led by Professor Abraham Van Helsing.

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.

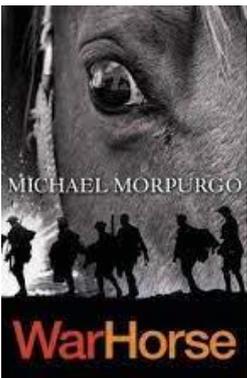


Eagle of the Ninth

AR points = 15

Rosemary Sutcliff

The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared, and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now . . . Marcus must find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So, he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody expects him to return.



War Horse

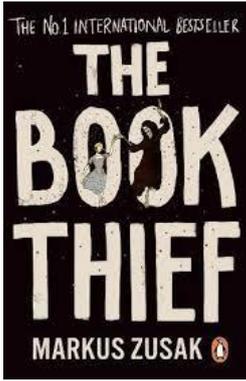
AR points = 6

Michael Morpurgo

In England, Albert is growing up on a Devon farm with his young horse, Joey. However Albert, Joey and many other people will all be drawn into the nightmare of war as they all struggle to survive in the blasted wilderness of the Western Front.



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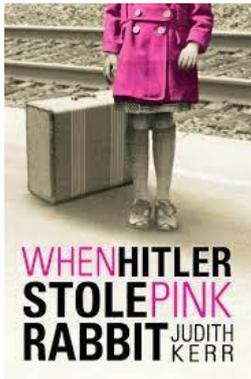
The Book Thief

AR points = 18

Markus Zusak

1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier.

Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.

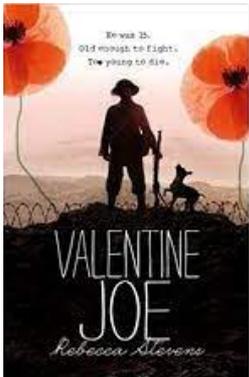


When Hitler Stole a Pink Rabbit

AR points = 9

Judith Kerr

Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in it any longer, and you found, to your surprise, that your own father was one of those people. This is what happened to Anna in 1933.

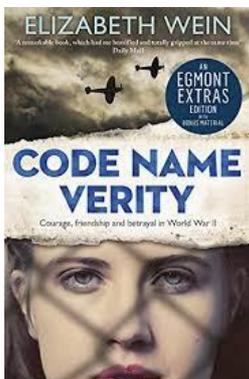


Valentine Joe

AR points = 5

Rebecca Stevens

Rose goes to Ypres in Belgium to visit the graves of those who died in WWI. There, the name of one boy stays in her mind: 15-year-old Valentine Joe. That night, Rose hears marching and when she looks out her window, she sees a young soldier...



Code Name Verity

AR points = 15

Elizabeth Wein

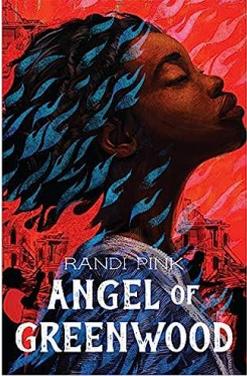
Only in wartime could a stalwart lass from Manchester rub shoulders with a Scottish aristocrat, one a pilot, the other a special operation executive. When a vital mission goes wrong, and one of the friends has to bail out of a faulty plane over France, she is captured by the Gestapo and becomes a prisoner of war. The story begins in 'Verity's' own words, as she writes her account for her captors.



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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.

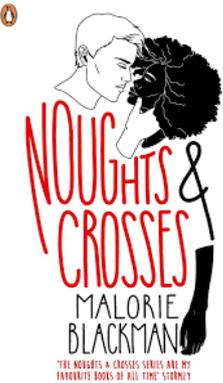


Angel of Greenwood

Randi Pink

Angel of Greenwood by Randi Pink is a piercing, unforgettable love story set in Greenwood, Oklahoma, also known as the "Black Wall Street," and against the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. On May 31, 1921 when a vicious white mob storms the Black community of Greenwood, leaving the town destroyed and thousands of residents displaced. Only then, Isaiah, Angel, and their peers realize who their real enemies are.

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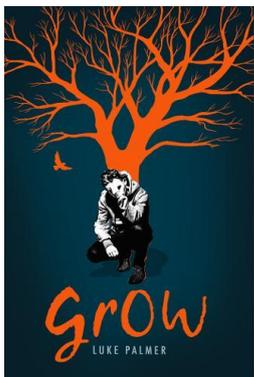


Noughts and Crosses

AR points = 14

Malorie Blackman

In Callum's world the white noughts are second-class citizens and the black Crosses are highly revered and perceived as the superior race. Callum is a nought and his best friend, Sephy, is a Cross and the daughter of a powerful politician.
Book #1



Grow

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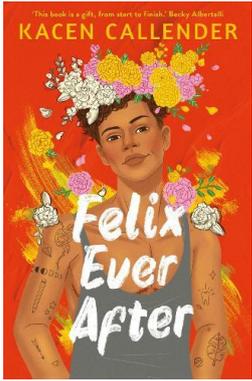
Luke Palmer

A white supremacist group and its violent leader targets teenage Josh, who is struggling to cope with his father's recent death at the hands of terrorists. Will he find the strength to resist, or will his unlikely relationship with Dana give them both the escape that they so badly need? An unflinching and muscular exploration of grief, and what we plant in the spaces that loss leaves inside us, Grow is a tense and compelling novel of our current social landscape.

Mature themes



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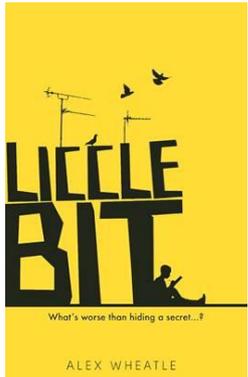
Felix Ever After

AR points = 13

Kacen Callender

Wanting revenge on an anonymous bully, Felix gets in a quasi-love triangle with his best friend and a former enemy. But as he navigates his complicated feelings, Felix begins a journey of questioning and self-discovery that helps redefine his most important relationship: how he feels about himself. Felix Ever After is an honest and layered story about identity, falling in love, and recognising the love you deserve.

Mature themes

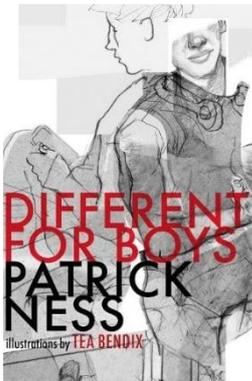


Liclle Bit

AR points = 10

Alex Wheatle

At school Lemar, also known as Liclle Bit due to his height, is like any teenage boy. He's in love with a girl who barely notices him, he mucks about with his best mates and he spends a lot of time doodling in his workbooks. However, at home on the South Crongton Estate his mum is constantly exhausted, his sister is struggling to adjust to life as a single Mother, and his dad is living on the other side of London with his new family. As a gang war breaks out on Liclle Bit's estate, he finds himself caught up in it. ***Mature themes***

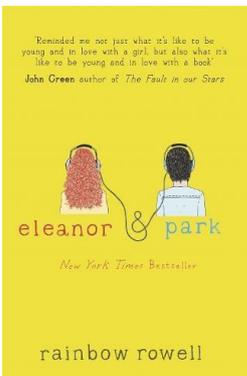


Different for Boys

AR points = 1

Patrick Ness

Ant tries to figure out the answers to his questions about his sexuality as he balances his relationships with three very different boys: Charlie, Jack and Freddie.



Eleanor and Park

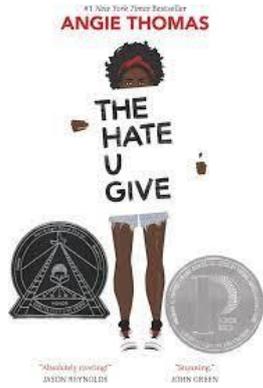
AR points = 11

Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this novel focuses on two star-crossed misfits who are smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts but brave and desperate enough to try.



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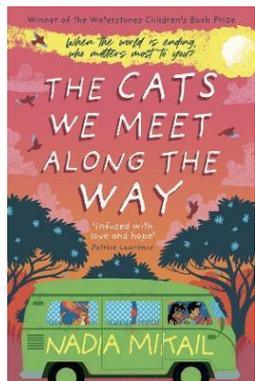


The Hate U Give

AR points = 13

Angie Thomas

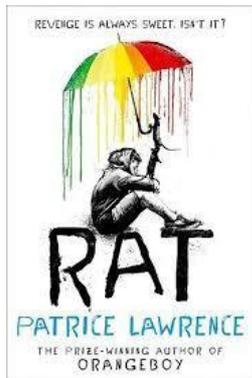
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter, an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances, addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart, and unflinching honesty. ***Mature themes***



The Cats we Meet along the Way

Nadia Mikail

Seventeen-year-old Aisha hasn't seen her sister June for two years. And now that a calamity is about to end the world in nine months' time, she and her mother decide that it's time to track her down and mend the hurts of the past. Along with Aisha's boyfriend, Walter and his parents (and Fleabag the stray cat), the group take a road trip through Malaysia in a wildly decorated campervan - to put the past to rest, to come to terms with the present, and to hope for the future. ***Mature themes***



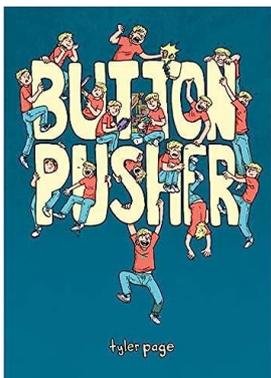
Rat

AR points = 4

Oarice Lawrence

When Mum is sent back to prison, Al knows Mr Brayker is to blame. Determined to get his revenge, Al takes things into his own hands with a plan that involves the only two creatures he can rely on: his two pet rats.

Part of the 'Super-readable rollercoaster' series



Button Pusher

AR points = 2

Tyler Page

Tyler's brain is different. Unlike his friends, he has a hard time paying attention in class. He acts out in goofy, over-the-top ways. Sometimes, he even does dangerous things--like cut up a bus seat with a pocketknife or hang out of an attic window. In Button Pusher, cartoonist Tyler Page uses his own childhood experiences to explore what it means to grow up with ADHD. From diagnosis to treatment and beyond, Tyler's story is raw and enlightening, inviting you to see the world from a new perspective.