

The ultimate autumn reading list

40 fantastic fiction titles for children
and young adults.



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With the new school term underway, we're looking to help you inspire and engage your students in reading this autumn with a curated reading list to develop good habits for the rest of the academic year. From top Halloween picks to exciting new literature, Reading Cloud student favourites and award winning titles from the UKLA Book Awards, this collection offers a choice of fiction titles and graphic novels covering a mix of adventure, thriller, and emotion to captivate every reader.

Halloween pick

Our top picks for the spooky season.

Student favourite

Top titles borrowed on Reading Cloud by students.

Classic

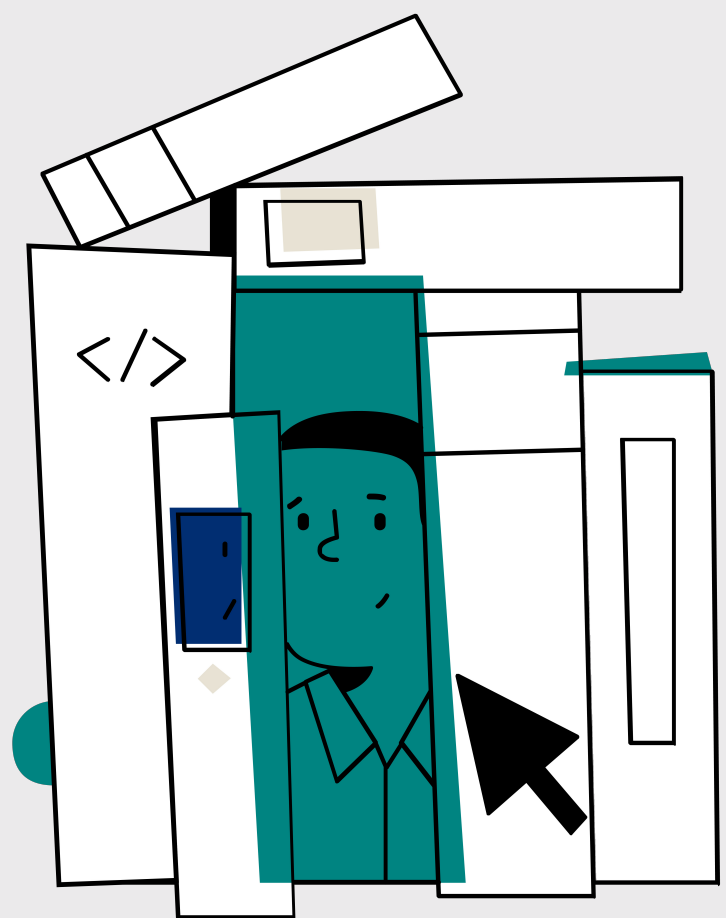
Well-loved classics that every young reader should enjoy.

UKLA winner 2024

The 2024 winners of the UKLA Book Awards for ages 5-14.

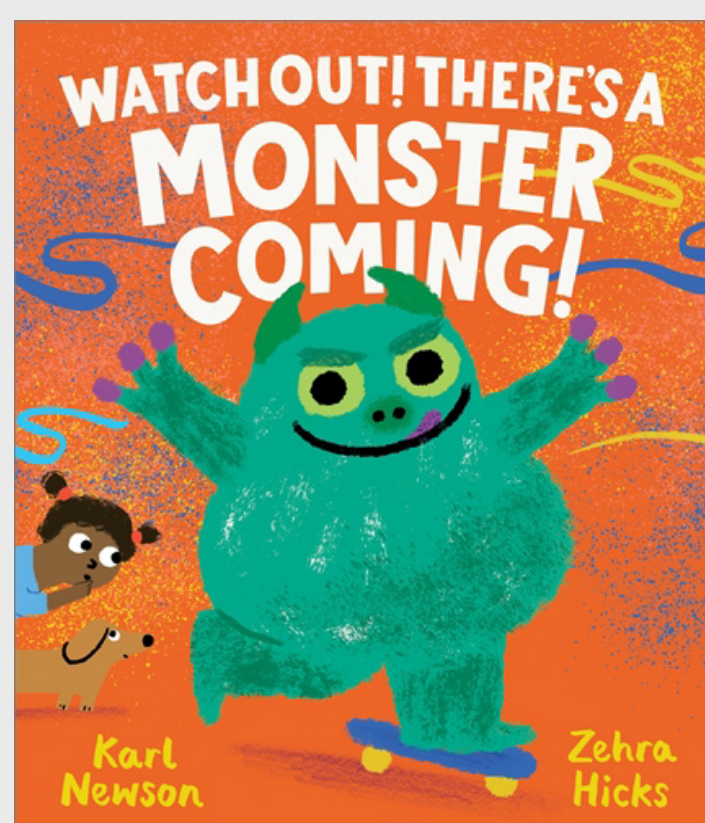
New literature

Bringing you some new literature titles for young adults, ages 14-18.



Primary

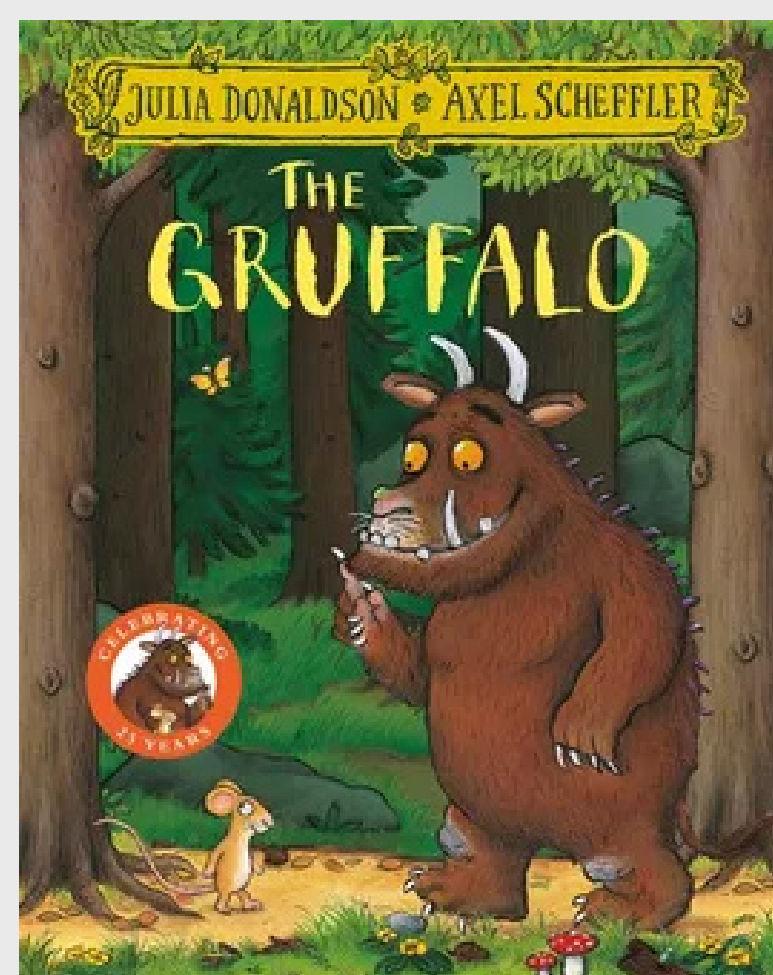
Ages 5-7



**Watch Out! There's
a monster coming!**

Karl Newson

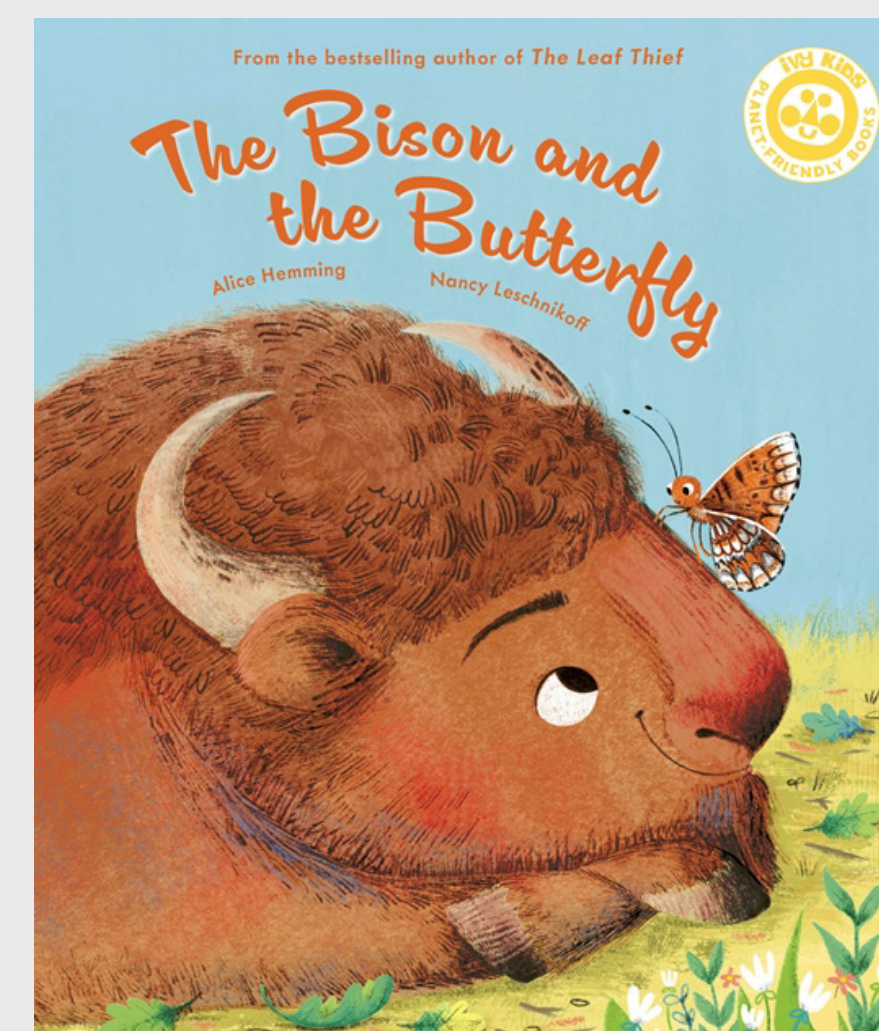
Halloween pick



The Gruffalo

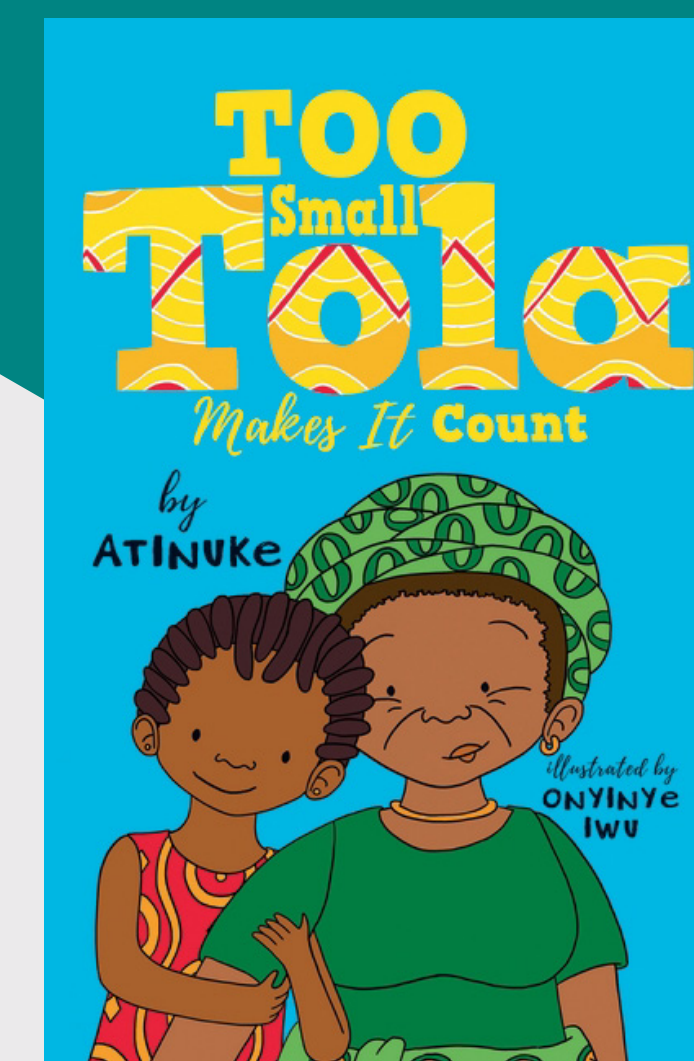
Julia Donaldson

Student favourite



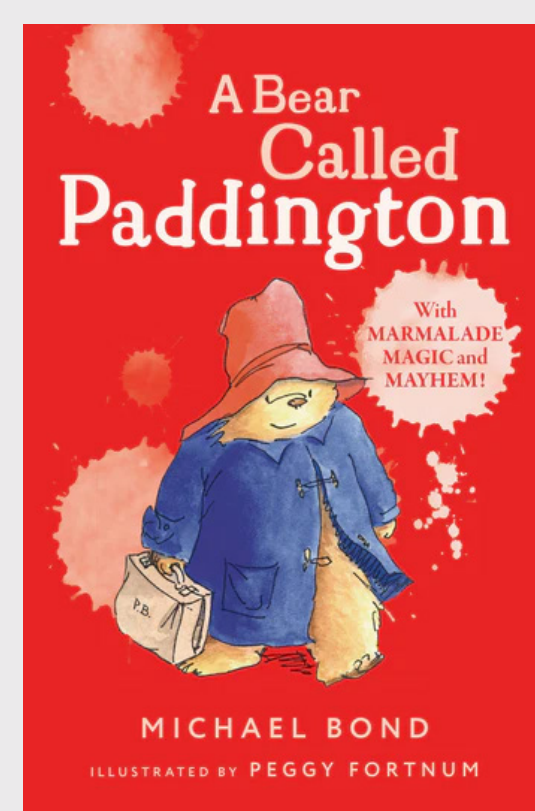
**The Bison and the
Butterfly**

Alice Hemming



**Too Small Tola Makes It
Count**

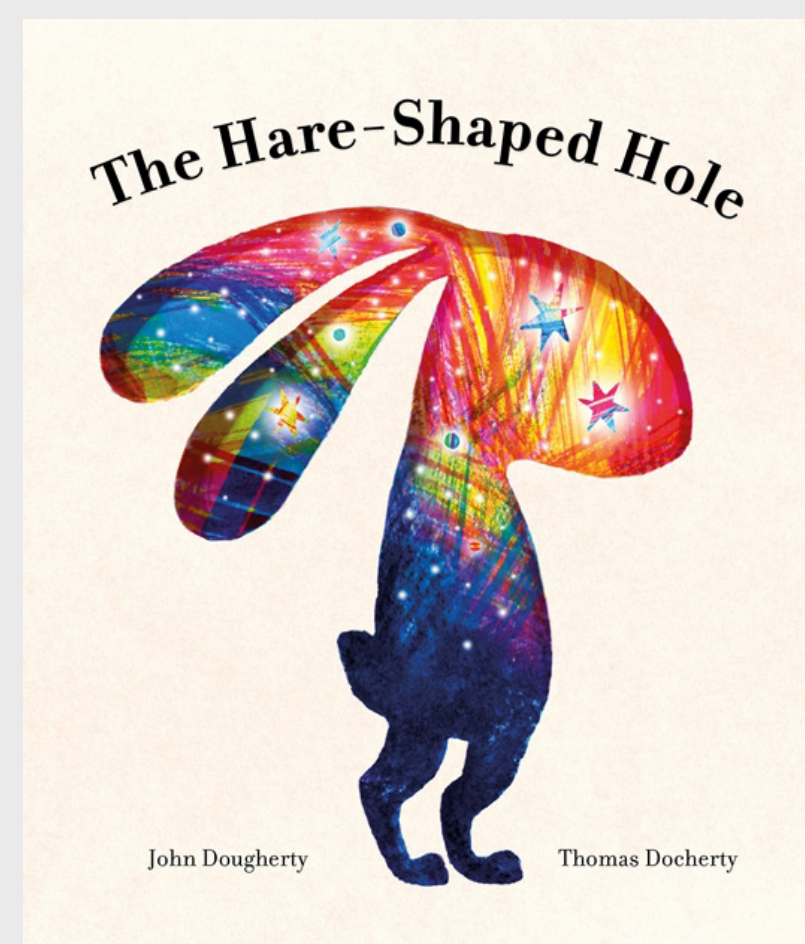
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**A Bear Called
Paddington**

Michael Bond

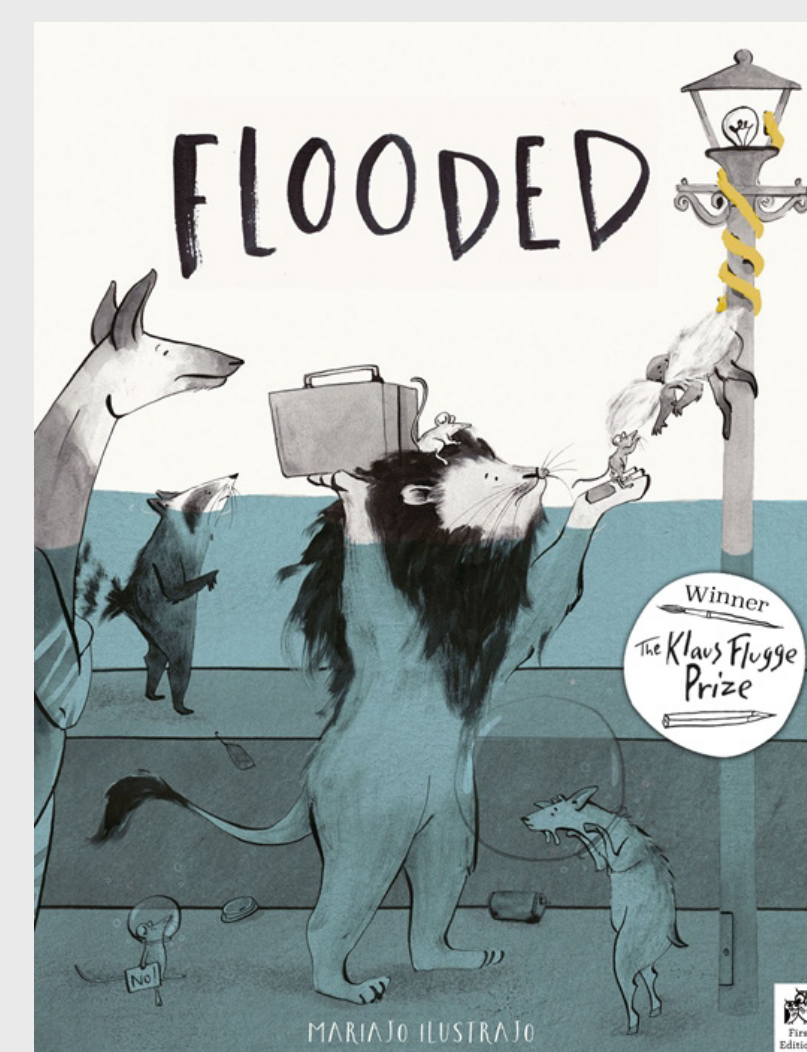
Classic



**A Hare-Shaped
Hole**

John Dougherty

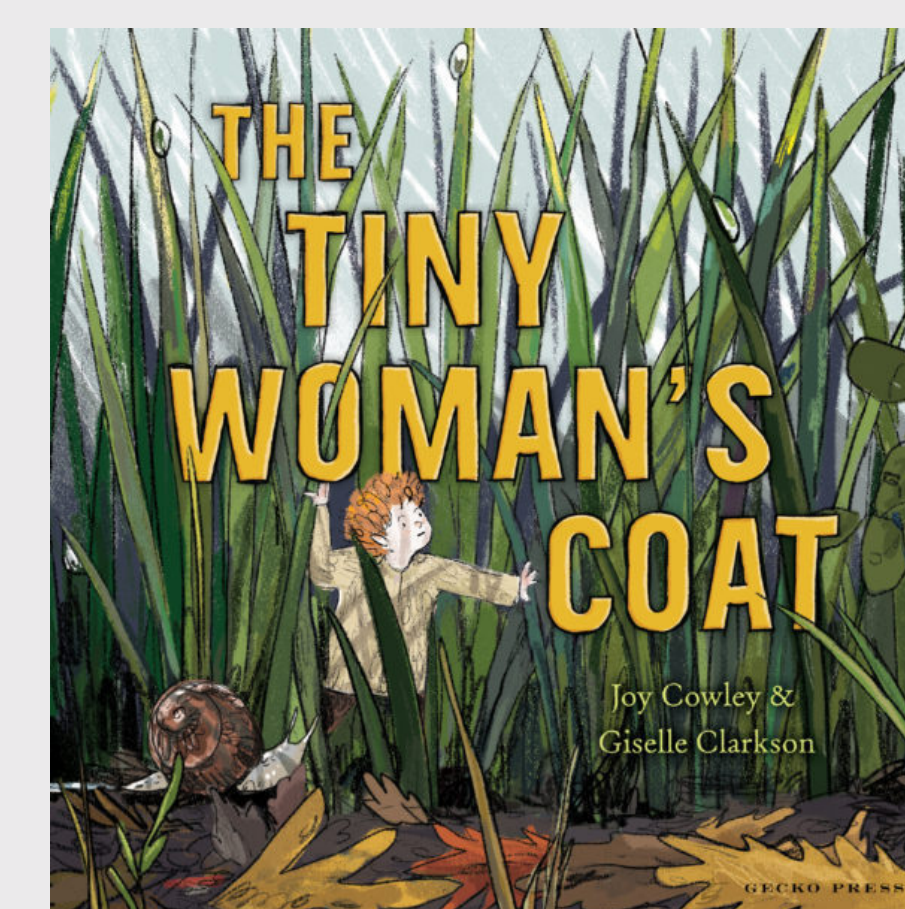
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Flooded

Mariajo Ilustrajo

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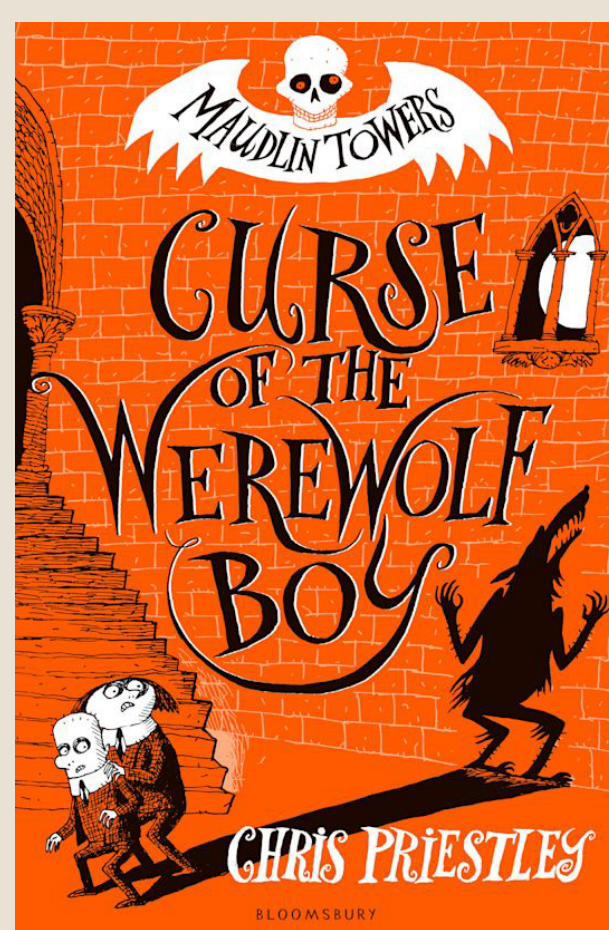
**The Tiny Woman's
Coat**

Joy Cowley and
Giselle Clarkson



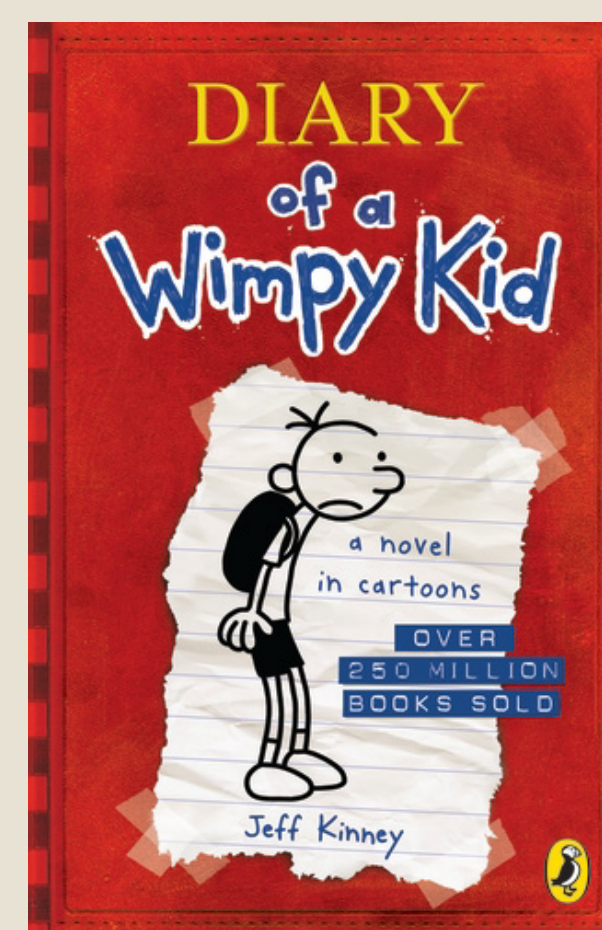
Primary

Ages 8-11



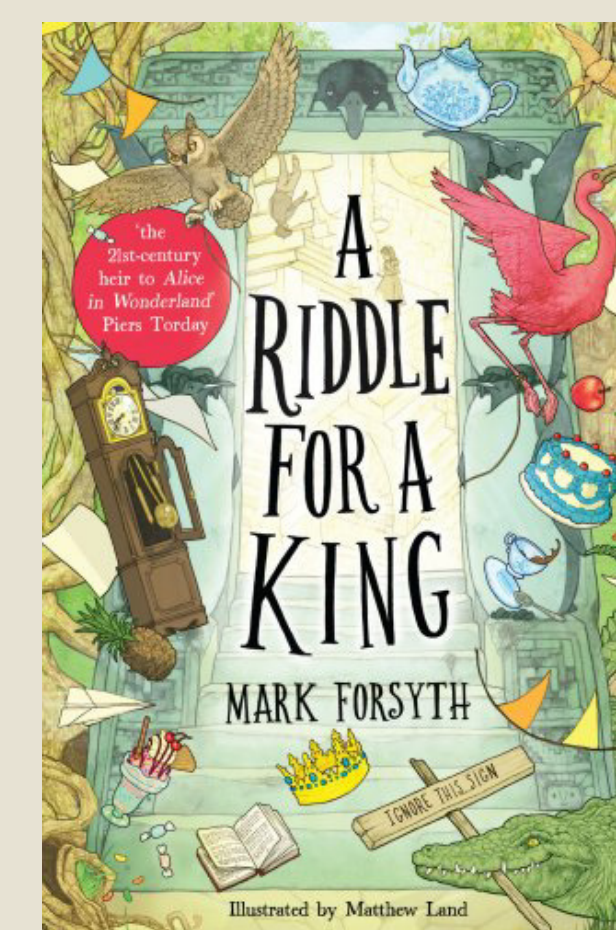
Curse of the Werewolf Boy
Chris Priestley

Halloween pick

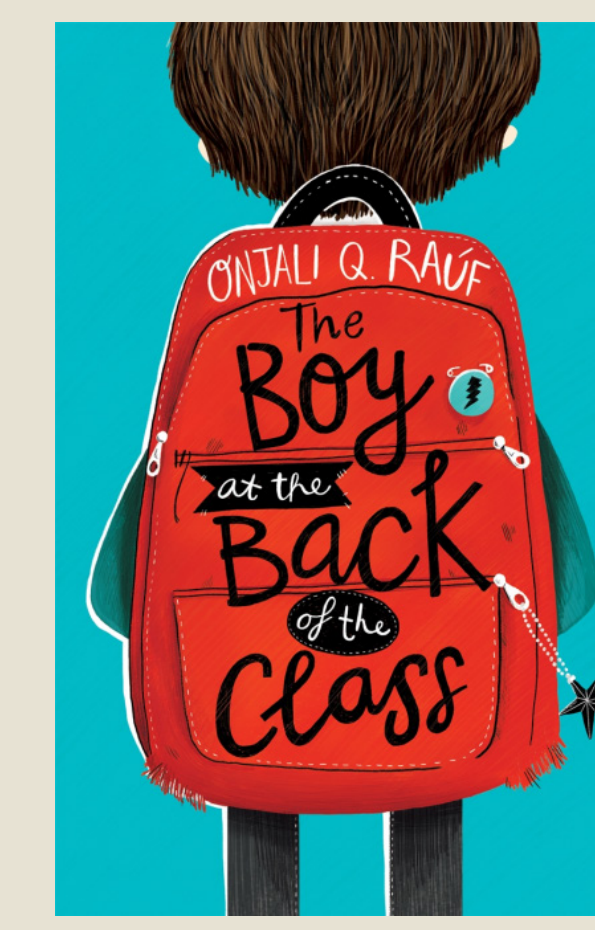


Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Jeff Kinney

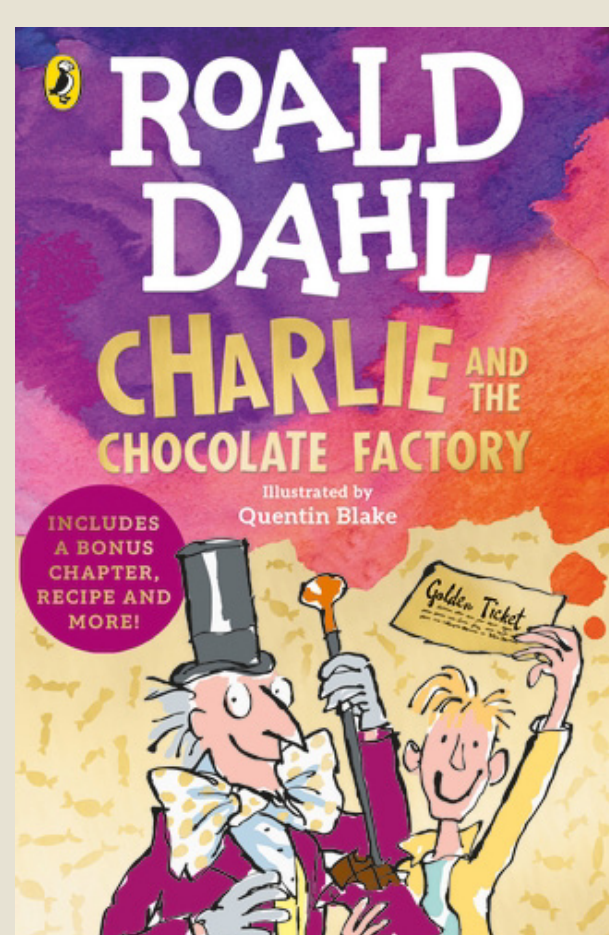
Student favourite



A Riddle for a King
Mark Forsyth

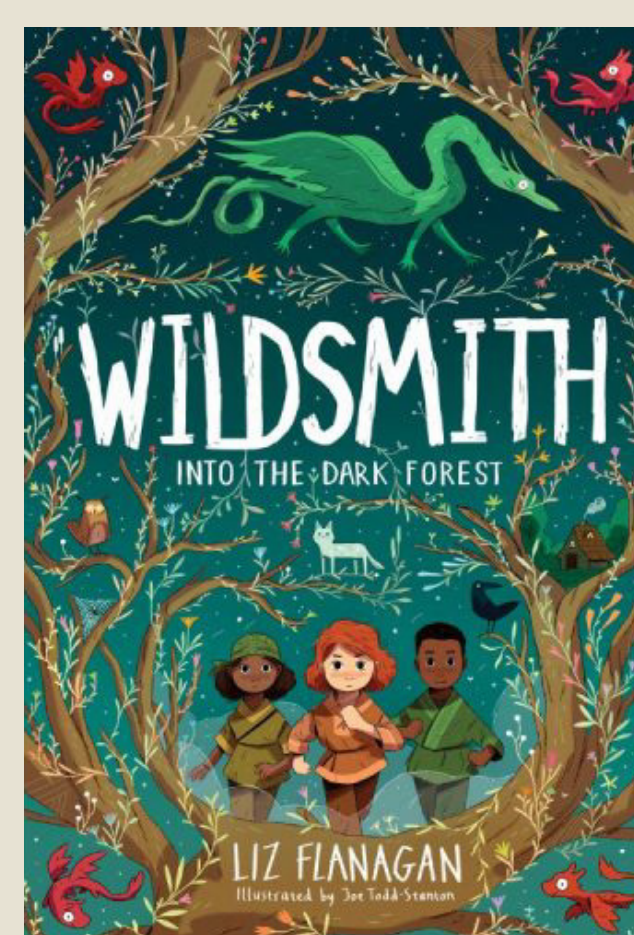


The Boy at the Back of the Class
Onjali Q. Rauf



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Roald Dahl

Classic



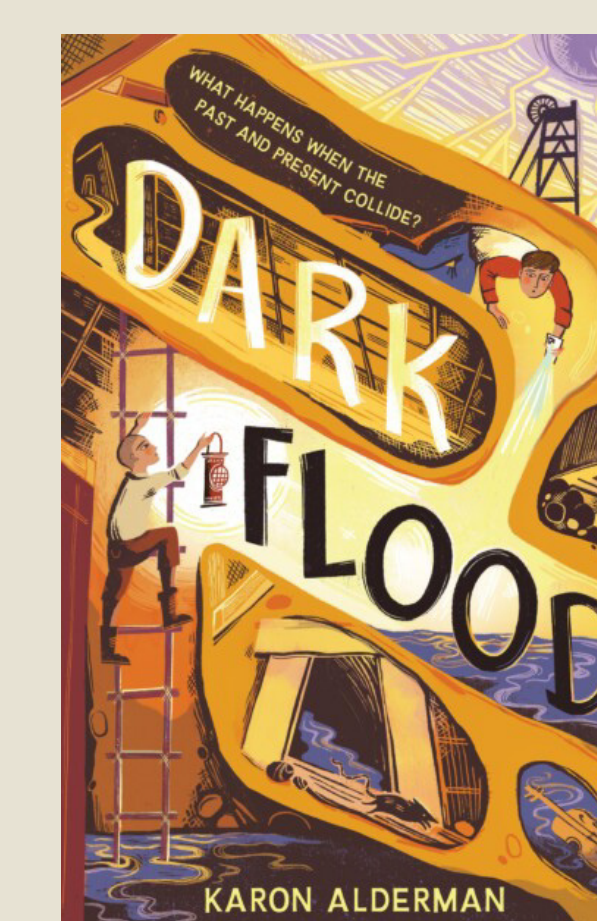
Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest
Liz Flanagan

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The Light in Everything
Katya Balen

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Dark Flood
Karen Alderman

Secondary

Ages 11-14



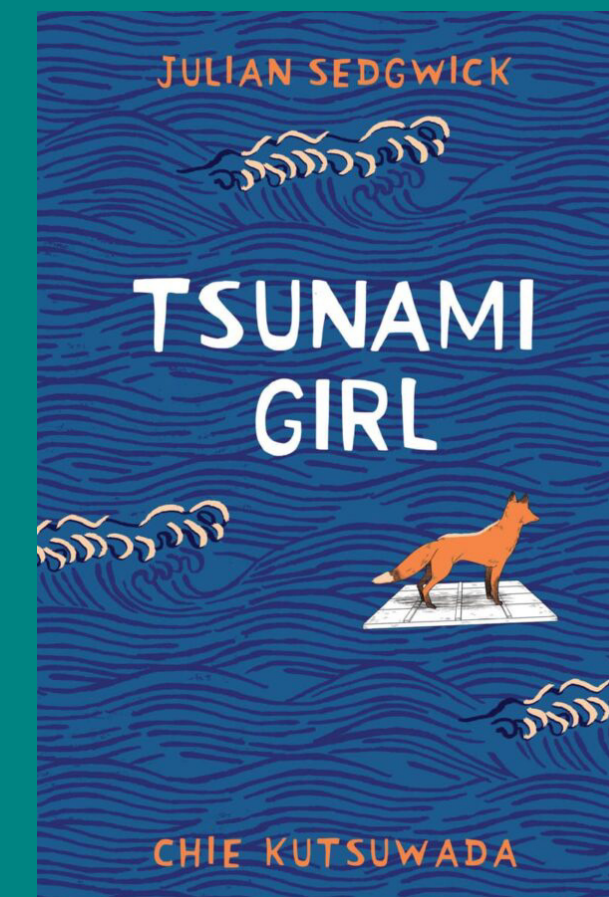
**The Haunting of
Aveline Jones**
Phil Hickes

Halloween pick

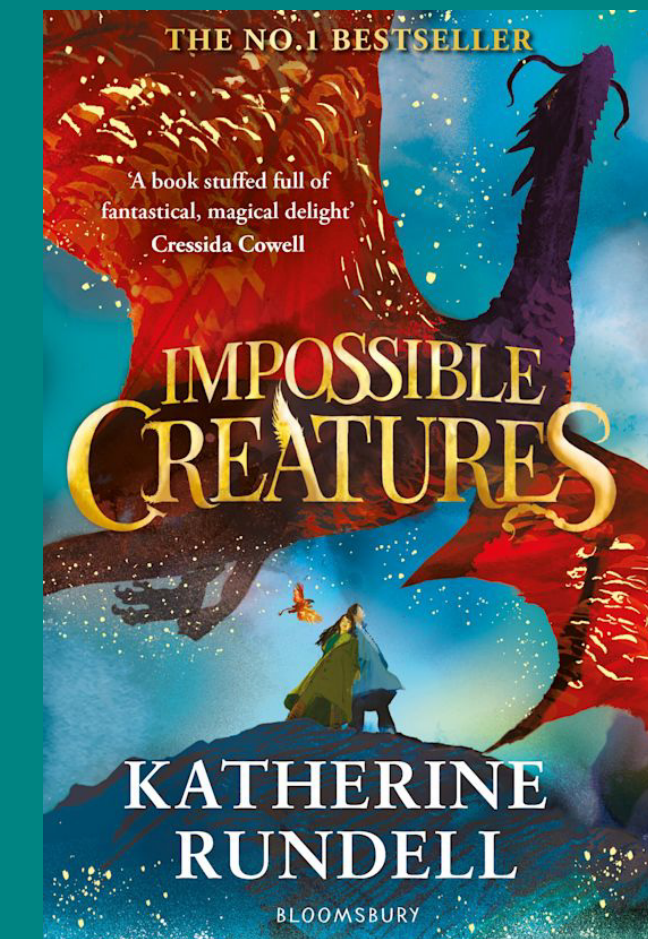


**A Good Girl's
Guide to Murder**
Holly Jackson

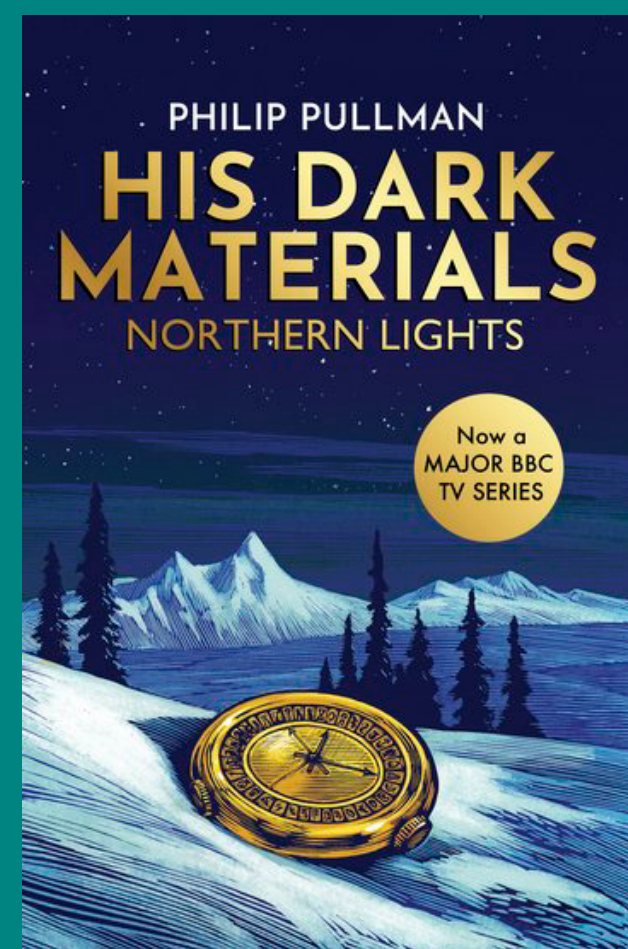
Student favourite



Tsunami Girl
Julian Sedgwick

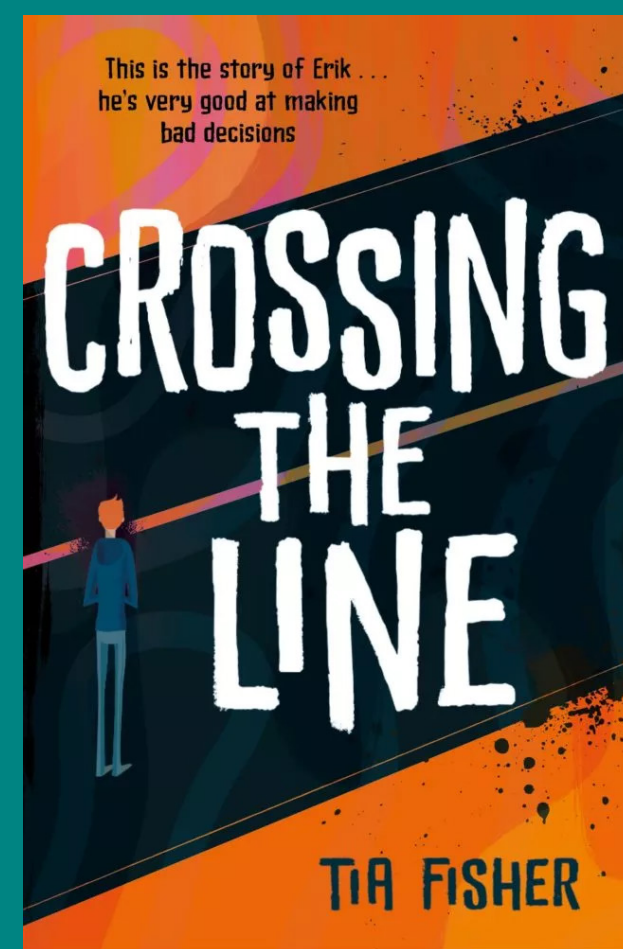


Impossible Creatures
Katherine Rundell



Northern Lights
Philip Pullman

Classic



Crossing the line
Tia Fisher

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The Crossing
Manjeet Mann

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Punching the Air
Ibi Zoboi

Secondary

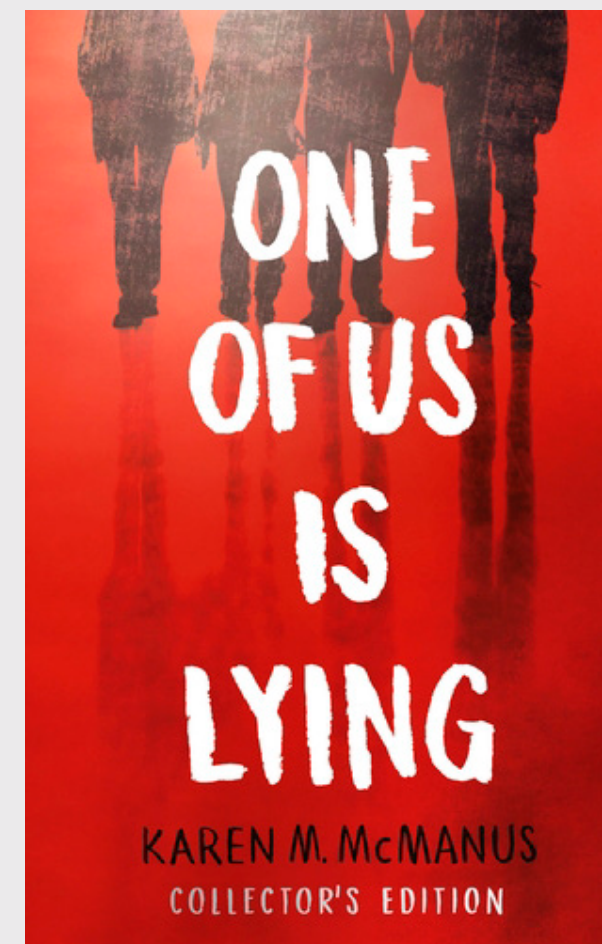
Ages 14–16



Witch

Finbar Hawkins

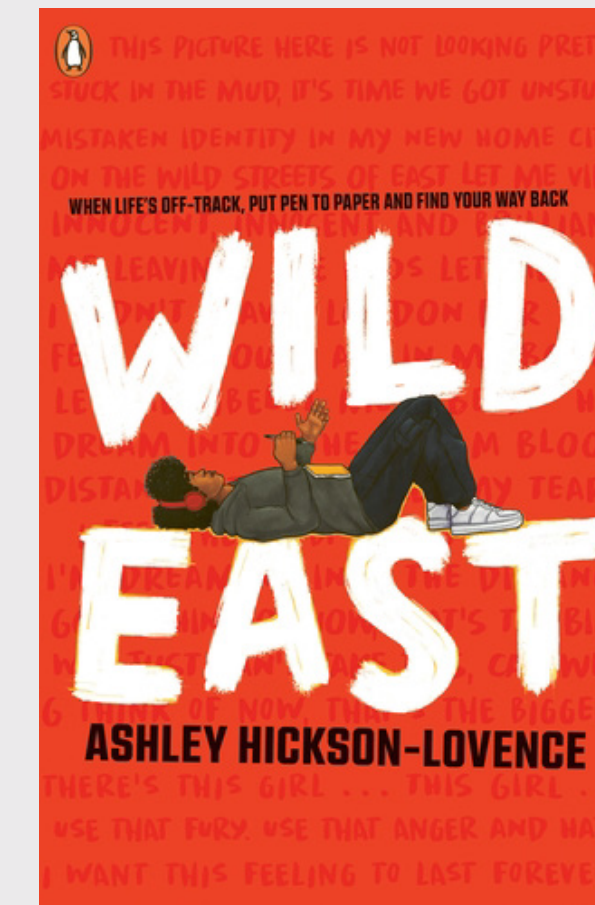
Halloween pick



One of Us is Lying

Karen M
McManus

Student favourite



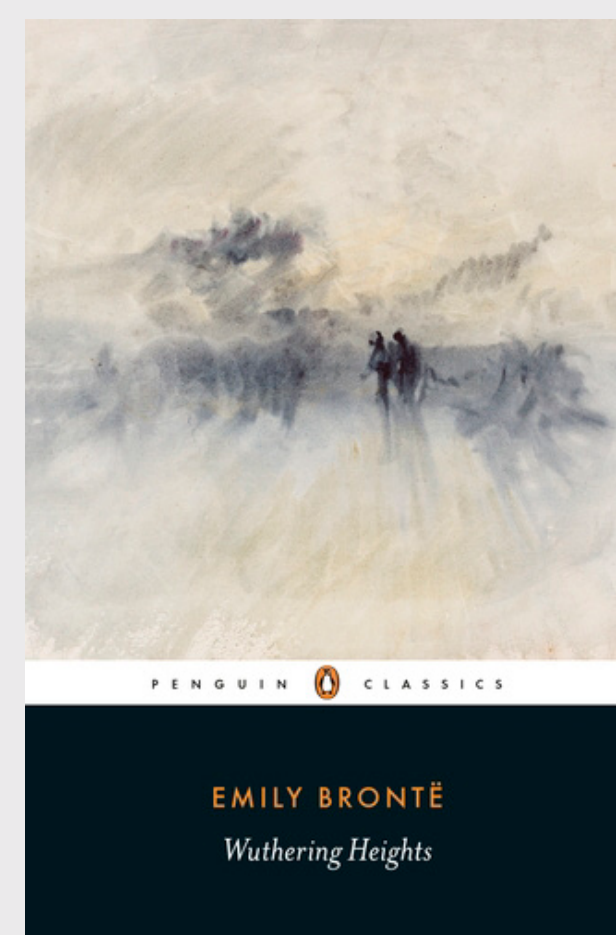
Wild East

Ashley
Hickson-Lovence



**The Inheritance
Games**

Jennifer Lyn Barnes



Wuthering Heights

Emily Brontë

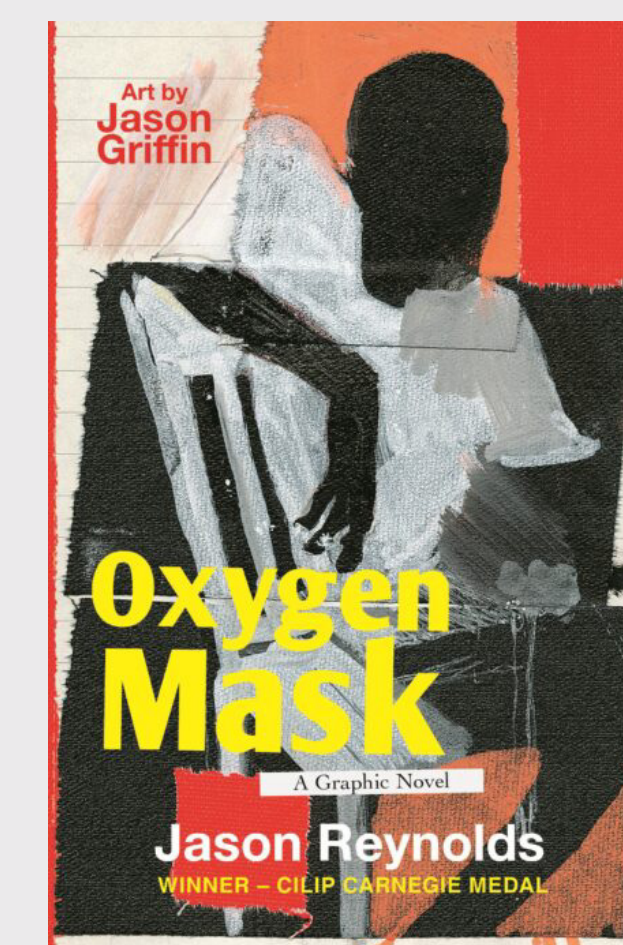
Classic



**Yours From the
Tower**

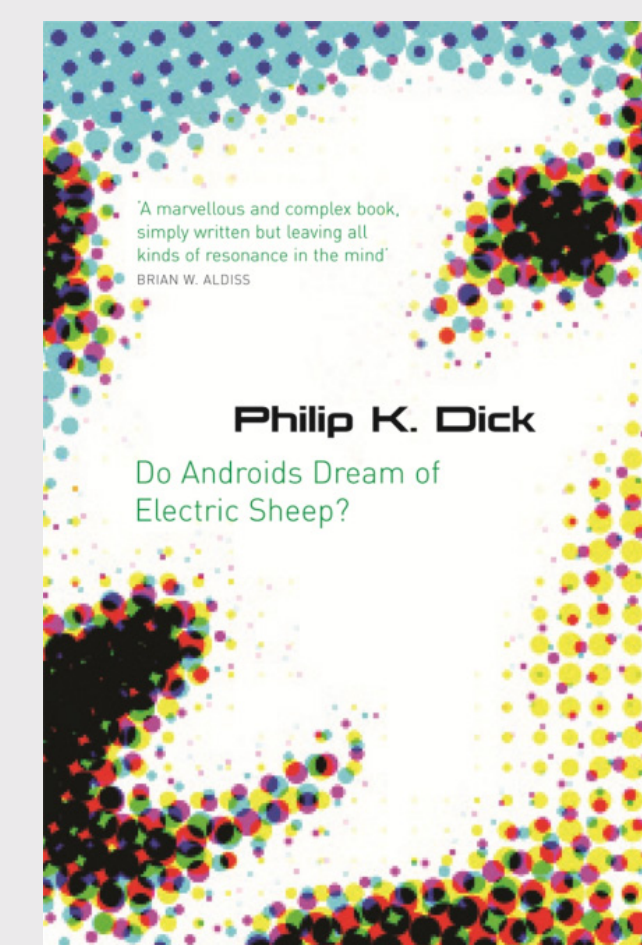
Sally Nicholls

New literature



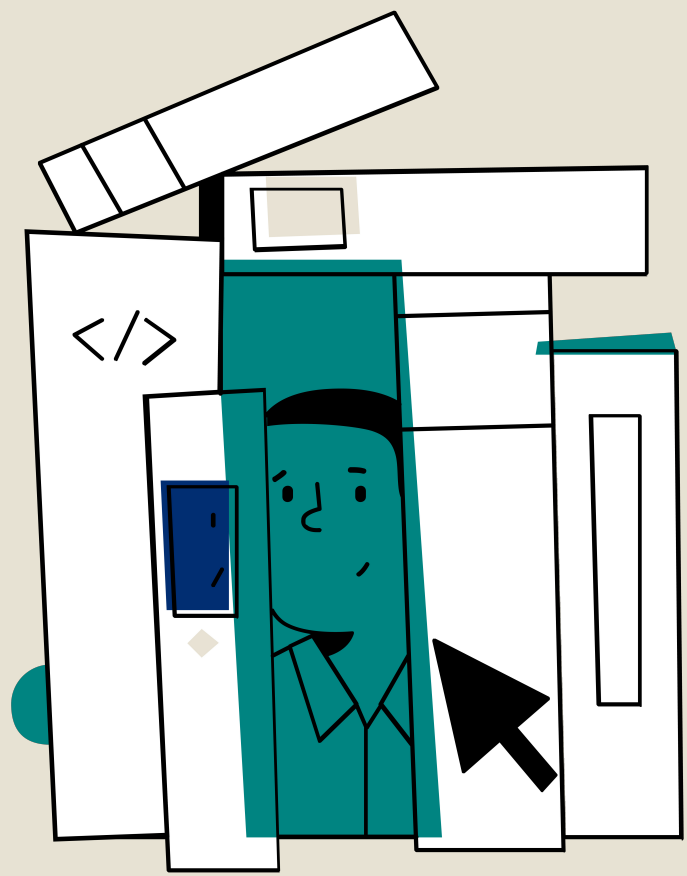
Oxygen Mask

Jason Reynolds



**Do Androids
Dream of Electric
Sheep?**

Philip K Dick



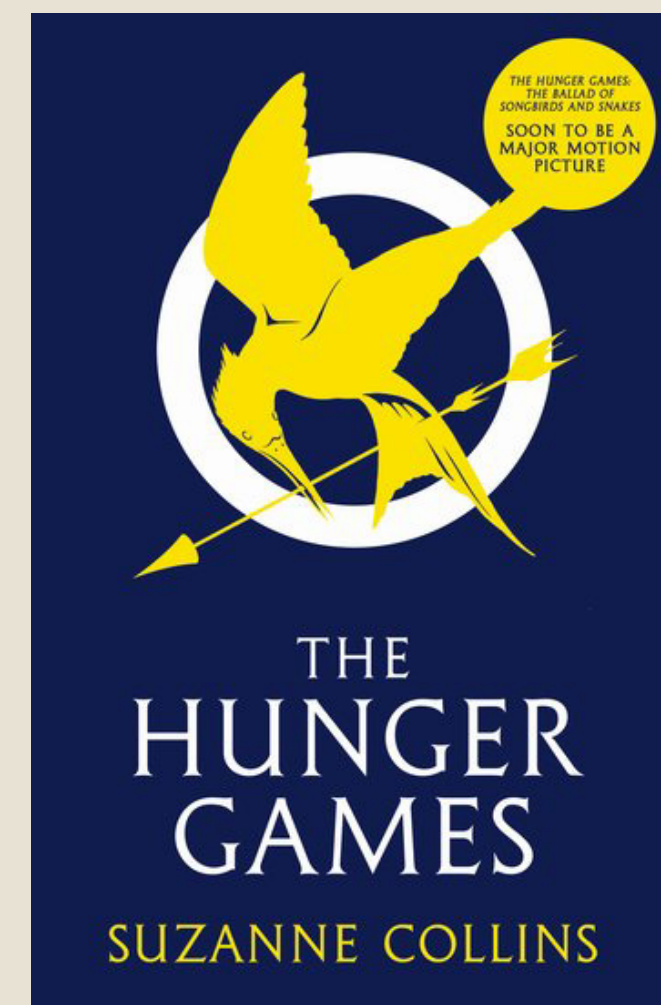
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Ages 16–18



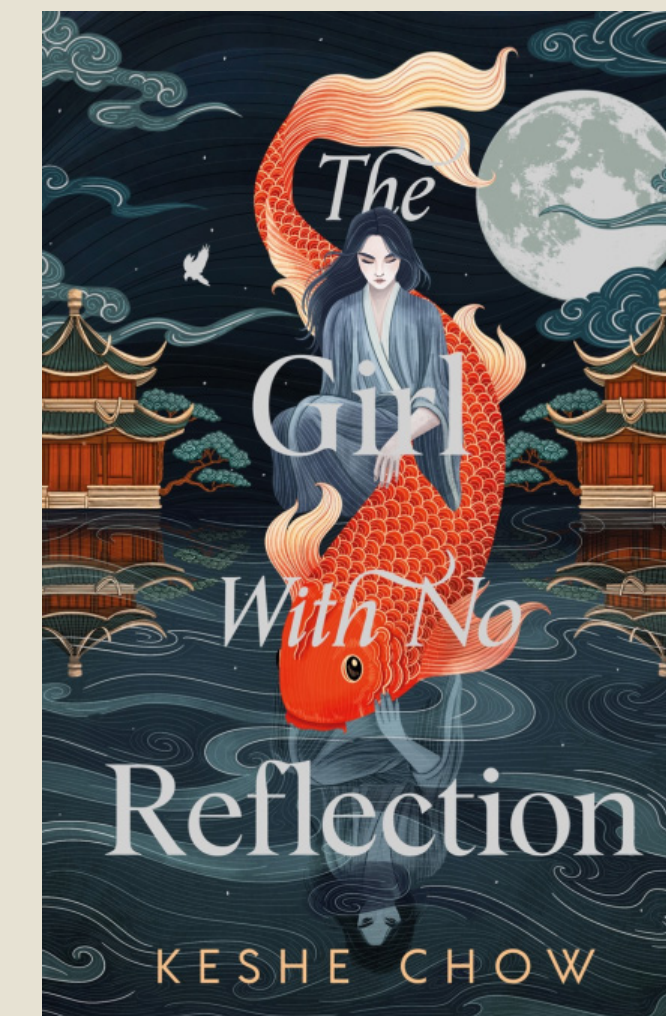
Channel Fear
Lisa Richardson

Halloween pick



The Hunger Games
Suzanne Collins

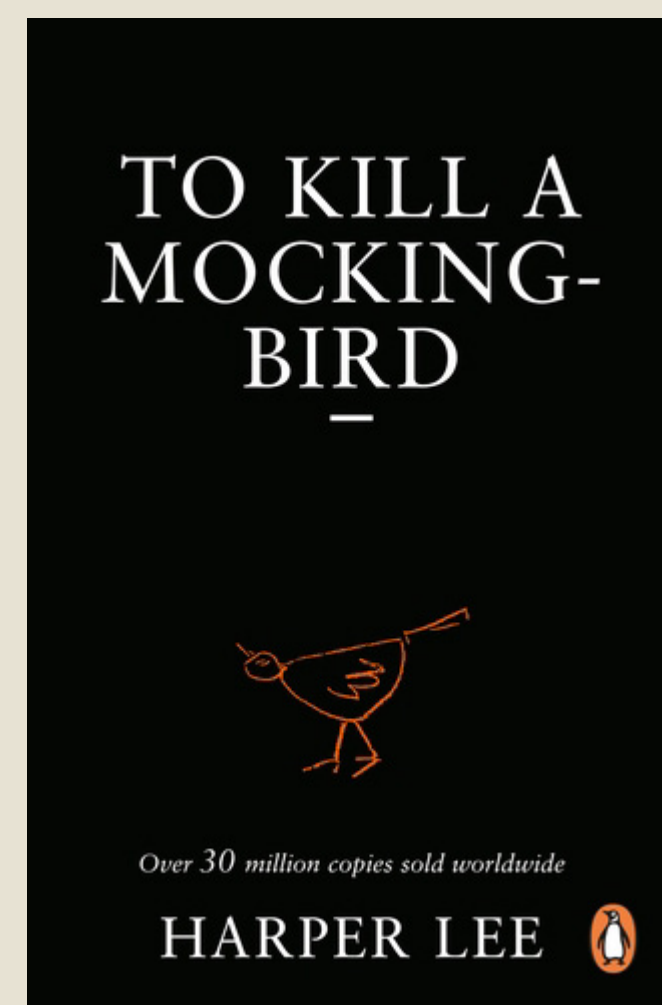
Student favourite



The Girl with No Reflection
Keshe Chow

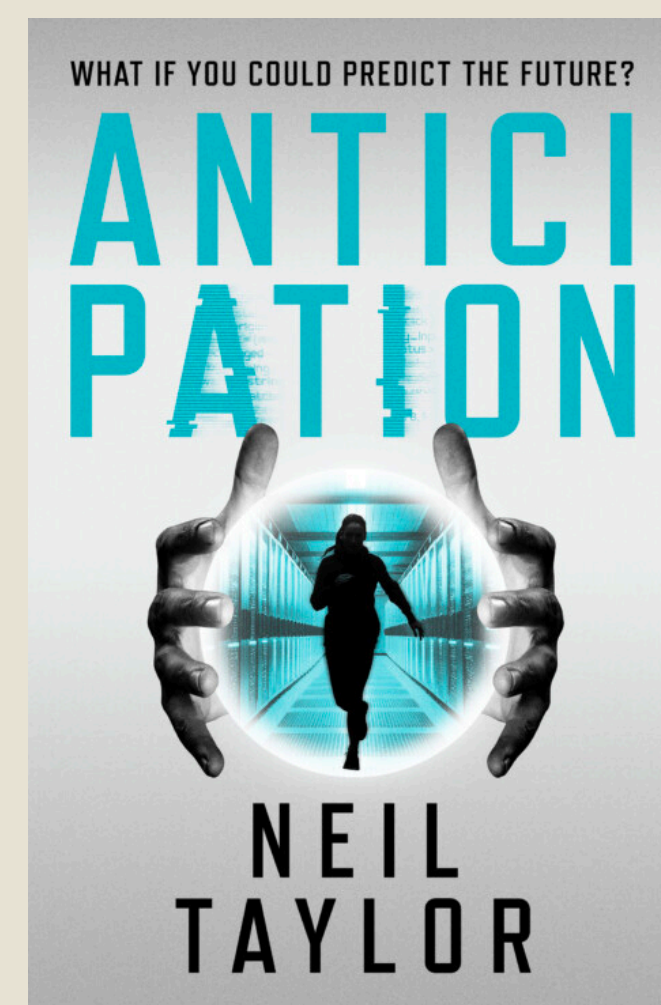


Bloodtide and Bloodsong
Melvin Burgess



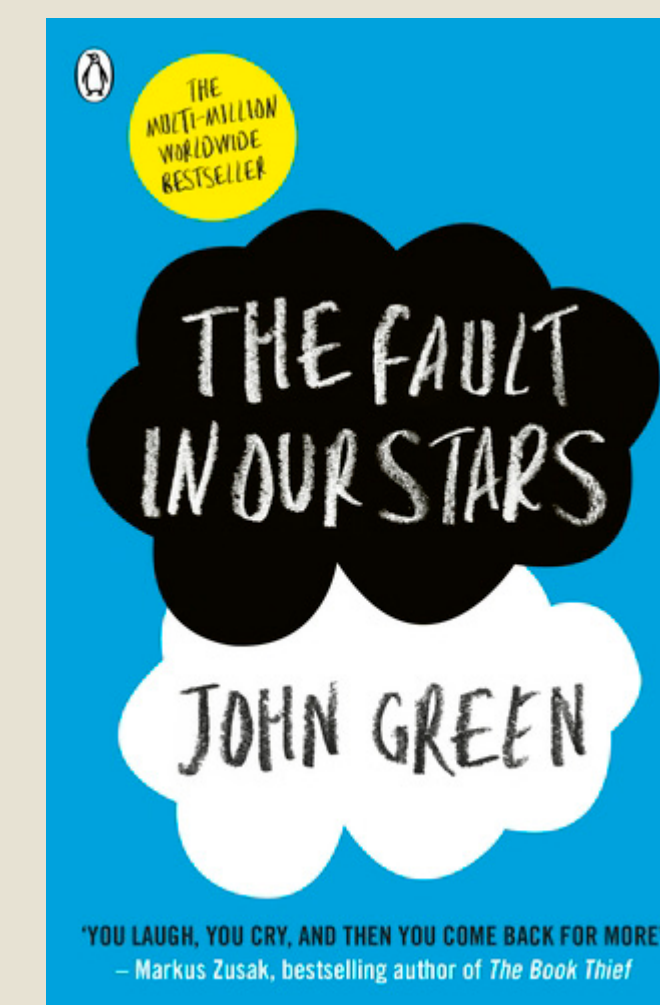
To Kill a Mockingbird
Harper Lee

Classic



Anticipation
Neil Taylor

New literature

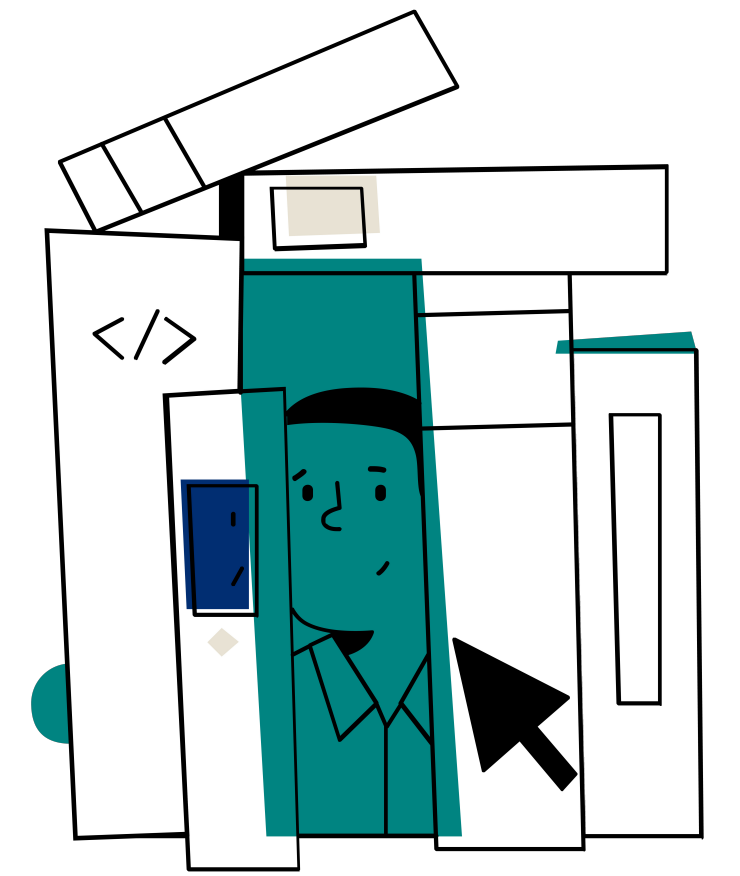


The Fault in Our Stars
John Green



The Thread that Connects Us
Ayaan Mohamud

Publisher info



PRIMARY Ages 5-7

Watch Out! There's a Monster Coming! - Karl Newson - Andersen Press Ltd - 9781839132681
The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson - Pan Macmillan - 9781509804757
A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond - HarperCollins Publishers - 9780007174164
The Hare-Shaped Hole - John Dougherty - Quarto Publishing PLC - 9780711276055
Flooded - Mariajo Ilustrajo - Quarto Publishing PLC - 9780711276796
The Tiny Woman's Coat - Joy Cowley - Gecko Press - 9781776573424
The Bison and the Butterfly - Alice Hemming - Quarto Publishing PLC - 9780711295377
Too Small Tola Makes It Count - Atinuke - Walker Books Ltd - 9781406399387

PRIMARY Ages 7-11

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney - Penguin Random House Children's UK - 9780141324906
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl - Penguin Random House Children's UK - 9780241558324
Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest - Liz Flanagan - UCLan Publishing - 9781915235046
The Light in Everything - Katya Balen - Bloomsbury Publishing PLC - 9781526622983
The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q. Raúf - Hachette Children's Group - 9781510105010
A Riddle for a King - Mark Forsyth - David Fickling Books - 9781788453165
Dark Flood - Karen Alderman - Hachette Children's Group - 9781510109117

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SECONDARY Ages 11-14

The Haunting of Aveline Jones – Phil Hickes – Usborne Publishing Ltd – 9781474972147
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder – Holly Jackson – HarperCollins Publishers – 9781405293181
Northern Lights – Philip Pullman – Scholastic – 9781407186108
Crossing the line – Tia Fisher – Hot Key Books – 9781471413049
The Crossing – Manjeet Mann – Penguin Random House Children's UK – 9780241411445
Punching the Air – Ibi Zoboi – HarperCollins Publishers – 9780008422141
Tsunami Girl – Julian Sedgwick – Guppy Publishing Ltd – 9781913101466
Impossible Creatures – Katherine Rundell – Bloomsbury Publishing PLC – 9781408897430

SECONDARY Ages 14-16

Witch – Finbar Hawkins – Bloomsbury Publishing PLC – 9781838935627
One of Us is Lying – Karen M Mc.Manus – Penguin Random House Children's UK – 9780241610350
Wuthering Heights – Emily Brontë – Penguin Books Ltd – 9780141439556
Yours From The Tower – Sally Nicholls – Andersen Press Ltd – 9781839134814
Wild East – Ashley Hickson-Lovence – Penguin Random House Children's UK – 9780241645444
The Inheritance Games – Jennifer Lyn Barnes – Penguin Random House Children's UK – 9780241476178
Oxygen Mask – Jason Reynolds – Faber & Faber – 9780571374748
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? – Philip K Dick – Orion Publishing Co – 9780575079939

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SIXTH FORM Ages 16-18

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The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins – Scholastic – 9781407132082

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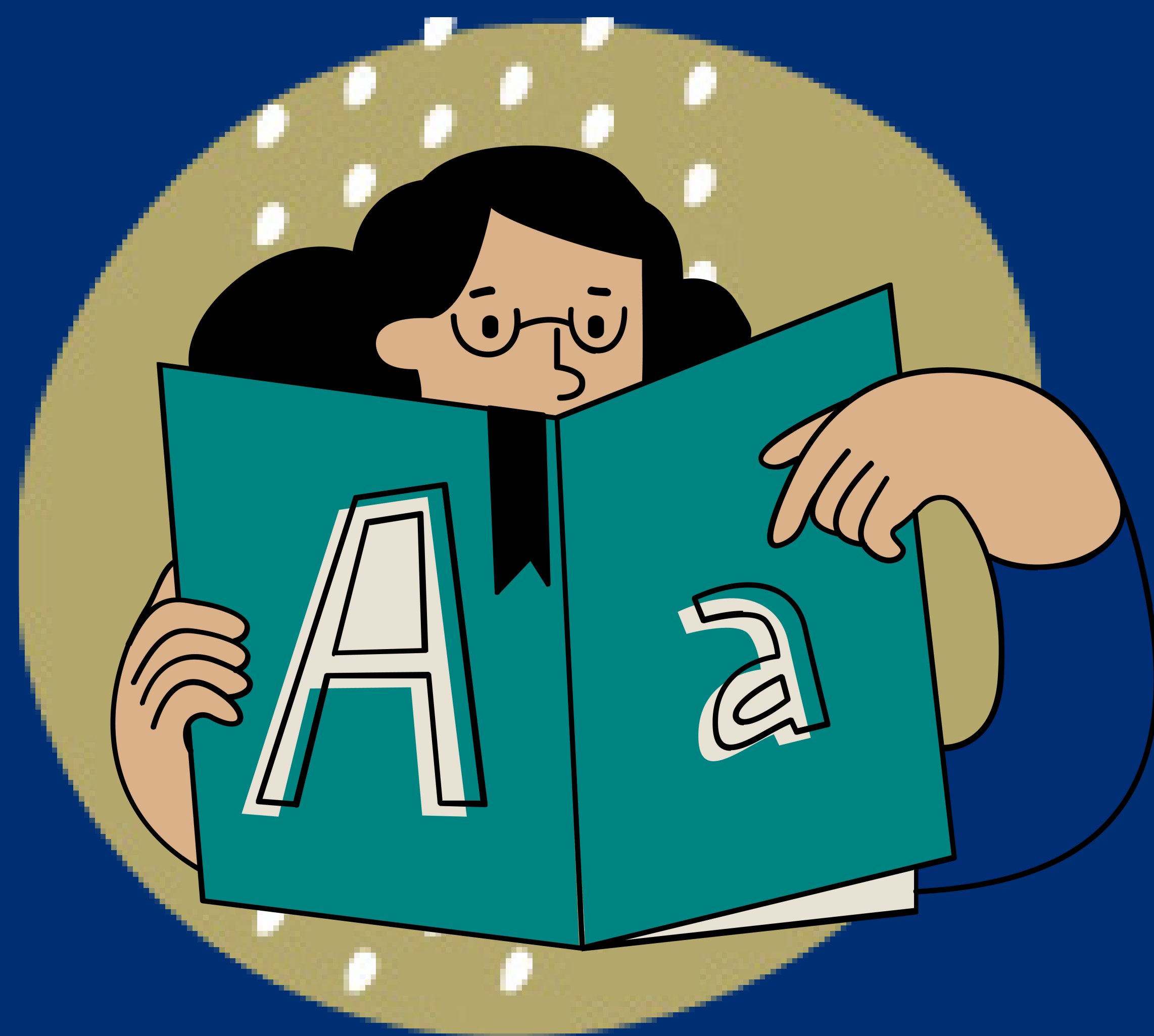
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