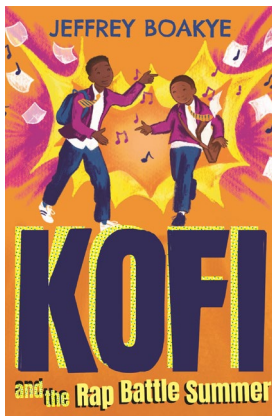


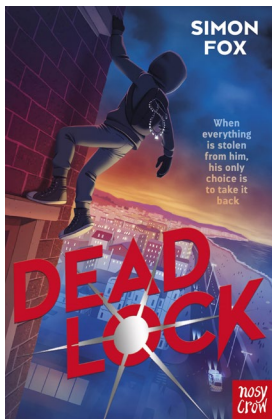
<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Dee Benson</b>	<b>Glow Up Lara Bloom</b>
<p>Have you ever wished you could wave a magic wand and make yourself more attractive to the people you like? Lara does, especially since Caiden, the new boy at school, came into her life. She's sure he's not going to ask her out as she is, so she's decided she needs a glow up. But what is a glow up? It's not as superficial as a typical physical makeover, it's more about bringing out the best version of yourself- inside and out- making changes that will boost your self-confidence and help you find your style.</p> <p>One of the things that already makes her feel good about herself is being the captain of the school's girls football team. She's on the brink of leading them to their 100<sup>th</sup> unbeaten game – can they do it?</p> <p>What I really enjoyed about this book was how it looks at body image, friendship and self-esteem. Lara also keeps a virtual diary via an online journaling app which gives you an up-close and personal look into everything that is unfolding around her.</p>	



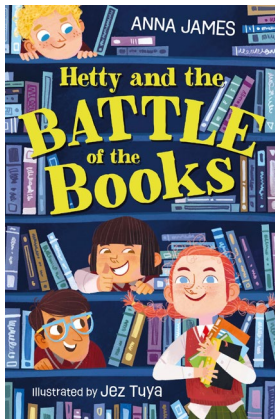
<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Jeffrey Boakye</b>	<b>Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer</b>
<p>Like all really good stories this one draws you in to the characters' world. In this case it's 90's city school life and our main character Kofi's passion for joking and money-making schemes.</p> <p>Kofi is used to stuff going wrong, he's usually in detention or about to be. But when he finds out his best friend Kelvin has a photographic memory, he comes up with a genius money-making scheme. The whole school is obsessed with music, but no one can ever make out the words, so the boys hit the jackpot selling a new fanzine full of song lyrics: Paper Jam with the help of one of Kofi's sister's friends. It looks like the best summer ever for Kofi but can the good times really last?</p> <p>One magic money-making scheme leads to another, and Kelvin worries all the money will attract the wrong kind of attention on the estate. Growing pressure threatens the boys' friendship and disaster spirals into the wider world of Kofi's older brother and Uncle Delroy.</p> <p>Kofi's family life and verbal sparring with his sister Gloria jumps off the page as Kofi's genius plans becomes increasingly complicated disasters where friendships are under threat and even disguises are needed. This is a warm hearted, laugh-packed, misadventure of a story that I couldn't put down.</p> <p>Luckily it looks like there are more stories of Kofi and co. to come [see the end of the book for an extract from <i>Kofi and he secret radio station.</i>]</p>	



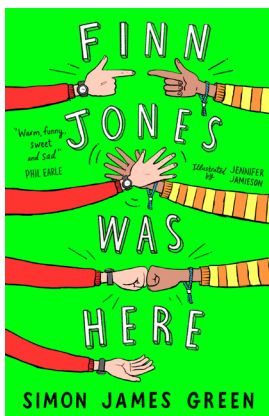
<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Deadlock</b>	<b>Simon Fox</b>
<p>Archie Blake and his policeman father have always had fun picking locks together, racing the clock and one another, never expecting this skill to be any more than a fun way to spend time together.</p> <p>But when Archie gets a panicked phone call asking him to find and protect something important before his father is then arrested, Archie realises it is up to him to find out what is going on and clear his dads name.</p> <p>Who can he trust and where can he go before the police find Archie and the precious goods?</p> <p>Relentless high-octane action for fans of Alex Rider.</p>	



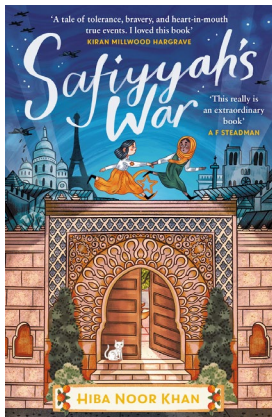
<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Hetty and the Battle of the Books</b>	<b>Anna James</b>
<p>Have you ever had a fall out with your friends and it's felt super awkward going to school afterwards? Hetty has! Her friendship group- best friends since the first day of primary school- have stopped being friends (why is revealed!)</p> <p>When news of her and her ex-best friends' favourite place- the library- due to be closed and the librarian will be sacked, she HAS to bridge the gap between them and fight to keep their library and their wonderful librarian!</p> <p>But is the headteacher's excuse of 'budget cuts' true? Or is there something else going on? Includes lots of pro-library, pro-reading and pro-school club feels!</p>	



<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Simon James Green</b>	<b>Finn Jones Was Here</b>
<p>This is a story about making the most of life and taking the opportunities that it gives you. Eric and his best mate Finn did everything together. Finn loved playing jokes and pranks on people. We find out in the first chapter that Finn has died, or has he? (Read pages 14-16)</p> <p>Eric starts to receive messages from Finn which ask him to do some crazy stunts. How is this happening? Eric embarks on an adventure to complete certain tasks, such as zip wiring, joining the school football team and zombie hunting. It seems that Finn can see him carrying out the tasks somehow, so Eric is convinced that at the end of the tasks, Finn will be there laughing away as usual.</p> <p>In a novel that begins with a funeral, you may think that this novel is guaranteed to be sad but it is full of laughs and hope as well. An emotional read.</p>	



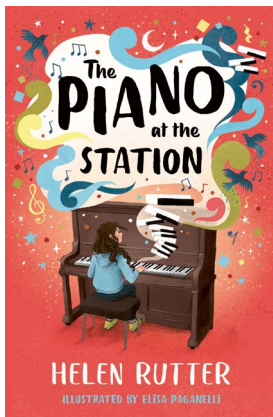
<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Hiba Noor Khan</b>	<b>Safiyyah's War</b>
<p>Safiyyah is bright, confident and happy. She spends hours in the library studying the maps and has big dreams of far horizons. One day she'll travel the world, a dream her wise and beloved Setti (grandma) encourages, but for now she lives with her family in an apartment in The Grand Mosque in Paris. (Read from P7 "Safiyyah darling..." to P8, "but Safiyyah didn't mind"). But it's the spring of 1940, Europe is at war and everything is about to change. (Read from P14 "The Germans..." to P14, "...the man to tears?").</p> <p>Suddenly Saffiya's Baba (father), who has always trusted her to organise his office and type his letters, is keeping secrets. Adults are having whispered conversations. Baba is sneaking out in the middle of the night. What is going on?</p> <p>Then the Nazis march into Paris and everything changes.</p>	



<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Emma Read</b>	<b>The House Trap</b>
<p>Amity has run off so her big brother Claude and his two best friends must find her but everyone knows there is something wrong with Badwell Woods, there's been rumours of a sinkhole and missing children for years.</p> <p>When they do find Amity, it is not lost in the woods as they expect, but at a strange house fixed in time waiting for a party that never happened. The house has no stairs, strange puzzles to solve and ghosts of children in the walls.</p> <p>When fear overtakes their intrigue, the 4 children decide to leave only to discover the house has trapped them in.....</p>	



<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Helen Rutter</b>	<b>The Piano at the Station</b>
<p>Lacey can't seem to stop herself from getting in trouble at school (read from the beginning p1. to p3. "'I love it here, Miss", I reply').</p> <p>Her head teacher suggests she goes to the music room at lunch times to keep out of the way of other students. At first reluctant, slowly Lacey starts to realise that she is interested in the musical instruments, especially the piano.</p> <p>Could music be a way to escape her chaotic life, just for a little while?</p>	





<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>S. J. Wills</b>	<b>Bite Risk</b>
<p>Action <i>plus</i> adventure <i>plus</i> werewolves! A perfect recipe for fans of horror fiction! Take one ordinary town, with one <b>massive</b> difference; during each full moon, almost every adult resident transforms...yes you got it... into a werewolf. This leaves the town's young people with a big responsibility, to protect themselves from the 'Turned' Rippers on one night of every month until they reach their mid-teens when this becomes their fate too!</p> <p>This is normal life and all they've ever know to our main character, Sel Archer and his school friends. Everything seems under control until things start to go wrong it is up to Sel and Elena to investigate what is really going on!</p> <p>Read the intriguing first chapter to get you hooked! P1 – 6 Meet Sel and his mum on a confinement day</p>	



<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>Tamsin Winter</b>	<b>Bad Influence</b>
<p>Meet Amelia Bright, a talented musician, baseball playing Year 9 girl who just wants to do well at school but fitting in with the popular crowd is not her strong point.</p> <p>Along with the struggles of changes to her family life, such as her Dad's new girlfriend, Amelia's life is turned upside down after a split second decision, sharing a photo of herself with someone she thought was the love of her life. Now, she has to face the consequences of some brutal bullying, both face to face and on social media.</p> <p>It's hard to read at times but you're willing Amelia to battle through and show her resilience and strength despite the vile treatment of others.</p> <p>Laced with humour throughout, this has some heart-breaking moments but also moments of empowerment and is ultimately uplifting and hopeful. Be prepared for an emotional rollercoaster!</p>	

