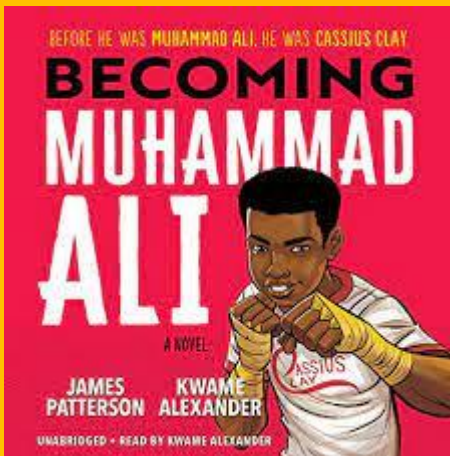
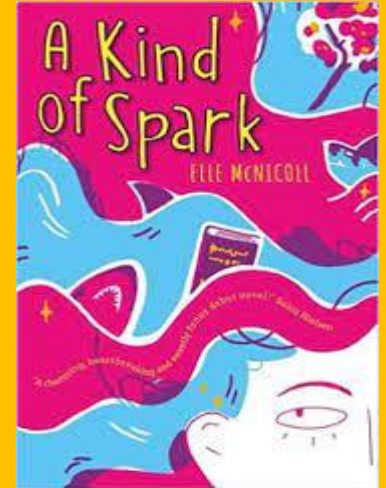


# SUMMER READS

## Year 7

### [A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicholl](#)

A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard? A story about friendship, courage and self-belief.



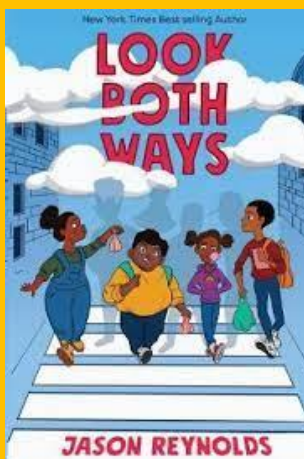
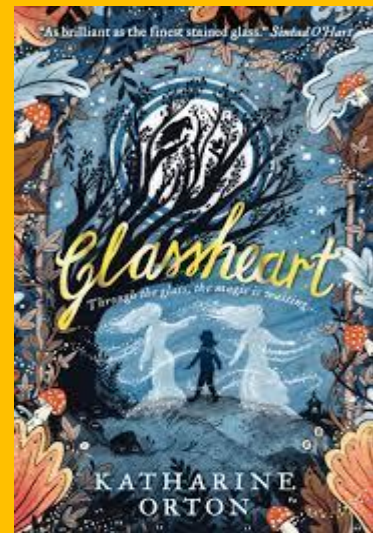
### [Becoming Muhammad by Kwame Alexander and James Patterson](#)

Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces in 'Becoming Muhammad Ali', the illustrated novel on the life of the boxing legend. A mixture of prose and verse, it follows the life of the young Ali up until age 17. Easy to read with excellent illustrations by Dawud Anyabwile.

### [Glasheart by Katharine Orton](#)

Nona now lives with her uncle, after the death of her Mum and brother in the Blitz. He is a master craftsman and is replacing stained glass windows throughout England. A commission takes them to Dartmoor. When they get there Nona discovers there is powerful magic at hand and it is believed that she had the power to

fight the darkness and protect those she loves. A well-written and compelling story with a feisty yet believable heroine.

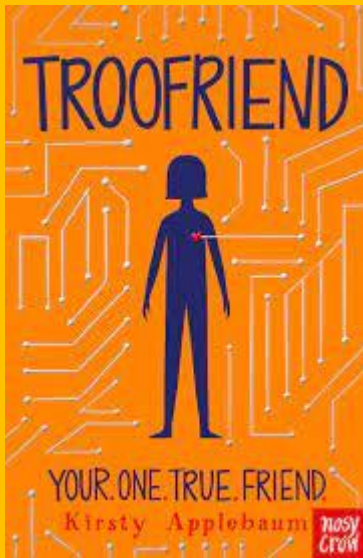


### [Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds](#)

Ten stories about ten walks home - ten different kids, their friendships, their worries, their moments of joy, their routines. What makes today the same as any other walk home, and what makes it different? Issues of friendship, family, bullying, sexuality dealt with openly. Very evidently USA middle grade. American lilt to style and language.

[The Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith](#) Barrington Stoke

When Nancy's parents start behaving very oddly after visiting the local village fracking site, she is quite concerned. But then other adults in the village start to behave equally oddly, and she and her friends Pete and Krish make a startling discovery down at the site. It is then a race against time for the children to be able to save themselves and their village from a sinister invasion. Very good creepy sci-fi adventure with believable characters. Short and pithy writing style for this dyslexia friendly title. Could be enjoyed by readers of either gender.



[Troofriend by Kirsty Applebaum](#)

Imagine having the perfect friend, one who never steals, lies or bullies.

Now you can, with the TrooFriend 560, the latest in artificial intelligence! What can go wrong with a robot buddy? Especially one that's developing human characteristics and feelings, and who has just run away with her human?

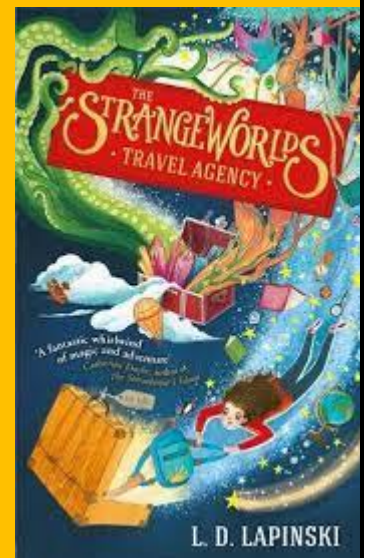
A topical and sinister middle-grade novel about artificial intelligence from the Waterstones Children's Book Prize shortlisted author of *The Middler*.

[The Strangeworlds Travel Agency by L.D Lapinski](#)

At the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, each suitcase transports you to a different world. All you have to do is step inside . . .

When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a fantastic secret: there are hundreds of other worlds just steps away from ours. All you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase. Then Flick gets the invitation of a lifetime: join Strangeworlds' magical travel society and explore other worlds.

But, unknown to Flick, the world at the very centre of it all, a city called Five Lights, is in danger. Buildings and even streets are mysteriously disappearing. Once Flick realizes what's happening she must race against time, travelling through uncharted worlds, seeking a way to fix Five Lights before it collapses into nothingness - and takes our world with it.





### The Perfect Parent Project by Stewart Foster

THINGS MY PERFECT PARENTS MUST HAVE:

1. A mega mansion like the ones footballers live in
2. A garage wall with a basketball hoop
3. No gerbils
4. Holidays to Disneyland

All Sam wants is a family of his own, a home instead of a 'house' and parents he knows will still be there when he wakes up. Because Sam has been in and out of foster care his whole life and he can't imagine ever feeling like he truly belongs. Then his best friend Leah suggests that rather than wait for a family to come to him, he should go out and find one. So begins The Perfect Parent Project ... But Sam may just discover that family has a funny way of finding you

## Year 8

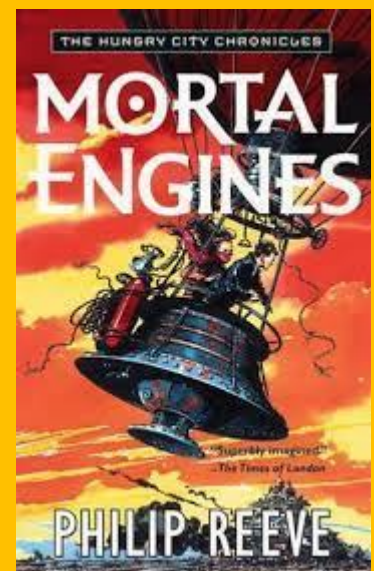
### Boy Everywhere by A. M. Dassu

This debut middle-grade novel chronicles the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family from privilege to poverty, across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester. A story of survival, of family, of bravery ... In a world where we are told to see refugees as the 'other', this story will remind readers that 'they' are also 'us'.

### Mortal Engines by Phillip Reeve

In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival.

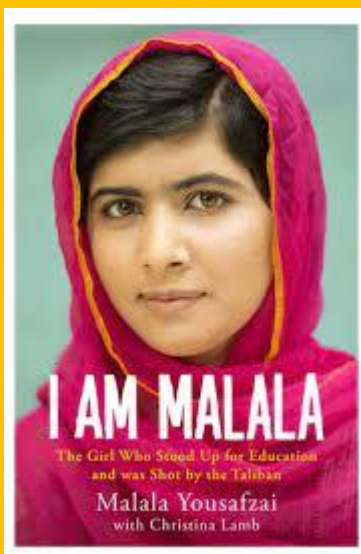
As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down.



### I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, 9 October 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price when she was shot in the head at point-blank range.

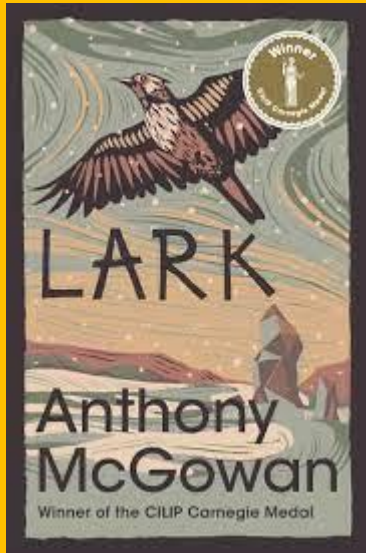
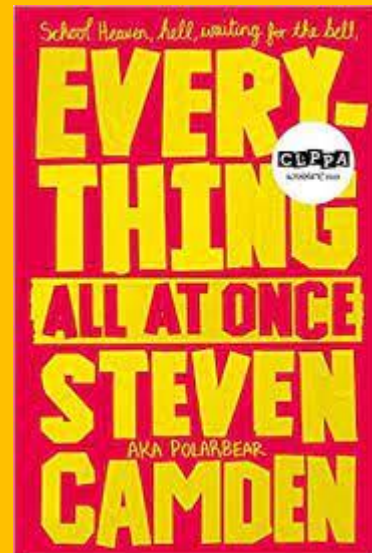
Malala Yousafzai's extraordinary journey has taken her from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations. She has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and is the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.



I Am Malala will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

### Everything all at once by Steven Camden

These poignant, punch-packing poems explore the varied emotional lives of secondary school pupils facing the giddy transition from being “the biggest to the smallest...in the secondary school jungle” like “gazelles in a field full of lions”. Complex tangles of feelings are laid bare with heart-rending authenticity, from the headiness of he-said-she-said gossip, to the bewildering “who the hell do you sit with?” loneliness that strikes when your best friend’s off school (Thanks a lot, Belinda).



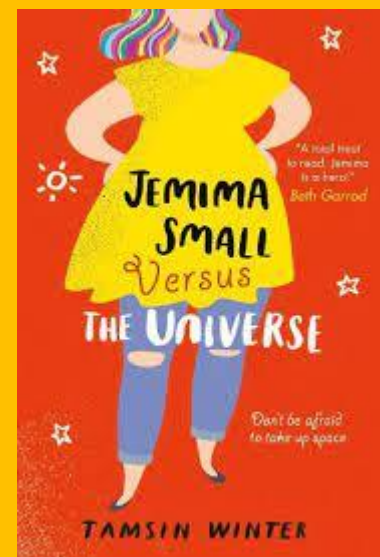
### Lark by Anthony McGowan

Barrington Stoke

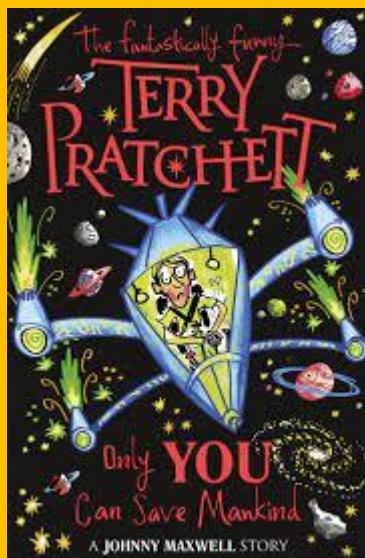
Things are tense at home for Nicky and Kenny. Their mum's coming to visit and it will be the first time they've seen her in years. A lot has changed since they were little and Nicky's not so sure he's ready to see her again. When they head for a trek across the moors to take their minds off everything, a series of unforeseen circumstances leaves the brothers in a vulnerable and very dangerous position. There might even be a chance that this time not everyone will make it home alive

### Jemima Small Versus the Universe by Tamsin Winter

Jemima Small finds it hard to measure up. Especially because she's the very opposite of her name. And being forced to join a healthy eating group at school means no one will let her forget that. But if there's one big thing she has going for her it's her attitude – and she's determined to prove that Jemima Small is a Big Deal. A brilliantly funny and touching new novel exploring big issues of bullying, body confidence and, most importantly, learning how to be happy with who you are.



### Only you can save mankind by Terry Pratchett



This is the first book in the Johnny Maxwell trilogy.

Johnny Maxwell is just an ordinary boy – not smart, popular or rich.

But he does love video games.

And as his parents argue, Johnny plays at becoming humanity's last hope, shooting invading aliens out of a pixelated sky.

Then comes a message from the last remaining alien spaceship: We Wish to Talk.

And suddenly Johnny is thrust into the very real world of the video game, and comes face to face with an alien race that needs his help. Only Johnny can save them. And this isn't a game anymore . . .

### Summoner: The Novice by Taran Matharu

ONE BOY'S POWER TO SUMMON DEMONS WILL CHANGE THE FATE OF AN EMPIRE ...

Demons, magic and epic adventure - introducing the first book in the New York Times bestselling Summoner Trilogy...

Fletcher was nothing more than a humble blacksmith's apprentice, when a chance encounter leads to the discovery that he has the ability to summon demons from another world. Chased from his village for a crime he did not commit, he must travel with his demon to the Vocans Academy, where the gifted are trained in the art of summoning.

Fletcher will find himself caught in the middle of powerful forces, with nothing but his demon Ignatius to help him. As the pieces on the board manoeuvre for supremacy, Fletcher must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands ...



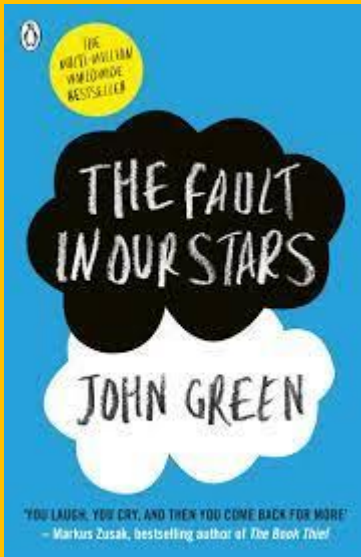
## Year 9

### The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.

Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.





### [The Fault in Our Stars by John Green](#)

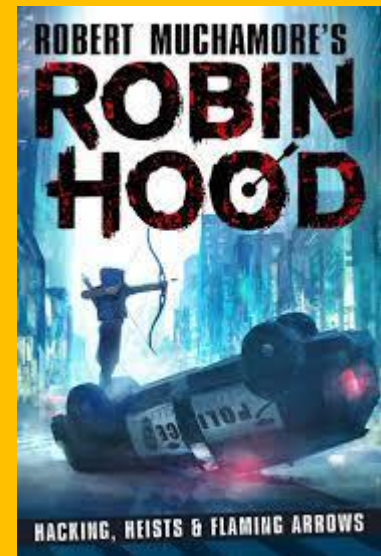
A must-read for older teens, this is a stunning story of love in the face of desperate adversity. When terminally ill Hazel meets Augustus the short time she has left to live changes course in ways she could never have imagined.

### [Robin Hood: Hacking, Heists & Flaming Arrow by Robert Muchamore](#)

A town. A forest. A hero.

You can't go far without a quick brain and some rule-bending in a place like Locksley. After its vast car plants shut down, the prosperous town has become a wasteland

of empty homes, toxic land and families on the brink. And it doesn't help that the authorities are in the clutches of profit-obsessed Sheriff of Nottingham, in cahoots with underworld boss Guy Gisborne.



### [THE LAST HAWK by Elizabeth Wein](#) Barrington Stoke



Nazi Germany is a dangerous place for a girl with a stammer - and although her father tries to keep her safe, Ingrid can't help feeling like she's let him down. But in the air, soaring high as she pilots her beloved glider planes, Ingrid is free and incredibly talented.

When she gets the chance to fly in a propaganda tour alongside her hero, Germany's daring female test pilot Hanna Reitsch, Ingrid leaps at the chance. But through Hanna, she will learn some dangerous truths about Germany's secret missions and the plans that could change the course of the war to secure victory for the Nazi regime. When everything is at stake, Ingrid must decide where her loyalties

lie ...

### [Warcross by Marie Lu](#)

When a game called Warcross takes the world by storm, one girl hacks her way into its dangerous depths.

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game - it's a way of life. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally.

When Emika hacks into the game illegally, she's convinced she'll be arrested, and is shocked when she gets a call from the game's creator, the elusive young billionaire Hideo Tanaka, with an irresistible offer. He



needs a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem . . . and he wants Emika for the job.

In this sci-fi thriller, #1 New York Times bestselling author Marie Lu conjures an immersive, exhilarating world where choosing who to trust may be the biggest gamble of all.

### Slay by Brittany Morris

'We are different ages, genders and tonight we all SLAY'

Ready Player One. A fierce teen game real-life troll intent on ruining the Black video game she created and the safe represents for black gamers. year-old Kiera Johnson is a college student, black kids at Jefferson Academy. By night, thousands of black gamers who duel secret online role-playing card game, SLAY. the game developer - not even her But when a teen in Kansas City is murdered SLAY world, the media labels it an hub for thugs.



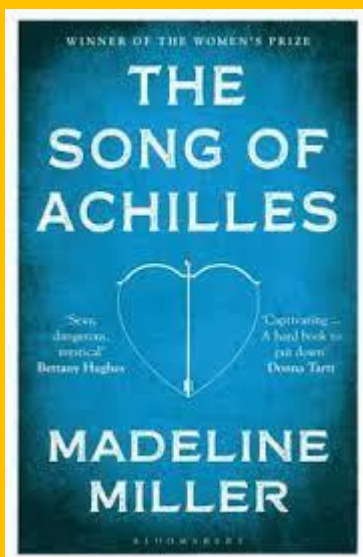
traditions ... but Black Panther meets developer battles a Panther-inspired community it By day, seventeen- and one of the only she joins hundreds of worldwide in the No one knows Kiera is boyfriend, Malcolm. over a dispute in the exclusionist, racist With threats coming

from both inside and outside the game, Kiera must fight to save the safe space she's created. But can she protect SLAY without losing herself?

## Year 10

### Every Day by David Levithan

This thought-provoking story follows 'A', who wakes up each day in a different body. 'A' knows not to change things or get too involved, until one day 'A' meets Rhiannon, who changes everything.



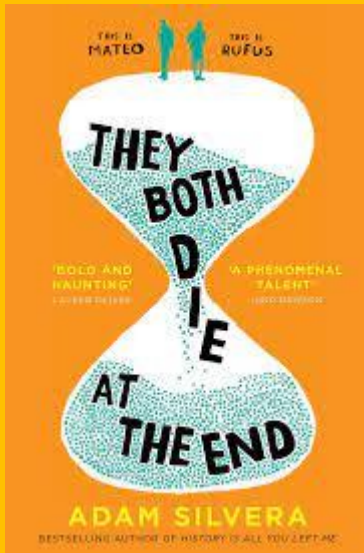
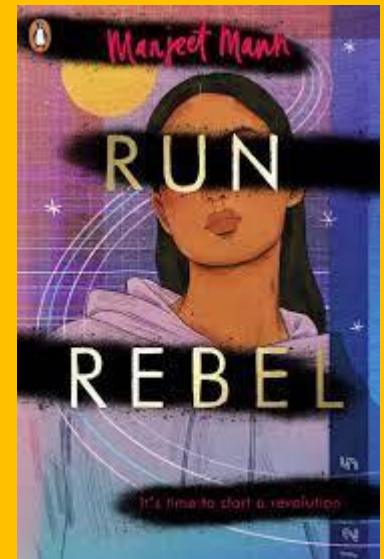
### Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

Greece in the age of heroes. Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to the court of King Peleus and his perfect son Achilles. Despite their differences, Achilles befriends the shamed prince, and as they grow into young men skilled in the arts of war and medicine, their bond blossoms into something deeper - despite the displeasure of Achilles's mother Thetis, a cruel sea goddess. But when word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, Achilles must go to war in distant Troy and fulfil his destiny. Torn between love and fear for his friend, Patroclus goes with him, little

knowing that the years that follow will test everything they hold dear. Very popular on BookTok.

### [Run Rebel by Manjeet Mann](#)

Amber is trapped by her father's rules and expectations but also her own fears. However, she feels ready to fight for her mother, her sister and herself. A very fast paced, strong emotive text written in powerful accessible verse. Very powerful and sometimes shocking, but ultimately a message of hope.



### [They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera](#)

On September 5th, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: they're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: there's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure - to live a lifetime in a single day.

Another beautiful, heartbreaking and life-affirming book from the brilliant Adam Silvera. Very popular on BookTok.

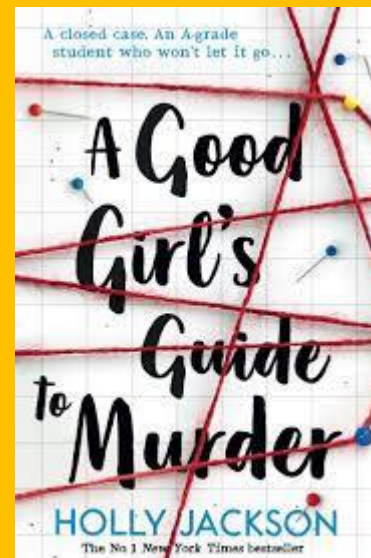
### [A good girl's guide to murder by Holly Jackson](#)

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. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth ... ?

Perfect for fans of One of Us Is Lying, Gone Girl, We Were Liars and Riverdale

Holly Jackson started writing stories from a young age, completing her first (poor) attempt at a novel aged fifteen. She lives in London and aside from reading and writing, she enjoys playing video games and watching true crime documentaries so she can pretend to be a detective.



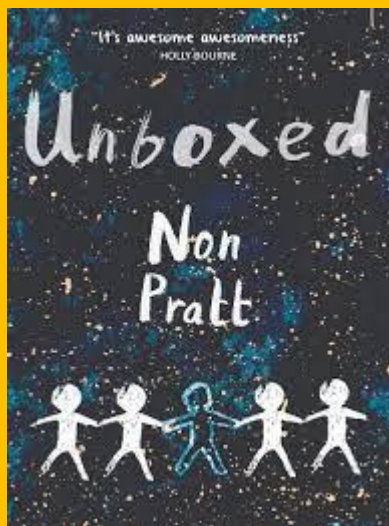
### [Wranglestone by Darren Charlton](#)



Winter was the only season every Lake-Lander feared...

In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice. Then homebody Peter puts the camp in danger by naively allowing a stranger to come ashore and he's forced to leave the community of Wranglestone. Now he must help rancher Cooper, the boy he's always watched from afar, herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over.

But as love blossoms, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past. One that forces the pair to question everything they've ever known. An action-packed and thought-provoking debut, for fans of Patrick Ness, Marcus Sedgwick, DREAD NATION and The Walking Dead.



[UNBOXED by Non Pratt](#) Barrington Stoke

Four friends meet up at their old school to open the memory box they stowed there years ago - with five letters inside for four of them, because their friend Millie has died. When they open the box they find a new letter from Millie and discover that she has left them special instructions: permission to open her letter only if they all read aloud the letters they wrote to their older selves, revealing their deepest secrets. P

[Ready Player One by Ernest Cline](#)

It's the year 2044, and the real world has become an ugly place. We're out of oil. We've wrecked the climate. Famine, poverty, and disease are widespread.

Like most of humanity, Wade Watts escapes this depressing reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia where you can be anything you want to be, where you can live and play and fall in love on any of ten thousand planets. And like most of humanity, Wade is obsessed by the ultimate lottery ticket that lies concealed within this alternate reality: OASIS founder James Halliday, who dies with no heir, has promised that control of the OASIS - and his massive fortune - will go to the person who can solve the riddles he has left scattered throughout his creation.

For years, millions have struggled fruitlessly to attain this prize, knowing only that the riddles are based in the culture of the late twentieth century. And then Wade stumbles onto the key to the first puzzle.

Suddenly, he finds himself pitted against thousands of competitors in a desperate race to claim the ultimate prize, a chase that soon takes on terrifying real-world dimensions - and that will leave both Wade and his world profoundly changed.

