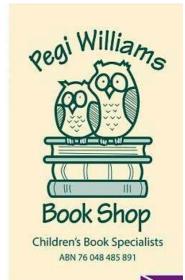
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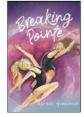


#### 1. ANOMALY

Emma Lord | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Piper Manning survived the apocalypse. Barely. She recovered from the virus that killed millions, but it left behind a new, uncontrollable power that's forced her to isolate herself from others - for their sake. Then an injured boy shows up at her mountain hideaway. And what hurt Seth is out to get her, too. Now she's on the run, risking everything for a shot at an actual future. But to get there, she'll have to trust a stranger, control her abilities ... and face her ghosts. Because the end of the world was just the beginning.

Categories: Apocalypse, Survival



## 2. BREAKING POINTE

Chenee Marrapodi | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Amelia loves ballet more than anything, but the sudden arrival of an intense new teacher shifts the Academy focus from classical to contemporary dance. Amelia is out of her depth with the edgy choreography and unsettled by its world-ending theme, especially when a shock diagnosis really might bring her life crashing down. Valentina is completely at home with the new style but has troubles off the dance floor. As she desperately strives to secure a scholarship and save her dance career, money problems and an unexpected romance have her in a complete spin. With so much at breaking point, the girls will need to decide what really matters before everything falls apart.

Categories: Competition, Dancing, Ballet, Resilience, Romance, Ballet, Choreography

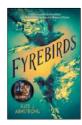


## 3. ELEANOR JONES CAN'T KEEP A SECRET

Amy Doak | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Things have settled down in Cooinda and Eleanor Jones is getting used to her new normal - spending time with her friends, going to school, and working on a project at the local old age home. But just as things start to feel calm, a series of events once again rock Eleanor's world- Troy's ex-girlfriend is back in town and, during a visit to the old age home, Eleanor's buddy Nance admits to witnessing a murder, swearing Eleanor to secrecy.

Categories: Mystery, Murder, Investigation, Friendship, Secrets



#### 4. FYREBIRDS

Kate Armstrong | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

With tensions rising and their powers no longer a secret, the Nightbirds must decide for whom and for what they are willing to fight for and how far they will go in the spellbinding conclusion to the international bestseller Nightbirds.

Categories: Magic, Politics, Fantasy, Female Empowerment

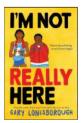


#### 5. GIRL WITH NO REFLECTION, THE

Keshe Chow | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Ying Yue believes in love. So when the royal matchmaker selects her to wed the crown prince, Ying hopes that love is exactly what awaits her. No matter that the royal family is notoriously reclusive, rarely leaving their walled palace-and no matter the rumors about the previous royal brides, who after their weddings, were supposedly never seen again. Ying knows that she was chosen for a reason. After all, why else would the matchmaker select her, out of all the girls in the kingdom?

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Mythology, Parallel World, Arranged Marriage



#### 6. I'M NOT REALLY HERE

Gary Lonesborough | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A wonderful coming-of-age queer romance from the multi award-winning author of The Boy from the Mish. Jonah is the new kid in a country town. When he joins the local footy team to be closer to his crush, Harley, it feels like a fresh start - but he still has to navigate new friendships, an unresolved past, and the same body image issues he's always had

Categories: Romance, Friendship, LGBTQIA, Family Unit, Grief, Loss, New Beginnings, Football, Crush



#### 7. MARIA PETRANELLI IS PREPARED FOR ANYTHING

Elisa Chenoweth | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$19.80

Looking for Alibrandi meets Arrested Development in this YA screwball comedy about a student exchange gone hilariously, criminally wrong. Maria Petranelli will do anything to get away from her overbearing Italian-Australian family. She's over their constant heckling about getting a boyfriend, their unspoken belief that she's not normal, and their loudly spoken belief that she's incapable of doing, well, anything. So when her family declares she 'couldn't handle living in Italy', Maria immediately signs up to go there on student exchange. What could possibly go wrong? Well, everything ...

Categories: Travel, Comedy, Humour, Murder, Crime, LGBTQIA+

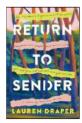


#### 8. MY BROTHER, FINCH

Kate Gordon | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Finch and Wren were as close as a brother and sister can be. When he vanished, when they were nine years old, her world cracked in two. Finch was never found. On the same day that Finch disappeared, another girl was lost, too. Her name was Ava. Her parents were rich tourists, from Sydney. Ava's story got all the media attention. And Finch was forgotten. But not by Wren. Never by Wren. Three years on, Finch is still with her, whispering in her ear, guiding her through life. As Wren begins high school and forms a new, bewildering friendship with a mysterious girl called Freddie, Finch is there, urging her on. To go bolder. To go braver. To grab life with two hands. When another girl goes missing – a strange girl called Johanna – Wren feels compelled to search for her. To her surprise, Freddie does, too. The two of them try and piece together who Johanna is and why she ran away. Or did she run away? Was the truth more awful? And was it all tied together with what happened to Finch and Ava?

Categories: Mystery, Suspense, Siblings, Disappearance, Family, Loss, Grief, Friendship



## 9. RETURN TO SENDER

Lauren Draper | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

After three years away, seventeen-year-old Brodie McKellon has returned to live with her grandmother above the last remaining Dead Letter Office - the place letters go when no one is left to claim them. Soon, Brodie is consumed by an unsolved mystery - the unclaimed letters of a group of teens who seemed to vanish many years ago - while also attempting to reconcile with her former best friends, Elliot and Levi. As the trio is drawn into the riddle of the dead letter writers, they discover that the past is never truly past, and that it's never too late for old wrongs to be put right...

Categories: Relationships, Mystery, Friendships, Community



## 10. TEMPUS IMPERIUM, THE

Juliet A Paine | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

When Charlie's grandmother is murdered, she is plunged into the world of the Temporal Sinistrum. An organisation of time travellers tasked with maintaining the historical timeline. Her grandmother used to be a star agent, and Charlie must solve the mystery in an adventure that takes her from 1966 Australia to a post-apocalyptic Los Angeles.

Categories: Science Fiction, Fantasy



#### 11. WE BELONG TO THE LAND, WE BELONG TO THE SEA

Kirli Saunders | Jaz Corr (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

ngayawanj bagan-nggul, ngayawanj barra barra-nggul is a collection of poems and stories in Dhurga and English, by students from Vincentia High School. The accompanying artwork, created by the students for the Community, honours the people and Country to which they belong. The words and illustrations celebrate the students' deep relationship with the land and sea, revealing the places, animals and cultural practices that nourish, strengthen and inspire them all. These interconnected stories reveal that we, as a whole, are part of a greater narrative and therefore have an obligation to connect with and care for Mother Earth. \*\*Please note that the Dhurga language is never capitalised (except for the word Dhurga itself!).\*\*

**Categories:** Short Stories, Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Own Voice, Identity, Belonging, Family, Culture, Country, Home, Stolen Generation



#### **12. WHITE NOISE**

Raelke Grimmer | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Fifteen-year-old Emma is woken up by her dad's nightmares. Again. On Friday evenings they go running at East Point Reserve to escape. Escape the ripples of grief that still chase them three years after her mum's death; escape Emma's autism diagnosis; escape her dad's work as an emergency room doctor. At school, Emma has won a spot on the beach volleyball Sports Institute program. The spot that her best friend Summer desperately wanted. And Summer's family are moving to the other side of town. Their friendship has kept Emma going since her mum's death but now things are changing between them and change isn't something Emma can outrun.

Categories: Friendship, Identity, Grief, Autism, Neurodiversity, Neurodiverse

# **Graphic Older Novels**



#### 13. CHERNOBYL: FALL OF ATOMGRAD GRAPHIC NOVEL

Matyas Namai | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

The Atoms for Peace program was adopted in Russia to help the Soviet Union overtake the West's nuclear power superiority. Instead, it resulted in the creation of a radioactive cloud that terrified the entire world. This graphic and harrowing account of the disaster follows the dozens of human stories cruelly affected by the tragedy. From the engineers and firefighters to doctors and soldiers, the children and families in the surrounding towns and villages to the animals in the forests – they all make up the story of Chernobyl, a mosaic of victims who paid the price for distant politicians' ambitions and arrogance.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Disasters, Historical Fiction



#### 14. DEEP DARK GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Molly knox Ostertag | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Everyone has secrets. Mags has teeth. Magdalena Herrera is about to graduate high school, but she already feels like an adult with serious responsibilities: caring for her ailing grandmother; working a part-time job; clandestine makeouts with a girl who has a boyfriend. And then there's her secret, which pulls her into the basement each night, drains her of energy, and leaves her bleeding. A secret that could hurt and even kill if it ever got out—like it did once before. So Mags keeps her head down, isolated in her small desert community. That is, until her childhood friend Nessa comes back to town, bringing vivid memories of the past, an intoxicating glimpse of the future, and a secret of her own. Mags won't get attached, of course. She's always been strong enough to survive without anyone's help. But when the darkness starts to close in on them both, Mags will have to drag her secret into the daylight and choose between risking everything ... or having nothing left to lose.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Survival, Fantasy, Identity



#### 15. ESCAPE FROM ST HELL GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lewis Hancox | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

In the hilarious sequel to the Eisner-nominated Welcome to St Hell, Lewis Hancox explores the next stage on his way to becoming his own true self; starting his testosterone treatment, finding the right 'look' and taking the first real steps into adulthood at university. What could go wrong? From his first time using the men's toilets, his first physical fight and his first date to his first surgery and beyond, Lewis Hancox shares the arcade game of his transgender journey of self-acceptance to moving and funny effect.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Sexuality, Transgender



## **16. HOMEBODY GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Theo Parish | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$29.75

Hello! I'm Theo. I like cats, Dungeons & Dragons . . . and I'm trans and non-binary. Ever since I was young, I've been on a journey to explore who I am. To discover the things that make me . . . me. Sometimes it can feel like the world is trying to fit you into a box, to label you one way or another, but there is nothing more wonderful than finding your true authentic self, whoever you are. Whether you are transgender or cisgender, we are all searching for ways to make our houses feel like homes . . .

Categories: Graphic Novel, LGBTQIA, Identity



## 17. HOW IT ALL ENDS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Emma Hunsinger | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Thirteen-year-old Tara lives inside the nonstop adventure of her imagination. It's far more entertaining than dull, everyday life. But when she's bumped from seventh grade directly to high school, she gets a dramatic jolt to reality. Now Tara is part of a future she doesn't feel at all ready for. She's not ready to watch the racy shows the high school kids like, or to listen to the angsty music, or to stop playing make-believe with her younger brother. She's not ready to change for PE in front of everyone, or for the chaos of the hallways, or for the anarchy of an English class that's overrun with fourteen-year-old boys.



## 18. HYO THE HELLMAKER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Mina Ikemoto Ghosh | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Meet the Hakai Family Hellmakers: Purveyors of artisan hells and unlucky days to inflict upon your enemies. They'll make it personal ... But for a price! Hyo Hakai is a hellmaker. But when a curse destroys her village, she and her brother are forced to flee to the Island of Onogoro—a place where Gods live among humans. Hyo expects the bodies when they show up, but as she investigates she is drawn into a tangled web of ens, death, conspiracy and secrets. A unique YA debut drawing on Japanese traditions and classic mystery storytelling, Hyo's world will captivate readers from start to finish.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Manga, Mystery, Thriller



#### 19. MAELSTROM: PRINCE OF EVIL GRAPHIC NOVEL, A

Lorian Merriman | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Maelstrom is a half-demon prince pining for a place in history. (Honestly, he's just bored and searching for a way to pass the time.) Twigs is the young, prophesized Hero of Virtue fated to face him—or so we've been told . . . But Maelstrom's mother, regent to the throne and a powerful necromancer, is determined to keep an iron grip on her domain. Bemoaning his lost destiny, Maelstrom teams up with the Hero to stop his mother and forge a new destiny for himself. What Twigs doesn't know is that Maelstrom has a cunning plan to build his own epic legend and double-cross Twigs at the perfect moment. . .

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery



## 20. MAKERS CLUB GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Reimena Yee | Tintin Pantoja (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Join the Makers Club, where art and science come together! This graphic novel contains two stories in one. In the first story, readers meet Nadia and Priya, who are paired up for a science fair project. With Nadia's art and Priya's coding skills, they make a video game that's sure to impress, but soon learn there's more to teamwork than just having the individual skills. In the second story, old friends Aqilah and Yong Qiang reconnect at their new school. As they both try to pursue their passions in fashion design and engineering, they'll soon find that trying to do everything and please everyone catches up to you eventually.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, School



#### 21. OF HER OWN DESIGN

Birdie Willis | Nicole Andelfinger (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

In the small town of Holden, sixteen-year-old Brie Page has been struggling with a tremendous bout of writer's block. And that's a problem. One of many she has, actually. Parents that constantly fight, her former best friend/current bully Viv Kinsley, and the gorgeous new girl Kay Ardiger are causing a bit of stress. Brie used to hide from it all in her own worlds and stories, but that seems so far away now. Until an unexpected encounter with a mischievous bookseller, Ambrose Chance, gives Brie the extraordinary ability to go beyond her problems in life and bury them deep into three new stories. Too bad the whole town of Holden had to get caught up in it too when her stories come to life. Now, when the most important people in her life are stuck in fantastical tales, Brie needs to save them by diving into her worlds and facing her worries head-on. Which would be fine...if only she was better at writing endings.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Magic



#### 22. ONCE UPON A TIME GRAPHIC NOVEL BRIELLE AND BEAR

Salomey Doku | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

First-year student Brielle, a daydreamy book lover, knows everything there is to know about fairytales. Returning to the city of Rosebridge four years after moving away, she attends Once Upon a Time University, with the intention of living her fairytale dream. And when she meets Bear, shy vice-captain of the Princes rugby team, at the bookshop where she works, Brielle's dream is off to a good start. Determined to forget the past, and with an unexpected new relationship blossoming, Brielle feels she's finally living the dream. That is, until she discovers that she's not the only one hiding something . . .

Categories: Graphic Novel, Romance



## 23. PLAIN JANE AND THE MERMAID GRAPHIC NOVEL

Vera Brosgol | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Everyone says so: her parents, the villagers, and her horrible cousin who kicks her out of her own house. Determined to get some semblance of independence, Jane prepares to propose to the princely Peter, who might just say yes to get away from his father. It's a good plan! Or it would've been, if he wasn't kidnapped by a mermaid. With her last shot at happiness lost in the deep blue sea, Jane must venture to the world underwater to rescue her maybe-fiancé. But the depths of the ocean hold beautiful mysteries and dangerous creatures. What good can a plain Jane do?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure



## 24. SAD GHOST CLUB VOLUME 4 GRAPHIC NOVEL SAD GHOST CLUB

Lize Meddings | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Welcome to Vol 4 - The Vacation Episode! When one sad ghost, alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, what happens next changes everything. Because that night, they leave the party and start the The Sad Ghost Club - a secret society for the anxious and alone, a club for people who think they don't belong. Follow the Sad Ghost Club as they navigate the joys and complexities of opening up their community - and their hearts - to new members.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



#### 25. WORST RONIN GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Maggie Tokuda-Hall | Faith Schaffer (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Being a samurai isn't easy. Sixteen-year-old Chihiro Ito knows that more than anyone. Her father is renowned among the samurai, but the only thing Chihiro is known for is spending way too much time on her phone obsessing over Tatsuo Nakano, Chihiro's idol and the first woman to be accepted into Kesi Academy, a prestigious samurai school. So, when Chihiro's father is conscripted for service and the opportunity arises to work with Tatsuo in his stead, Chihiro jumps at the chance to prove that she's worthy of a spot at Kesi Academy and the samurai title. Their mission: kill the yamauba demon terrorizing a village. With a legendary samurai like Tatsuo by her side, Chihiro is convinced victory is inevitable. But Tatsuo isn't at all like the hero Chihiro imagined. Foulmouthed, quick tempered, and a terrible drunk, Tatsuo completely turned her back on the samurai way and is now a ronin working for hire as a means of escaping the grief that haunts her. Forced to work together, the two are thrust on a treacherous journey filled with epic battles and twisted conspiracies as they must put aside their differences to save the village and face the demons of the past.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Samurai, Differences, Teamwork

## **Older Novels**

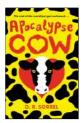


#### **26. AISLE NINE**

Ian X Cho | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Ever since the world filled with portals to hell and bloodthirsty demons started popping out on the reg, Jasper's life has gotten worse and worse. A teenage nobody with no friends or family, he is plagued by the life he can't remember and the person he's sure he's supposed to be. Jasper spends his days working as a checkout clerk at the Here for You discount mart, where a hell portal in aisle nine means danger every shift. But at least here he can be near the girl he's crushing on – Kyle Kuan, a junior member of the monster-fighting Vanguard – who seems to hate Jasper for reasons he can't remember or understand. But when Jasper and Kyle learn they both share a frightening vision of the impending apocalypse, they're forced to team up and uncover the uncomfortable truth about the hell portals and the demons that haunt the world

Categories: Apocalypse, Demons, LGBTQIA



#### 27. APOCALYPSE COW

OR Sorrel | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Mel is the only 'out' lesbian at school and desperately loves Sasha but her feelings aren't reciprocated - so when she becomes stuck in a mansion with only Dorian and school bully Ella for company, her survival relies on these two - will she ever see Sasha again, or will love appear from an unexpected source...?

Categories: LGBTQIA, Survival, Apocalypse, Romance, Relationships, Crushes

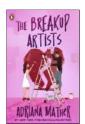


#### 28. BOY NEXT DOOR, THE

Jenny Ireland | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

The second book from commercial YA writer, Jenny Ireland. This is a friends to enemies to lovers romance that is perfect for YA readers of Emily Henry. Finbar and Molly were childhood best friends. They live next door to each other and spent hours and hours together. Until they didn't. Now 18, Fin and Molly move in very different circles. Molly is popular, pretty, dating the most handsome boy in the whole school. Fin has one friend and he's pretty sure he hates his dad and his little sister. At a party one night, though, they're pulled together in a way neither of them expects and then follows a life-changing year that will see them experiencing friendship and love an everything in between.

Categories: Romance, Relationships, Friendship



## 29. BREAK UP ARTISTS, THE

Adriana Mather | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

THE BREAKUP ARTISTS is a funny and playful romance perfect for fans of Jenny Han's The Summer I Turned Pretty and The Kissing Booth. When it's your job to break-up bad relationships, there's only one rule. DON'T fall in love. Best friends August and Valentine have an unusual summer job. They are hired by parents to break up bad high school relationships. Valentine (the brains of the operation) believes that they're making the world a little better, steering relationships off a cliff so the kids can someday find true love. August doesn't believe in soul mates. In fact, he thinks the idea of falling head over heels is ridiculous. That is until he meets the one girl who changes everything - Ella. The only problem is, she's their new case. So of course, everything he's told her is a lie...even his name. Can August and Valentine pull this break up off, without breaking their own hearts?

Categories: Friendship, Relationships, Romance, Humour



## 30. CHILDREN OF ANGUISH AND ANARCHY LEGACY OF ORISHA

Tomi Adeyemi | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

When Zélie seized the royal palace that fateful night, she thought her battles had come to an end. The monarchy had finally fallen. The maji had risen again. Zélie never expected to find herself locked in a cage and trapped on a foreign ship. Now warriors with iron skulls traffic her and her people across the seas, far from their homeland. Then everything changes when Zélie meets King Baldyr, her true captor and the man who has ravaged entire civilizations to find her. The ruler of the Skulls, Baldyr's quest to harness Zélie's strength sends Zélie, Amari, and Tzain searching for allies in foreign lands. But as Baldyr closes in, catastrophe charges Orïsha's shores. It will take everything Zélie has to face her final enemy and save her people before the Skulls annihilate them for good.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Bravery



## 31. CURE EVER AFTER, A

Angharad Walker | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Kitt has completed his financier training and returns to Lundain. The street urchin has transformed into a polished young man whose touch turns everything to gold. Os, meanwhile, has flunked his methic exams—but a unique talent brings him to the attention of the financier's Guild Master, who enlists him to develop a feeling that will grant Midasfingers to every financier. But his greed results in a terrible accident in which Lundain is consumed by toxic feelings ...

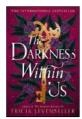
Categories: Fantasy, Supernatural, Disaster, Accident



#### 32. DANCERS OF THE DAWN

A Zulekha Afzal | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Dancer... you should call me by my true name. I'm an executioner. Aasira can remember little of her life before the Temple, a school for dancers deep in the desert. Selected for her ability to harness magic through dance, she is one of the Temple's elite students. Not only a dancer but the queen's most powerful weapon: forced to use her powers to execute enemies of the crown. But when memories of the past begin to flood back, Aasira questions who she was before she came to the temple and whether she was truly born to kill.



#### 33. DARKNESS WITHIN US, THE

Tricia Levenseller | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Chrysantha Stathos has won. By hiding her intelligence and ambition behind the mask of a beautiful air-headed girl, she has become a wealthy duchess. And, once her elderly husband dies, she will have all the freedom, money, and safety she's ever wanted. Or so she thought. A man claiming to be the estranged grandson of Chrysantha's lecherous late husband has turned up to steal her inheritance. To make matters worse, her little sister is going to be queen and is rubbing it in her face. Chrysantha decides that the only thing to do is upstage Alessandra at her own wedding. And as for this grandson, he has to go. Never mind that he's extremely handsome and secretive with mysterious powers... No, Chrysantha wants Eryx Demos dead, and in the end, a Stathos girl always gets what she wants.



#### 34. ECHOSTAR IS ALWAYS LISTENING

Melinda Salisbury | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Ruby Brookes and her best friend Deva have won free places at the Ash Tree Foundation Performing Arts Camp over the summer, but only if their school grades seriously improve. So when Deva suddenly starts getting high marks in all their subjects, leaving Ruby behind, she is confused and jealous. Until she finds out Deva's success is down to EchoStar, a new app that's helping her get ahead. Ruby is desperate to start using it too, but there is much more to EchoStar than she has imagined. Because EchoStar is always watching and listening ...

Categories: Thriller, Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Online Safety, Social Media



#### 35. ELLIE PILLAI IS NOT DONE YET

Christine Pillainayagam | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Ellie Pillai has decided to be a better friend, daughter, future sister and all round Better Person. Which means Trying To Help and sometimes doing the exact opposite. Armed with Dr Jada's podcast on how to beat heartbreak she's determined not to get distracted from her mission by Ash Anderson (ex-boyfriend), Shawn Kowalski (current bandmate) or the cute guy she just met at her Aunt's wedding (future husband?). Because Ellie Pillai is better than the boys she thinks she loves. But why is being a better person so hard? And can you beat heartbreak, if you're not really sure you want to?

Categories: Romance, Growing Up, Identity, Relationships



#### 36. END CROWNS ALL, THE

Bea Fitzgerald | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

The second fierce, fresh and enormously fun YA Greek myth fantasy re-imagining from Bea Fitzgerald, growing TikTok superstar and Sunday Times bestselling author of Girl, Goddess, Queen. Love caused this war. At least, that's what the stories will say. When Cassandra's patron god, Apollo, offers her the gift of prophecy – and all the power that comes with it – she seizes the opportunity. But when she fails to uphold her end of the agreement, she discovers just how very far she has to fall. No one believes her visions. Which all seem to be of one girl – and she's going to start a war. Helen fled Sparta in pursuit of love – though that's proving more elusive than she'd hoped. Far from home, Helen's navigating all the politics and backstabbing of the Trojan court. And one princess seems particularly intent on driving her from the city. . . But when war finally strikes, it's more than the army at their walls they must contend with. Cassandra and Helen might hold the key to reweaving fate itself – especially with the prophetic strands drawing them ever closer together. But how do you change your future when the gods themselves are dictating your demise?

Categories: Fantasy, Mythology, Greek Myths, Love, War, Feminism



#### 37. EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THAT SONG

Jenna Voris | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Told in alternating perspectives, Every Time You Hear That Song is a swoonworthy summer road-trip romance, perfect for fans of Taylor Jenkins-Reid and Casey McQuiston. Seventeen-year-old aspiring journalist Darren Purchase is looking for a news story to launch her career and get her out of her sti-fling small town. When her country music idol Decklee Cassel dies, leaving behind a trail of cross-country musical clues to her final album, Darren sees her opportunity for fame and freedom. All she needs is a car, though the only driver she knows is her annoying co-worker, Kendall . . . As Darren and Kendall get closer to the prize – and each other – everything Darren thought she knew about the woman she idolized begins to unravel. What actually happened to Decklee's songwriting partner? And who were all those soul-stirring love songs written for?

Categories: Romance, Relationships, LGBTQIA, Fame



#### **38. EVERYTHING WE NEVER SAID**

Sloan Harlow | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Dark romance, high stakes and plot twists abound in Sloan Harlow's debut YA thriller, perfect for fans of Colleen Hoover. The dead keep the best secrets . . . It's been months since Ella's best-friend, Hayley, died and everywhere she looks she sees reminders of her - including Sawyer, Hayley's boyfriend. Soon, the two grow closer, finding comfort in each other. Racked with guilt, Ella turns to Hayley's journal, but what she finds leaves her terrified. The Sawyer in these pages is nothing like the kind and thoughtful boy she knows. Torn, Ella finds herself having to make a choice. Yet making the wrong one could have fatal consequences . . .

Categories: Romance, Thriller

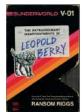


#### 39. EXES, THE

Anam Iqbal | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When Karim and Zara meet, sparks shouldn't fly. They've got nothing in common- Karim - with his on and offline clique, The Exes - is a globally renowned influencer. Zara is just a normal teen, trying to get into uni, and not bring shame to the family by getting distracted by silly boys. Sparks do fly though. With Zara, Karim can finally let his guard down, while his glamorous world offers Zara an escape from her parent's control. But someone has their eye on them - a secret gossip who's been spilling truths about The Exes for years. While Karim and Zara's dates get swoonier, the blogger's posts get more personal - and more threatening. Can Karim and Zara unmask their tormentor in time to get their happily ever after? Or does fate have other plans in store for them?

Categories: Romance, Fame



## 40. EXTRAORDINARY DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LEOPOLD BERRY, TH

Ransom Riggs | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

In the blurry weeks after his mother's death, a young Leopold discovered VHS tapes of its one and only season in a box headed for the trash-and soon became obsessed. Losing himself in Sunder was the best way to avoid two things: grieving his mother and being a chronic disappointment to his overbearing father. But when the strange visions return-at the worst possible time on the worst possible day-Leopold turns to his best friend Emmet for help. Together they discover that Sunder is much more than just an old TV show, and that Los Angeles is far stranger than they ever imagined. And soon, he'll realize that not only is Sunderworld real, but it's in grave danger.

Categories: Fantasy, Alternate Universe, Family Unit, Destiny, Self Belief



#### 41. GATHERING DARK: ANTHOLOGY OF FOLK HORROR, THE

Tori Bovalino | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

A cemetery full of the restless dead. A town so wicked it has already burned twice, with the breath of the third fire looming. A rural, isolated bridge with a terrifying monster waiting for the completion of its summoning ritual. A lake that allows the drowned to return, though they have been changed by the claws of death. These are the shadowed, liminal spaces where the curses and monsters lurk, refusing to be forgotten. Hauntings, and a variety of horrifying secrets, lurk in the places we once called home. Written by New York Times bestselling, and other critically acclaimed, authors these stories shed a harsh light on the scariest tales we grew up with.

Categories: Short Stories, Horror, Ghost Stories, Supernatural, Folktales, Folklore



## **42. GENTLEST OF WILD THINGS**

Sarah Underwood | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A fantasy romance, by dazzling new talent Sarah Underwood, inspired by Greek mythology and the tale of Eros and Psyche. On the island of Zakynthos, nothing is more powerful than Desire-love itself, bottled and sold to the highest bidder by Leandros, a power-hungry descendent of the god Eros. Eirene and her beloved twin sister, Phoebe, have always managed to escape Desire's thrall. Until Leandros' wife dies mysteriously and he sets his sights on Phoebe. Determined to keep her sister safe, Eirene strikes a bargain with Leandros: if she can complete the four elaborate tasks he sets her, he will find another bride. But it soon becomes clear that the tasks are part of something bigger; something related to Desire and Lamia, the strange, neglected daughter Leandros keeps locked away. Lamia knows her father hides her for her own protection, though as she and Eirene grow closer, she finds herself longing for the outside world. But the price of freedom is high, and with something deadly-something hungry-stalkingthe night, that price must be paid in blood . . .

Categories: Fantasy, Mythology, Greek Myths, Romance



## 43. GHOST OF US. THE

James I. Sutter | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Cara wants to prove ghosts are real – then she finds one. He's willing to help Cara on one condition: date his sister out of her depression. A supernatural LGBT love triangle, filled with sparky humour and spooky romance. Seventeen-year-old Cara is an aspiring ghost hunter, determined to show she's more than a high school outcast by finding proof of the supernatural. Then she stumbles upon the spirit of Aiden, a popular boy who died a year ago. Yet Aiden has his own plan to help his reclusive sister Meredith recover from his death. And he's decided Cara's the girl for the job. Cara agrees to ask Meredith out in exchange for Aiden helping her prove there's life beyond death. No dates, no ghost. Wooing the standoffish Meredith isn't going to be easy, however. With Aiden's coaching, Cara slowly wins Meredith over – and finds herself really falling for her in the process. But all that time spent scheming with Aiden gives her feelings for him too. Can Cara carry on dating and deceiving Meredith – or will she have to give up the ghost?

Categories: Relationships, Romance, LGBTQIA+Grief, Loss, Supernatural, Ghosts



#### **44. GIRL FORGOTTEN**

April Henry | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Seventeen years ago, Layla Trello was murdered and her killer was never found. Enter true-crime fan Piper Gray, who is determined to reopen Layla's case and get some answers. With the help of Jonas-who has a secret of his own-Piper starts a podcast investigating Layla's murder. But as she digs deeper into the mysteries of the past, Piper begins receiving anonymous threats telling her to back off the investigation, or else. The killer is still out there, and Piper must uncover their identity before they silence her forever.

Categories: Thriller, Suspense



#### **45. GLASS SCIENTISTS GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE**

SH Cotugno | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

The gothic worlds of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Frankenstein, and more collide in this graphic novel series about buried secrets, mad science, and misunderstood monsters. For fans of stylish reimaginings like Lore Olympus and gaslamp fantasies like The Night Circus! London isn't the safest place for mad scientists these days. After that whole ordeal with Frankenstein, angry mobs have gotten awfully good at hunting down monsters and wiping out anything they don't understand. In fact, if it weren't for one extraordinary young man, every out-of-the-box thinker would have been locked up... or worse.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



#### 46. HEART OF THE WORLD, THE ISLES OF THE GODS

Amie Kaufman | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

They fell in love in the shadow of war. But can their love withstand the ambitions of the gods? When Selly and Leander began their treacherous voyage to the Isles of the Gods, the captain's daughter and the playboy prince were strangers. But amidst talk of war and a deadly attack on their ship, the unthinkable happened. They fell in love. Leander's ritual at the island temple was meant to prevent a war between the gods. Instead, it nearly cost him his life, and drew the goddess Barrica back from her exile. Now, as her Messenger, Leander's imbued with her deadly magic, and only Selly's presence can stop it from consuming him. But Barrica wasn't the only immortal roused from sleep. The God of Risk, Macean, was awakened by an enemy all thought dead, and across the sea he's calling for war. The fight to save their world will take Selly and Leander from the gilded ballroom of the royal palace to the hallowed halls of an ancient library. Battle lines will be drawn, and bonds will break. With the wrath of gods and the machinations of power-hungry rulers straining their loyalties, can their love withstand the trials that await them?

Categories: Fantasy, Romance, War



## 47. HEMLOCK HOUSE LIAR'S BEACH

Katie Cotugno | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

There's a killer in Hemlock House . . . It's been a year since Michael Linden found a dead body in his best friend's pool. Now, the only thing he wants is a stress (and murder) free freshman year. And it's all going to plan, especially as a reunion with his hot ex-girlfriend Greer is on the cards. That is until they find her roommate dead in their dorm, Hemlock House. Linden knows he should leave it to the police, but when clues point to Greer as the intended target, he decides to investigate. But with nearly everyone on campus hiding something, are some mysteries better left buried . . ?

Categories: Thriller, Murder, Mystery



## 48. HOW FAR WE'VE COME

Joyce Efia Harmer | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Enslaved on a plantation in Barbados, Obah dreams of freedom. As talk of rebellion bubbles up around her in the Big House, she imagines escape. Meeting a strange boy who's not quite of this world, she decides to put her trust in him. But Jacob is from the twenty-first century. Desperate to give Obah a better life, he takes her back with him. At first it seems like dreams really do come true – until the cracks begin to show and Obah sees that freedom comes at an unimaginable cost . . . Hopeful and devastating, this powerful novel about equality, how far we've come, and how far we still have to go, introduces an extraordinary new literary voice.

Categories: Slavery, Friendship, Courage, Equality, Freedom



## **49. ICON AND INFERNO**

Marie Lu | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A year has passed since superstar Winter Young last saw secret agent Sydney Cossette. After barely surviving their first assignment together in London, the two haven't spoken at all. Though they're never far from the other's thoughts, or fantasies. So when Sydney shows up at Winter's studio one day with a new mission from Panacea, he has no choice but to accept. With the clock ticking, the duo prepares to head to Singapore to rescue an operative in danger, only to learn he's none other than Sydney's ex, a rogue agent known as the Arsonist. Of course, nothing is ever simple when it comes to Winter and Sydney. Especially not with the glamorous Gavi Ginsburg, a globe-trotting socialite and Winter's one-time girlfriend, in the mix. Is she back for Winter's heart - or does she have her eye on another prize?

Categories: Romance, Thriller, Spy, Espionage

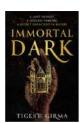


#### **50. IF MY WORDS HAD WINGS**

Danielle Jawando | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

When fifteen-year-old Tyrell Forrester gets caught up in a high-profile armed robbery, he's sentenced to eighteen months in a young offenders' prison. Now he's getting out, and he's determined to turn his life around. Despite his release, systemic discrimination makes it difficult for Ty to truly be free. Inspired by a visiting poet while inside, Ty discovers a whole new world through spoken word and is finally finding his voice. But will society ever see him as anything other than a criminal?

Categories: Prejudice, Racism, Prison, Crime, Robbery, Poetry



#### **51. IMMORTAL DARK**

Tigest Girma | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

A lost heiress must infiltrate an arcane society and live with the vampire she suspects killed her family and kidnapped her sister in this dangerously romantic dark academia debut. Orphan Kidan Adane is the heiress to a fallen House of humans bound to vampiric creatures known as draniacs. As a human, it is her responsibility to study and nurture the relationships between draniacs and humans at Uxlay University. But when her sister is kidnapped and Kidan suspects that her own house draniac, the enigmatic Susenyos, is to blame, she heads down a violent path towards vengeance, willing to hurt anyone who stands in her way.

Categories: Vampires, Vengeance, Romance



#### **52. LAST GIRLS STANDING, THE**

Jennifer Dugan | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Sloan and Cherry. Cherry and Sloan. They met only a few days before masked men with machetes attacked the summer camp where they worked, a massacre that left the rest of their fellow counselors dead. Now, months later, the two are inseparable, their traumatic experience bonding them in ways no one else can understand. But as new evidence comes to light and Sloan learns more about the motives behind the ritual killing that brought them together, she begins to suspect that her girlfriend may be more than just a survivor-she may actually have been a part of it. Cherry tries to reassure her, but Sloan only becomes more distraught. Is this gaslighting or reality? Is Cherry a victim or a perpetrator? Is Sloan confused, or is she seeing things clearly for the very first time? Against all odds, Sloan survived that hot summer night. But will she survive what comes next?

Categories: Mystery, Murder, Scandal, Romance



#### **53. LAST SEEN ONLINE**

Lauren James | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When Delilah meets Sawyer Saffitz (son of the Anya Saffitz, aka Hollywood royalty), she becomes hooked on a decade-old scandal. In her quest for the truth, Delilah uncovers blogposts written by the mysterious "gottiewrites" and is soon caught up in a world of greed, fandom conspiracy theories ... and murder. And the deeper Delilah digs, the more dangerous it becomes – because someone is willing to kill to hide the truth.

Categories: Mystery, Murder, Crime, Scandal, Online, Social Media, Romance



## **54. LIGHT THAT BLINDS US, THE**

Andy Darcy Theo | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

After a childhood haunted by disturbing hallucinations of the Shadow Man, Alexis Michaels's only comfort is the blue amulet he's had since before he can remember. Now, the visions have gone, and Alexis craves a normal life. But when a trip to Stonehenge unites him with three other teens carrying similar gems, normality is abandoned when they are plunged into a hidden world of power-wielding Elementals, and told they are the chosen ones, destined to save the world from an eternal night. Trained by legends and guided by heroes, Alexis and his companions must venture on a perilous quest, facing tests of love, loss, and loyalty. But a dark past plagues Alexis as they prepare to defeat an adversary more ominous than they could imagine, and a looming secret sets to corrupt the mission, their lives, and his mind.

Categories: Fantasy, Quest, Courage, Friendship, Loyalty



#### **55. LOVER BIRDS**

Leanne Egan | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

When Isabel Williams moves to Liverpool, she criticises seemingly everything in Eloise Byrne's life – her city, her accent, her trademark boldness – so if, when she catches Isabel staring, Eloise feels her pulse race, it must be because they hate each other. It surely couldn't be for any other reason, could it? Eloise needs to get her ADHD under control in time for A-Levels, but when she meets Isabel, school becomes the least of her concerns. What begins as outright contempt turns into an oddly satisfactory rivalry, but for their rivalry to shift further into romance, their relationship must withstand Isabel's classism, Eloise's distrust, and whatever secrets their friends are hiding from them.

Categories: Romance, Relationships, ADHD



#### **56. MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE**

Rachael Lippincott | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Hollywood teen actor Arden James' messy reputation is interfering with her career when a notoriously picky director won't give her a role based on her party-girl image. So she and her publicist make up a lie – not only is she from a small town (true) but her childhood best friend Caroline, is her long-term girlfriend (false) and she can prove it when she goes home for Christmas.? Caroline Beckett hasn't thought about her ex-best friend Arden James for years, focusing instead on her dreams about becoming a journalist. When Arden turns up on her doorstep and promises her an article in Cosmopolitan magazine on their twelve snow-covered romantic days together, Caroline agrees to play along. ? But when old feelings start to bubble up, what will fall faster – Arden and Caroline or the Christmas Eve snow? ? A gorgeous, heartwarming cosy romance – perfect for the holidays!

Categories: Romance, LGBTQIA, Friendship, Christmas



#### **57. MONSTROUS KIND, THE**

Lydia Gregovic | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Merrick Darling's life is better than most. As the daughter of a powerful lord, she wants for nothing – yet she will never inherit her family's Manor. Her only options are a smart marriage, or to live at the kindness of her practical and regimented elder sister, Essie. Until the day her father dies in mysterious circumstances, and Merrick is torn from her glamorous New London society life to Norland House, her family's mist–shrouded ancestral home. But the Manor has changed while Merrick has been away. Once strong and capable, Essie is withdrawn and frightened, and with good reason. The borders – their main defence against the toxic mist that has claimed much of their nation, and the deadly monsters that lurk within – have been failing for unknown reasons. When Essie goes missing, it's clear that Merrick needs help. But who can she trust when everyone seems to be scheming, and all she holds true feels like it's slipping out of her grasp?

Categories: Fantasy, Romance

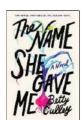


#### 58. MORE THAN THIS THE DAVENPORTS

Krystal Marquis | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

The sequel to the instant New York Times bestseller gives fans more of everything they loved about The Davenports-escapist romance, breathless intrigue, family relationships, and wealthy Black 1910s Chicago. Newly engaged Ruby Tremaine is eagerly planning her wedding to the love of her life when a nasty rumor threatens her reputation and her marriage. Olivia Davenport has committed to the social justice cause and secretly hopes she'll be reunited with dashing lawyer Washington DeWight-until her parents decide she's to marry someone else. Amy-Rose Shepherd is making her lifelong wish of owning a salon come true, but when an incident forces her to return to Freeport, she's back in the path of John Davenport, who still holds her heart. Helen Davenport is determined to get over her own heartbreak and bring the Davenport Carriage Company into the new century, even if it means teaming up with a thrill-seeking racecar driver who just loves to get under her skin.

Categories: Romance, Historical, Social Justice, Women

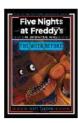


## **59. NAME SHE GAVE ME, THE**

Betty Culley | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Rynn was born with a hole in her heart—literally. Although it was fixed long ago, she still feels an emptiness there when she wonders about her birth family. As her relationship with her adoptive mother fractures, Rynn finally decides she needs to know more about the rest of her family. Her search starts with a name, the only thing she has from her birth mother, and she quickly learns that she has a younger sister living in foster care in a nearby town. But if Rynn reconnects with her biological sister, it may drive her adoptive family apart for good. This powerful story uncovers both beautiful and heartbreaking truths and explores how challenging, yet healing, family can be.

Categories: Verse Novel, Adoption, Family Unit



## **60. NIGHT BEFORE, THE** FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S: AN INTERACTIVE NOVEL

Scott Cawthorn | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Return to where it all began in this interactive prequel to the very first Five Nights at Freddy's game. You, the reader, are the Security Guard—and you've got five nights (or is it six?) to survive Freddy, Chica, Bonnie and Foxy as they try to wipe you out. With over 25 different possible endings and two difficulty settings, this one-of-a-kind, innovative novel is a uniquely entertaining experience for any Freddy fan.

**Categories:** Interactive



## **61. NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART**

Lex Croucher | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Mariel, a newly blooded captain of the Merry Men, is desperate to live up to the legacy of her grandfather, the legendary Robin Hood. Clem, a backwoods assistant healer known for her new-fangled cures, just wants to help people. When Mariel's ramshackle band kidnap Clem as retribution for her guardian helping the Sheriff of Nottingham, all seems to be going (sort of) to plan – until Jack Hartley, Mariel's father and Commander of the Merry Men, is captured in a deadly ambush. Determined to prove herself, Mariel sets out to get him back with her annoyingly cheerful kidnappee in tow. But the wood is at war. Many believe the Merry Men are no longer on the right side of history. Watching Clem tend the party's wounds, Mariel begins to doubt the cause to which she has devoted her life. As the two of them grow closer, one thing is clear. They must prepare to fight for their lives and for the lives of everybody in the greenwood.

Categories: Romance, Fantasy, Courage



#### **62. OF JADE AND DRAGONS**

Amber Chen | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Eighteen-year-old Aihui Ying dreams of becoming a brilliant engineer just like her beloved father - but her life is torn apart when she arrives a moment too late to stop his murder, and worse, lets the killer slip out of reach. Left with only a journal containing his greatest engineering secrets and a jade pendant snatched from the assassin, Ying vows to take revenge into her own hands. But to survive, she must fight to stay one step ahead of everyone. And when faced with the choice between doing what's right and what's necessary, Ying will have to decide if her revenge is truly worthwhile, if it means going against everything her father stood for . . .

Categories: Fantasy, Mystery, Mythology, Engineering, Revenge



#### **63. PLAYING THE FIELD**

Ivy Bailey | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND FOOTBALL... Durham University have the best women's football team in the League and their star striker Sadie McGrath hopes that winning this year might lead her to being picked up by one of the National Teams. The male team is much less impressive – they've never won the league and are facing relegation unless they can improve by the end of the season. But now the unthinkable has been asked of Sadie; to train the cocky, new male striker who has just moved over from the US. Arlo Hudson is a know-it-all who refuses to follow direction, and argues with her every lesson. Sadie can't stand him, even if all the other girls do think he's dreamy. What will happen when the two spend so much time together alone... Will it improve their technique? Or will Sadie be out of his league?

Categories: Romance, Sport, Soccer, Football

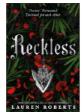


#### **64. PRETTY DEAD QUEEENS**

Alexa Donne | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

After the death of her mom (screw cancer), seventeen-year-old Cecelia Ellis goes to live with her estranged grandmother, a celebrated author whose Victorian mansion is as creepy as the murder mysteries she writes. On the surface, life is utterly ordinary in the California coastal town . . . until the homecoming queen is murdered. And she's not Seaview's first pretty dead queen. With a copycat killer on the loose, Cecelia throws herself into the investigation, determined to crack the case like the heroines in her grandmother's books. But the more Cecelia digs into the town's secrets, the more she worries that her own mystery might not have a storybook ending.

Categories: Thriller, Suspense, Murder, Mystery



## **65. RECKLESS** POWERLESS TRILOGY

Lauren Roberts | Paperback | Age 16+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

The kingdom of Ilya is in turmoil... After surviving the Purging Trials, Ordinary-born Paedyn Gray has killed the King, and kickstarted a Resistance throughout the land. Now she's running from the one person she had wanted to run to. Kai Azer is now Ilya's Enforcer, loyal to his brother Kitt, the new King. He has vowed to find Paedyn and bring her to justice. Across the deadly Scorches, and deep into the hostile city of Dor, Kai pursues the one person he wishes he didn't have to. But in a city without Elites, the balance between the hunter and hunted shifts – and the battle between duty and desire is deadly.

**Categories:** Dystopian



## **66. RUNNING AWAY FOR BEGINNERS**

Mark Illis | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

You can't run from bad news. Or can you? Jasper, 14, was just diagnosed with cancer. Treatment starts in a week and his parents want him to carry on as normal. But Jasper knows that's impossible, and his friends help organise a weekend trip to the seaside to get away from everything. It'll be like running away for beginners, they joke. But as the journey goes on, things don't go as planned and everyone's secrets come out. All, that is, except Jasper's own secret: that when it's time to go back home, he won't be going with them.

Categories: Friendship, Secrets, Cancer

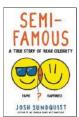


#### 67. SEA OF WOLVES, A

Sarah Street | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A fifty-year-old treaty between pirates and the city of Bray lies in tatters, so Mersey sets out to free her city - and herself - from the clutches of the Heartless King. But when her reckless plan fails, she finds herself captured by the world's most notorious pirate crew. As Mersey battles between fighting for Bray's safety and falling into the arms of the ship's cold-blooded first mate, Golde, she's soon caught up in the beginnings of a war; one she knows will have disastrous consequences for the people she loves, but just might be the thing to set her free. Amid lies, betrayal and a blossoming love for someone she is supposed to want dead, Mersey is torn between two lives.

Categories: Fantasy, Romance, Fairytale



#### **68. SEMI-FAMOUS: A TRUE STORY OF NEAR CELEBRITY**

Josh Sundquist | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

As a semi-famous internet creator, Josh Sundquist knows what it's like to chase fame, but he also knows that more fame usually means more stress. So he set out on a pseudo-scientific investigation to find out if there is any way for fame and happiness to overlap. He attempts to define the word "fame"-hint: it's harder than you'd think. He turns back time to identify the first facially-recognizable celebrity (you might know his former BFF Brutus). He digs into the numbers to debunk urban legends associated with stardom (ever heard of the 27 Club?). He talks to other semi-famous people (from K-pop sensations to former child stars) and asks them: Is this fame thing making you happy? If not, why are you doing it? If so, what's your secret? All while recounting funny stories about his own cringy fame-seeking

Categories: Fame, Celebrity, Humour, Dilemma



## 69. SERPENT SEA SPICE ROAD

Maiya Ibrahim | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Once, Imani swore to protect her home from the monsters roaming the desert. But now an even worse enemy threatens the Sahir, and as the Harrowlanders march south with their stolen magic, it is only a matter of time before the invasion begins. The only chance for survival is a dangerous alliance with Qayn, a djinni king. If Imani journeys with him on a quest beyond the sands to restore his lost powers, he will summon a supernatural army to save her people. Meanwhile, her rival, Taha, has been captured and is on a dangerous mission of his own. One wrong move could cost them their lives – and everyone they love. But they may find that there is more than meets the eye crossing the Serpent Sea . . . and betrayal cuts deeper than any dagger.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure

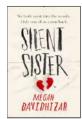


#### 70. SIGNED SEALED DEAD

Cynthia Murphy | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

From best-loved YA thriller author, Cynthia Murphy comes an explosive new mystery! True-Crime obsessed Paige and her family move across the Atlantic to her father's eerie hometown and it's not long before she uncovers the town's dark history—a string of unsolved murders and disappearances in the 90s. And then notes start appearing at their dilapidated old home, about the secrets the house is keeping. The clues lead Paige to a diary concealed in the walls that belonged to one of the missing girls. Could this be the key to solving a quarter-of-a-century mystery, or will this make Paige the next target?!

Categories: Thriller, Murder, Mystery



#### 71. SILENT SISTER

Megan Davidhizar | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Grace can't remember how her sister Maddy disappeared, and even the police think she's lying. But it's hard to look innocent with a missing girl's blood on your clothes... One week earlier, Maddy – rejected for the college scholarship of her dreams, abandoned by her only friend on her birthday – was tired of living in Grace's shadow. She was ready to be someone new, which was exactly what was promised by an exclusive senior trip at their expensive private school. Now, without her memories of the trip, Grace must piece together notebook entries and classmates' revelations to discover how her sister disappeared. And unless Grace can find out what happened to Maddy, she'll never clear her conscience – or her name.

Categories: Mystery, Crime, Thriller



## 72. SIX OF SORROW

Amanda Linsmeier | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

For most of her life, Isabeau and her five best friends were inseparable-amazingly enough, the six girls even shared a birthday. Then a rift caused their friendships to fracture, and Iz lost everyone except Reuel, the only one who didn't abandon her. Until now. The night of their sixteenth birthday, Isabeau leaves Reuel sitting on her front porch and heads home-and in the morning, Reuel is missing. She's gone for three days, and when she reappears, there's something wrong with her. She's sick. Really sick. And she doesn't remember anything that happened while she was gone. If there's any bright side to the situation, it's that Reuel's peculiar disappearance brings the six girls back together. Their sisterhood feels as strong as it was years ago, but when another one of them disappears, they all agree that they must have more in common than simply their birthday. They all feel it. Something's been waiting for them, and that something has come to claim them one by one. Deep in their bones, they know-it's just a matter of time until they they're all taken. And if they don't save themselves, no one will.

Categories: Suspense, Thriller, Horror, Disappearance, Friendship



## 73. SLEEP LIKE DEATH

Kalynn Bayron | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Cinderella is dead, but Snow White fights on ... New York Times bestselling author and TikTok sensation Kalynn Bayron makes her highly anticipated return to the realm of fairy tales with this thrilling twist on the classic story of Snow White. Perfect for fans of Cinderella Is Dead. Princess Eve was raised with one purpose- to destroy the Knight, an evil sorcerer who terrorises Queen's Bridge with his wicked magic. Far too many of her subjects have been devastated by the Knight's trickery but Eve's own unique magic the ability to conjure weapons from nature makes her a worthy adversary. As she approaches her seventeenth birthday, Eve is ready to battle. But her mother, Queen Regina, has been acting bizarrely, talking to a strange mirror alone every night. Then a young man claiming to be the Knight's messenger appears and shares a shocking truth about Eve's past. Unsure of who to trust or what to do next, Eve must find the courage to fight. But will it be enough to save her family and her queendom?

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Fairytales



#### 74. SLOWCOACH

Bethany Rutter | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

For sixteen-year-old Ruby, GCSEs are over and summer has just begun, which means hanging out with her BFFs on their roller skates and having fun. She didn't expect it to mean signing up to run in the Dawson Dash - a 5k race for sporty sixth-formers. Because Ruby is NOT sporty. But she really needs to prove her mean brother and even meaner PE teacher wrong about what a fat girl can do. When Ruby starts to train, she doesn't expect that she would need help - nor that she would find it in the cute boy who has just moved in next door. Nothing this summer is working out like she expected . . .

Categories: Romance, Body Image, Positivity, Relationships, Sport



#### 75. SONG OF WRATH, THE BONES OF RUIN TRILOGY

Sarah Raughley | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Iris Marlow can't die. For years, she was tormented by her missing memories and desperate to learn her real identity. So when the mysterious Adam Temple offered to reveal the truth of who she is, it was an offer she couldn't refuse. But the truth would have been better left buried. Because Adam is a member of the Enlightenment Committee, an elite secret society built upon one fundamental idea: that the apocalypse known as Hiva had destroyed the world before and would do it again, and soon. But what the Committee—and Iris—never guessed is that Hiva is not an event. Hiva is a person...Iris.

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Monsters, Immortality, Apocalypse



## 76. SONGLIGHT THE TORCH TRILOGY

Moira Buffini | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Don't be deceived by Northaven's prettiness, by its white-wash houses and its sea views. In truth, many of its townsfolk are ruthless hunters. They revile those who have developed songlight, the ability to connect telepathically with others. Anyone found with this sixth sense is caught, persecuted and denounced. Lark has lived in grave danger ever since her own songlight emerged. Then she encounters a young woman in peril, from a city far away. An extraordinary bond is forged. But who can they trust? The world is at war. Those with songlight are pawns in a dangerous game of politics. Friends, neighbours, family are quick to turn on each other . . .

Categories: Post Apocalyptic, Dystopian, Difference, Discrimination, Danger, War, Betrayal



#### 77. STORM AND THE SEA HAWK, THE GEOMANCER

Kiran Millwood Hargrave | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Ysolda is on the run, travelling with a rebellious princess to the wilds of the Drakken Peak - on the back of a huge sea wolf. With her faithful sea hawk Nara by her side, her quest to find the fabled magic of the Geomancer is just beginning ...

Categories: Fantasy, Magic Realism



## 78. SUCH CHARMING LIARS

Karen McManus | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

For all of Kat's life, it's just been her and her mother, Jamie – except for forty-eight hours twelve years ago when Jamie was married and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam. That all ended in a swift divorce, and Kat and Liam haven't spoken since. Now Jamie is a jewel thief trying to go straight, but she has one last job – at billionaire Ross Sutherland's 80th birthday party. Kat has figured out a way to tag along to the dazzling Sutherland compound, but neither she nor her mother know about the other surprise guests that weekend– Liam and his father, a serial scammer who has his own sights set on Ross Sutherland's youngest daughter. Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when a Sutherland dies, they realize they might be in the killer's crosshairs themselves. They can't trust anyone–except each other. Or can they? Because if there's one thing both Kat and Liam know, it's how to lie. They learned from the best.

Categories: Thriller, Crime, Suspense



#### 79. THIS BOOK WON'T BURN

Samira Ahmed | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Reading is dangerous because it shows us the truth. Words give us power; that's why some adults want to silence us' Noor Khan is the new girl at school. Moving to the tiny town of Bayberry with her mother and sister after their family life is upended, she's determined to keep her head down and make it through her final year, unnoticed. While hiding out in her school library, Noor notices that hundreds of books are being removed from the shelves and boxed up: a new school policy banning books that parents object to. Worse, almost all the books being targeted are by queer and BIPOC authors. Outraged, Noor and her new friends decide to read some of the banned books out loud to their classmates, to protest this new policy at school. But in Bayberry, trouble is never far behind. Can Noor effect change by speaking up, while navigating the politics of small-town life? And can she trust the son of the school board president, who she finds herself falling for?

Categories: Books, Libraries, Reading, Community, Activism, Censoring



#### **80. TWO SIDES TO EVERY MURDER**

Danielle Valentine | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Holly Jackson's A Good Girl's Guide to Murder meets Cynthia Murphy's Win Lose Kill Die in this explosive YA thriller from Danielle Valentine. Most people's births aren't immortalized in a police report. Olivia was born during the infamous Camp Lost Lake murders but, when she begins questioning the events surrounding her birth, she finds there's a lot more to that tragic night. Most people don't spend their childhood on the run. Reagan's mother might be considered guilty of murder, but Reagan knows she's innocent. Tired of running, she returns to Camp to clear her mother's name. Only, someone wants the past to remain buried – and will kill again to do so. If they're to stay alive, Olivia and Reagan must work together fast to uncover the truth. . .

Categories: Murder, Mystery, Thriller, Suspense



#### 81. US IN THE BEFORE AND AFTER

Jenny Valentine | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

At the start of a long, hot summer best friends Elk and Mab face the fallout of a sudden death, and the lifelong consequences of a single tragic act. An intensely emotional story that raises questions about love, ghosts, and the unshakeable bonds of friendship.

Categories: Friendship, Grief, Loss, Tragedy, Love



#### 82. WARRIOR OF LEGEND

Kendare Blake | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Reed is officially a member of the immortal order of the Aristene. She even has a new name- Machianthe. It's everything she's ever dreamed of so why isn't she happy? Maybe it's because every hero she helps can only find glory at the cost of their life. Or maybe it's because she can't stop thinking about the prince she left behind. Now Reed looks for any opportunity to help with low-risk hero's trials. And a princess looking for a glorious marriage? Nothing could be less dangerous. But Hestion is one of the suitors, and while Reed is occupied trying to win him back, an old danger is gaining strength. To battle the growing threat, the Aristene must band together, but the order has never been more divided. Will Reed be able to survive this war with her chosen family and her heart intact?

Categories: Fantasy, Heroes, Romance, War, Survival



#### 83. WHEN HARU WAS HERE

Dustin Thao | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

We Are Okay meets Wandavision in this novel about loss, and learning to let go. After the death of his best friend, Eric Ly creates imaginary scenarios in his head to deal with his grief. Until one of them becomes real and a boy he met last summer in Japan finds his way back into his life. When he least expects it, Haru Tanaka walks into the coffee shop and sits down next to him. The only thing is, nobody else can see him. In a magical turn of events, Eric suddenly has someone to connect with, making him feel less alone in the world. But as they spend more and more time together, he begins to question what is real. When he starts losing control of the very thing that is holding him together, Eric must finally confront his reality. Even if it means losing Haru forever.

Categories: Loss, Grief, Mental Health, Relationships, Friendships

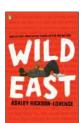


#### **84. WHERE THE HEART SHOULD BE**

Sarah Crossan | Hardback | Age 14+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Ireland, 1846. Nell is working as a scullery maid in the kitchen of the Big House. Once she loved school and books and dreaming. But there's not much choice of work when the land grows food that rots in the earth. Now she is scrubbing, peeling, washing, sweeping for Sir Philip Wicken, the man who owns her home, her family's land, their crops, everything. His dogs are always well fed, even as famine sets in. Upstairs in the Big House, where Nell is forbidden to enter, is Johnny Browning, newly arrived from England- the young nephew who will one day inherit it all. And as hunger and disease run rampant all around them, a spark of life and hope catches light when Nell and Johnny find each other. This is a love story, and the story of a people being torn apart. This is a powerful and unforgettable novel from the phenomenally talented Sarah Crossan.

**Categories:** Historical Fiction



#### **85. WILD EAST**

Ashley Hickson-Lovence | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When fourteen-year-old Ronny's life is struck by tragedy, his mum decides it's finally time they move out of East London. In his new city, as a Black teenager in a mostly white school, Ronny feels like a complete outsider and struggles to balance keeping his head down with his ambition of becoming a rapper. But when a local poet comes into class, Ronny discovers a world he's never considered before. Rap is like spoken word, bars equal poetry - and maybe the combination of both could be the key to achieving his dreams?

Categories: Verse Novel, Family Unit, Moving House, Tragedy, Poetry, Prejudice



#### 86. WISTERIA BELLADONNA

Adalyn Grace | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Blythe Hawthorn has never let anyone tell her what to do... and she's not about to start now. Headstrong and passionate, she won't be ruled by society, or by her overprotective father, and certainly not by the man she's bound herself to, no matter how insufferable he is. She's determined to be a thorn in his side for the rest of her days, even as he ensues that her life in his palace is anything but the decadent fairytale she imagined. But as Blythe discovers a new side of herself linked to his past, she'll have to decide if she's willing to let an unexpected spark ignite... and discover the real truth about who she is inside.

**Categories: Gothic** 

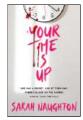


#### 87. YOU: THE STORY

Ruta Sepetys | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$18.70

Life is a story in motion. Each day, you add to your story, revise it, and view it from a different angle. You erase things. Tear pages out. And sometimes, in hindsight, wish you could put them back. A day is a story. A year is a story. A life is a story. You are a story. You- The Story is a powerful how-to book for aspiring writers that encourages you to look inward and excavate your own memories in order to discover the authentic voices and compelling details that are waiting to be put on the page. Masterfully weaving in humorous and heartfelt stories from her own life that illustrate an aspect of the craft of writing (such as plot, character development, or dialogue), Sepetys then inspires readers with a series of writing prompts and exercises.

Categories: Writing, Ideas, Stories, Literature, Creativity



## 88. YOUR TIME IS UP

Sarah Naughton | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Zaina never meant to get involved. The plan was always to focus on her exams and make her dad proud. None of this is what she'd planned for. Chanelle never made it to the exam; Nero's convinced he saw something last night and Ysla can't stop crying. But now Zaina can't help but scratch the surface of secrets that desperately want to stay hidden, and as the seconds tick by, she begins to wonder: how far will the other candidates go to keep her from the truth?

Categories: Thriller, Mystery, Intrigue, Truth

# **Secondary Information**



## 89. DAUGHTER OF AUSCHWITZ, THE (YA EDITION)

Tova Friedman | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Tova Friedman was just five years old when she and her mother were sent to a Nazi labour camp. She turned six in Auschwitz. At twelve she was on her way to America, ready to start a new life and tell her tale of survival. From the destruction of the Jewish ghetto in central Poland, where she lived as a young girl, to the dark days of the camps and eventual liberation by Russian forces in 1945, Tova's story is one of incredible courage, resilience, bravery and the enduring power of hope. Her extraordinary journey – told in the bestselling The Daughter of Auschwitz – is reimagined here for young readers with respected children's author Hilary Freeman. It includes historical context about the Second World War and the Holocaust, an afterword that contextualises Tova's later life and work campaigning against antisemitism, and a Q&A section featuring the questions she's most frequently asked about her story. An extraordinary true account that will help young readers understand the scale of what happened and why it must never happen again.

Categories: Biography, Memoir, History, World War 2, Holocaust, Survival

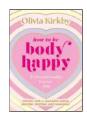


#### 90. GROWING UP INDIAN IN AUSTRALIA

Aarti Betigeri | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

Growing Up Indian in Australia reflects and celebrates this vibrant diversity. It features contributions from Australian-Indian writers, both established and emerging, who hail from a wide range of backgrounds, religions and experiences. This colourful, energetic anthology offers reflections on identity, culture, family, food and expectations, ultimately revealing deep truths about both Australian and Indian life.

Categories: Diversity, Culture, Anthology, Identity



#### 91. HOW TO BE BODY HAPPY: FEEL COMFORTABLE IN YOUR SKI

Olivia Kirkby | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Join Olivia Kirkby on her journey to accepting herself as perfectly imperfect and learn how you can too. In this inspiring book for teenage girls aged 13+, Olivia talks openly and honestly about growing up with body issues, low self-worth, and an unhealthy relationship with food. By setting herself free from society's beauty ideals, she learned to appreciate and love her changing body. With advice from a specialist eating disorder dietitian and a counsellor, Olivia will share her tips for finally feeling comfortable with yourself!

Categories: Self Esteem/Resilience, Body Image



#### 92. LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

Kat Mckenna | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

The must-have handbook for Taylor Swift fans, and the ONLY companion you need for the Eras Tour! What does it mean to be a FAN? If you're a Swiftie, you know that it takes commitment and dedication to be in a fandom. And there's nothing more rewarding than sourcing Taylor Swift news and updates, anticipating new music and meeting fellow fans. But fan culture today is more intense than ever, from trolling to stalkers to online warfare. So how did we get here? Discover the history of the first fandoms, the many Eras of Taylor Swift, the politics of celebrity and cancel culture, and above all: why being a fan is so special. Featuring interview with key Taylor Swift fans and celebrity culture icon DeuxMoi and the founder of Swiftogeddon, this book is the ultimate guide on how to be a fan.

Categories: Famous People, Music, Celebrities



## 93. THIS IS NOT A SAD BOOK (BUT IT'S OKAY TO FEEL SAD

Elizabeth Vercoe | Grace Fraraccio (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

This Is Not A Sad Book is truly not a sad book! It's actually a practical, compassionate guide full of strategies and ideas to support yourself or someone else through grief, loss and hard times. In some parts you might even find yourself smiling. Most importantly of all - the stories, tips and advice in these pages are a reminder that even in our darkest hours, there is a way through.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Sadness, Grief