

Ruby In The Smoke

The New Cut Gang is a group of urchins ranging from 6-year-old Sharkey Bob to 13-year-old Bridie Malone. They inhabit the streets around Lambeth Walk and the New Cut. In 1892, it is a place full of gangsters, bookies, pickpockets, swindlers, horse thieves and the occasional tentative policeman.

In a play that both dramatizes and makes fun of the Sherlock Holmes stories, the great detective and Dr. Watson investigate a report of the Giant Rat of Sumatra and match wits with Professor Moriarty. In 1878 in London, Sally, now twenty-two and established in her own business, and her companions Frederick and Jim try to solve the mystery surrounding the unexpected collapse of a shipping firm and its ties to a sinister corporation called North Star.

When Geronimo Stilton's friend, Professor von Volt, discovers the location of the famous Ruby of Fire, Geronimo soon finds himself in a race to find the gem before it can fall into the hands of some dark characters.

A chance meeting with Jenny at an Oxford party leaves seventeen-year-old Chris with hope for a summer romance—and no premonition of trouble. Busy with his job and soon in love with Jenny, whose cheerful surface belies the dark uncertainty of her past, Chris misses all the signs of danger. Before he

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knows it, he's caught in the sinister web of a criminal whose desire for revenge crushes all those who stand in his way. "The story line will hook readers and hold them . . . a pageturner that raises some unsettling questions about trust and betrayal and the nature of good and evil."—School Library Journal "An engrossing, tragic story with rare depth of feeling. . . . Readers won't be able to turn the pages fast enough."—Kirkus Reviews "Fans of Robert Cormier should appreciate this tense thriller."—The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

After the death of her abusive father and loss of her beloved Ethan and their unborn child, Pattyn runs away, desperately seeking peace, as her younger sister, a sophomore in high school, also tries to put the pieces of her life back together.

Spring-Heeled Jack: The name evoked awe from both criminals and upstanding citizens alike. Some thought he was the devil, but he was actually the original superhero—leaping over the buildings of Victorian England with the help of springs in the heels of his shoes. The story begins as three young innocents escape their orphanage one dark and stormy night. As they make their way through the treacherous streets of London danger lurks, for hiding in the shadows is Mack the Knife, the most villainous of villains. Enter Spring-Heeled Jack, the springiest of heroes. But will Jack's powers be enough to save the orphans? Originally published in

paperback, *Spring-Heeled Jack* is back—now as a hardcover with eye-catching new jacket art.

Horrible Harry thinks he's the world's second-best detective—second only to Sherlock Holmes, of course. But the rest of the kids in Room 3B aren't so sure. So he's determined to prove himself by solving the latest mystery at South School—how to win the new cafeteria contest. He knows the cafeteria lady is using a special mathematical code, but can he crack the code before his classmate Mary tattles on him again? Or will the case go cold right before Harry's eyes?

In a mystery originally published in 1934, Scotland Yard's Inspector Roderick Alleyn arrives at Sir Hubert Handesley's country house party only to discover a real corpse has appeared during the guests' parlor game of "Murder." Reprint. From the internationally best-selling author of the *His Dark Materials* trilogy, a spellbinding journey into the secrets of his art—the narratives that have shaped his vision, his experience of writing, and the keys to mastering the art of storytelling. One of the most highly acclaimed and best-selling authors of our time now gives us a book that charts the history of his own enchantment with story—from his own books to those of Blake, Milton, Dickens, and the Brothers Grimm, among others—and delves into the role of story in education, religion, and science. At once personal and wide-ranging, *Daemon Voices* is both a revelation of the writing mind and the methods of a great contemporary master, and a fascinating exploration of storytelling itself.

Eleven-year-old Benny Kaminsky leads a rag-tag gang of neighborhood children as they use improbable disguises and crazy ruses while investigating such crimes as counterfeiting and stolen silver in 1894 London.

In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent

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orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.

Inspired by the works of Georgette Heyer and Jane Austen, Garth Nix's *Newt's Emerald* is a Regency romance with a fantasy twist. New York Times bestselling author Gail Carriger calls it "charming; quite, quite charming." After Lady Truthful's magical Newington Emerald is stolen from her she devises a simple plan: go to London to recover the missing jewel. She quickly learns, however, that a woman cannot wander the city streets alone without damaging her reputation, and she disguises herself as a mustache-wearing man. During Truthful's dangerous journey she discovers a crook, an unsuspecting ally, and an evil sorceress—but will she find the Emerald?

Over the course of a long summer in Wales, sixteen-year-old Ginny, the mixed-race, artist daughter of an English father and a Haitian mother, learns that she has a half-brother from her father's earlier marriage, and that her own mother may still be alive

Tick, tock, tick, tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wound them up, nothing will stop them . . . On a dark and snowy night, a tormented clockwork apprentice makes a deal with a mysterious travelling inventor - a man who some say is the devil. But unbeknownst to the apprentice, and the girl with a perhaps too-kind heart who tries to help him, this is a story within a story, and events are already far beyond their control . . .

With their parents in trouble once again, the Kidds must traverse the Australian Outback, recover a pair of stolen gems, and defeat treasure-hunting pirates

to save them! The Kidd family is on their way to Australia to find Lasseter's Gold when they are challenged by fellow treasure hunter Charlotte Badger, who challenges them to a race to the gold! But when the Kidds pull into port in Australia, their parents are suddenly arrested -- they've been framed! It turns out Charlotte Badger is a pirate, and she's planted a priceless stolen black opal on the Kidds' ship, *The Lost!* Now Bick, Beck, Storm, and Tommy have seven days to traverse the Australian Outback, find Charlotte Badger and her pirate cronies, and bring back the evidence that will prove their parents innocent. If they fail, their parents will be found guilty and thrown in prison . . . forever! "BEWARE THE SEVEN blessings . . ." When she first utters these words, 16-year-old Sally Lockhart doesn't know their meaning. But when an employee of her late father hears them, he dies of fear. Thus begins Sally's terrifying journey into the seamy underworld of Victorian London, in search of clues to her father's mysterious death.

When Saxon finds a girl with no memory on the outskirts of the Nevertyre community, his family take her in and nurse her back to health. He is wary of this stranger but compelled to learn more about her. He soon realises the danger they all face. When Kerina wakes she must fight to make sense of her situation, but she is haunted by images of her past. She is the key to the future, she just doesn't know it

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yet. To find answers, Kerina and Saxon must work together. They set off on a quest of self-discovery. Along the way they meet allies and enemies, and uncover truths too difficult to accept. Both must leave the past behind and find a way toward their future. Kerina and Saxon. Two different stories. Two separate lives. One connected future.

Cripes! Planet Earth is in DANGER! It's on a fatal collision course with Planet Pea! If they crash then Planet Pea will explode into a gazillionpillionkillion peas, and that means only one thing . . . there'll be PEAS . . . WITH EVERYTHING!!!! The fate of dinner-times world wide rests with Super Daisy. A super-fun , action-packed story with flaps, split pages and pull tabs. Readers will love taking control of the action: Pull a tab to reveal the HORROR of peas with pancakes, lemonade, chocolate mousse and trifle! Flip a flap to find out just how SUPER Super Daisy is. Turn the page to watch Super Daisy wreak havoc on all peas with a KER-POW, WHIZ-PING and BANG-SPLAT. With bold illustrations, and fun novelties, this book will provide hours of fun, again and again.

Can you hear the distant howling of hounds and the thunder of ghostly hooves? It's All Souls' Eve and Zamiel the Demon Huntsman has come to claim his prey! He's headed straight for Castle Karlstein, where the evil count has hatched an evil plan; he'll sacrifice his two young nieces to save himself. Can

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Lucy and Charlotte outwit their uncle and his oily henchmen to escape their dreadful fate? From the award-winning author of *The Golden Compass* and *The Subtle Knife* comes a spooky, funny thriller just right for those middle-grade readers looking for horror--and humor.

“A perfectly paced and tautly plotted thriller...and an incredibly accomplished debut” (Paula Hawkins, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train* and *Into the Water*), about a beloved high schooler found murdered in her sleepy Colorado suburb and the secret lives of three people connected to her. How can you love someone who’s done something horribly, horribly wrong? When a beloved high schooler named Lucinda Hayes is found murdered, no one in her community is untouched—not the boy who loved her too much; not the girl who wanted her perfect life; not the officer assigned to investigate her murder. In the aftermath of the tragedy, these three indelible characters—Cameron, Jade, and Russ—must each confront their darkest secrets in an effort to find solace, the truth, or both. In crystalline prose, Danya Kukafka offers a brilliant exploration of identity and of the razor-sharp line between love and obsession, between watching and seeing, between truth and memory. “A sensational debut—great characters, mysteries within mysteries, and page-turning pace. Highly recommended” (Lee Child, #1 New York

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Times bestselling author of the Jack Reacher novels). Hailed as “Gillian Flynn of 2017” (Yahoo! Style), compulsively readable and powerfully moving, *Girl in Snow* is “engagingly told... its endearing characters’ struggles linger in memory after this affecting work is done” (The Wall Street Journal).

The first book in Philip Pullman's classic SALLY LOCKHART quartet in a beautiful new edition. Soon after Sally Lockhart's father drowns at sea, she receives an anonymous letter. The dire warning it contains makes a man die of fear at her feet. Determined to discover the truth about her father's death, Sally is plunged into a terrifying mystery in the dark heart of Victorian London, at the centre of which lies a deadly blood-soaked jewel. Philip Pullman's ever-popular, action-packed Victorian melodramas are rejacketed for the bicentenary of Charles Dickens in 2012.

THE NEWEST OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB 2.0 SELECTION
A NEW YORK TIMES TOP TEN BESTSELLER
The epic, unforgettable story of a man determined to protect the woman he loves from the town desperate to destroy her, this beautiful and devastating debut heralds the arrival of a major new voice in fiction. Ephram Jennings has never forgotten the beautiful girl with the long braids running through the piney woods of Liberty, their small East Texas town. Young Ruby Bell, "the kind of pretty it hurt to look at," has suffered beyond imagining, so as soon as she can, she flees suffocating Liberty for the bright pull of 1950s New York. Ruby quickly winds her

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way into the ripe center of the city-the darkened piano bars and hidden alleyways of the Village-all the while hoping for a glimpse of the red hair and green eyes of her mother. When a telegram from her cousin forces her to return home, thirty-year-old Ruby finds herself reliving the devastating violence of her girlhood. With the terrifying realization that she might not be strong enough to fight her way back out again, Ruby struggles to survive her memories of the town's dark past.

Meanwhile, Ephram must choose between loyalty to the sister who raised him and the chance for a life with the woman he has loved since he was a boy. Full of life, exquisitely written, and suffused with the pastoral beauty of the rural South, *Ruby* is a transcendent novel of passion and courage. This wondrous page-turner rushes through the red dust and gossip of Main Street, to the pit fire where men swill bootleg outside Bloom's Juke, to Celia Jennings's kitchen, where a cake is being made, yolk by yolk, that Ephram will use to try to begin again with Ruby. Utterly transfixing, with unforgettable characters, riveting suspense, and breathtaking, luminous prose, *Ruby* offers an unflinching portrait of man's dark acts and the promise of the redemptive power of love.

?When the Light and the Dark Collide...Who will Maintain the Balance within the Veil? For hundreds of years, magic users have grown up with the misconception that their magic has no true origin; that they were simply gifted more than mere-mortals. This control of the narrative has suited the Fae, for their existence has been hidden; their kingdoms beyond the Veil secure. There

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has been a tenuous balance within the realms and for thousands of years the Fae have been secure in their traditions...their rule. That is, until the uprising of a dark queen; because as with all things bound by nature, with unbalance comes destruction. Until the prophecy of change was whispered throughout the realms there was an ever present sense of desolation. Now? There is hope. ----- Hudson Jacobs has no idea of the changes that are about to take her life by storm. No idea of the plans put into motion by those who know of her existence and wish to not only protect her, but solidify the prophecy by any means necessary. The only question is, will her destiny ultimately protect her or destroy her and those she holds dear to her heart. When the stakes are darkness or light, life or death, will Hudson embrace her new life or will the tenuous Veil between the mortal and Fae Realm, destroy her before she gets that chance? ----- ?Would you be willing to bleed for a Realm you never knew existed?? For a place, full of a otherworldly creatures, you are now the Queen of?How far are you willing to go to fulfill a prophecy, a future, thrust upon you at just 21 years old?In the midst of brutal attacks, Hudson is about to find out just how far she willing to go to protect the ones she loves. Her enemies? Will soon learn just how much power she truly has... Welcome to the Realm of Smoke and Shadows; this is only the beginning. This is a Reverse Harem, Epic Fantasy Romance Novel. Four compulsively readable Victorian thrillers, packed with vividly drawn characters and fascinating period detail, together in a slipcase. Includes: The Ruby in the

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Smoke, The Shadow in the North, The Tiger in the Well and The Tin Princess.

Outrageously zany and filled with non-stop surprises, Simon Reade's theatrical adaptation of *The Scarecrow and His Servant*, renowned author Philip Pullman's fictional children's tale, is an enchanting play for young readers and performers. Delve into the magical world of Scarecrow as you accompany him as Jack, his trusty help-mate, and together you can embark on adventures that will make your head spin. From dodging dangerous bandits and surviving terrifying shipwrecks, to soaring through the skies with wild birds, this play is a roller-coaster ride of never-ending escapades. But when the river-polluting Buffaloni tyrants catch up with you for a final showdown, who will come to your rescue and save the day? A production of *The Scarecrow and His Servant* ran at the Southwark Playhouse in December 2008-January 2009.

Eleven-year-old Ruby Danes has a real best friend for the first time ever, but agonizes over whether or not to tell her a secret she has never shared with anyone--that her mother has been in prison since Ruby was five--and over whether to express her anger to her mother.

This book features a marvellous collection of murderous, greedy and immoral villains brought to book by the greatest fictional detectives, who date from the golden age of crime literature as well as the present day. Follow in the footsteps of criminal masterminds and marvel at the inspired deductions of Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot and the brilliant (if timid) Mr Budd. Nick Hardcastle's line drawings make these riveting stories

come alive

“Any Sign of Life is a heartbreaking story filled with courage, friendship, and personality. Paige Miller is the perfect team-up buddy in an apocalypse. I was with her when she lost everything, and stood right next to her when she took it all back.”—Wesley Chu, #1 New York Times–bestselling author of the War Arts Saga

When a teenage girl thinks she may be the only person left alive in her town—maybe in the whole world—she must rely on hope, trust, and her own resilience. A harrowing and pulse-pounding survival story from New York Times–bestselling author Rae Carson. Any Sign of Life is a must-have for readers of Rick Yancey’s *The 5th Wave* and Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman’s *Dry*. Paige Miller is determined to take her basketball team to the state championship, maybe even beyond. But as March Madness heats up, Paige falls deathly ill. Days later, she wakes up attached to an IV and learns that the whole world has perished. Everyone she loves, and all of her dreams for the future—they’re gone. But Paige is a warrior. She pushes through her fear and her grief and gets through each day scrounging for food, for shelter, for safety. As she struggles with her new reality, Paige learns that the apocalypse did not happen by accident. And that there are worse things than being alone. New York Times–bestselling author Rae Carson tells a contemporary and all-too-realistic story about surviving against the odds in this near-future thriller. Any Sign of Life will electrify fans of Rory Power’s *Wilder Girls* and Emily St. John Mandel’s *Station Eleven*.

Almost three years earlier, Ketti had fled along with her

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eleven year-old daughter Babette and newborn son Danny, leaving her ten year-old son Patrick with his father. She had done everything possible to stay hidden. Babette was often left to care for Danny while her mother worked the night shift. Loud sounds awakened Babette one night and she went into the baby's room to find her brother Patrick fighting with her mother. Ketti seemed to be trying to kill Patrick! After the police were called, it was found that Danny was no longer living. It appeared to be a crib death-the same thing that had happened to her other baby brother Billy right before they had run away. Ketti was temporarily jailed to sort out possible child abuse charges, Patrick was taken to a Boy's Farm while Babette was put into a foster home. Before being separated, Ketti had told Babette to get the Wolfsbane from a drawer in the bedroom and to be careful around her brother Patrick. Babette was convinced that her mother was now insane, and would try to kill Patrick as soon as she was released. Babette felt strongly that she must do something to stop her mother. She was completely unaware that the prodigal son had returned for a bloody reunion of unspeakable evil.

Students are encouraged to share Shakespeare's love of language, interest in character and sense of theatre in this book. Classroom activities are thematically organised in distinctive 'stagecraft', 'write about it', 'language in the play', 'characters' and 'themes' features. Extended glossaries are aligned with the play text for easy reference.

In this sequel to the award-winning FIGHTING RUBEN WOLFE, Cameron explores the ecstasy, the danger, and

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the cost of love. Cameron Wolfe is a loser. He knows it. He's the quiet one, not a soccer star like his brother Steve or a charming fighter with a new girl every week like his brother Rube. Cam would give anything to be near one of those girls, to love her and treat her right. He especially likes Rube's latest, Octavia, with her brilliant ideas and bright green eyes. But what woman like that would want a loser like him? Maybe Octavia would, Cam discovers. Maybe he'd even have something to say. And those maybes change everything: winning, loving, losing, the Wolfe brothers, and Cameron himself.

A clever cat wins his master a fortune and the hand of a princess.

In a respectable tea-shop in London, a girl with a pistol is holding off three men. Sally Lockhart is fighting for her child - a child who is suddenly not hers any more. Sally is now twenty-five, and somebody wants to destroy her.

She is unmarried - but she receives divorce papers from a man she has never even met, let alone married. Who is this evil stranger? His trap is so well-laid that she is powerless to disprove his lies. Now he has been awarded custody of her precious daughter. Driven from her home, desperately trying to understand what's

happening, Sally is prepared to fight for her family's freedom. Even if it turns out to be a fight to the death.

Jim Taylor, Sally's oldest friend, has just been hired as a bodyguard to a princess. But Crown Princess Adelaide of Razkavia not what you'd expect. She's a London slum-child who cannot read or write; a girl Jim has been searching for ever since she vanished ten years ago.

Now she's turned up in Razkavia, a tiny Central

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European country in political turmoil. The Crown Prince is deeply in love with her, and it's easy to see why. Adelaide's courage and determination set her apart. But there are others who hate Adelaide and what she stands for, and now her life is in mortal danger... This dramatic tale of love, loyalty and adventure is the final novel in the quartet.

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