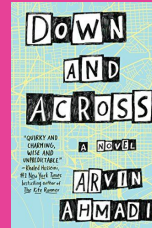
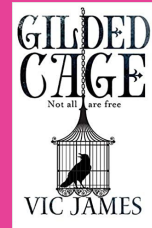
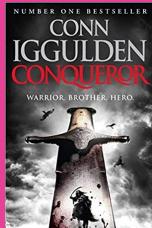
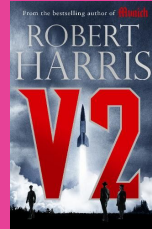
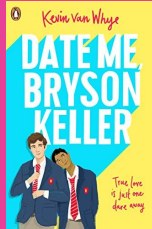
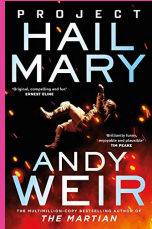
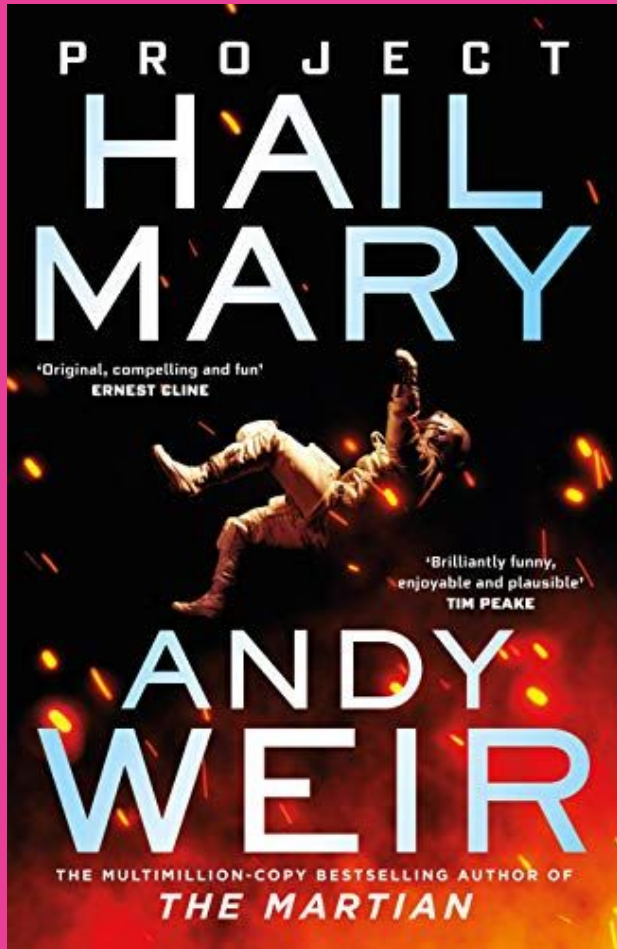


Books worth second looks

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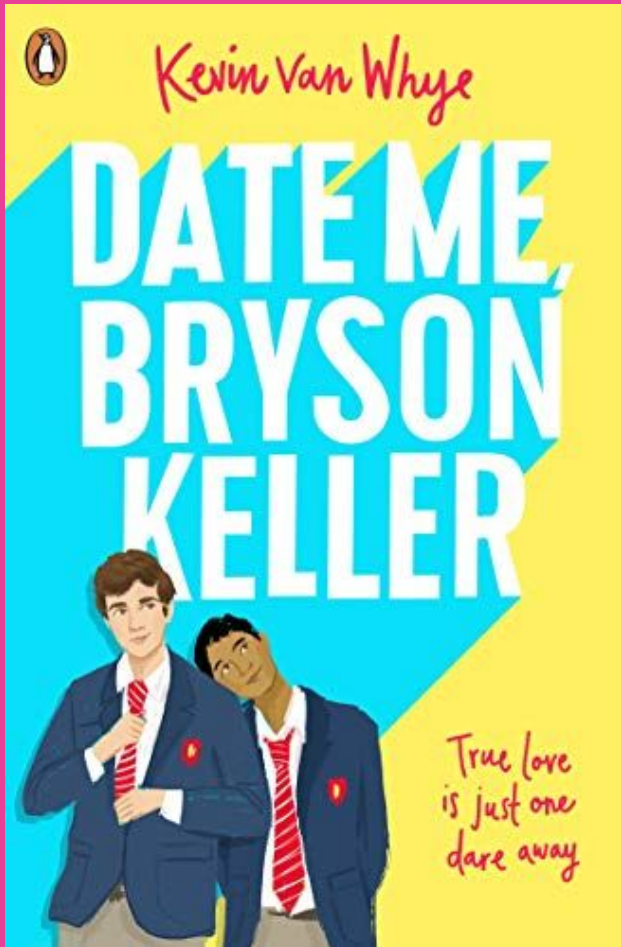




Ryland is on a desperate, last-chance mission. If he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish.

But right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

Hurling through space on a tiny ship, the rest of the crew dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery - and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

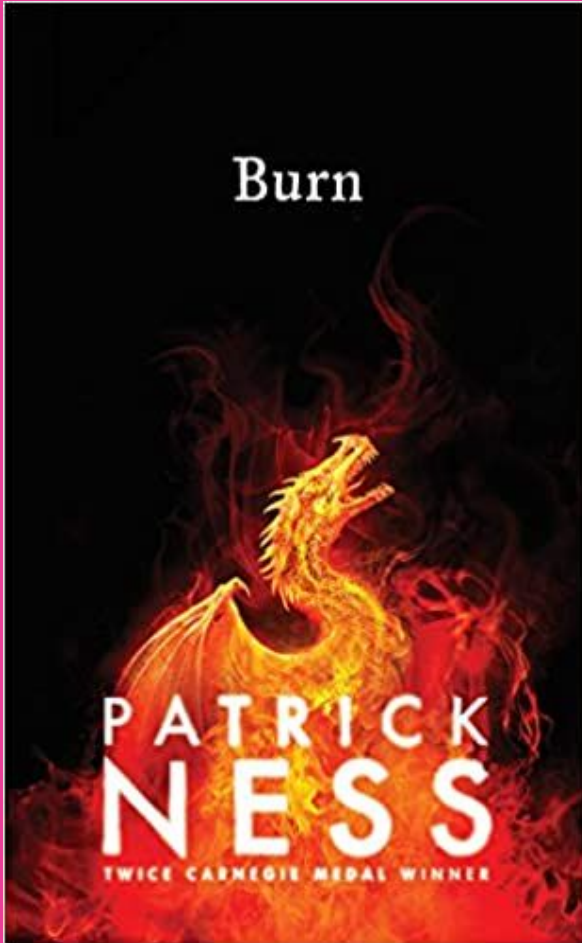


Everyone at Fairvale Academy knows Bryson Keller, the super-hot soccer captain who doesn't believe in long-term relationships. They also know about the dare Bryson accepted - each week he has to date the first person who asks him out.

All anyone gets is a single school week. No exceptions. None whatsoever.

Until one boy risks everything.

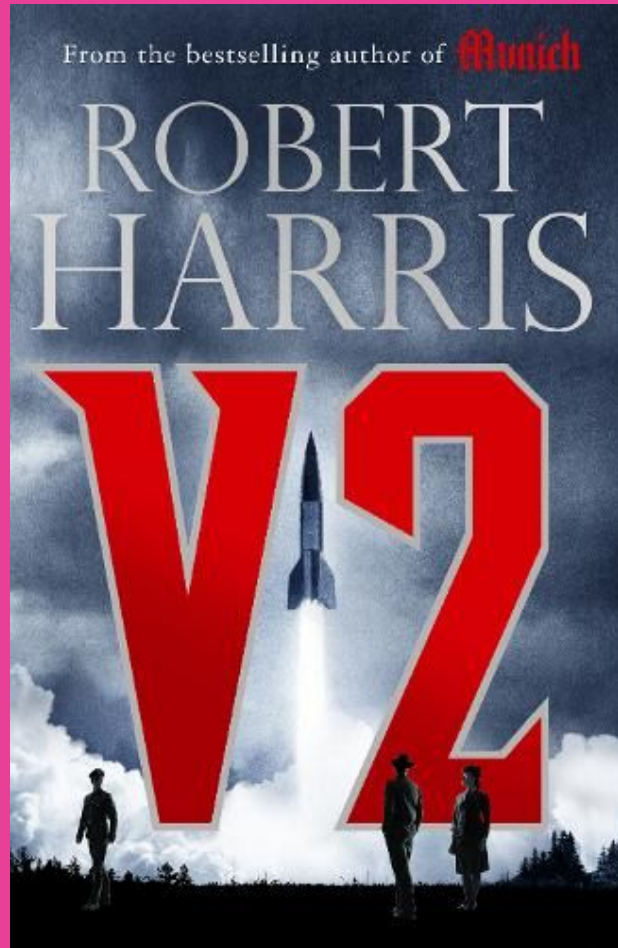
Because brilliant Bryson Keller forgot one thing. When he accepted the dare, he never said it could only be girls...



“On a cold Sunday evening in early 1957, Sarah Dewhurst waited with her father in the parking lot of the Chevron Gas Station for the dragon he’d hired to help on the farm.”

This dragon, Kazimir, has more to him than meets the eye. Dragons, supposedly, don’t have souls, yet Kazimir is seemingly intent on keeping her safe from the brutal attentions of Deputy Sheriff Emmett Kelby.

Kazimir knows something she doesn’t. He has arrived at the farm because of a prophecy. A prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult of dragon worshippers, two FBI agents – and somehow, Sarah Dewhurst herself.

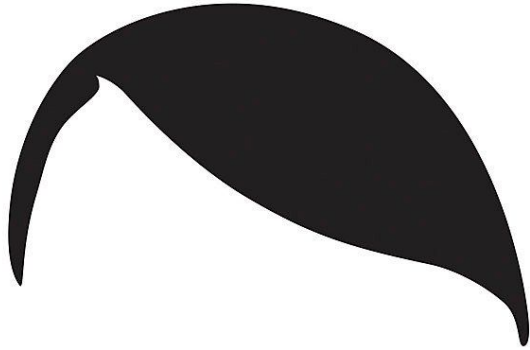


Rudi Graf has helped create the world's most sophisticated missile: the V2, capable of delivering a one-ton warhead at three times the speed of sound. Now he's tasked with firing these lethal weapons at London.

Kay Caton-Walsh is an officer in a unit of WAFs on a mission to newly liberated Belgium, attempting to locate and destroy the V2 launch sites.

But at this stage in the war it's hard to know who, if anyone, you can trust. As the death toll soars, Graf and Kay fight their grim, invisible war - until one final explosion of violence causes their destinies to collide.

TIMUR VERMES



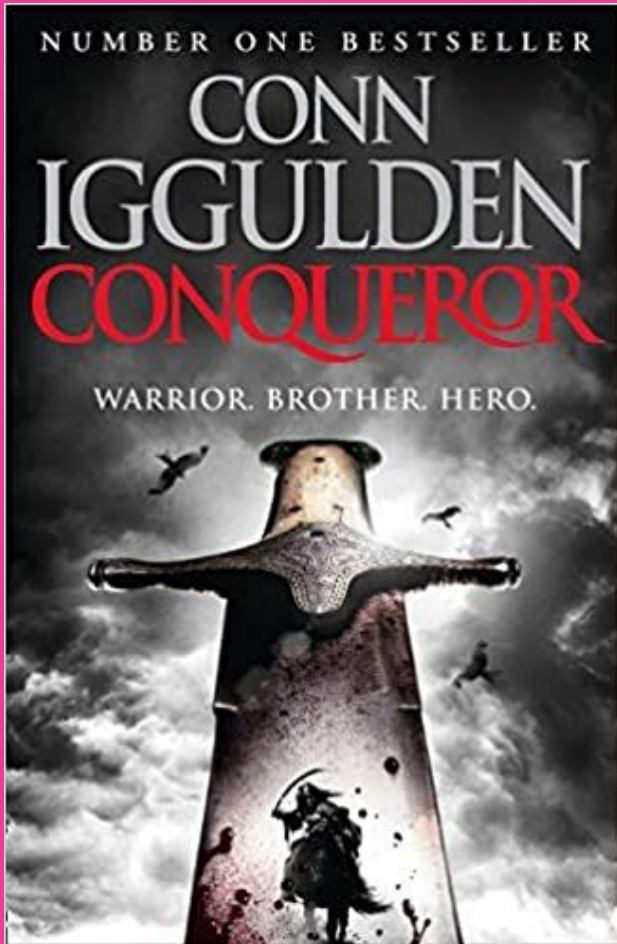
LOOK
WHO'S BACK

"Be warned. This book is funny. Very funny"
REBECCA K MORRISON, *Independent*

Berlin, Summer, 2011. Adolf Hitler wakes up on a patch of waste ground, alive and well. Things have changed - no Eva Braun, no Nazi party, no war. He barely recognises his beloved Germany, filled with immigrants and run by a woman.

People certainly recognise him, but think he's a brilliant impersonator refusing to break character. Then the unthinkable - but also the inevitable - happens: the ranting Hitler goes viral, becomes a YouTube star and gets his own TV programme. People begin to listen.

But the Führer has another programme, one with even greater ambition - to set the Fatherland he finds a shambles back to rights...



A scholar who conquered an empire larger than those of Alexander or Caesar. A warrior who would rule a fifth of the world. A man who betrayed a brother to protect a nation.

From a young academic to one of history's most powerful warriors, this is the story of Kublai Khan – an extraordinary man who ranks alongside the greatest leaders in history.

He dreams of an empire stretching from sea to sea. But to see it built, he must first learn the art of war. He must take his nation's warriors to the ends of the known world. And when he is weary, when he is wounded, he must face his own brothers in a bloody civil war.

GILDED CAGE

Not all are free

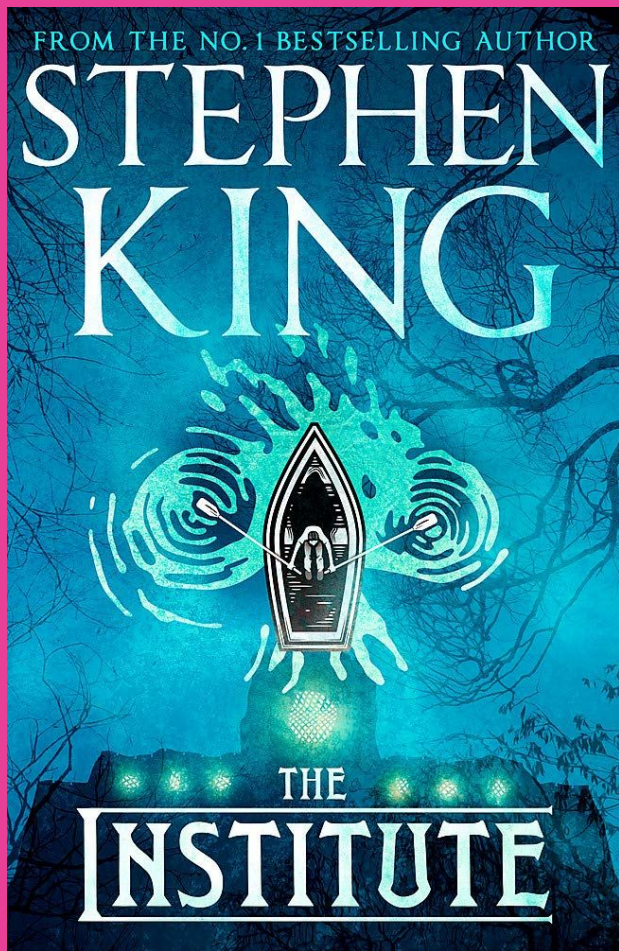


VIC JAMES

In an alternative modern-day Britain, those who have magic control everything: wealth, politics, power - and you. If you're not one of the magical elite you owe them ten years of service. Do those years when you're old, and you'll never get through them. Do them young, and you'll never get over them.

The all-powerful Jardines and the everyday Hadleys have only one thing in common: each family has three children. But their destinies entwine when one family enters the service of the other. They will all discover whether any magic is more powerful than the human spirit.

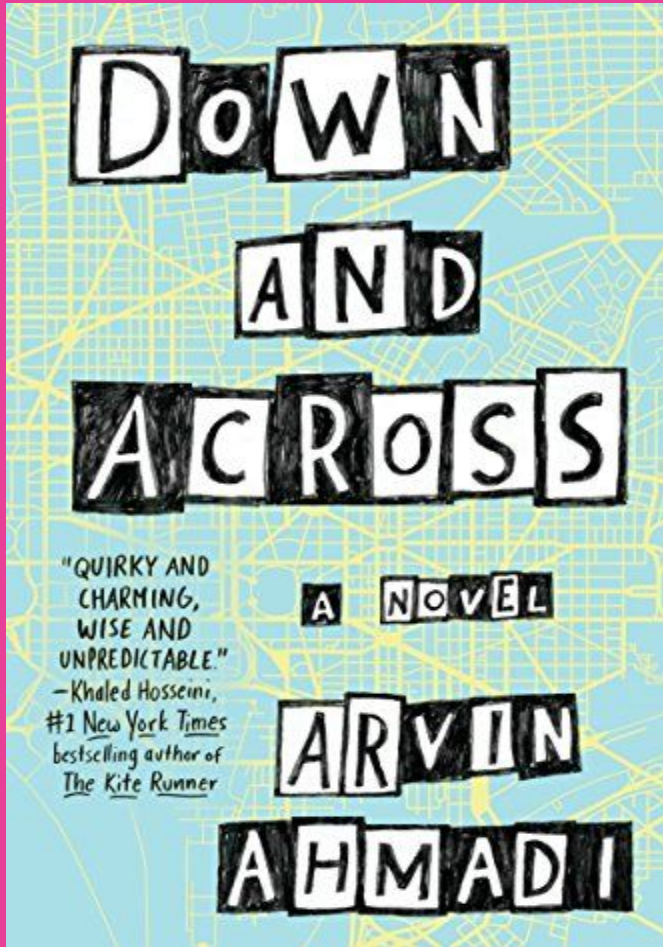
Have a quick ten years. . . .



Luke Ellis, a super-smart twelve-year-old with an exceptional gift, is abducted and taken to a secret government facility, hidden deep in the forests of Maine. Here, kids with special talents - telekinesis and telepathy - like Luke's new friends Kalisha, Nick and Iris, are used to wage a secret war.

No-one even dreams of escape. Until the arrival of a younger boy, with even greater powers.

Meanwhile, in a small town not so far away from The Institute, former policeman Tim Jamieson has taken a job working for the local sheriff. He's looking for a quiet life. He doesn't know he's about to take on the biggest case of his career...

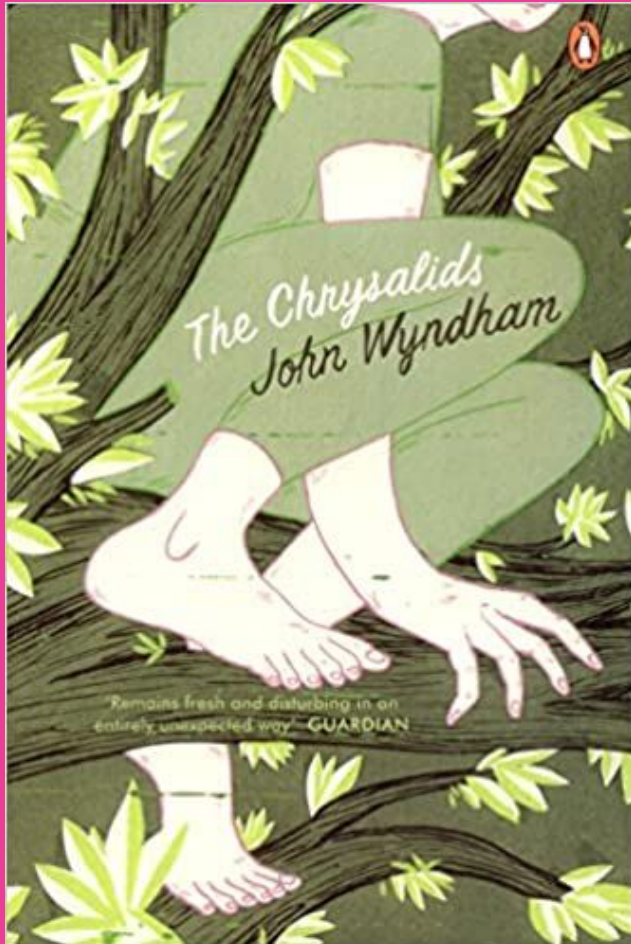


His friends know exactly what they want out of life, but Scott Ferdowski can hardly commit to a breakfast cereal, let alone a passion.

Faced with college applications and pushy parents, Scott heads off to Washington, DC, seeking guidance from a psychologist who claims to know the secret to success.

What should be a short, uneventful trip quickly spirals into anything but. Scott finds himself caught up in a high-speed chase, sneaking into bars and picking up girls.

As his life gets wilder, he finally starts to realise who he is and what he wants to be...



David lives in fear of discovery, part of a group of children who are able to communicate with each other by transferring thought-shapes into each other's minds.

Nuclear war has left the world devastated, and species subject to a host of genetic mutations. In the bleak society that has emerged from the ruins, any sign of deviation, no matter how small, is ruthlessly rooted out and destroyed.

As the children grow older, they feel more and more at risk and isolated. Then one of them marries a 'norm', with terrifying consequences. Forced to flee, David and the others head for what might just be a source of salvation...