Books worth second looks

Lower School - Summer 2023



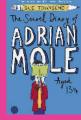






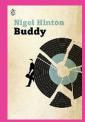


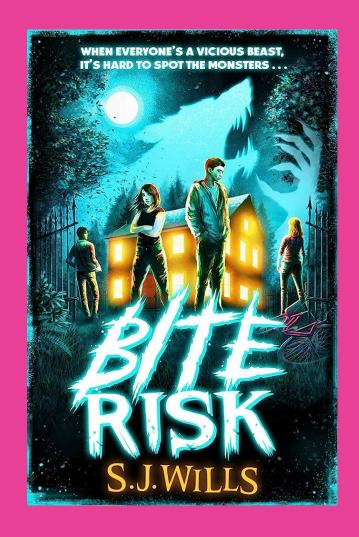






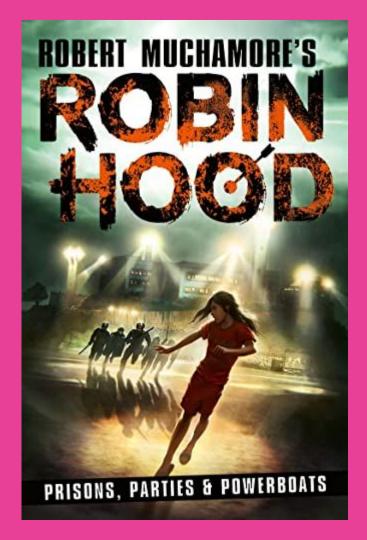




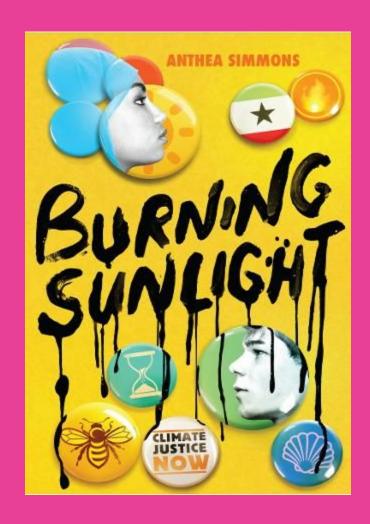


Sel Archer lives in a normal town with normal residents, except for one night a month . . . When the full moon comes out, almost all of the adults turn into werewolves, and it's up to the young people to protect themselves from danger.

But, as this quiet life begins to unravel, and the Turned start to escape, can Sel and his friends uncover exactly who - or what - is watching their every move, before it's too late?



Robin Is having fun sabotaging former Sheriff of Nottingham Marjorie Kovacevic's election campaign for President from the safety of his IT centre at Sherwood Castle. Meanwhile his best friend Marion Maid is spending time in Pelican Island, the country's most notorious prison. Then Marion's father, biker-gang leader Cutthroat Maid, offers Robin a chance to help protect Marion from other prisoners. But can they break her free? More high-octane, outrageous action from everyone's favourite teen rebel.

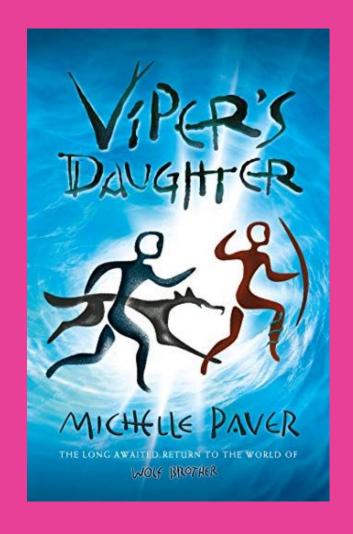


Zaynab is from a country devastated by war. Lucas is from rural Devon, which might as well be a world away. When they meet, they discover a common cause: the climate crisis.

Together they overcome their differences to build a campaign group at their school and make a real impact on the local community.

Then Zaynab uncovers a plot which could the lives of the people she left behind. She will stop at nothing to expose it.

Now both Zaynab and Lucas are in danger, leaving Lucas having to grapple with divided loyalties and the true cost of friendship.....



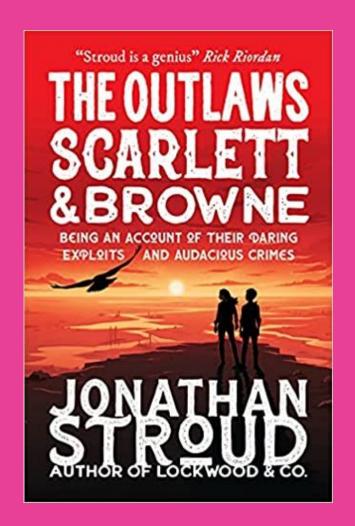
A boy. A wolf. The legend lives on...

It is the age of stone - and a time of spirits and demons.

When his friend Renn mysteriously disappears, Torak and Wolf travel to the Far North in search.

At the mercy of the Sea Mother and haunted by ravenous ice bears, their quest leads them to the Edge of the World. There they must face an enemy more evil than any they've encountered.

This is the long-awaited seventh book in the Wolf Brother series. Like all of the books, it can be read as a standalone story.



It's far in the future. Britain has been radically changed by a series of catastrophes: large cities have disappeared; London is now a lagoon. The surviving population lives in fortified towns, while strangely evolved beasts - and people - prowl the wilderness beyond.

Safety comes at a price: anyone showing signs of mutation risks exile, death - or worse. Those who fall foul of rigid rules are persecuted.

Only the brave - or the foolish - would try to make it alone. It would take extreme courage - or stupidity - to fight back. Enter two teenage outlaws, Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, whose audacity and talent quickly turn them into legends...



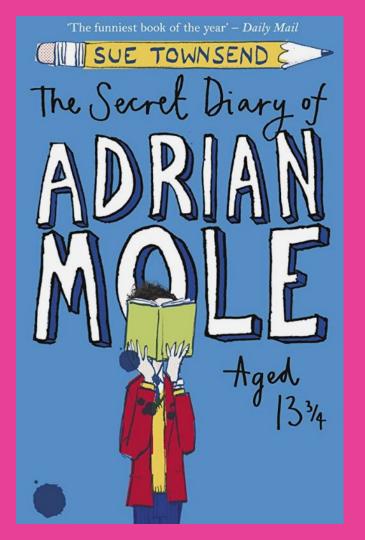
An unlikely friendship. A dangerous voyage. A story about what it means to be human.

The human race went extinct thirty years ago. Now the world is ruled by machines.

Twelve-year-old robot XR_935 likes his life. No humans around means no war, no pollution, no crime. Every member of society has a purpose. Everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

Until the day XR discovers something that should be impossible: a twelve-year-old human being.

Forced to examine everything they've believed, XR_395's life suddenly stops being so simple...

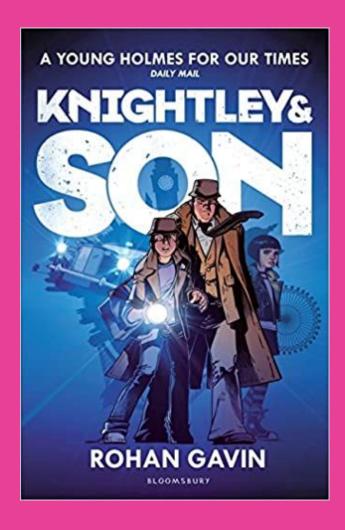


The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4 is the first book in Sue Townsend's brilliantly funny Adrian Mole series.

Friday January 2nd

I felt rotten today. It's my mother's fault for singing 'My Way' at two o'clock in the morning at the top of the stairs. Just my luck to have a mother like her. There is a chance my parents could be alcoholics. Next year I could be in a children's home.

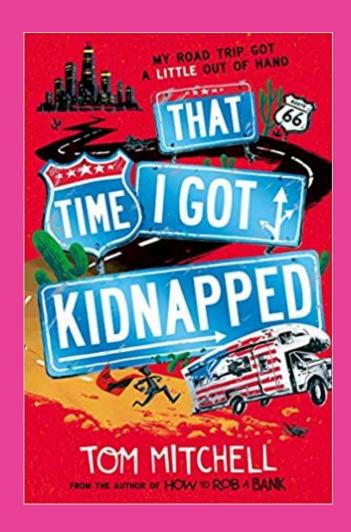
Meet Adrian Mole, a hapless teenager providing an unabashed, pimples-and-all glimpse into adolescent life. Writing candidly about his parents' marital troubles, the dog, his life as a tortured poet and 'misunderstood intellectual', Adrian's painfully honest diary is hilarious and compelling.



Detective Alan Knightley has just woken up after mysteriously being asleep for four years. In that time his son, Darkus, has examined all his dad's old cases and learned a lot about the art of detection. It's a good thing too...

Suddenly father and son are caught up in a crazy conspiracy that involves a group of villainous masterminds, high-speed car chases and a bestselling book with the power to make people do terrible, terrible things.

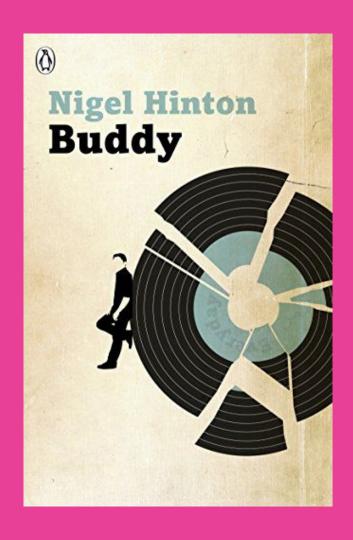
But because Alan is still suffering the effects of his coma, he tends to, well, fall asleep at the worst possible moments, So Darkus might just have to solve this mystery all by himself.



Fourteen-year-old Jacob is thrilled when he wins the chance to feature in the next Marvel movie, shooting in Hollywood. But after missing his connecting flight in Chicago, he tries to complete the journey by Greyhound bus – and there he meets Jennifer.

Jennifer is an American teenager on the run with a mysterious package she's guarding with her life – and an enigmatic (not to say terrifying) figure known only as 'the Cowboy' is hot on her heels..

Jacob soon finds himself on the road-trip of a lifetime as Jennifer's unwitting partner in crime, with all manner of people in pursuit. Will he make it to LA in time – and in one piece?



A classic from the 1980s: old but still gold...

Thirteen-year-old Buddy is struggling. His mum and dad argue constantly. Usually the arguments are about his dad, an ageing rocker, interested only in Elvis Presley and motorbikes, working the fringes of the criminal underworld.

When Buddy's mum walks out, he and his dad manage to forge a better relationship, helped by Buddy's interest in forming a band. Then Buddy finds out that his dad is involved in something that could get him into serious trouble.

Along with two friends, he tries to help, but ends up putting them all into even worse danger...