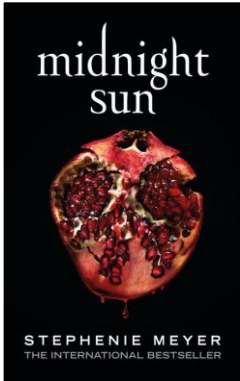


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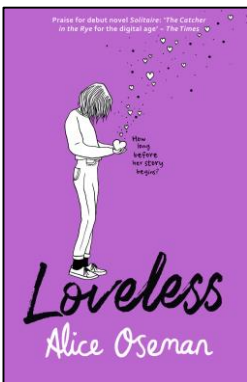
## August 2020 Children's Highlights

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**Midnight Sun** by Stephenie Meyer  
9780349003634 / Atom / TPB / R295

When Edward Cullen and Bella Swan met in *Twilight*, an iconic love story was born. But until now, fans have heard only Bella's side of the story. At last, readers can experience Edward's version in the long-awaited companion novel, *Midnight Sun*. This unforgettable tale as told through Edward's eyes takes on a new and decidedly dark twist. Meeting Bella is both the most unnerving and intriguing event he has experienced in all his years as a vampire. As we learn more fascinating details about Edward's past and the complexity of his inner thoughts, we understand why this is the defining struggle of his life. How can he justify following his heart if it means leading Bella into danger?



**Loveless** by Alice Oseman  
9780008244125 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

Georgia has never been in love, never kissed anyone, never even had a crush — but as a fanfic-obsessed romantic she's sure she'll find her person one day. As she starts university with her best friends, Pip and Jason, in a whole new town far from home, Georgia's ready to find romance, and with her outgoing roommate on her side and a place in the Shakespeare Society, her 'teenage dream' is in sight. But when her romance plan wreaks havoc amongst her friends, Georgia ends up in her own comedy of errors, and she starts to question why love seems so easy for other people but not for her. With new terms thrown at her — asexual, aromantic — Georgia is more uncertain about her feelings than ever. Is she destined to remain loveless? Or has she been looking for the wrong thing all along?



**Sky Pirates 1: Echo Quickthorn and the Great Beyond** by Alex English  
9781471190773 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

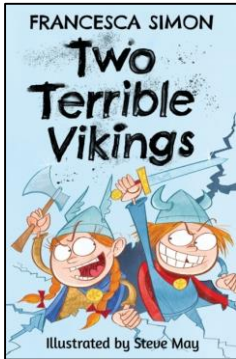
11 year-old Echo Quickthorn has grown up believing that nothing exists outside the Kingdom of Lockfort, but everything changes when an eccentric professor parks his airship outside her window armed with a map that shows all the magical places that exist beyond the city walls. Together with her pet lizard, Gilbert, Echo sets off on an incredible adventure to find her missing mother; an adventure that will take her to unimaginable places filled with giant butterflies, mechanical dragons and sky pirates!

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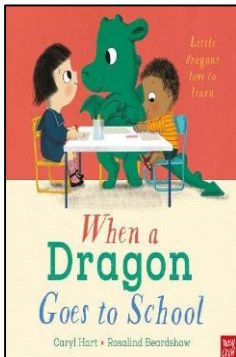
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**Two Terrible Vikings** by Francesca Simon & Steve May  
9780571349494 / Faber & Faber / PB / R175

Francesca Simon had so much fun writing about two truly awful vikings she has decided to take the pair, now older, on further adventures — pitching the stories squarely at the *Horrid Henry* readership. Set in the snowy fjords of a Viking kingdom, the terrible pair are adored by their proud parents for causing havoc and demonstrating that they are the very best worst vikings. But of course, behaving appallingly often goes wrong: getting lost and ransacking their own village by mistake, ruining birthday parties and upsetting your friends.



**When a Dragon Goes to School** by Caryl Hart & Rosalind Beardshaw  
9781788007719 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

When a dragon goes to school, will she enjoy a book in the den and save her lunchtime treats for a friend? Or will she throw the crayons and refuse to share? She's going to need her friends to help her behave herself; she is DRAGON after all! This delightful follow-up to *When a Dragon Comes to Stay* by award-winning author Caryl Hart is the perfect introduction to school for little dragons — and children everywhere



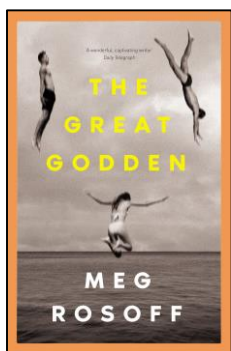
**Meesha Makes Friends** by Tom Percival  
9781526612953 / Bloomsbury / PB / R180

Meesha loves making things... but there's one thing she finds difficult to make — friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her to navigate challenging social situations and help her to make friends.



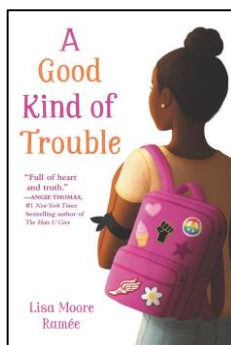
**Ways to Make Sunshine** by Renée Watson  
9781526613721 / Bloomsbury / PB / R180

Ryan Hart and her family live in Portland, Oregon, and her dad lost his job a while ago. He finally got a new one, but it pays less, and he'll have to work nights. And so they're selling the second car and moving to an (old) new house. The Harts are an ordinary family — a family with siblings who bicker, parents who don't always get it right, but a family that loves. A family working hard to make it in tough economic times, a family with traditions and culture, a family that tries new things. This is a black family growing up in middle class America. And Ryan is a girl who has much on her mind — school, family, friends, self-image — but who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks.



**The Great Godden** by Meg Rosoff  
9781526620538 / Bloomsbury / PB / R205

Everyone talks about falling in love like it's the most miraculous, lifechanging thing in the world. Something happens, they say, and you know... That's what happened when I met Kit Godden. I looked into his eyes and I knew. Only everyone else knew too. Everyone else felt exactly the same way. This is the story of one family, one dreamy summer — the summer when everything changes. In a holiday house by the sea, our watchful narrator sees everything, including many things they shouldn't, as their brother and sisters, parents and older cousins fill hot days with wine and games and planning a wedding. Enter two brothers — irresistible, charming, languidly sexy Kit and surly, silent Hugo. Suddenly there's a serpent in this paradise — and the consequences will be devastating.



**A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Moore Ramée  
9780062836694 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she'd also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. Wait, what? Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. She starts wearing an armband to school in support of the Black Lives movement. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn't face her fear, she'll be forever tripping over the next hurdle. Now that's trouble, for real.

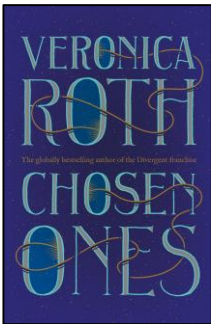
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**When Stars are Scattered** by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed  
9780571363858 / Faber & Faber / PB / R245

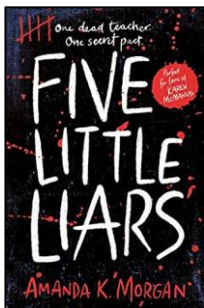
Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. Separated from their mother, they are looked after by a friendly stranger. Life in the camp isn't always easy. The hunger is constant, but there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school.

A heart-wrenching true story about life in a Kenyan refugee camp that will restore your faith in real-life happy endings.



**Chosen Ones** by Veronica Roth  
9781529330243 / Hodder / PB / R355

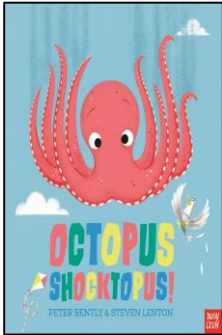
When Sloane Andrews and her friends defeated the Dark One, and saved the world, it nearly cost them everything. Ten years later, they are still struggling to put the battle behind them and reclaim their lives. After all, the rest of the world has moved on, so why can't they? Of the five, Sloane has had the hardest time adjusting. Everyone else blames the PTSD and her huge attitude problem — but really, she's hiding secrets from them, secrets that keep her tied to the past and alienate her from the only four people in the world who understand her. On the tenth anniversary of the Dark One's defeat, something unthinkable happens: one of the Chosen Ones dies. When the others gather for the funeral, they discover the Dark One's ultimate goal was much bigger than they, the government, or even prophecy could have foretold — bigger than the world itself.



**Five Little Liars** by Amanda Morgan  
9781471196386 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

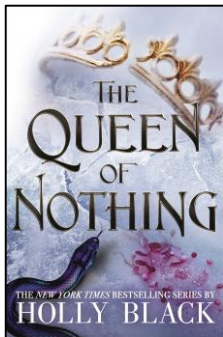
Nothing ruins summer vacation like a secret... especially when that secret is a dead teacher. Ivy used to be on top of the social ladder. She has the chance to be Queen Bee again, but only if the rest of the group can keep quiet. Tyler has always been a bad boy, but lately he's been running low on second chances. There's no way he's going to lose everything because someone couldn't keep their mouth shut. Kinley wouldn't describe herself as perfect, though everyone else would. But perfection comes at a price, and there is nothing she wouldn't do to keep her perfect record — one that doesn't include murder charges. Mattie is only in town for the summer. He wasn't looking to make friends, and he definitely wasn't looking to be involved in a murder. Cade couldn't care less about the pact to keep the secret. The only way to be innocent is for someone else to be found guilty. Now he just has to decide who that someone will be. With the police hot on the case, they don't have much time to figure out how to trust each other. But in order to take the lead, you have to be first in line... and that's the quickest way to get stabbed in the back.

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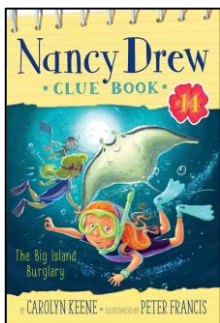
**Octopus Shocktopus** by Peter Bentley  
9781788002684 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

When an octopus comes to live on the roof, the children LOVE their new friend; he makes the perfect slide and is fantastic at football! But some of the grown-ups aren't so pleased. Will they drive him away or will they realise just how helpful an octopus can be?



**Folk of the Air 3: The Queen of Nothing** by Holly Black  
9781471407598 / Hot Key / PB / R195

After being pronounced Queen of Faerie and then abruptly exiled by the Wicked King Cardan, Jude finds herself unmoored, the queen of nothing. She spends her time with Vivi and Oak, watching reality television, and doing odd jobs, including squaring up to a cannibalistic faerie. When her twin sister Taryn shows up asking a favour, Jude jumps at the chance to return to the Faerie world, even if it means facing Cardan, who she loves despite his betrayal. When a dark curse is unveiled, Jude must become the first mortal Queen of Faerie and break the curse, or risk upsetting the balance of the whole Faerie world.

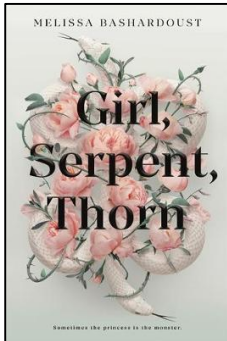


**Nancy Drew Clue Book 14: The Big Island Burglary** by Carolyn Keene & Peter Francis  
9781534442672 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R145

Nancy is ready for fun in the sun when she joins Bess and George's families on a trip to Hawaii. The girls are excited to take surfing lessons, swim with manta rays, and experience the beautiful sights of the Big Island. At a luau one night, the girls get to taste all kinds of yummy local specialties and are even invited up to help with a hula performance. But during the show, one of the other guests has his fancy camera stolen, and he's sure someone there is the culprit. Luckily, Nancy, Bess, and George are on the case! Can the Clue Crew see the big picture and zoom in on the thief in time to enjoy the rest of their trip? Or will this island adventure be a total washout?

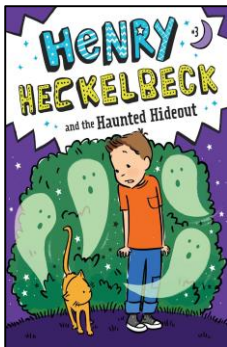


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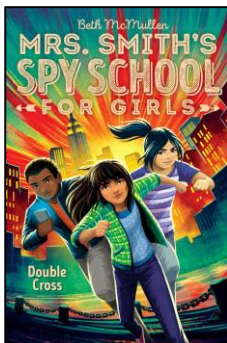
***Girl, Serpent, Thorn*** by Melissa Bashardoust  
9781529379082 / Hodder / PB / R355

As the day of her twin brother's wedding approaches, Soraya must decide if she's willing to step outside of the shadows for the first time. Below in the dungeon is a demon who holds knowledge that she craves, the answer to her freedom. And above is a young man who isn't afraid of her, whose eyes linger not with fear, but with an understanding of who she is beneath the poison. Soraya thought she knew her place in the world, but when her choices lead to consequences she never imagined, she begins to question who she is and who she is becoming. Human or demon? Princess or monster?



***Henry Heckelbeck 3: and the Haunted Hideout*** by Wanda Coven  
9781534461161 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R145

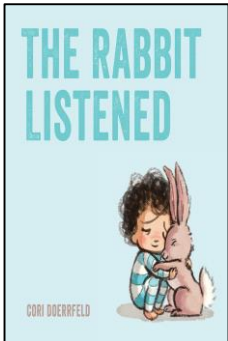
Henry is just like any other normal kid. He plays soccer. He isn't a huge fan of homework. He even has an older sister, Heidi. What's not so normal about Henry is that he's magic. Henry also needs a hideout. He needs a place to play with his best friend where his sister can't bother them. A hideout like this calls for a magic spell. But can magic make a hideout haunted? With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Henry Heckelbeck chapter books are perfect for beginning readers.



***Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls 3: Double Cross*** by Beth McMullen  
9781481490276 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R195

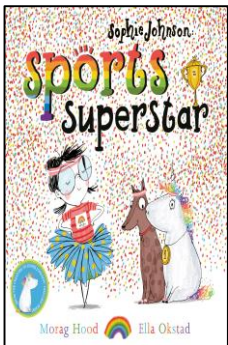
Abby and her classmates have all been invited to Briar Academy to participate in The Challenge, a prep school competition where teams compete for prizes and the glory of being the best of the best. While there, they figure out their nemesis, The Ghost, is using Briar as headquarters to plan a devastating attack on his enemies (a.k.a. pretty much everyone) using a brand-new invention Toby developed. And this time, The Center and Mrs. Smith will be of no help as Abby suspects there is someone working for The Ghost on the inside — and they can trust no one.

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***The Rabbit Listened*** by Cori Doerrfeld  
9781912650149 / Flying Eye / PB / R205

A person dealing with grief or depression often needs someone who will just sit quiet and listen. Taylor has been through a very difficult time, and is now overwhelmed by concerned friends giving advice. Then along comes a rabbit who just listens and lets Taylor work things through.



***Sophie Johnson: Sports Superstar*** by Morag Hood  
9781471188145 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

Another hilarious adventure starring everyone's favourite Unicorn Expert, Sophie Johnson! Sophie Johnson is great at sports. In fact, she's a sports superstar! She's about to attempt the longest, hardest race anyone has ever tried (also known as a fun run) and she's taking her training very seriously (by eating plenty of sweets and chocolate for energy, of course). Join Sophie as she imparts her pearls of racing wisdom and goes for gold!



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