

Tis the season to be jolly!

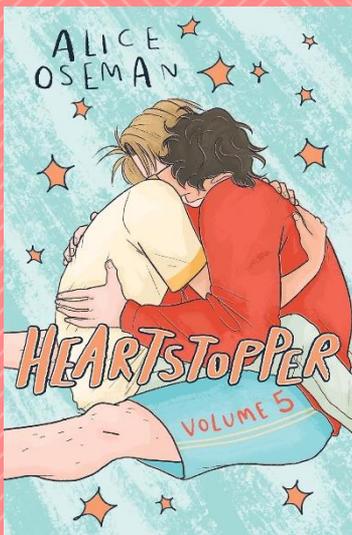
The time has come for us to spend our summer days enjoying great reads in the glorious sun!

We wish you great times; impeccable memories and many, many magical reading moments this festive season!

All the best,
The Jonathan Ball Kids Team



Spotlight



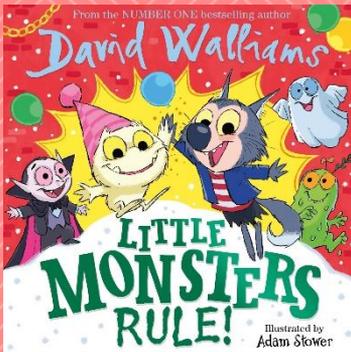
Heartstopper 5 by Alice Oseman
9781444957655 / Hodder / PB / R330

Nick and Charlie are very much in love. They've finally said those three little words, and Charlie has almost persuaded his mum to let him sleep over at Nick's house ... But with Nick going off to university next year, is everything about to change?

By Alice Oseman, winner of the YA Book Prize, *Heartstopper* encompasses all the small moments of Nick and Charlie's lives that together make up something larger, which speaks to all of us.

Contains discussions around mental health and eating disorders, and sexual references.

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Little Monsters Rule! by David Walliams
9780008305772 / HarperCollins / HB / R299

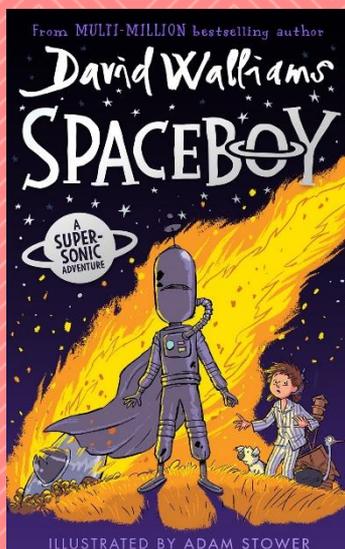
Get your claws into this fiendishly funny new picture book from David Walliams and Adam Stower – the sequel to Little Monsters!
Furball is a loveable little yeti on his first day at Monster School. He can't wait to learn how to be scary, but it's hard when you look like a cuddly toy. When the big monsters at the school make fun of Furball, Howler the little werewolf comes to the rescue. Together, can they prove that little monsters RULE? A feel-good, funny story, packed full of monsters – BIG and SMALL!



The Crayons' Colour Collection by Drew Daywalt
9780008541590 / HarperCollins / HB / R299

A fun box set of four board book adventures starring Red, Blue, Green, and Purple Crayons, perfect for the youngest readers! This collection of four fun board books about Red, Blue, Green and Purple Crayons introduces very young readers to the crayon characters from the internationally bestselling *The Day the Crayons Quit*, showing how much fun it is to colour and to use your imagination!

10 – 12 years



Spaceboy by David Walliams
9780008588816 / HarperCollins / PB / R200

Go back to the Space Race with No.1 bestselling author David Walliams for a breathless cinematic adventure full of mystery, action, laughs and surprises – and a secret that could change the course of history... America. The 1960s. Stuck on a remote farm with her awful aunt, twelve-year-old orphan Ruth spends every night gazing at the stars, dreaming of adventure.

One night she spots a flying saucer blazing across the sky... before crash-landing in a field. When the spaceship opens and reveals a mysterious alien, all Ruth's dreams come true. But does this visitor from another planet have a giant secret?

Spaceboy is a hilarious and action-packed tale for readers in any solar system.

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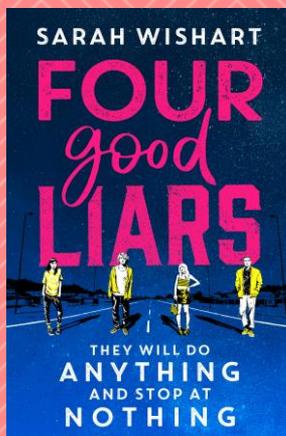
Young Adult



The Last Kids on Earth and the Monster Dimension by Max Brallier
9780008638115 / Farshore / PB / R180

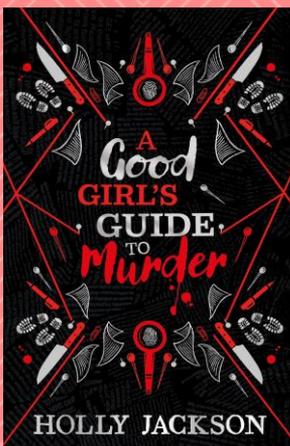
The last kids may have escaped the forbidden fortress by the skin of their teeth, but there isn't much to celebrate. Thrull has what he needs to complete the Tower, Rezzoch will most certainly come to Earth, and the world as they know it will cease to exist. Except Jack's Cosmic Hand is now even more powerful than he realized, and it might just be able to stop the inevitable from happening. To get the answers he seeks, he'll need to travel farther than he's ever been.

He must go... to the monster dimension! Told in a mixture of text and black-and-white illustration, this is the perfect series for any kid who's ever dreamed of starring in their own comic book or video game.



Four Good Liars by Sarah Wishhart
9780008641955 / HarperCollins / PB / R270

Layla. Kai. Liam. Fliss. Terrified big sister. Troubled surfer. Insecure genius. Pampered princess. They have nothing in common, except they were all on the school bus that morning. The morning of the crash. The morning they discovered the dead driver's holdall, containing one million pounds – and a gun. All of them have secrets, and all of them need that money. But someone dangerous is hunting it down and drawing closer every minute. If Layla, Kai, Liam and Fliss want to survive, they'll need to stick together. But can four good liars really trust one another? Or are some truths just too powerful to stay buried...?



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder Collectors Ed by Holly Jackson
9780008653149 / Farshore / HB / R499

A stunning collectors edition of the first book in this bestselling, award-winning series, presented in a beautiful hardback format with an introductory letter from the author, sprayed edges and a ribbon bookmark. The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth ... ?



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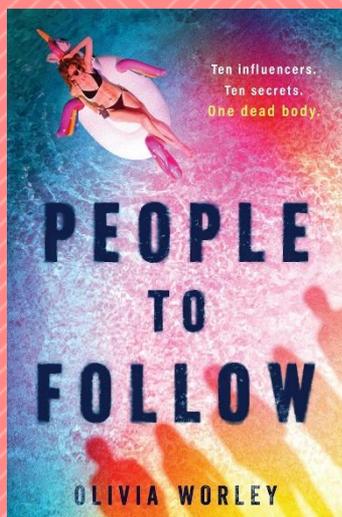
Didn't See that Coming by Jesse Q. Sutanto
9780008501495 / Farshore / PB / R270

A hilariously fresh and romantic send-up to *You've Got Mail* about a gamer girl with a secret identity and the online bestie she's never met IRL, until she unwittingly transfers to his school. Seventeen-year-old Kiki Siregar is a fabulous gamer girl with confidence to boot. She can't help but be totally herself... except when she's online. Her secret? She plays anonymously as a guy to avoid harassment from other male players. Even her online best friend, a cinnamon roll of a teen boy who plays under the username Sourdawg—doesn't know her true identity. Which is fine, because Kiki doesn't know his real name either, and it's not like they're ever going to cross paths IRL. Until she transfers to an elite private school for her senior year and discovers that Sourdawg goes there, too. But who is he? How will he react when he finds out Kiki's secret? And what happens when Kiki realizes she's falling for her online BFF?



The Do-Over by Lynn Painter
9781534478879 / Simon & Schuster / TPB / R365

After living through a dumpster fire of a Valentine's Day, Emilie Hornby escapes to her grandmother's house for some comfort and a consolation pint of Ben & Jerry's. She passes out on the couch, but when she wakes up, she's back home in her own bed and it's Valentine's Day all over again. And the next day? Another horrendous V-Day. Emilie is stuck in some sort of time loop nightmare that she can't wake up from as she re-watches her boyfriend, Josh, cheat on her day after day. In addition to Josh's recurring infidelity, Emilie can't get away from the enigmatic Nick, who she keeps running into—sometimes literally in unfortunate ways. How many times can one girl passively watch her life go up in flames? And when something good starts to come out of these terrible days, what happens when the universe stops doling out do-overs?

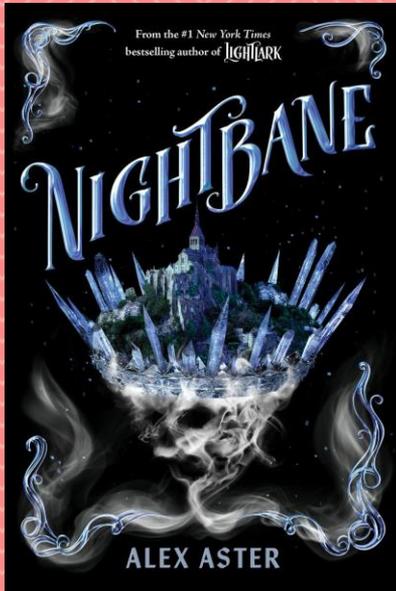


People to Follow by Olivia Worley
9781444976090 / Hodder / PB / R235

Ten social media stars think they're about to join the cast of a hot new reality show.

But the production crew never shows up, and the influencers find themselves stranded on a deserted Caribbean island with no contact with the outside world - except for messages from the mysterious 'Sponsor', who is threatening to expose their darkest secrets.

When one of them winds up dead, things start to get more real than they bargained for . . . With the body count rising, the influencers must figure out who is trying to get them cancelled - like, literally - before their number one follower strikes again.



Nightbane (The Lightlark Saga Book 2) by Alex Aster
9781419760907 / Abrams / HB / R435

Isla Crown has secured the love of two powerful rulers and broken the curses that plagued the six realms for centuries, but few know the true origins of her powers. Now, in the wake of a crushing betrayal, Isla finds herself hungry for distraction, preferring to frequent Lightlark's seductive haunts instead of embracing her duties as the newly crowned leader of two separate realms. Worse, her fellow rulers haven't ceded victory quietly, and there are others in Isla's midst who don't believe her ascent to power was earned. As certain death races toward Lightlark and secrets from the past begin to unravel, Isla must weigh her responsibility to her people against the whims of the most dangerous traitor of all: her heart.

Alex Aster's intricate world expands after the riveting culmination of the Centennial games, delving more deeply into Isla's memories of her past, as her future hurtles toward two possible fates.



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NB! Deadline for requests:

Wednesday 22 November 2023.

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Thank You.

