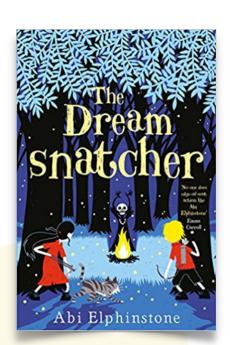




Recommended by Isla Dawes

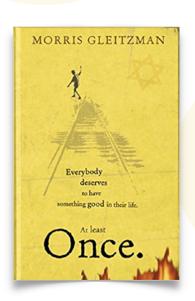
Isla was the owner operator of the Barnes, Kew and Sheen bookshops and is a specialist in children's literature.



"An action packed adventure with a feisty heroine at it's heart. Great characterisation and wonderful sense of place, Elphinstone creates a world which you can see hear and smell - good stuff for fans of magical adventures."

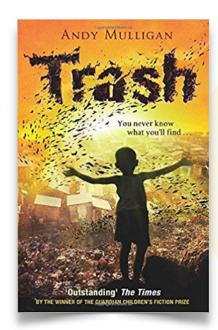
"An American classic which is not so well known here. It is the story of Claudia & Jamie who decide to run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, however no sooner have they arrived when they find themselves caught up in a mystery surrounding a new artefact which the museum

has bought - is it a priceless treasure or is it something more ordinary? It is up to Claudia & Jamie to find out."



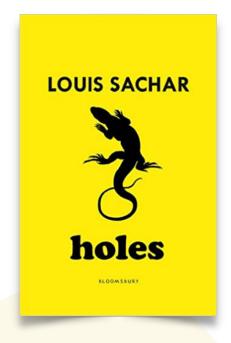
"This is the first in
Gleitzman's excellent series
about Felix a young Jewish
boy caught up in the second
world war. Felix escapes
from an orphanage and
begins his search for his lost
parents. Exciting and
moving these books are
short put powerful"



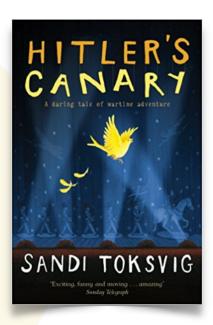


"Well if you want excitement then this is the book for you. A great thriller about a group of boys who live on a garbage site in south America somewhere. One day they find something which is a vital clue to a murder, the next thing they know the police are everywhere and they are on the run for their lives.

Totally gripping."

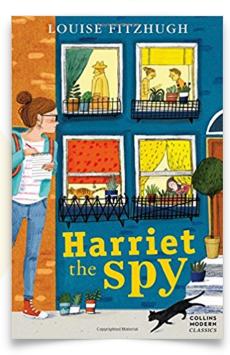


"Based on the stories her father told her, this is the tale of Bamse a young boy who witnesses the German invasion of Denmark. Once Bamse begins to understand what is happening to the jewish population he and his family begin to hide Jews and help them cross the border into Sweden to safety. Exciting stuff and based on true stories from the time."

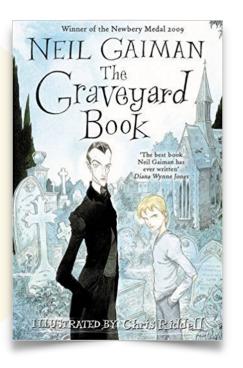


"Sachar is a wonderfully inventive writer and this bestseller shows him at the height of his powers. Due to a miscarriage of justice Stanley finds himself sent to a juvenile detention centre where everyday he and his fellow inmates are made to dig a hole and report back everything they find. The warden is up to something and it is up to Stanley & his friends to find out the truth."

"A modern American classic, this is a much loved book. Harriet is never without her trusty notebook, in it she writes down everything she observes about both strangers and her friends. One day her friends get their hands on the notebook and all her thoughts are revealed in all their honesty! Needless to say Harriet is not very popular after all this and it is with the help of her kindly Nanny that she manages to get through this difficult period of her life."



"This is a great introduction to the extraordinary imagination of Neil Gaiman. Bod has a strange upbringing, he is being brought up in a graveyard by a collection of local ghosts who try their best to teach him about life from beyond the grave. It is exciting, funny and downright strange, but always page turning and a must read at this age."



THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

The Letter for the king

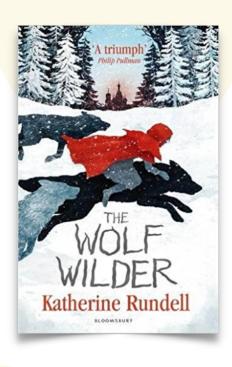
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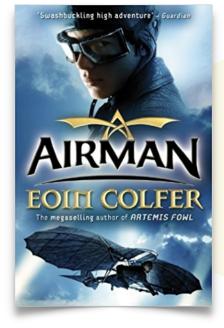
PUSHKIN CHEDGENS

"A Dutch classic, little known here.
A proper old fashioned knightly quest with a similar feel to The Sword in the Stone. Young Tiuri answers a desperate call for help and so finds himself in charge of delivering a letter to the King. This is no ordinary letter and the fate of the whole kingdom lies with him, the King is far away and Tiuri must leave everything he knows and loves behind to fulfil his quest."

"The story of Feo who is a wolf wilder, someone who trains domesticated wolves back to life in the wild. When her life & everything she loves is threatened by the Russian army she & her wolves must go on the run.

What follows is a breathtaking tale of revolution and adventure - a great read."





"This is a much more grown-up book than the Artemis Fowl books by Colfer. Connor is obsessed with flying machines and when he is cast into a dungeon for a crime he didn't commit it is only through his knowledge of early aerodynamics that he is ever going to escape. A thrilling tale of derring-do, with nods to Dumas and Jules Verne."