

Reading Schools



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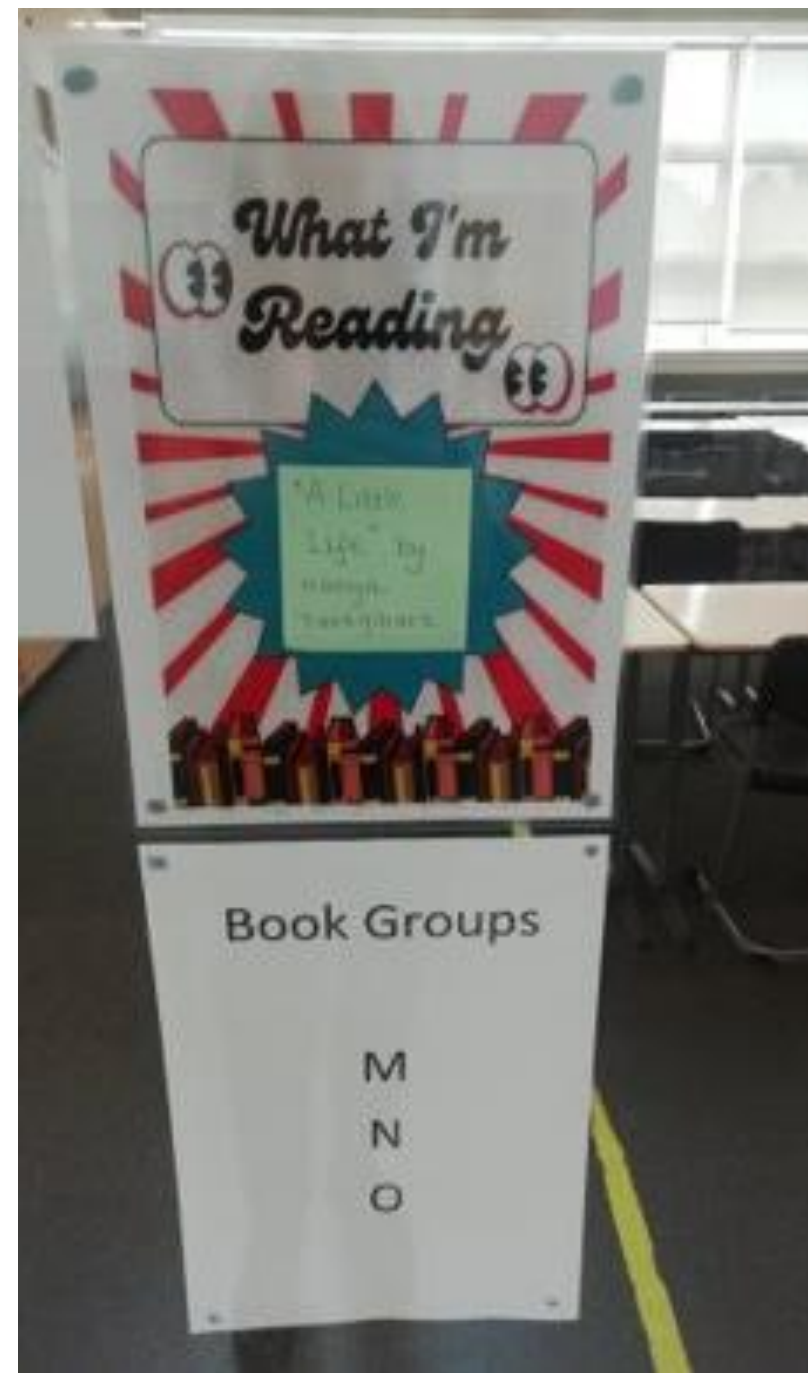
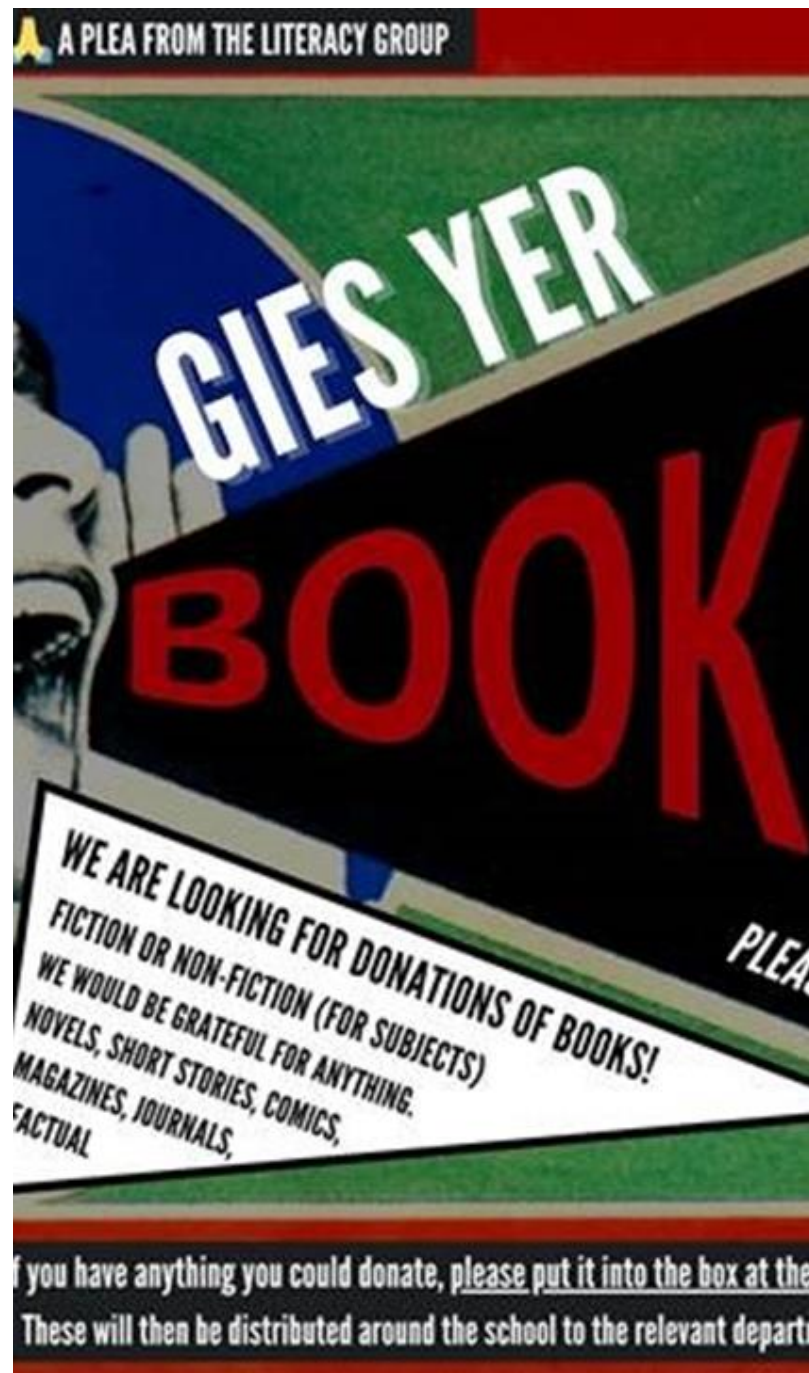
Ask your teacher or librarian
how you can get involved.

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What examples of good practice, spoken of in the webinar, do you think we could implement in our school? *

Highlighting Reading for Pleasure at Parent's Evenings & S1 Open Evening etc,

Book of the month in different departments

Book lists with recommendations at different levels and aimed at parents

Whole school reading event (similar to previous with world book Day)

Invite parents in to Author events

Book swap area for pupils and parents

Book fairy

Encouraging reading while you wait in local businesses

Having senior pupils work on Reading Schools initiatives during volunteering periods

Making links with local care homes (or with those invited to the old folks Christmas Party)

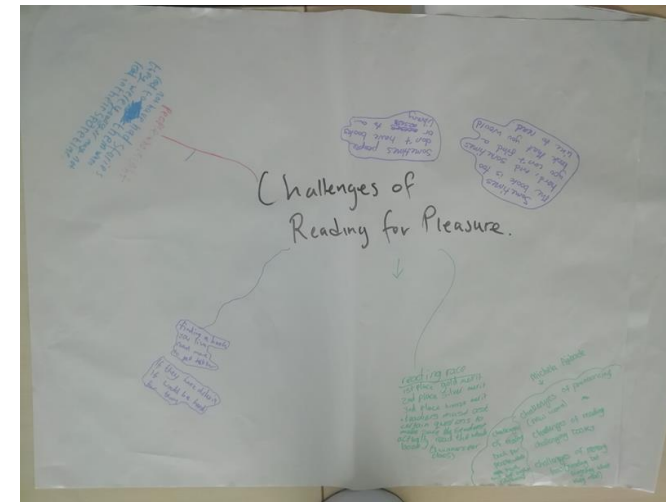
Providing opportunities for pupils to sign up to local library

Book fair events to allow the opportunity to view and purchase new books

House points for reading challenges

Staff vs pupils quiz on popular books/ book series (we had a Harry Potter staff vs pupils quiz in the past), again with house points available for the winners

Opportunity for reading session during mental health week again



Do you have any ideas for a whole-school event or an IDL project based around reading for pleasure? *

I like the idea of a mini- Book Festival where departments challenged to think what guest they could invite (ie Drama could invite a playwright in) or departments could think of a workshop activity they could run - that promotes reading in a fun way linked to their subject. Pupils in the Leadership team could also invite key authors to the school or to do a Q and A. Pupils could attend a guest speaker and a workshop. Or a simpler idea arranging a trip to the book festival.



Eastwood High School - S1 Reading Challenge

A book beginning with 'The'	A book with a person's name in the title	A book written by an author with your same initials	A book with a blue cover	A book with a male hero
A book with more than five words in the title	<i>A dystopian book</i>	A book with a beautiful cover	A book with a place in the title	A graphic novel
A book recommended by a teacher	A book with a one word title	A book with a child narrator	A book with a colour in the title	A book with a character named Tom
A book with more than 300 pages	A book with a number in the title	A Carnegie Medal Winner	A book a friend recommended	A book turned into a movie
A book at least 100 years older than you	A book by an author with the initial 'A'	A book about a school student	A book based on a true story	A book about death
A book with a mystery	A book that's under 100 pages	A book by a Scottish author	A book you can finish in a day	The second book in a series
A book by a female author	A book set in London	A BOOK TURNED INTO A TV SHOW	A book set during another time	A book with non-human characters
A funny book	A book by an author you've never read before	A book about love	A book that scares you	A book from a trilogy

A book beginning with 'The'
Identify and write down two quotes which teach you something about the main character. Explain briefly what each quote tells you about them.

A book with a person's name in the title
Write a sentence explaining what you have learned from reading the novel (the theme).

Teacher:

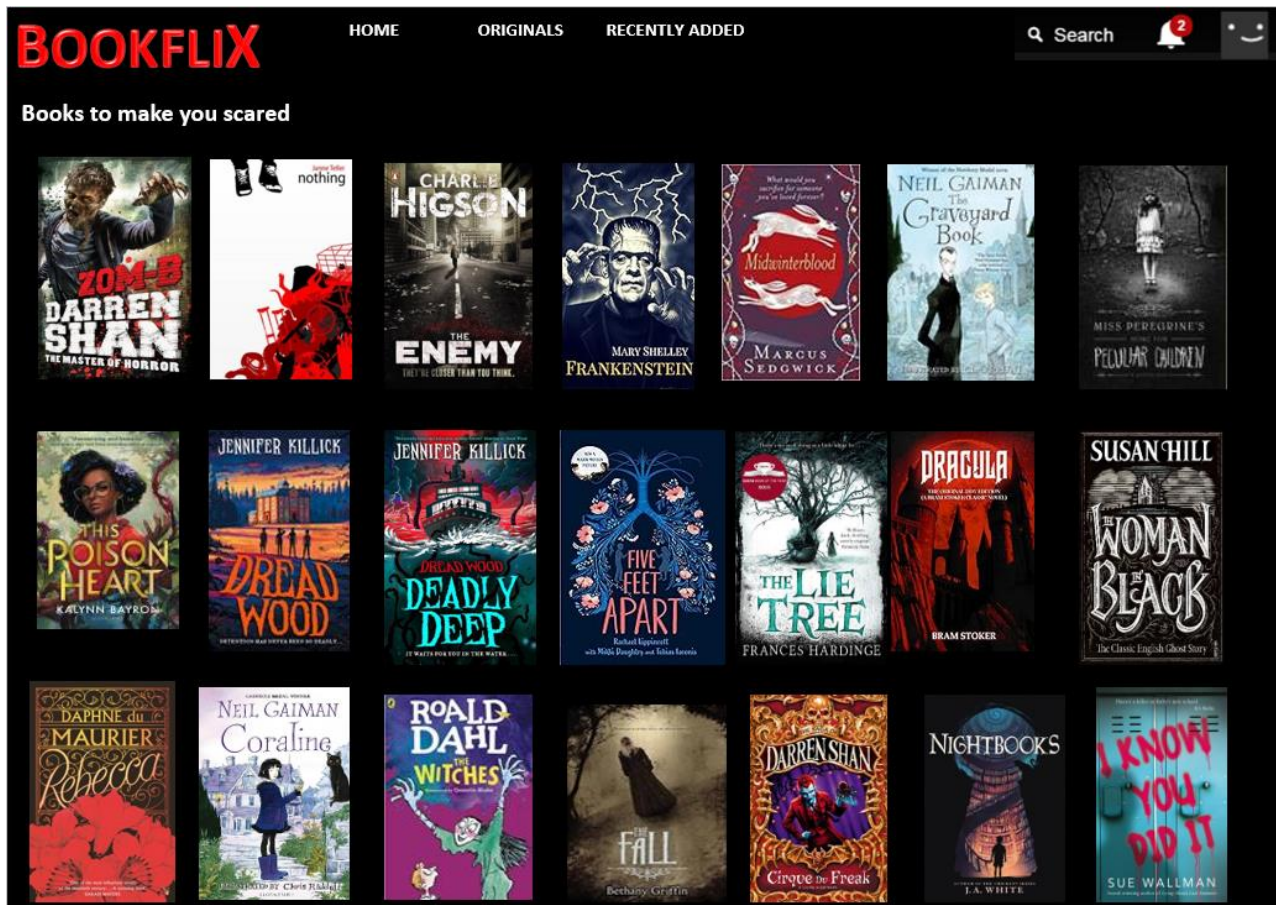
A book written by an author with your same initials
Change the narrator of your novel and write a short extract from their point of view.

Teacher:

A book with a blue cover
Redesign the cover of the book without using the colour blue.

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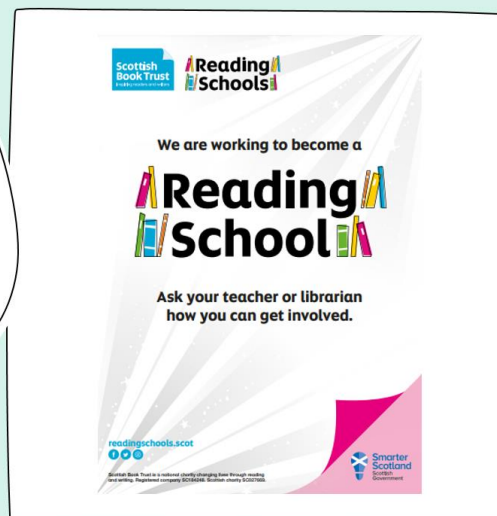


Book and Barista



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S1 Parents Evening



4. The Royal Rebel by Bali Rae

Born in 1876, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh was the daughter of the last Sikh ruler of the Punjab, and goddaughter of Queen Victoria. After her father lost control of his empire and was exiled to England, Sophia had a privileged but troubled upbringing that left her unsure about where she belonged – in India or England. Sensitive to injustice, she became a suffragette and fought hard to win the vote for women. This is the extraordinary story of her life.

5. The Den by Keith Gray

Marshall feels the need to escape because things are so tough at home. Rory is just happy it's the first day of the summer holidays. While out on their bikes they stumble across a long-forgotten underground bunker at the edge of the woods.

This is the den, and going down inside will stretch their friendship to its limits. There will be rivalry and betrayal, but can wrecked relationships be saved before the summer has even begun?

6. The Climbers by Keith Gray

Sully is the best tree climber in the village. He can scale Twisted Sister's tangled branches and clamber up Double Trunker with ease. But when new kid Nottingham shows up and astonishes everyone with his climbing skills, Sully's status is under threat and there's only one way to prove who's best.

Sully and Nottingham must race to climb the last unnamed tree. Whoever makes it to the top will become a legend. But something spiteful and ugly has reared its head in Sully ... Is it worth losing everything just to reach the top?

13+ Books

1. Needle by Patrice Lawrence

What happens if you're a girl who doesn't say sorry?

Charlene loves knitting. The only thing she loves more than knitting is her little sister, Kandi, whom she hasn't seen since their mum died. When the special blanket she's knitting for Kandi is destroyed by her foster mum's son, Charlene loses it. She stabs him in the hand with her knitting needle and finds herself sitting in a police cell. Can she find a way to say sorry when her freedom and her future are at stake?

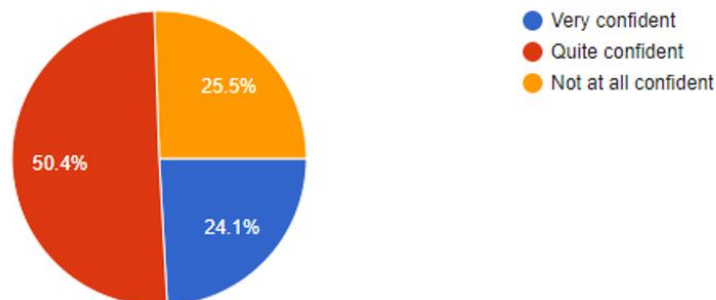
2. Welcome to Camp Killer by Cynthia Murphy

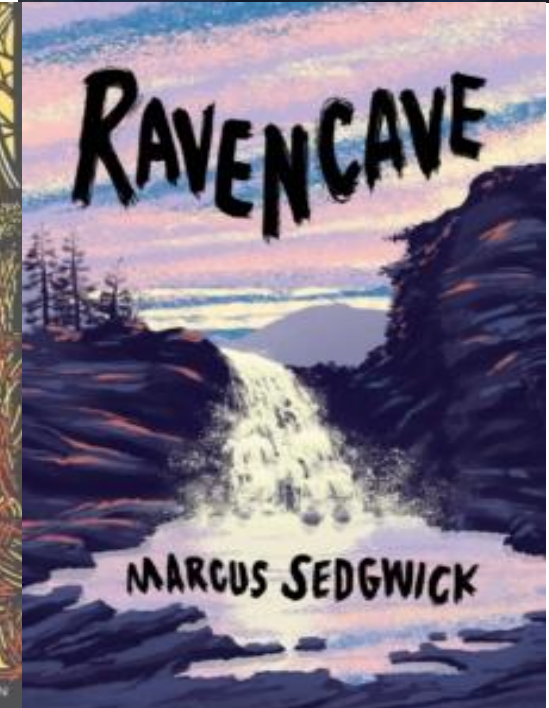
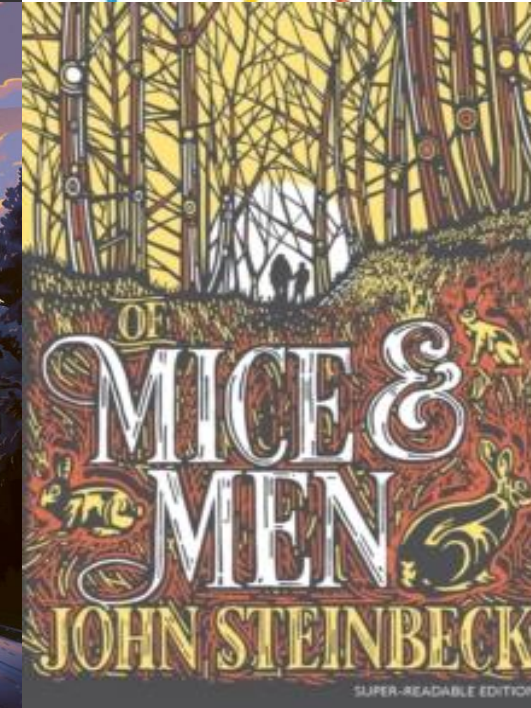
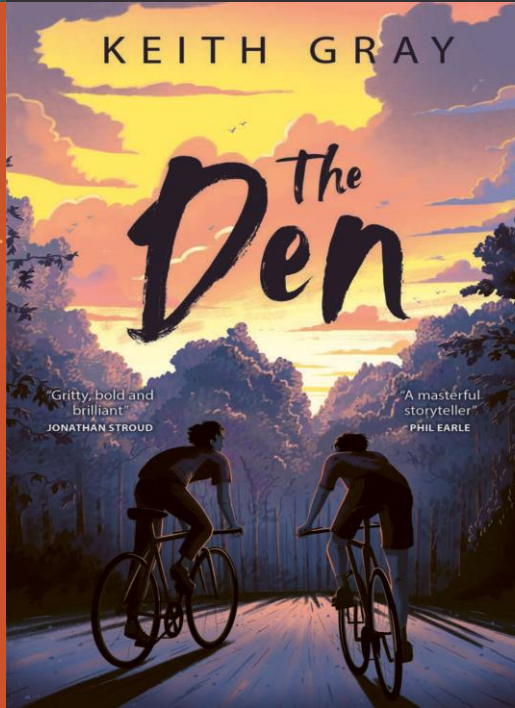
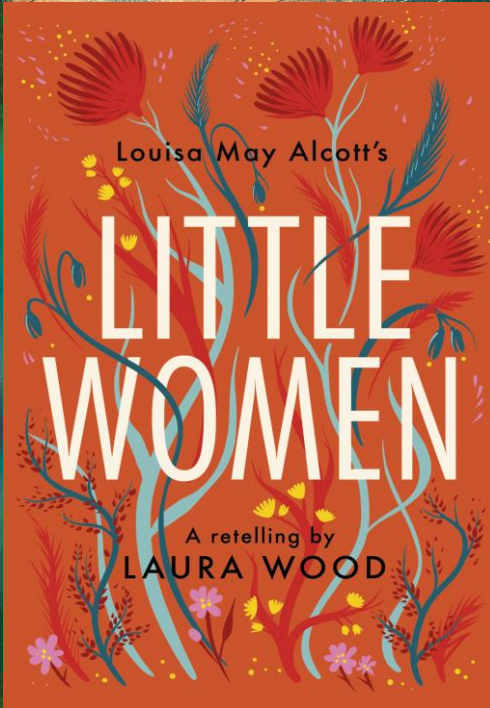
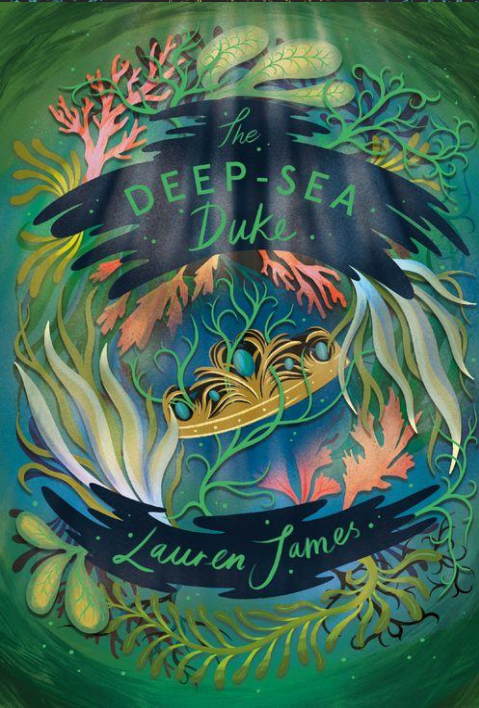
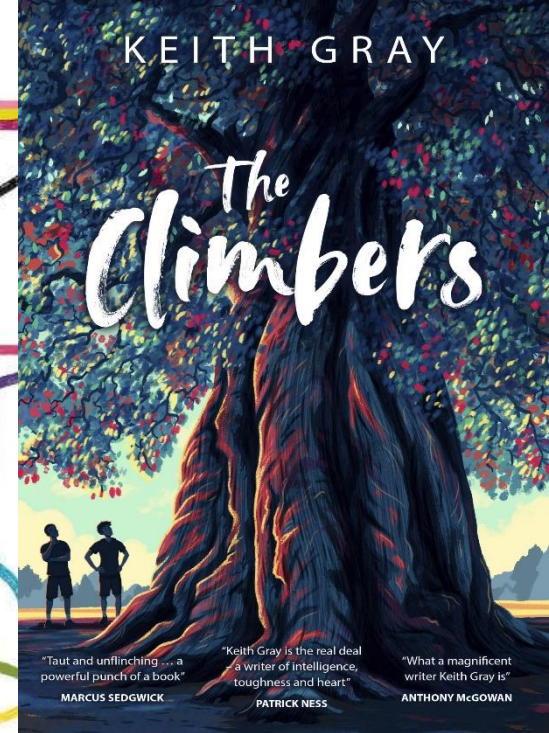
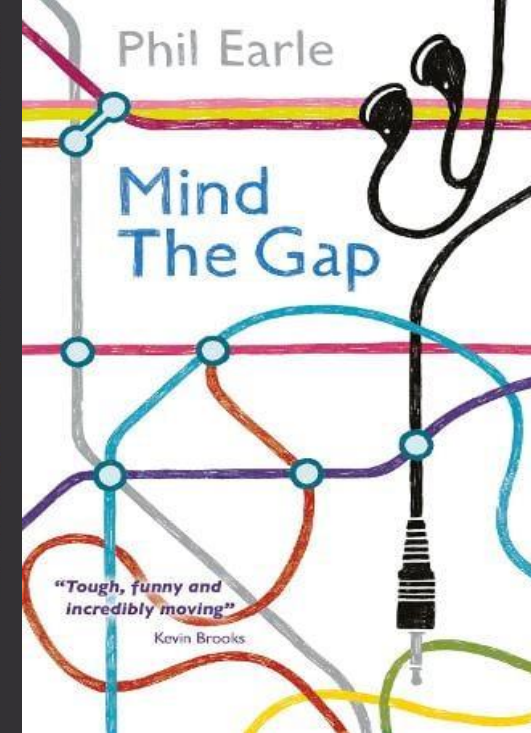
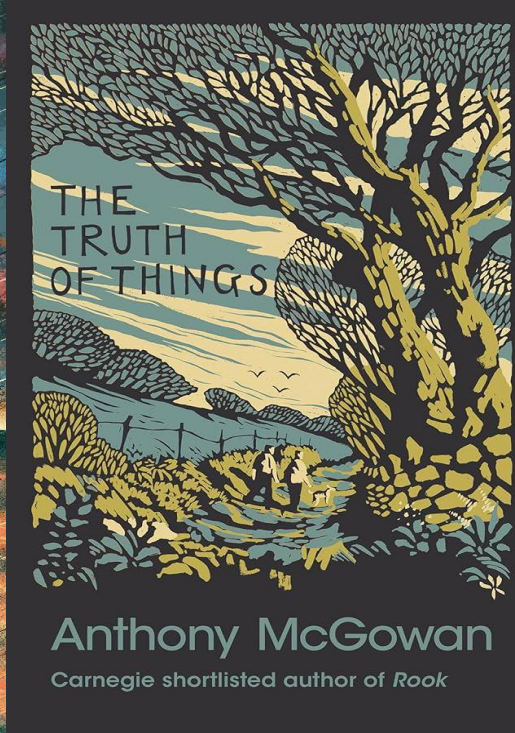
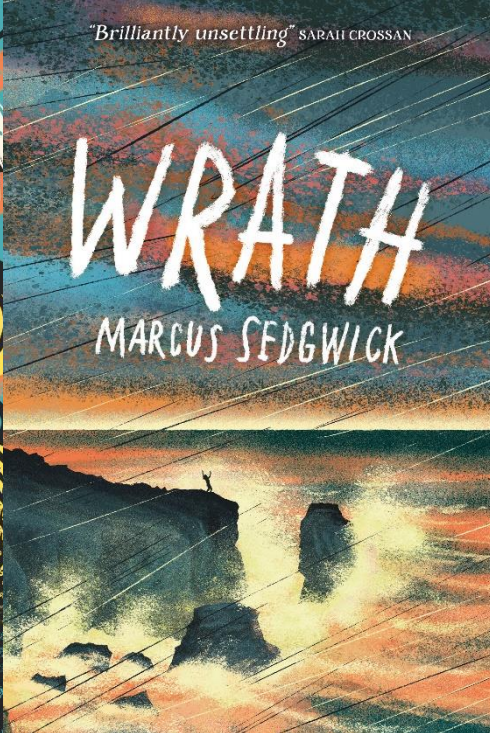
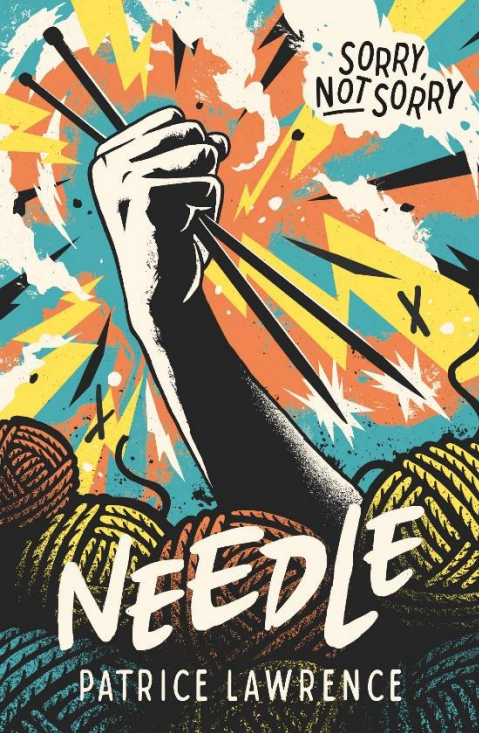
When an American-style residential camp is set up in the grounds of an English stately home, the teenage instructors are looking forward to a summer of fun activities. But right from the start, things don't feel quite right at Camp Miller.

There are rumours of a tragedy that took place in the grounds and unexplained sightings of a ghostly presence. Then the incidents begin – a near-drowning out on the lake. a fatal fall from a cliff-face ...

How confident are you about choosing or recommending books for your child(ren) that you think they will enjoy?

141 responses





I finished The Den. I really enjoyed it. It was much easier to read. Mum read it too.

I'm reading Wrath. It's easier to read because it's more spaced out.

I'm not finished The Den yet, but it's easier to read because it's bolder and the text isn't close together.

I'm reading Wrath. The words are a lot more spaced out.

This edition is helpful.

The opening chapters of most of the dyslexia-friendly novels are available to read on the Barringstoke website.

The opening chapter of *The Den* can be found here:

[The Den by Keith Gray - Barrington Stoke](#)

George stared morosely at the water. The rims of his eyes were red with sun glare. He said angrily, "We could just as well of rode clear to the ranch if that bastard bus driver knew what he was talkin' about. 'Jes' a little stretch down the highway,' he says. 'Jes' a little stretch.' God damn near four miles, that's what it was! Didn't wanta stop at the ranch gate, that's what. Too God damn lazy to pull up. Wonder he isn't too damn good to stop in Soledad at all. Kicks us out and says, 'Jes' a little stretch down the road.' I bet it was more than four miles. Damn hot day."

Lennie looked timidly over to him.

"George?"

"Yeah, what ya want?"

"Where we goin', George?"

The little man jerked down the brim of his hat and scowled over at Lennie. "So you forgot that awready, did you? I gotta tell you again, do I? Jesus Christ, you're a crazy bastard!"

"I forgot," Lennie said softly. "I tried not to forget. Honest to God I did, George."

"OK - OK. I'll tell ya again. I ain't got nothing to do. Might jus' as well spen' all my time tellin' you things and then you forget 'em, and I tell you again."

"Tried and tried," said Lennie, "but it didn't do no good. I remember about the rabbits, George."

"The hell with the rabbits. That's all you ever can remember is them rabbits. OK! Now you listen and this time you got to remember so we don't get in no trouble. You remember