

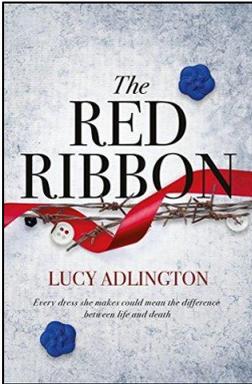
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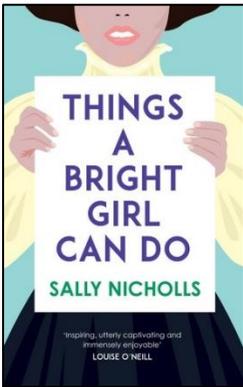
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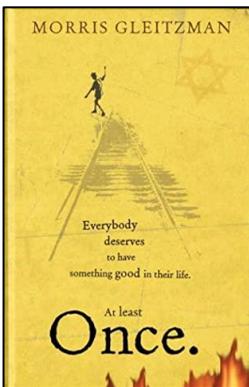
The Red Ribbon
Lucy Adlington

Fourteen-year-old Ella begins her first day at work and steps into a world of silks, seams, scissors, pins, hems and trimmings. She is a dressmaker but this is no ordinary sewing workshop. Ella has joined the seamstresses of Birkenau-Auschwitz. Every dress she makes could be the difference between life and death. And this place is all about survival.



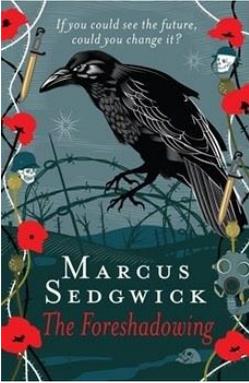
Things a Bright Girl Can Do
Sally Nicholls

Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote. But the fight for freedom will challenge Evelyn, May and Nell more than they could ever believe. As war looms, just how much are they willing to sacrifice?



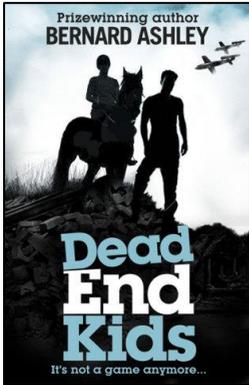
Once
Morris Gleitzman

Once is the first in a series of children's novels about Felix, a Jewish orphan caught in the middle of the Holocaust. Felix, a young Jewish boy is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in occupied Poland during the Second World War. Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least Once.



The Foreshadowing **Marcus Sedgwick**

It is 1915. Seventeen-year-old Sasha Fox is the privileged only daughter of a respected doctor living in the wealthy seaside town of Brighton. But her brothers, Edgar and Tom, have gone to war and Sasha has a terrible gift. She can see the future. Her premonitions show her untold horrors on the battlefields of the Somme, and worse still, what will happen to Edgar and Tom.



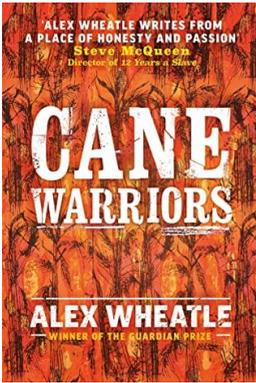
Dead End Kids **Bernard Ashley**

London is at war and as the Blitz rages, children like Josie and her brother Len face the same dangers as the adults. Can they find the strength to stand up against the onslaught? A tale of amazing bravery, inspired by the true story of the Dead End Kids of Wapping - young people who fought fires and rescued their friends and neighbours from bomb sites.



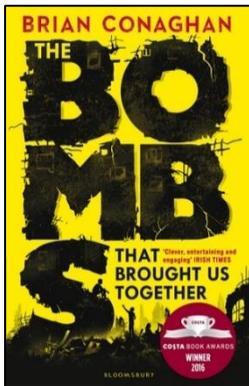
The Enigma Game **Elizabeth Wein**

Windyedge Airfield, Scotland. World War II. When her mother is killed in the Blitz, and her father's ship goes down, Louisa Adair feels she has lost everything. The country she has called home since her family left Jamaica is not a friendly place for an orphaned girl with brown skin, and she badly needs money and a roof over her head.



Cane Warriors **Alex Wheatle**

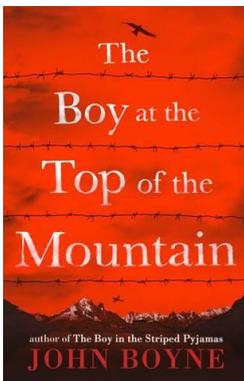
Nobody free until everybody is free. Moa is fourteen. The only life he has ever known is toiling on the Frontier sugar cane plantation for endless hot days, fearing the vicious whips of the overseers. Then one night he learns of an uprising, led by the charismatic Tacky. Moa is to be a cane warrior, and fight for the freedom of all the enslaved people in the nearby plantations.



The Bombs that Brought us Together **Brian Conaghan**

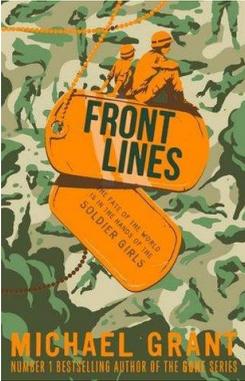
Fourteen-year-old Charlie Law has lived in Little Town, on the border with Old Country, all his life. He knows the rules: no going out after dark; no drinking; no litter; no fighting. You don't want to get on the wrong side of the people who run Little Town. When he meets Pavel Duda, a refugee from Old Country, the rules start to get broken. Then the bombs come, and the soldiers from Old

Country, and Little Town changes for ever.



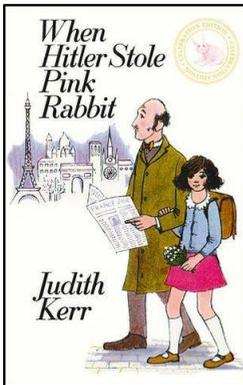
The Boy at the Top of the Mountain **John Boyne**

When Pierrrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.



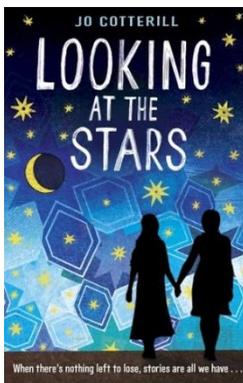
Front Lines **Michael Grant**

1942. The fate of the world rests on a knife's edge. And the soldiers who can tip the balance . . . are girls. Set in an alternate World War II where young women are called up to fight alongside men, this is the story of Rio Richlin and her friends as they go into battle against Hitler's forces. But not everyone believes that they should be on the front lines.



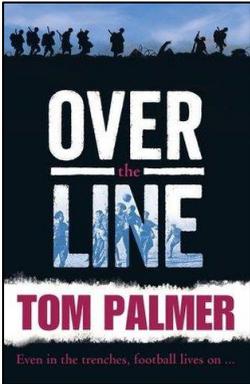
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit **Judith Kerr**

Partly autobiographical, this is the story of a Jewish family fleeing from Germany at the start of the Second World War. Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in Germany any longer. Suppose you found, to your complete surprise, that your own father was one of those people.



Looking at the Stars **Jo Cotterill**

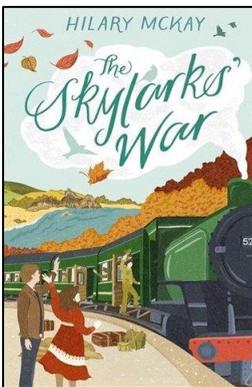
Amina's homeland has been ravaged by war for many months, but so far, she and her family are safe together. When a so-called liberating force arrives in the country, the family think their prayers for peace will soon be answered, but they are horribly wrong... The country is thrown into yet further turmoil and Amina's family is devastated...



Over the Line

Tom Palmer

Based on the true story of a sporting hero's experience in the trenches. Jack is to make his debut as a professional footballer, but it's 1914 and the world is at war. Talk of sportsmen's cowardice leads to the formation of a Footballers' Battalion and Jack has little choice but to join up. Jack and his team-mates will have to survive a waking nightmare if they are ever to play again.

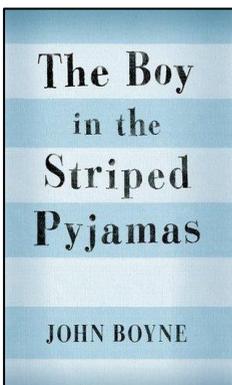


The Skylarks' War

Hilary McKay

Clarry and her older brother Peter live for their summers in Cornwall, staying with their grandparents and running free with their charismatic cousin, Rupert. But normal life resumes each September - boarding school for Peter and Rupert, and a boring life for Clarry at home with her absent father, as the shadow of a terrible war looms ever closer. Can their family

survive this fearful war?

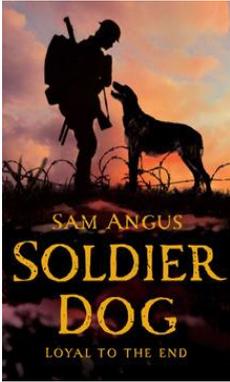


The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

John Boyne

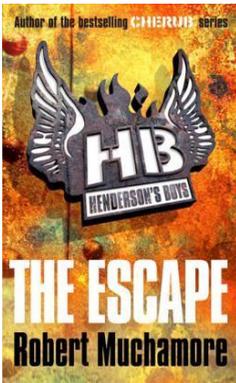
This book will take you on a journey with a nine-year-old boy called Bruno. Being curious Bruno sets out to explore his new home, sooner or later you will arrive with Bruno at a fence.

Fences like this exist all over the world. We hope you never have to encounter such a fence.



Soldier Dog **Sam Angus**

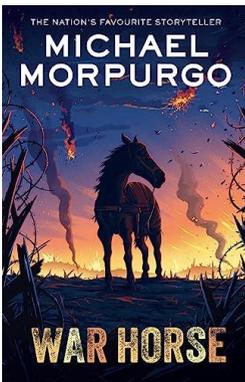
Stanley's dad hasn't been the same since his wife died and his eldest son went off to fight in the war. Now Stanley's only friend is his dad's prizewinning greyhound, Rocket. Stanley runs away and enlists in the army to train as a messenger dog handler, and is soon heading to France with a great Dane called Bones by his side.



Henderson Boys: The Escape **Robert Muchamore**

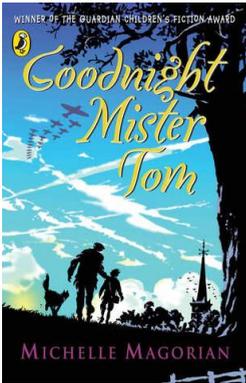
Summer, 1940. Hitler's army is advancing towards Paris and millions of French civilians are on the run. Amidst the chaos, two British children are being hunted by German agents. British spy, Charles Henderson tries to reach them first, but he can only do it with the help of a twelve-year-old French orphan. The British secret service is about to discover that kids working undercover will help

to win the war.



War Horse **Michael Morpurgo**

In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.



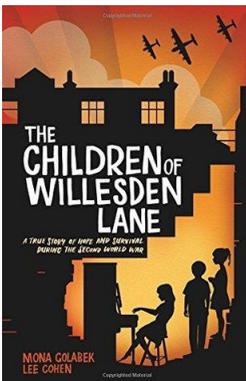
Goodnight Mister Tom **Michelle Magorian**

When the Second World War breaks out, young Willie Beech is evacuated to the countryside. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of kind old Tom Oakley. But then his cruel mother summons him back to war-torn London...



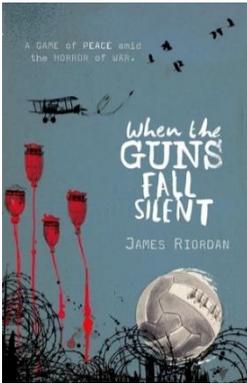
Boy, Everywhere **A.M. Dassu**

Sami is a typical 13 year-old: he loves his friends, football, PlayStation and iPad. But a bombing in a mall changes his life. Sami and his family flee their comfortable home in Damascus to make the perilous and painful journey towards a new life in the U.K. Leaving everything behind, Sami discovers a world he'd never encountered – harsh, dangerous and at times unexpectedly kind.



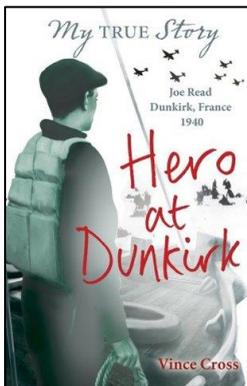
The Children of Willesden Lane **Mona Golabek**

Based on the true story of a 14 year old girl Lisa Jura, who had to flee her home in Vienna and rebuild her life in London, the story brings home the reality of the Holocaust. When Hitler's armies advanced on pre-war Vienna, Lisa's parents were forced to make a difficult decision. Able to secure passage for only one of their three daughters through the Kindertransport, they chose to send gifted Lisa to London for safety.



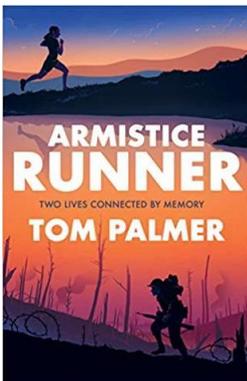
When the Guns Fall Silent **James Riordan**

Jack, standing among the war graves, sees a face he recognizes. Suddenly, it's 1914 again and he's a young lad back in the trenches. Visions of killing and misery come to him with horrible clarity. But then Jack remembers too the incredible moment when the guns fell silent for a short time, and fighting gave way to football on the frozen ground of No-Man's-Land.



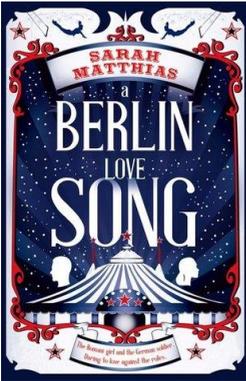
My True Story: Hero at Dunkirk **Vince Cross**

Joe Read was only 15 years old when he crossed the Channel in his father's lifeboat, Brittanic, and braved artillery fire and German bombing to rescue British Expeditionary Forces. 2020 saw the 80th anniversary of the evacuation of the allies at Dunkirk. This title Joe's story.



Armistice Runner **Tom Palmer**

Lily has lots of worries. She's struggling to compete in her fell-running races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran and even give her the inspiration she needs to push through and win?



A Berlin Love Song
Sarah Matthias

Max is 14, a German schoolboy, when he first meets Lili, a trapeze artist from a travelling circus that performs every year in Berlin. Lili is a Romani, and her life and customs are very different from those of Max and his family. Torn apart by the outbreak of war they meet again aged 17, when their friendship turns into love – but love between a member of the Hitler youth and a member of the

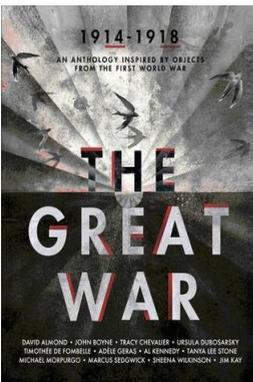
Romani community is forbidden.



War Girls
Various authors

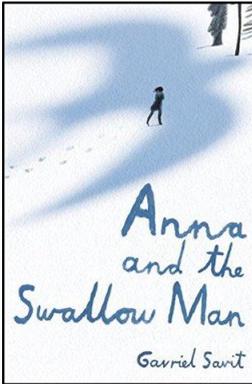
1914: War has broken out across Europe and beyond. Nothing will ever be the same again for those caught up in the conflict. This collection of short stories explores how the First World War changed and shaped the lives of women forever.

A courageous nurse risks her life at the Front Line; a young woman discovers independence and intrigue in wartime London; and a grief-stricken widow defends her homeland amidst the destruction of war.



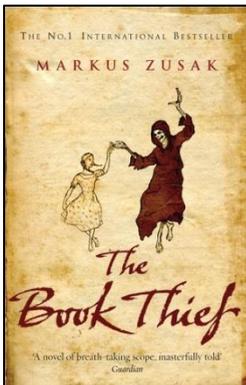
The Great War
Various authors

A collection of stories by bestselling authors, each inspired by a different object from the First World War. Each object illuminates an aspect of life during the war, and each story reminds us of the millions of individual lives that were changed forever by the fighting.



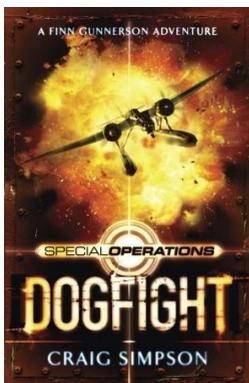
Anna and the Swallow Man **Gavriel Savit**

Kraków, 1939. A million marching soldiers and a thousand barking dogs. This is no place to grow up. Anna Łania is just seven years old when the Germans take her father, a linguistics professor, during their purge of intellectuals in Poland. She's alone but then then Anna meets the Swallow Man.



The Book Thief **Markus Zusak**

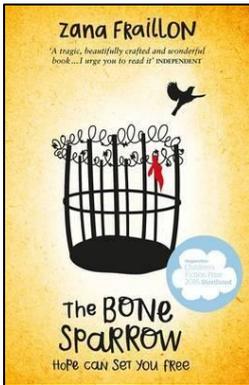
1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with her foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.



Special Operations: Dogfight **Craig Simpson**

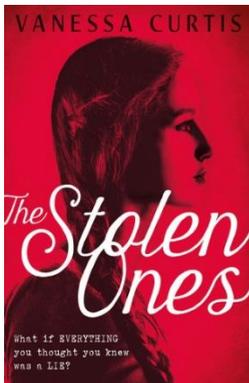
Norway, a country invaded by the Nazis. Finn Gunnerson and best friend, Loki Larson, are determined to fight back. Joining the Resistance, they risk arrest, torture and execution. They also don't know who to trust.

When vital secrets fall into their hands and the enemy is in hot pursuit, they must escape.



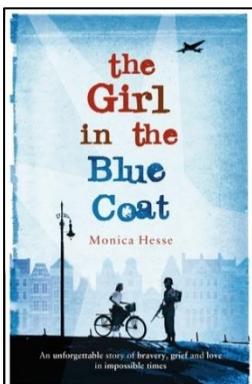
The Bone Sparrow **Zana Fraillon**

Born in a refugee camp, all Subhi knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high and at night he dreams that the sea finds its way to his tent. Then, one day it brings him Jimmie. Carrying a notebook that she's unable to read and wearing a sparrow made out of bone around her neck - both talismans of her family's past and the mother she's lost.



The Stolen Ones **Vanessa Curtis**

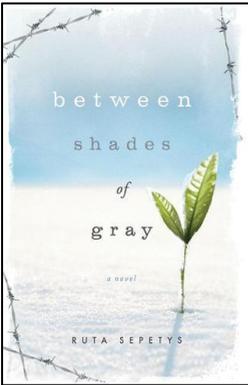
My name is Inge. I am sixteen. I live in Munich. Food is rationed, though the war ended years ago. My boyfriend is Jewish. My parents would not approve, so I hide this from them. I think they are hiding something from me, too. Letters arrive on my birthday, but they are not addressed to me. They are for a girl named Kasia. This is her story.



The Girl in the Blue Coat **Monica Hesse**

Amsterdam, 1943. Hanneke spends her days procuring and delivering sought-after black market goods to paying customers. Her nights are spent hiding the true nature of her work from her concerned parents. Every waking moment she mourns her boyfriend, who was killed on the Dutch front lines when the Germans invaded. She likes to think of her illegal work as a small act of

rebellion.



Between Shades of Gray

Ruta Sepetys

Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother slowly make their way north,

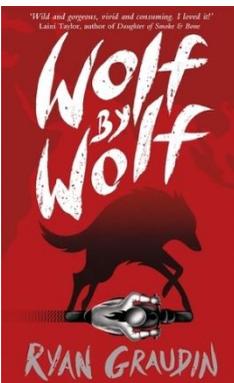
crossing the Arctic Circle, to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia.



Ellie's War: Come Home Soon

Emily Sharratt

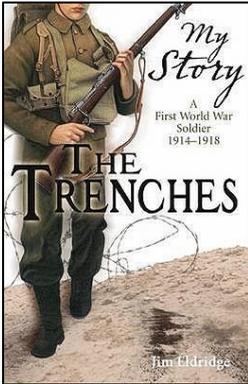
England, 1914. Life is dull in Endstone and Ellie dreams of change. Then war breaks out in Europe and everyone in her village is excited, especially her best friend, Jack. With her beloved father leading the village men to fight and Jack desperate to join the ranks, suddenly Ellie's life is looking very different. But as the reality of war comes closer to home, is it the change she's dreamed of?



Wolf by Wolf

Ryan Graudin

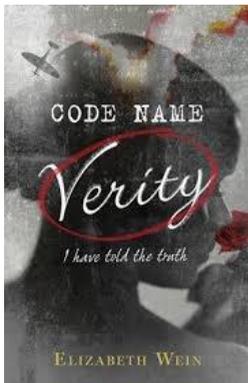
Germania, 1956. Over ten years since the Nazis won the war. 18-year-old Yael is part of the resistance, and she has just one mission: to kill Hitler. But first she's got to get close enough to him to do it. Experimented on during her time at Auschwitz, Yael has the unique ability to change her appearance at will. The only part of her which always remains are the five tattooed wolves on her arm; one for each of the people she's lost.



My Story: The Trenches

Jim Eldridge

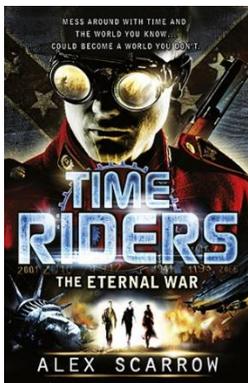
Sixteen-year-old Billy Stevens joins the military to "kick the Kaiser back to Germany", he lies about his age to join up, and is initially disappointed when he is assigned to the Royal Engineers. Soon enough, he is sent to the Front, and the terrible sights and sounds of the trenches.



Code Name Verity

Elizabeth Wein

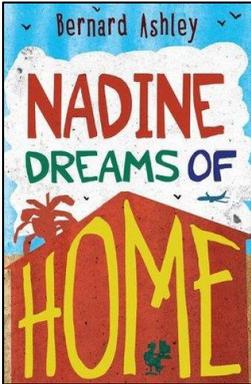
Oct. 11th, 1943 - A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. When "Verity" is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution.



TimeRiders: The Eternal War

Alex Scarrow

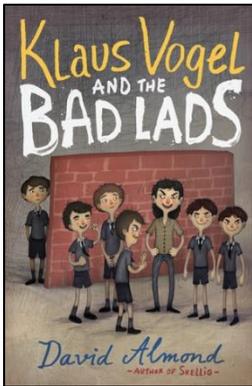
Three time riders are given a second chance—to work for an agency that no one knows exists. Its purpose: to prevent time travel destroying history... A time wave has struck that alters the entire history of the American Civil War. Abraham Lincoln has followed Liam into the present from 1831 and now the world is in a dangerous state of limbo... If the TimeRiders can't return Lincoln to the past, the Civil War will never end.



Nadine Dreams of Home

Bernard Ashley

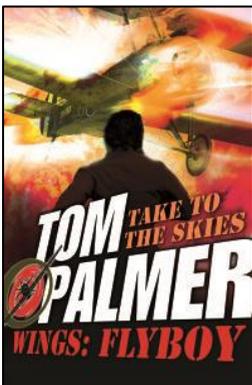
Nadine doesn't like her new life. She doesn't speak the language, she can't understand what's going on, and more than anything, it's just not home. Especially since her father isn't here with them in the UK. But it just wasn't safe in Goma anymore, not with the uprising and the violence of the rebel soldiers.



Klaus Vogel and the Bad Lads

David Almond

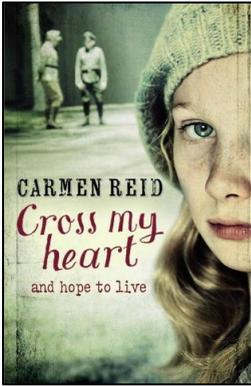
Fleeing persecution in his homeland, German refugee Klaus Vogel arrives in a small English town where the local gang take him under their wing. They call themselves the Bad Lads, but it's all mischief and harmless tricks, never any real trouble. But then leader Joe starts to encourage increasingly hateful pranks and Klaus has to make a stand for what he thinks is right.



Wings: Flyboy

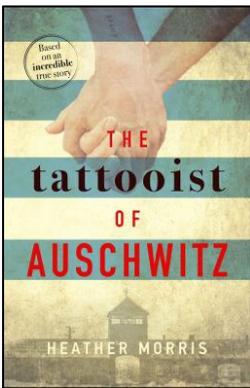
Tom Palmer

Jatinder seems to be living his dream - he's training for his team's youth squad, and his host parents Steve and Esther are really great. But something's holding Jatinder back from being a really great footballer - himself. Steve reckons it's OK to take risks - look at his own hero, Hardit Singh Malik. That night Jatinder wakes up in a seriously surprising situation - flying Hardit's WWI fighter plane into enemy airspace.



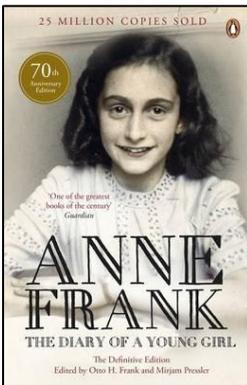
Cross My Heart Carmen Reid

Brussels, 1940. Fifteen-year-old Nicole watches as the Nazis invade Belgium. Determined not to stand by as her country is brought to its knees, Nicole vows to fight back and joins the Belgian Resistance. Under her new alias - Coco - Nicole embarks on a dangerous new life as a spy, where the only question is not if you'll be caught, but when...



The Tattooist of Auschwitz Heather Morris

Based on true events. In 1942, Lale Sokolov arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau. He was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust. Waiting in line to be tattooed, was a young girl, for Lale it was love at first sight.



Anne Frank The Diary of a Young Girl (NF) Anne Frank

Anne Frank and her family fled the horrors of Nazi occupation by hiding in the back of a warehouse in Amsterdam for two years with another family and a German dentist. Aged thirteen when she went into the secret annexe, Anne kept a diary. She movingly revealed how the eight people living under these extraordinary conditions coped with hunger, the daily threat of discovery and death and being cut off from the outside world.