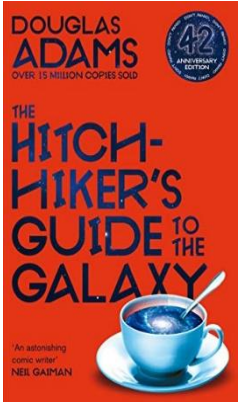
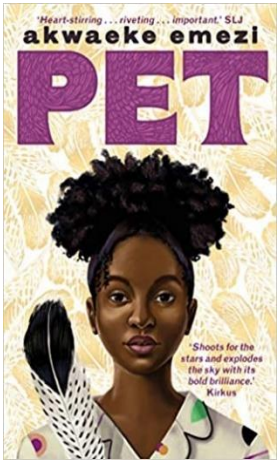
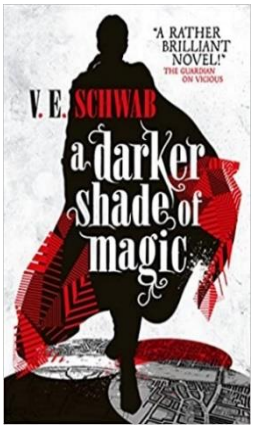
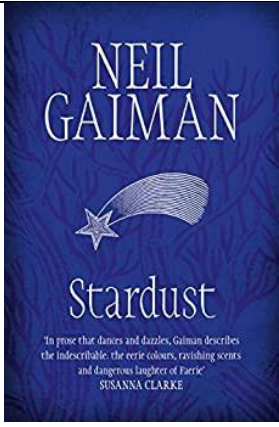
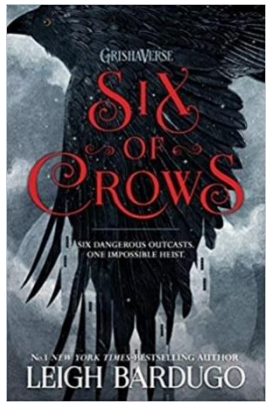


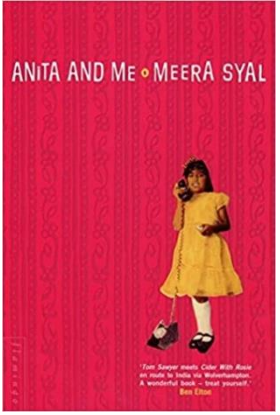
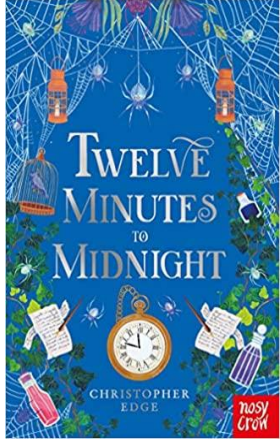

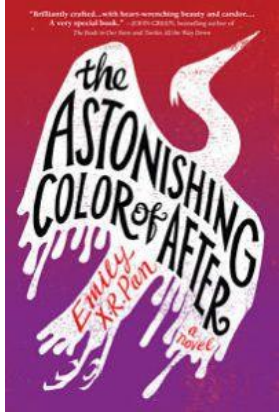
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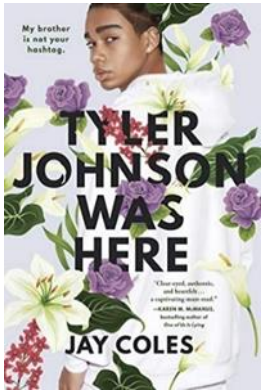
Title and Author	Cover	Mastery Level	Summary
<p>Opposite of Always, by Justin A. Reynolds</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>When Jack and Kate meet at a party, he knows he's falling – hard. Soon she's meeting his best friends and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack.</p> <p>But then Kate dies. And their story should end there.</p> <p>Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind.</p> <p>Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel. However, Jack will learn that his actions are not without consequences. And when one choice turns deadly for someone else close to him, he has to figure out what he's willing to do to save the people he loves.</p>
<p>Out of Heart, by Irfan Master</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>Adam is a teenage boy who lives with his mum and younger sister. His dad has left them although lives close by. His sister no longer speaks and his mum works two jobs. Adam feels the weight of the world upon his shoulders.</p> <p>Then his grandfather dies and in doing so he donates a very precious gift - his heart.</p> <p>William is the recipient of Adam's grandfather's heart. He has no family and feels rootless and alone. In fact, he feels no particular reason to live. And then he meets Adam's family.</p> <p>William has received much, but it appears that he has much to offer Adam and his family too.</p>
<p>Good Omens, by Terry Pratchett &amp; Neil Gaiman</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>What if, for once, the predictions are right, and the Apocalypse really is due to arrive next Saturday, just after tea?</p> <p>It's a predicament that Aziraphale, a somewhat fussy angel, and Crowley, a fast-living demon, now find themselves in. They've been living amongst Earth's mortals since The Beginning and, truth be told, have grown rather fond of the lifestyle and, in all honesty, are not actually looking forward to the coming Apocalypse.</p> <p>Now people have been predicting the end of the world almost from its very beginning, so it's only natural to be sceptical when a new date is set for Judgement Day.</p>
<p>Agent Zaiba Investigates: The Missing Diamonds, by Annabelle Sami</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>Determined to be the world's greatest detective, Zaiba is always on the lookout for a crime to solve. She knows everything there is to know about running an investigation – in theory...</p> <p>At her cousin's Mehndi party, Zaiba gets her first challenge: to discover the identity of the VIP staying at the same hotel. With the help of her best friend Poppy and brother Ali, Zaiba puts her sleuthing skills to the test. And when the celebrity's precious dog disappears, along with its priceless diamond collar, it's up to the trio to save the day!</p>

<p>The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed, in large friendly letters, with the words: DON'T PANIC.</p> <p>The weekend has only just begun . . .</p>
<p>Pet, by Akwaeke Emezi</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>There are no more monsters anymore, or so the children in the city of Lucille are taught. With doting parents and a best friend named Redemption, Jam has grown up with this lesson all her life. But when she meets Pet, a creature made of horns and colours and claws, who emerges from one of her mother's paintings and a drop of Jam's blood, she must reconsider what she's been told. Pet has come to hunt a monster, and the shadow of something grim lurks in Redemption's house. Jam must fight not only to protect her best friend, but also to uncover the truth.</p> <p>In their riveting and timely young adult debut, acclaimed novelist Akwaeke Emezi asks difficult questions about what choices a young person can make when the adults around them are in denial.</p>
<p>A Darker Shade of Magic, by V. E. Schwab</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>Most people only know one London; but what if there were several? Kell is one of the last Travelers magicians with a rare ability to travel between parallel Londons. There is Grey London, dirty and crowded and without magic, home to the mad king George III. There is Red London, where life and magic are revered. Then, White London, ruled by whoever has murdered their way to the throne. But once upon a time, there was Black London..</p>
<p>Stardust, by Neil Gaiman</p>		<p>Emerging</p>	<p>Life moves at a leisurely pace in the tiny town of Wall - named after the imposing stone barrier which separates the town from a grassy meadow. Here, young Tristran Thorn has lost his heart to the beautiful Victoria Forester and for the coveted prize of her hand, Tristran vows to retrieve a fallen star and deliver it to his beloved. It is an oath that sends him over the ancient wall and into a world that is dangerous and strange beyond imagining . . .</p>

<p>Six of Crows, by Leigh Bardugo</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>Criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams - but he can't pull it off alone.</p> <p>A convict with a thirst for revenge.</p> <p>A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager.</p> <p>A runaway with a privileged past.</p> <p>A spy known as the Wraith.</p> <p>A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums.</p> <p>A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.</p> <p>Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist.</p> <p>Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction - if they don't kill each other first.</p>
<p>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, by Joan Aiken</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>1832 - a period of English History that never happened. Good King James III is on the throne and the country is ravaged by wolves which have migrated through the newly-opened Channel Tunnel. When Sylvia and Bonnie (both orphans) fall into the hands of evil Miss Slighcarp, they must use all their wits to escape unscathed - for the governess is more cruel and merciless than the wolves that surround the great house of Willoughby Chase.</p>
<p>Beowulf, by Michael Morpurgo</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>In fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him. Beowulf's terrifying quest to destroy Grendel, the foul fiend, a hideous sea-hag and a monstrous fire-dragon is the oldest surviving epic in British literature. Artfully retold and magnificently illustrated, this companion volume to Sir Gawain and the Green Knight is an instant hit</p>
<p>Monkey Wars, by Richard Kurti</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>From BAFTA-nominated screenwriter Richard Kurti comes a gripping and original thriller exploring the dangers of power. When a troop of Langur monkeys attacks a group of Rhesus monkeys, a terrifying struggle for power begins. A young Langur, Mico, attempts to stop the bloodshed, but becomes entangled in the Langur leadership's dangerous secrets. Mico has to choose between right and wrong, but when monkeys turn on each other, there can be no survivors... Nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal and the UKLA Book Award and described as "strikingly original" by Anthony Horowitz, author of the Alex Rider and Power of Five series.</p>



<p>Anita and Me, by Meera Syal</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>It's 1972. Meena is nine years old and lives in the village of Tollington, 'the jewel of the Black Country'. She is the daughter of Indian parents who have come to England to give her a better life. As one of the few Punjabi inhabitants of her village, her daily struggle for independence is different from most. She wants fishfingers and chips, not chapati and dhal; she wants an English Christmas, not the usual interminable Punjabi festivities – but more than anything, she wants to roam the backyards of working-class Tollington with feisty Anita Rutter and her gang.</p> <p>Blonde, cool, aloof, outrageous and sassy, Anita is everything Meena thinks she wants to be. Meena wheedles her way into Anita's life, but the arrival of a baby brother, teenage hormones, impending entrance exams for the posh grammar school and a motorcycling rebel without a future, threaten to turn Anita's salad days sour.</p>
<p>Twelve Minutes to Midnight, by Christopher Edge</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>Penelope Tredwell is the feisty thirteen-year-old orphan heiress of the bestselling magazine, The Penny Dreadful. Her masterly tales of the macabre are gripping Victorian Britain, even if no one knows she's the author. One day, a letter she receives from the governor of the notorious Bedlam madhouse plunges her into an adventure more terrifying than anything she has ever imagined</p> <p>Why are the patients of Bedlam waking every night at twelve minutes to midnight? What is the meaning of the strange messages they write? Who is the Spider Lady of South Kensington?</p> <p>Penelope is always seeking mysteries to fill the pages of her magazine. But this isn't any ordinary story, it's the future.</p>
<p>Walking on My Hands by, Jamila Gavin</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>Born to an Indian father and an English mother, Jamila Gavin's childhood was divided between two worlds. Having spent her childhood in India, Jamila and her mother move to England. It is the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth and England is experiencing a post-war boom, a time of positive anticipation and enthusiasm for the future. Jamila recounts how she experiences teenage life in England as she grapples with British culture, develops long-lasting friendships and harnesses her musical talent.</p>
<p>The Astonishing Color of After, by Emily X.R. Pan</p>		<p>Securing</p>	<p>Leigh Chen Sanders is sixteen when her mother dies by suicide, leaving only a scribbled note: 'I want you to remember'. Leigh doesn't know what it means, but when a red bird appears with a message, she finds herself travelling to Taiwan to meet her maternal grandparents for the first time.</p> <p>Leigh is far away from home and far away from Axel, her best friend, who she stupidly kissed on the night her mother died - leaving her with a swell of guilt that she wasn't home, and a heavy heart.</p> <p>Overwhelmed by grief, Leigh retreats into her art and into her memories, where colours collide and the rules of reality are broken. The only thing Leigh is certain about is that she must find out the truth. She must remember.</p>

<p>The invisible Man by, H.G. Wells</p>		<p><b>Developing</b></p>	<p>On a bitter evening in the depths of winter, a mysterious stranger arrives to the remote English village of Iping, his face swaddled in bandages.</p> <p>The Invisible Man tells the tale of a scientist who has found a way to make himself invisible. To his anger and dismay, however, the experiment appears irreversible. Freed from the constraints of the law and rejected from a society that fears him, Griffin descends into madness. Wells' disturbing and insightful novel explores the question of morality when a man is free to do as he pleases without risk of being caught...</p> <p>This gorgeous edition presents this fantastic book in a beautiful cloth-bound hardback with silver foil.</p>
<p>The Night Circus, by Erin Morgenstern</p>		<p><b>Developing</b></p>	<p>The circus arrives without warning. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Against the grey sky the towering tents are striped black and white. A sign hanging upon iron gates reads:</p> <p>Opens at Nightfall</p> <p>Closes at Dawn</p> <p>As dusk shifts to twilight, tiny lights begin to flicker all over the tents, as though the whole circus is covered in fireflies. When the tents are aglow, sparkling against the night sky, the sign lights up:</p> <p>Le Cirque des Rêves</p> <p>The Circus of Dreams</p>
<p>Tyler Johnson Was Here, by Jay Coles</p>		<p><b>Developing</b></p>	<p>When Marvin Johnson's twin, Tyler, goes to a party, Marvin decides to tag along to keep an eye on his brother. But what starts as harmless fun turns into a shooting, followed by a police raid.</p> <p>The next day, Tyler has gone missing, and it's up to Marvin to find him. But when Tyler is found dead, a video leaked online tells an even more chilling story: Tyler has been shot and killed by a police officer. Terrified as his mother unravels and mourning a brother who is now a hashtag, Marvin must learn what justice and freedom really mean.</p>
<p>The Spiderwick Chronicles (Book 1), by Tony Diterlizzi &amp; Holly Black</p>		<p><b>Developing</b></p>	<p>Book 1 of The Spiderwick Chronicles in which Mallory, Simon and Jared get acquainted with their new home but find many unexpected things.</p> <p>It all started when Jared Grace found their great uncle's book, "Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastic World Around You" and the Grace kids realise that they are not alone in their new house. Now Mallory, Simon and Jared want to tell their story but it seems the faeries will do everything in their power to stop them...</p> <p>It's up to you to spread the word about their discovery. But heed their warnings, wear some red, turn your clothes inside out - all anti-faerie devices - and get ready to enter a world that you never knew existed... It's closer than you think!</p>

<p>The Binding, by Bridget Collins</p>		<p>Developing</p>	<p>Emmett Farmer is a binder's apprentice. His job is to hand-craft beautiful books and, within each, to capture something unique and extraordinary: a memory.</p> <p>If you have something you want to forget, or a secret to hide, he can bind it – and you will never have to remember the pain it caused.</p> <p>In a vault under his mentor's workshop, row upon row of books – and secrets – are meticulously stored and recorded.</p> <p>Then one day Emmett makes an astonishing discovery: one of the volumes has his name on it.</p>
<p>With the Fire on High, by Elizabeth Acevedo</p>		<p>Developing</p>	<p>Ever since she got pregnant, seventeen-year-old Emoni's life has been about making the tough decisions - doing what has to be done for her young daughter and her grandmother. Keeping her head down at school, trying not to get caught up with new boy Malachi. The one place she can let everything go is in the kitchen, where she has magical hands - whipping up extraordinary food beloved by everyone.</p> <p>Emoni wants to be a chef more than anything, but she knows it's pointless to pursue the impossible. There are rules she has to play by. And yet, once she starts cooking, and gets that fire on high, she sees that her drive to feed will feed her soul and dreams too. And anything is possible.</p>
<p>Scythe (Book One), by Neal Shusterman</p>		<p>Developing</p>	<p>A dark, gripping and witty thriller in which the only thing humanity has control over is death.</p> <p>In a world where disease, war and crime have been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ("gleaned") by professional scythes. Citra and Rowan are teenagers who have been selected to be scythes' apprentices, and despite wanting nothing to do with the vocation, they must learn the art of killing and understand the necessity of what they do.</p> <p>Only one of them will be chosen as a scythe's apprentice and as Citra and Rowan come up against a terrifyingly corrupt Scythedom, it becomes clear that the winning apprentice's first task will be to glean the loser.</p>
<p>My Name is Leon, by Kit De Waal</p>		<p>Developing</p>	<p>It's 1981, a year of riots and royal weddings. The Dukes of Hazzard is on TV. Curly Wurlys are in the shops. And trying to find a place in it all is nine-year-old Leon. He and his little brother Jake have gone to live with Maureen. They've lost one home, but have they found another?</p> <p>Maureen feeds and looks after them. She has wild red hair and mutters swearwords under her breath when she thinks they can't hear. She claims everything will be okay. But will they ever see their mother again? Who are the couple who secretly visit Jake? Between the street violence and the street parties, Leon must find a way to reunite his family...</p>



<p>I, Ada: Rebel Genius Visionary, by Julia Gray</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>Ada Byron is rich and clever, but she longs to be free. Free to explore all the amazing ideas that come to her imagination, like flying mechanical horses and stories inspired by her travels. Free to find love and passion beyond the watchful gaze of her mother and governesses. And free to learn the full truth about her father, the notorious Lord Byron. Then Ada meets a man whose invention might just change the world – and he needs her visionary brilliance to bring it to life . . .</p> <p>A wonderfully witty and poignant portrayal of the young life of Ada Lovelace, the 19th-century mathematician who is hailed as the world’s first computer programmer.</p>
<p>Purple Hibiscus, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>The limits of fifteen-year-old Kambili’s world are defined by the high walls of her family estate and the dictates of her fanatically religious father. Her life is regulated by schedules: prayer, sleep, study, prayer.</p> <p>When Nigeria is shaken by a military coup, Kambili’s father, involved mysteriously in the political crisis, sends her to live with her aunt. In this house, noisy and full of laughter, she discovers life and love – and a terrible, bruising secret deep within her family.</p> <p>This extraordinary novel is about the blurred lines between the old gods and the new, childhood and adulthood, love and hatred – the grey spaces in which truths are revealed and real life is lived.</p>
<p>The Black God’s Drums, by P. Djèli Clark</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>In an alternate New Orleans caught in the tangle of the American Civil War, the wall-scaling girl named Creeper yearns to escape the streets for the air—in particular, by earning a spot on-board the airship Midnight Robber. Creeper plans to earn Captain Ann-Marie’s trust with information she discovers about a Haitian scientist and a mysterious weapon he calls The Black God’s Drums.</p> <p>But Creeper also has a secret herself: Oya, the African orisha of the wind and storms, speaks inside her head, and may have her own ulterior motivations.</p> <p>Soon, Creeper, Oya, and the crew of the Midnight Robber are pulled into a perilous mission aimed to stop the Black God’s Drums from being unleashed and wiping out the entirety of New Orleans.</p>
<p>Patron Saints of Nothing, by Randy Ribay</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>A powerful coming-of-age story about grief, guilt and the risks a Filipino-American teenager takes to uncover the truth about his cousin's murder.</p> <p>When Jay Reguero hears of his cousin Jun’s death, everything changes. Although years have passed since they were last in contact, the stories about Jun just don’t fit with the boy Jay knew. Hoping to uncover the truth, Jay travels to Jun’s home in the Philippines – but the shocking realities of life there lead to even more questions. Can Jay find the answers he seeks?</p>

<p>Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>The story grew out of a map that led to imaginary treasure, devised during a holiday in Scotland by Stevenson and his nephew. The tale is told by an adventurous boy, Jim Hawkins, who gets hold of a treasure map and sets off with an adult crew in search of the buried treasure. Among the crew, however, is the treacherous Long John Silver who is determined to keep the treasure for himself. Stevenson's first full-length work of fiction brought him immediate fame and continues to captivate readers of all ages.</p>
<p>A Blade So Black, by L.L. McKinney</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>The first time the Nightmares came, it nearly cost Alice her life. Now she's trained to battle monstrous creatures in the dark dream realm known as Wonderland with magic weapons and hardcore fighting skills. Yet even warriors have a curfew.</p> <p>Life in real-world Atlanta isn't always so simple, as Alice juggles an overprotective mom, a high-maintenance best friend, and a slipping GPA. Keeping the Nightmares at bay is turning into a full-time job. But when Alice's handsome and mysterious mentor is poisoned, she has to find the antidote by venturing deeper into Wonderland than she's ever gone before.</p>
<p>Earthsea: The First Four Books, by Ursula Le Guin</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>Ged is but a goatherd on the island of Gont when he comes by his strange powers over nature. Sent to the School of Wizards on Roke, he learns the true way of magic and proves himself a powerful magician.</p> <p>And it is as the Archmage Sparrowhawk that he helps the High Priestess Tenar escape the labyrinth of darkness. But over the years, Ged witnesses true magic and the ancient ways submit to the forces of evil and death. Will he too succumb, or can he hold them back?</p>
<p>The Call of The Wild, by Jack London</p>		<p><b>Mastery</b></p>	<p>Set in the Canadian Yukon during the Klondike gold rush, Call of the Wild tells the story of a kidnapped dog sold into the dog sled service. Buck the dog is compelled to abandon his domestication in order to survive against mother nature, feral dogs, and vicious natives.</p>