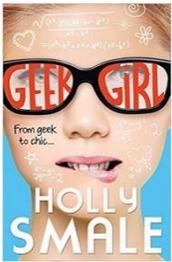


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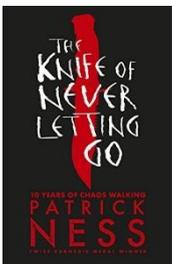
# Recommended Reading List



### Geek Girl Series – Holly Smale -

Harriet Manners knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, a “jiffy” lasts 1/100th of a second, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. But she doesn't know why nobody at school seems to like her. So when

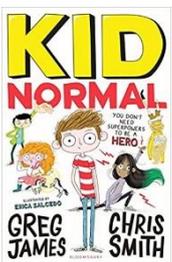
Harriet is spotted by a top model agent, she grabs the chance to reinvent herself. Even if it means stealing her best friend's dream, incurring the wrath of her arch enemy Alexa, and repeatedly humiliating herself in front of impossibly handsome model Nick. Even if it means lying to the people she loves.



### Chaos Walking Trilogy – Patrick Ness

- Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of

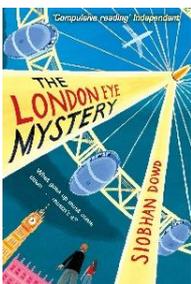
complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run...



### Kid Normal – Greg James & Chris Smith -

Murph Cooper has a problem. His new school is top secret, and super weird. His classmates can all fly or control the weather or conjure tiny horses from thin air. And what's Murph's extraordinary skill? Um, oh

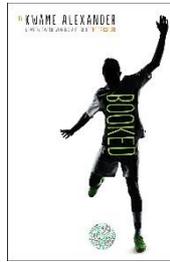
yeah - he hasn't got one. Just as well there are no revolting supervillains lurking nearby, their minds abuzz with evil plans. There are!?! Right. Ok, then..



### The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

– At 11.32am, Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city. At 12.02pm, the pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim. Has he

spontaneously combusted? (Ted's theory.) Has he been kidnapped? (Aunt Gloria's theory.) Is he even still alive? (The family's unspoken fear.) Even the police are baffled - so it's up to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to solve this mystery and find Salim.



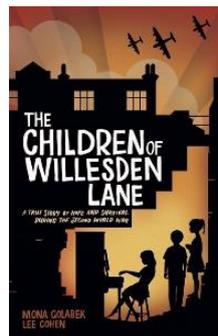
**Booked – Kwame Alexander** - Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. Football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges – which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal – change his life, as well as his best friend's.



### Click Here to Start – Dennis Markell -

What if playing video games was prepping you to solve an incredible real-world puzzle and locate a priceless treasure? 12 year-old Ted Gerson has spent most of his summer playing video games. So when his great-uncle dies and bequeaths him the all so-called

treasure in his overstuffed junk shop of an apartment, Ted explores it like it's another level to beat. And to his shock, he finds that eccentric Great-Uncle Ted actually has set the place up like a real-life escape-the-room game...



### The Children of Willesden Lane –

**Mona Golabek & Lee Cohen** – Based on a true story: 14 year-old Lisa Jura was a musical prodigy who hoped to become a concert pianist. But 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

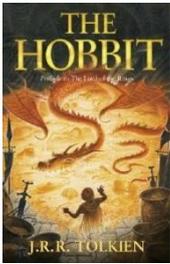
three daughters through the Kindertransport, they chose to send gifted Lisa to London for safety. As she yearned to be reunited with her family while she lived in a home for refugee children on Willesden Lane, Lisa's music became a beacon of hope.



### Super Awkward – Beth Garrod -

Bella Fisher is absolutely WINNING at FAILING at life. 1. She once got her tongue stuck to a box of Calippos in a supermarket. 2. She accidentally called her geography teacher Mum. Twice. He wasn't impressed. 3. She's a geek. And not in a geek-chic kind of way, but in a

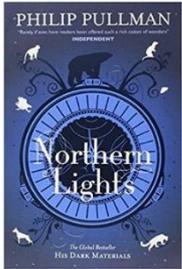
secretly-caring-about-failing-maths-and- way. 4. So it figures that when she meets Zac, the fittest boy in the world, she's doing solo star jumps. While dressed as a cereal box.



**The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien** - Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected journey 'there and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...



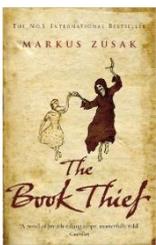
**A Wrinkle in Time – Madeline L'Engle** - When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'. How Charles, his sister Meg and friend Calvin find and free his father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which.



**His Dark Materials Trilogy – Philip Pullman** - Lyra Belacqua is an orphan who lives with her daemon in a place like - and yet unlike - Oxford, in a parallel universe in which science, theology and magic are entwined. One day, children start to go missing, snatched mysteriously by a group the children call 'The Gobblers'. When her best friend Roger is taken, Lyra finds herself bound up in a dangerous chase, a daring game of cat-and-mouse that sees her on the run from the highest authorities.



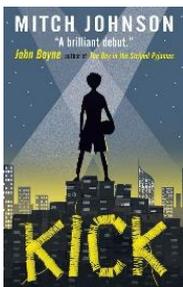
**One – Sarah Crossan** - Grace and Tippi don't like being stared at and sneered at, but they're used to it. They're conjoined twins - united in blood and bone. What they want is to be looked at in turn, like they truly are two people. They want real friends. And what about love? But a heart-wrenching decision lies ahead for Tippi and Grace. One that could change their lives more than they ever asked for... This moving and beautifully crafted novel about identity, sisterhood and love ultimately asks one question: what does it mean to want and have a soulmate?



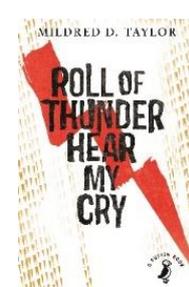
**The Book Thief – Markus Zusak** - It is 1939. In Nazi Germany, the country is holding its breath. By her brother's graveside, 9 year old Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, and this is her first act of book thievery. So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library . . . wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times, and when Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, nothing will ever be the same again.



**The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Millwood Hargrave** - Isabella is the daughter of a cartographer who lives on the island of Joya; an isle both steeped in mythology and shrouded in mystery. For the last thirty years, a strict Governor has forbidden the island inhabitants from venturing beyond their small township. When her best friend Lupe runs away, disappearing into the forbidden forest, Isabella volunteers to bring her back. With only her knowledge of ancient myths and one of her father's maps to guide her, Isabella ventures into the perilous world beyond, where monsters lurk and magical rivers run.



**Kick – Mitch Johnson** - Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.



**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D Taylor** - The Mississippi of the 1930s was a hard place for a black child to grow up in, but still Cassie didn't understand why farming his own land meant so much to her father. During that year, though, when the night riders were carrying hatred and destruction among her people, she learned about the great differences that divided them, and when it was worth fighting for a principle even if it brought terrible hardships.