

# Worth a Look

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## Recent children's and teenage books which have caused a stir.

### What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

Summer's ending, Evie's stepfather is finally home from the Second World War, and Evie is tired of her glamorous mother treating her like a little girl. Then a mysterious stranger appears; a handsome ex-GI who served with Evie's stepfather. Slowly, Evie realizes that she is falling in love with him - but he has dark secrets, and a strange control over her parents.



### Killing God by Kevin Brooks

Dawn Bundy is fifteen. She doesn't fit in and she couldn't care less. Dawn has other things on her mind. Her dad disappeared two years ago and it's all God's fault. When Dawn's dad found God, it was the worst time ever. He thought he'd found the answer to everything. But that wasn't the end of it . . .

### The Traitor Game by B.R. Collins

WINNER OF THE BRANFORD BOASE AWARD

Michael and Francis are best friends, drawn together by their common secret, Evgard. Evgard is a fantasy world that they have created together, a world both fierce and dangerous, set in a place and time before modern technology, where a fall of snow can mean life or death.

It is also a world that has become weirdly entwined in both their lives; actions in one world are uncannily mirrored by actions in the other. Until Michael, believing that Francis has betrayed him, sets in motion a terrible sequence of events...



### The Hunger Games: Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins

After winning the brutal Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen returns to her district, hoping for a peaceful future. But Katniss starts to hear rumours of a deadly rebellion against the Capitol. A rebellion that she and Peeta have helped to create.

As Katniss and Peeta are forced to visit the districts on the Capitol's cruel Victory Tour, the stakes are higher than ever. Unless Katniss and Peeta can convince the world that they are still lost in their love for each other, the consequences will be horrifying...

## Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd

WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him - his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck, blackmailed into acting as courier to God knows what, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls.

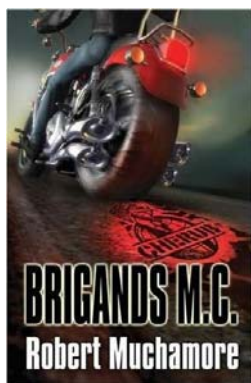
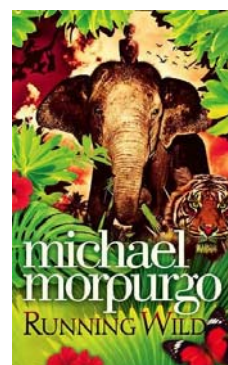


## If I Stay by Gayle Forman

For seventeen-year-old Mia, surrounded by a wonderful family, friends and a gorgeous boyfriend decisions might seem tough, but they're all about a future full of music and love, a future that's brimming with hope. But life can change in an instant. A cold February morning ...a snowy road ...and suddenly all of Mia's choices are gone. Except one. As alone as she'll ever be, Mia must make the most difficult choice of all.

## Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's a chance to put things behind them. And to begin with, it seems just what they both needed. But then the tsunami comes crashing in and Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Oona keeps on running...



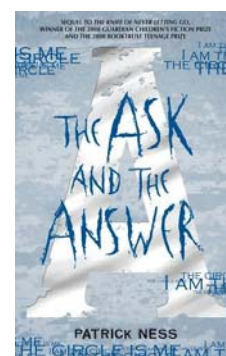
## Brigands MC by Robert Muchamore

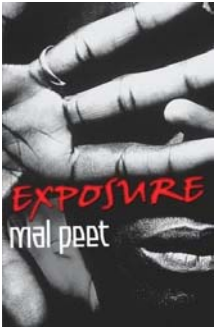
Every CHERUB agent comes from somewhere...

Dante Scott still has nightmares about the death of his family, brutally murdered by a biker gang. Dante is given the chance to become a member of CHERUB, a trained professional with one essential advantage: adults never suspect that children are spying on them. But when Dante joins James and Lauren Adams on a mission to infiltrate Brigands Motorcycle Club, he's ready to use everything he's learned to get revenge on the people who killed his family ...

## The Ask and the Answer by Patrick Ness

Fleeing before a relentless army, Todd has carried a desperately wounded Viola right into the hands of their worst enemy, Mayor Prentiss. Immediately separated from Viola and imprisoned, Todd is forced to learn the ways of the Mayor's new order. But what secrets are hiding just outside of town? And where is Viola? Is she even still alive? And who are the mysterious Answer? And then, one day, the bombs begin to explode...





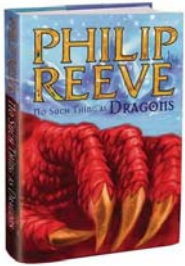
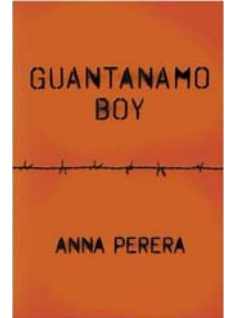
## Exposure by Mal Peet

WINNER OF THE GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S FICTION PRIZE

Revered as a national hero ... married to the desirable Desmerelda ... cherished by the media ... soccer star, Otello, has it all. But a sensational club transfer sparks a media frenzy, and when he is wrongly implicated in a scandal, the footballer's life turns into a tragic spiral of destruction. South America's top sports journalist, Paul Faustino, witnesses the power of the media in making and breaking people's lives.

## Guantanamo Boy by Anna Perera

Khalid, a fifteen-year-old Muslim boy from Rochdale, is abducted from Pakistan while on holiday with his family. He is taken to Guantanamo Bay and held without charge, where his hopes and dreams are crushed under the cruellest of circumstances. An innocent denied his freedom at a time when Western boys are finding theirs, Khalid tries and fails to understand what's happening to him and cannot fail to be a changed young man...



## No Such Thing as Dragons by Philip Reeve

Ansel's new master slays dragons for a living. He says he's hunted the monstrous worms all over Christendom and has the scars to prove it. But is Brock just a clever trickster in shining armour? Ansel is sure there are no such things as dragons. So what is the man-eating creature that makes its lair in the crags of Dragon Mountain? Ansel and Brock must climb the ice face to discover the terrifying truth...