

Tim Bowler River Boy

There is not time for explanations when Mr. hardy telephones Frank and Joe from the West Coast and sends them flying off to England to help his old friend Professor Rowbotham. Their stay in East Anglia begins with a weird omen, as they witness the bizarre funeral of an old witchmaster. From then on, strange things happen. When the Hardys learn about the strange disappearance of Lord Craighead, the plot deepens. Danger follows them to Ireland as Frank and Joe survive a shipwreck and find a clue from a frightened white which leads to the torture chamber of a black witches' coven, all in search of the telltale Witchmaster's Key.

A family secret waiting to be discovered... From bestselling author of *A Dog Called Homeless*.

Will lies in a deserted lane. All he knows is that he's had an accident and that his life is slipping away. Against all the odds he survives - but with an almost total loss of memory. He does not even know himself. And that is not all. At night he is tormented by visions, in the daytime by hostile strangers. Why does he have so many enemies? And who is the strange child who seems to have a story to tell him? Something has happened in this town, something terrifying. Will can sense it but he can't work out what it was. Perhaps the old Will knew. But that was before the accident. The new Will must search for the answers again - and this is a dangerous task. For the town has a secret and there are those who will do everything in their power to preserve it. Even kill.

A young girl learns she's half mermaid and plunges into a scheme to reunite with her father in this entrancing, satisfying tale that beckons readers far below the waves. For as long as she can remember, twelve-year-old Emily Windsnap has lived on a boat. And, oddly enough, for just as long, her mother has seemed anxious to keep Emily away from the water. But when Mom finally agrees to let her take swimming lessons, Emily makes a startling discovery — about her own identity, the mysterious father she's never met, and the thrilling possibilities and perils shimmering deep below the water's surface. With a sure sense of suspense and richly imaginative details, first-time author Liz Kessler lures us into a glorious undersea world where mermaids study shipwrecks at school and Neptune rules with an iron trident — an enchanting fantasy about family secrets, loyal friendship, and the convention-defying power of love.

A fourteen-year-old British street person with extraordinary powers of observation and self-control must face murderous thugs connected with a past he has tried to forget, when his skills with a knife earned him the nickname, Blade.

Game Changer

Gifts from the Gods (Withdrawn)

Pizzazz Vs. Perfecto

Frozen Fire

Echo

Twice Carnegie medal winning Geraldine McCaughrean's enthralling new novel is set in a world paralysed by natural disaster and dangerous lies. Fifteen-year-old Gloria is maid to Afalia's tyrannical Head of State, Madame Suprema. When the country is hit by unprecedented flooding, Madame Suprema runs away, fearing she will be blamed for the crisis. To cover up this cowardly act, Gloria is made to step into Madame Suprema's shoes and is thrust into a world of corrupt and desperate politicians. As Gloria becomes aware of the forces toying with her every move, she must take decisions that could save, or end, thousands of lives - including her own... A brilliant and darkly funny commentary on our present times by one of our greatest writers.

Life is hard for Mikey. He's frightened of open spaces and would much rather curl up in his room and avoid the world outside. So going to a noisy, public place is a big deal - but with his sister Meggie by his side, it should be safe. And Mikey is determined to overcome his fear. But things go badly wrong when he encounters a gang and witnesses something terrible. To make matters worse, they know where he lives, and now they want to see him . . . This time, there's no hiding placefor Mikey . . .

Filled with guilt over his younger sister's kidnapping, teenaged Fin tries to rescue her and in the process learns about a dark family secret.

A second installment in a planned five-part series finds Harry despairing of a marriage to Emma and joining the Merchant Navy before assuming the identity of a fallen American soldier whose past proves even more turbulent than Harry's own.

Kripslod (from Realspeak) (1) An implement that is not only useless for the application, but also dangerous to the user. (2) A bigoted, loud, and whiny complainer who causes great trouble for himself and all those around him. What would you do if you were taken from your home on Earth and brought to live on a planet in the farthest reaches of the Galaxy? Would you join a rebel band fighting to topple an oppressive regime? Would you enlist in an interplanetary space expedition and help search the universe for alien civilizations? Would you battle to save the human race from murderous robots? Not if you're Teodor Korzeniowski. No, he doesn't have time for things like that. He is much too busy trying to get an extra pillow on a Port Leyken Spaceways' interstellar emergency flight from Boulanger-Four to I Taisto Station. Welcome to the new worlds of Teodor Korzeniowski-formerly of Utica, NY and now a reluctant Citizen of the Realm. Here he will be knocked-over and stepped on by the biggest and toughest space-faring carnivores in our Galaxy. He'll meet and become the legal mate of a human female medical technician whose ancestors were once curiosities in an interplanetary travelling menagerie. He'll join his mate in attending the graduation of new officers in the Imperial Majesty's dreaded Secret Police. Then endanger them both when he becomes the typical 'ugly American' and gives his opinions about everything and everyone. Including her Imperial Majesty and her need to lose more than a little weight. In this volume, Teodor and his long-suffering mate will be joined by: Guard Admiral Reinier of the Political Police. (He insists that the condiments on the tables in the officer's mess be arranged symmetrically at all times.) Teodor's father-in-law. (He watches etiquette programs on the screens and still has a few choice metaphors for his unemployed son-in-law from Earth.) And the usual assortment of radical terrorists, waiters, psychotic racists, police, muggers, pensioners, medical technicians, politicians, opera singers and pirates. It is never dull when you travel our Galaxy with Teodor Korzeniowski!

So You Want to be President?

Sea of Whispers

Fireweed

Blade 11: Enemies

River Boy

Wait, move in, hit hard. Hit again. Revenge isn't sweet. It's just necessary. From the Carnegie Medal-winning author of *River Boy*, *Starseeker* and *Bloodchild* comes the penultimate title in this startlingly compelling series. Contemporary, pacy, and utterly gripping, *Blade* takes you on a roller-coaster ride through the secret, dangerous life of its unforgettable narrator. This thrilling series for teenagers combines an enormously likable and engaging central character with the harsh realities of street life and the youth gang culture that is so prevalent in today's news. The mysteries and cliffhanger endings of these short, accessible books will have the power to tempt all readers as they gradually become absorbed into *Blade's* dangerous world.

Meet *Blade*. But be careful. You might not like what you see. He's dangerous. He needs to be. Because there are people who want him dead. It's dog eat dog in his world. Win or die. He thought he was safe. But now they've found out where he is. And they're coming. Part one of the unmissable *Blade* series.

Blade's touched the edge of death. His injuries have left him exposed and vulnerable.Now his enemies have tracked him down, and *Blade* knows they'll show no mercy if he doesn't get away, he's dead. But he's weak. And he doesn't know what scares him more . . . breaking free from those hunting him-or breaking free from his own past.From the Carnegie Medal-winning author of *River Boy*, *Starseeker* and *Frozen Fire* comes the

third title in a startlingly compelling new series. Contemporary, pacy, and utterly gripping, *Blade* takes you on a roller-coaster ride through the secret, dangerous life of its unforgettable narrator.This thrilling new series for teenagers combines an enormously likable and engaging central character with the harsh realities of street life and the youth gang culture that is so prevalent in today's news. The mysteries and cliffhanger endings of these short, accessible books will have the power to tempt all readers as they gradually become absorbed into *Blade's* dangerous world.

Snarly, reluctant cast crusader Pizzazz fights a seemingly perfect villain in this third book in the hilarious and highly illustrated series—perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Pizzazz has faced lots of different bad guys in her superhero career, but there’ s never been anybody quite like Perfecto. Even though Perfecto is younger than Pizzazz and should be less experienced, she always seems to live up her name—carrying out her dastardly plans perfectly! The odds may be stacked against Pizzazz, but she has a plan. All she has to do is out-perfect Perfecto! Can Pizzazz beat the pint-sized villain at her own game?

Midget is fifteen and three foot tall. Trapped in a body he hates, Midget is tortured by his cruel older brother Seb. His father is kind but unaware of Seb's treatment of Midget.But Midget can sail and his dream is to sail his own boat. Everyone says it'll take a miracle, but that's when Midget starts to realise that he has a special power. He can make things happen. But in the process people get hurt - including his brother Seb. Through this crisis, the brothers find anew understanding.

Midget

Closing in

A Kripslod in the Realm

Blade

Risking all

New York Times bestselling author *Tim Green* has written an unforgettable story—inspired by interviews with real-life cancer survivors and insider sports experience—showing a brave boy who learns what it truly means to be unstoppable. “Absolutely heroic, and something every guy should read.” — *National Ambassador for Young People's Literature emeritus Jon Scieszka* If anyone understands the phrase “tough luck,” it’s Harrison. As a football player in a cruel game, he knows his dream of one day playing in the NFL is a long shot. Then Harrison is brought into a new home with kind, loving parents—his new dad is even a football coach. Harrison, a big build and his incredible determination quickly make him a star running back on the junior high school team. On the field, he’s practically unstoppable. But Harrison’s good luck can’t last forever. When a routine sports injury leads to a devastating diagnosis, it will take every ounce of Harrison’s determination not to give up for good. With hundreds of thousands of devoted readers, *Tim Green’s* books are the perfect mix of accessible and heartwarming. “I don’t know anyone—kid or adult—who won’t root heart and soul for Harrison. Unstoppable means you can’t put this book down!” —bestselling author *Gordon Korman*

One cover. 360 different colours. Which one will you get? A powerful and disturbing new take on an original classic! Tim Bowler, author of Carnegie Medal-winner *River Boy* 'I loved this book . . . Pacy, gripping, intriguing [and] poignant' Alice Oseman, author of *Solitaire* and *Radio Silence* *You people on the Midwich Estate don't have much hope for their futures. Keisha has lived there her whole life, and has been working hard to escape it; others have just accepted their lot. But change is coming . . . One night, everyone inside Midwich Tower falls mysteriously unconscious in one inexplicable 'Nightout'. No one can explain what happened during those lost hours, but soon afterwards Keisha and three other girls find they're pregnant - and the babies are growing at an alarming rate. As the news spreads around the tower, its residents turn against them and the situation spirals toward violence. Keisha's life unravels as she realises that the pregnancy may not have just ruined her hopes for the future: she might be mother to the end of the world. The Fallen Children is a story of violation, of judgment and of young people who must fight to defy what is expected of them. The Fallen Children has one cover design but 360 different colourways. Each one is numbered from 1 to 360 on the spine. The colour you receive will be completely random. 'THE FALLEN CHILDREN is ATTACK THE BLOCK meets VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED and feels like the London I know. It's very cool' - Juno Dawson 'An ingenious twist on a classic. Surprisingly tender and moving, completely convincing and gripping' - Kiran Millwood Hargrave 'Read THE FALLEN CHILDREN if you'd like less middle-class kidlit, allegorical commentary on society and teens, and dead good books' - Non Pratt*

Dared by his fellow gang mates to climb into a home and steal something as a demonstration of membership, Luke apprehensively takes the challenge and, in turn, uncovers a surprising secret that changes the path of his life forever.

Benjamin has terrible nightmares. Ever since taking the stone from Dragon's Rock he feels the beast chasing him. Sleep has become a place of fear, where the dragon hunts him.Benjamin returns to Dragon's Rock in the hope that he can put things right and so get rid of the visions. Once there, his nightmares become even more dangerous. And Benjamin realizes that he's no longer the only person at risk.

*River Boy*Simon and Schuster

Starseeker

Blade 4: Endgame

The Boy Who Dared

The Tail of Emily Windsnap

The Supreme Lie

A re-issue of a forgotten favourite, *FIREWEED* is an evocative and unflinching story of wartime survival for younger readers *Bill* is a fifteen-year-old runaway evacuee, and he's finding that surviving on the streets of London is pretty easy, thank you very much. He's fed by a local cafe owner, he earns some cash as a barrow-boy in Covent Garden, and sleeping in the Underground air-raid shelters is cosy - if a bit smelly. Things get more complicated for *Bill* with the arrival of *Julie*. She's a runaway too, and although she's a bit posh, she's just as determined as *Bill* to stay free of interfering parents and 'the social'. But although it's fun for a while to duck Jerry missiles and camp out in bombed-out houses, the reality of living through the Blitz quickly begins to set in. Winter is coming, and *Bill* and *Julie* will discover that playing at being grown-ups can be a very dangerous game.... First published in 1969, and winner of the 1970's Book World Festival Award, *FIREWEED* evokes a time of tin Spitfires, powdered eggs, warm woollen mittens and reading by firelight. Perfect for readers young and old, this book is a beautifully written classic, full of adventure, heroism and British wartime courage.

This Reading Guide is aimed at the student and offers a 'way in' to different aspects of the novel of the same title. Activities actively engage students and take their understanding of the aspect under scrutiny to a deeper level - so enhancing their reading of the novel. The Reading Guide is highly illustrated and has a magazine-feel to appeal to students. It can be used during the early stages of a Scheme of Work based on the novel, and can also be built in to lessons as the reading progresses and to support further reading activities.

A new mass-market edition of this Carnegie Medal-winner.One of the classic teenage novels of the nineties, "River Boy" is an emotional, moving book which has had a profound influence on its readers. Following the story of Jess's dying grandfather, and the marathon river swim Jess becomes caught up in, it uses poetic and surreal images of water andswimming to deal with the difficult subjects of death and loss in an accessible and affecting way.* Winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Angus Book Prize* A moving poetic exploration of grief and loss.* Internationally successful - foreign rights have so far been sold to America, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Poland and Portugal. A film option has been agreed.* New cover treatment to match Tim Bowler's wonderful new novel, "Storm Catchers".* Author was born and brought up in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and now lives in Totnes, Devon.

A Newbery Honor Book author has written a powerful and gripping novel about a youth in Nazi Germany who tells the truth about Hitler. Susan Campbell Bartoletti has taken one episode from her Newbery Honor Book, *Hitler Youth*, and fleshed it out into thought-provoking novel. When 16-year-old Helmut Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he's tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail cell, Helmut's story emerges in a series of flashbacks that show his growth from a naive child caught up in the patriotism of the times , to a sensitive and mature young man who thinks for himself.

This new course provides students and teachers with current, meaningful, and practical activities along a thematic approach to help students to develop skills, gain confidence and enjoy the study of English. Each book provides reading, writing, listening and speaking activities that support the development of skills, knowledge, values and attitudes. The contents link up with internationally relevant and topical issues, helping students relate the study of English to other subject areas and understand the wider importance of their study, building their enthusiasm.

Night Runner

Oxford English: An International Approach

The Sins of the Father

Breaking Free

It was meant to be the perfect venture. A beautiful guesthouse in a beautiful village with a sprawling forest nearby. Maya's parents have sunk all their money and hopes into Fir Tree Lodge and they're determined to make it work. Then Maya strays into the forest - and into a nightmare.

River means everything to Sky. They have lived alone together on Island for as long as they can remember. The two of them hunt for food, wash in Falls and curl up together in Shelter. Their life is simple and safe. Until River sees a boat . . . Across Ocean is California, a place where nothing makes sense to Sky. She is separated from River a grandmother she doesn't know. Lost and heartbroken, Sky searches for him so they can return to Island, only to find out that their paradise wasn't as perfect as she thought, and everything she's ever known and loved may have been a lie. A gripping and beautifully told story of love and survival in a hostile world? ours.

Somehow the boat was still afloat - another wave had lifted it clear of the first rock and was driving it further inshore. It bumped against the base of Crab Rock and skewed around, then tipped momentarily to starboard. . . . and as it did so, she saw a figure crouching in the bottom. Hetty's always been a bit of a loner, preferring to keep to island community. But when a strange woman is washed up on the shore, Hetty finds herself under increasing scrutiny from the islanders. There's a connection between Hetty and the woman that makes people suspicious, so when death comes to the community she is branded a bad omen and Hetty has no choice but to take mat heads out to sea, a storm is breaking and the whispers that she's heard before are louder than ever. Voices from the very depths of the sea . . . and they're calling her name.

A local gang persuades virtuoso pianist Luke, who is troubled by his father's death two years before, to burgle the house of a rich widow--an act that draws him into a life-changing mystery.

The final title in this startlingly compelling series, with the thrilling climax that fans have been waiting for.

Firmament

Buried Thunder

Bloodchild

Dragon's Rock

River Boy Class Pack

Ancient names come to rich and fascinating life in this lavishly illustrated gift book for mythology fans and word lovers.Did you know that “museums” were initially temples built to worship the nine muses, the goddesses of the arts? That “Janus” was the god of the doorways and hallways, and we have named our janitors after him? Where did these words – and other words, such as chaos, genius, nemesis, panic, echo, and narcissus – come from? From the ancient stories of the Greeks – stories that rang so true and wise that the names of the characters have survived for centuries as words we use every day. The brief stories here not only impart the subtle wisdom of these ancient tales, but make us understand the words, and our own world, more deeply.

Zinny's life is falling apart. Shadowy figures are following him. His parents are keeping secrets but he can't figure out why. Then his mum ends up in hospital, his dad disappears, and Zinny has to do whatever he can to save his family. Even if it means helping the very men he's been running from . . . As the clock ticks, Zinny knows it's only a matter of time before someone ends up dead – and it could be him.

Each *River Boy* Class Pack contains 15 copies of the Rollercoasters edition of *River Boy* by Tim Bowler and 15 *River Boy* Reading Guides to support the student in their study of the novel. Grandpa is dying. He can barely move his hands anymore, but stubborn as ever, refuses to stay in hospital.

He's determined to finish his last painting, 'River Boy', before he goes. A poignant story that explores the subject of grief and loss in an accessible and affecting way. Themes: grief, bereavement, testing physical limits, artistic challenge Teaching Focus: * Language rich in metaphor and other rhetorical devices * Strong characterization and sensitive portrayal of relationships * Creation of mood and setting through descriptive language * Key images woven through the narrative and plot Recommended for students in Years 8 and 9 The Rollercoasters series is a set of imaginative and exciting books that your students will not want to put down. All books are supported by extensive teacher resources online, in print and on CD-ROM, and contain themes that will appeal to girls, boys and mixed ability classes. Each book is also accompanied by Reading Guides to provide essential background material for students on the novel of the same title, and include a letter to the student from the author of the novel, thematic activities, wider reading references and short reviews.

Fifteen-year-old Kit and his parents must ground their sinking sailboat on a rocky island inhabited by a primitive sect who believe the stranded family has been sent by the devil.

Following the dramatic events of the first *Blade* book, *Playing Dead*, *Blade* is on the run again with Becky and three-year-old Jaz in tow. Now it's not just those shadowy figures from his past that are after him, it's the rest of Becky's gang too. They think *Blade* and Becky killed their leader, *Trix*, and there's no way of proving otherwise. Can *Blade*, *Becky*, and *Jaz* find safety together - or is there no escape from the forces closing in on them?

The Forever Whale

Storm Catchers

Apocalypse

Hardy Boys 55: The Witchmaster's Key

Playing Dead

It starts with the phone call, late at night. The mysterious boy says he is dying. Dusty doesn't want to get involved - but the boy seems to have a link to the one person who's most important to her. Soon she has been drawn in - and now she has to deal with the other people who are looking for the boy - the violent man and his two sons, and the police too . . . Yet throughout all this, Dusty senses the presence of a boy who is not dying, a strange elusive boy who can show her what happened to her missing brother and solve the greatest mystery of her life. Where he is, who he is, why he wants to die, she cannot say. Only one thing is certain. Finding him will be dangerous.

She didn't know how fast the current was moving her. It could take many more hours yet, perhaps more hours than she had the strength for. But she must not stop. She must keep going. She must try to catch the river boy, even though she was frightened at the thought of what he was. Jess's beloved grandfather has just had a serious heart attack, but he insists that the family travel as planned to his boyhood home on the river so that he can finish his painting, *River Boy*. As Jess helps her ailing grandpa with his work, she becomes entranced by the scene he is painting. Then she becomes aware of a strange presence in the river -- a boy who asks for her help and issues a challenge that will stretch her swimming talents to their very limit. Jess knows that Grandpa and the river boy are connected, but how? Can she take up the river boy's challenge before it's too late for Grandpa? Tim Bowler's gripping narrative flows like a river itself -- gentle and calm at times, turbulent and deep at others, always fluid, always alive. Readers will be swept along by the magic of the river and the mysterious river boy -- and changed forever by Jess's unforgettable journey.

Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Barack H. Obama.

How can I know what's going to happen? But somehow he did know. The feeling was like déjà vu but stronger...and scarier. It told him that without a doubt something was going to happen. And it was going to be bad. *** In the year since Justin's younger brother, Mark, died in a horrific accident, Justin's life has unraveled. Justin used to be one of the school's star athletes, but now he's not even on any of the teams. He used to be part of the popular crowd, but now everyone at school treats him like he's a monster. He used to date one of the prettiest girls at school, but now she will barely speak to him. Then on the anniversary of his brother's death he gets into a fight with his former best friend, and things spiral out of control -- with terrible consequences. But that's not the worst. Now Justin is hearing a voice that's making him relive the day of the accident over and over again. In this dark thriller, Edgar Award nominee Kate Morgenroth explores the thin line between reality and illusion inside a troubled young mind.

Blade has done all he can. But it's not enough. Men are swarming over the city hunting him. And his enemy is still free. But *Blade* isn't finished yet. He has strength in him for one more fight. And it's got to be now. Revenge isn't sweet . . . it's just necessary. Book four in the unmissable *Blade* quartet.

Unstoppable

Ancient Words and Wisdom from Greek and Roman Mythology

River Boy Reading Guide

Searching for Sky

Shadows

"*Shadows* is a gritty, uncompromising book and also, unusually, a boy's love story. It focuses on Jamie, a fifteen-year-old squash prodigy and his relationship with his overbearing father, who is determined that his son will achieve the success he himself never enjoyed and drives the boy to apoint almost beyond endurance. Then Jamie finds a girl hiding in his shed, and in helping her to escape from the danger that is pursuing her, he is at last able to deal with his own problems. He realises that he can't run away for ever. He has to come out of the shadows and face up to his father,whatever the cost." Winner of the Angus Book Prize and the Lancashire Children's Book Award.* Major prize-winning author: Tim Bowler won the Carnegie Medal with "River Boy".* Strong themes of overcoming fears, helping others, and standing up for what you believe.* New cover treatment to match Tim Bowler's wonderful new novel, "Storm Catchers".* Author was born and brought up in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and now lives in Totnes, Devon

Blade: Cutting Loose

Volume One of the Kripslod's Tale

The Fallen Children