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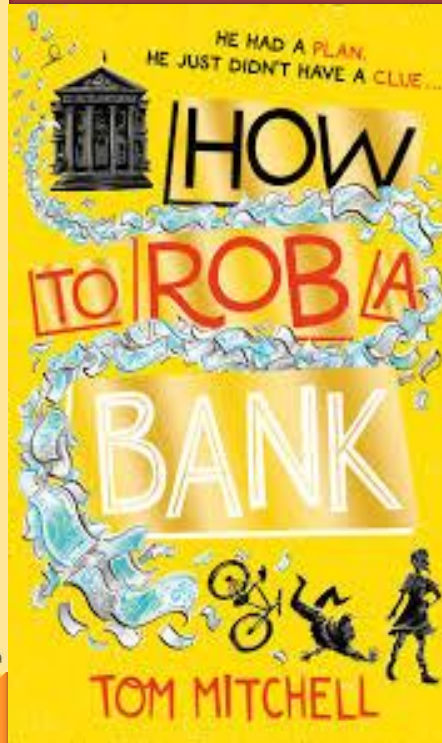
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"What's going on?"

*Some people rob banks because they're greedy. Others enjoy the adrenalin rush. Me? I robbed a bank because of guilt. Specifically: guilt and a Nepalese scented candle...*

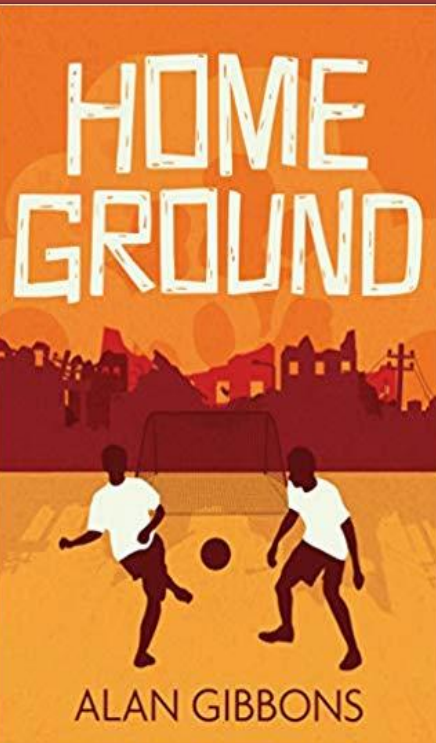
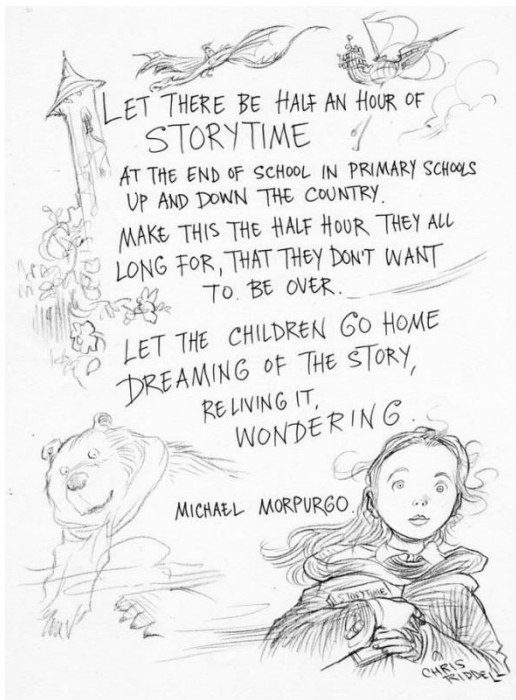
When fifteen-year-old Dylan accidentally burns down the house of the girl he's trying to impress, he feels that only a bold gesture can make it up to her. A gesture like robbing a bank to pay for her new home. Only an unwanted Saturday job, a tyrannical bank manager, and his unfinished history homework lie between Dylan and the heist of century. And really, what's the worst that could happen?

A funny, cinematic, ill-advised comedy-crime adventure perfect for gamers, heist movie fans, and anyone who loves a laugh.



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Sam's team are edging closer to the bottom of the league this season and team captain Jordan's bad attitude isn't helping anyone. When Sam spots Hasan playing on the refugee team, he can see that Hasan's got talent and invites him along to practice. Hasan and his friend Faisal prove to be exactly what the team need - but Jordan's not going to accept his new teammates so easily. Can Sam get the boys to pull together and win?

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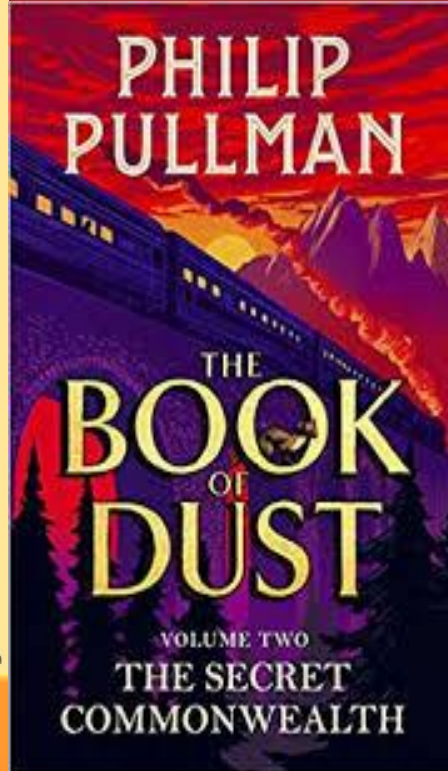
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Lyra, now twenty years old, and her daemon Pantalaimon, are forced to navigate their relationship in a way they could never have imagined, and drawn into the complex and dangerous factions of a world that they had no idea existed. Pulled along on his own journey too is Malcolm; once a boy with a boat and a mission to save a baby from the flood, now a man with a strong sense of duty and a desire to do what is right.

Theirs is a world at once familiar and extraordinary, and they must travel far beyond the edges of Oxford, across Europe and into Asia, in search for what is lost - a city haunted by daemons, a secret at the heart of a desert, and the mystery of the elusive Dust.

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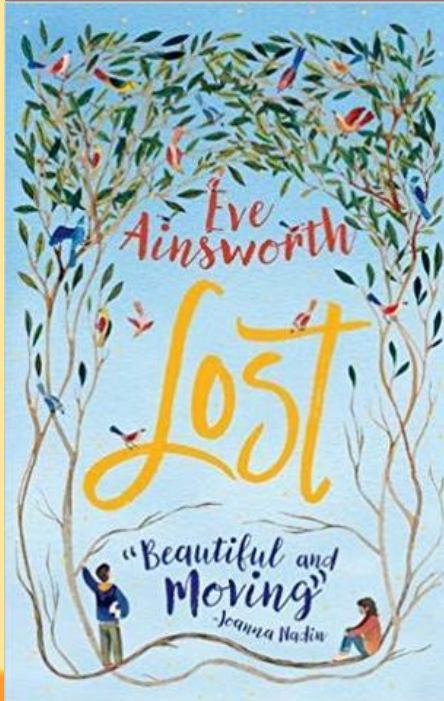
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"What's going on?"

When Alfie Turner loses his mum, it feels like his world is falling apart. She was the glue that held their family together and, now that she's gone, Alfie and his dad don't really know how to be a family without her. And then Alfie meets Alice. Alice is a force of nature and has her own set of problems, but at least when Alfie's with her he can forget about his. Or can he? Because no matter how hard you run, life will always catch up in the end.

Despite everything holding them back, together Alfie and Alice learn two things: that friendship can help dig you out of even the blackest hole, and that it's not the falling down that matters, it's the getting back up.



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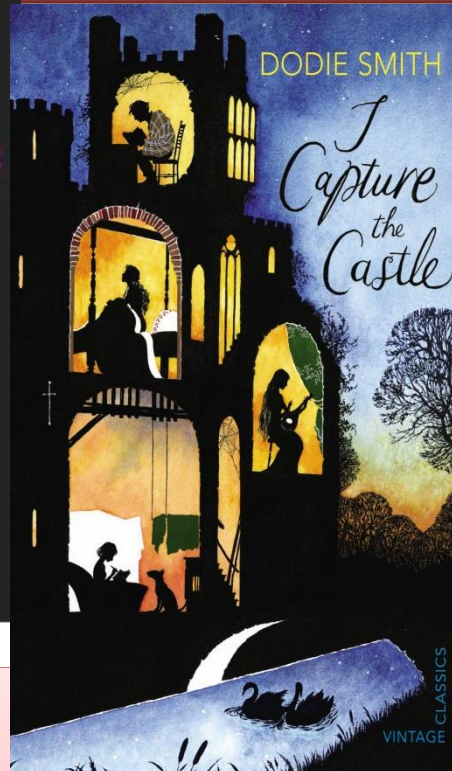
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Nerd Girl Problem #19  
You want to go on a romantic date with your boyfriend for Valentine's Day, but he lives in a book

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"What's going on?"

'I write this sitting in the kitchen sink' is the first line of this timeless, witty and enchanting novel about growing up.

Cassandra Mortmain lives with her bohemian and impoverished family in a crumbling castle in the middle of nowhere. Her journal records her life with her beautiful, bored sister, Rose, her fading glamorous stepmother, Topaz, her little brother Thomas and her eccentric novelist father who suffers from a financially crippling writer's block. However, all their lives are turned upside down when the American heirs to the castle arrive and Cassandra finds herself falling in love for the first time.

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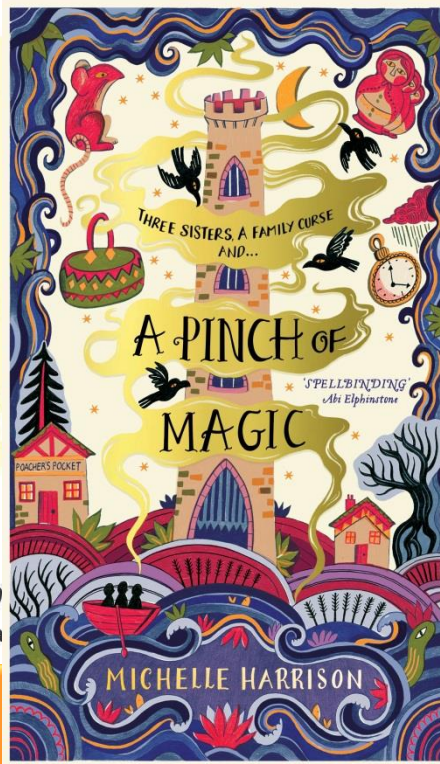
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*Three magical objects with the power to change their fate.*

*Will they be enough to break the curse? Or will they lead the sisters even deeper into danger?*

On the mysterious, marsh-bound isle of Crowstone, three sisters - Betty, Fliss and Charlie - live imprisoned by a curse that has trapped their family for generations. But each of the sisters holds a secret, three magical objects passed down to them, each with a different enchanted property: an old carpet bag, a nest of dolls and a gilt-framed mirror. Together they hope to use their inheritance to defeat the curse upon them.

When they encounter a stranger, a prisoner, who claims to hold secret knowledge about the curse he's willing to trade - for a price - the sisters must decide who to trust and discover whether the objects they keep hold the key to their freedom or a path to unimaginable peril.



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If you have been inspired by the myths scheme!

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Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic.

But, for Helen Thomas, it's *tragic*.

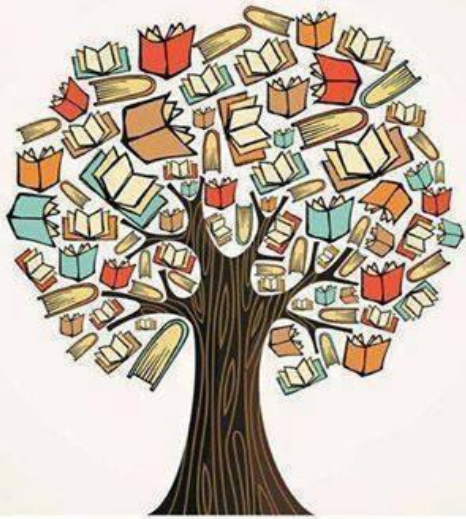
She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London!

Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting an *actually* cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus. She needs to rein in her chaotic family before they blow their cover AND her chances at a half-normal social life.

Or is Helen fated for an embarrassment of mythical proportions?

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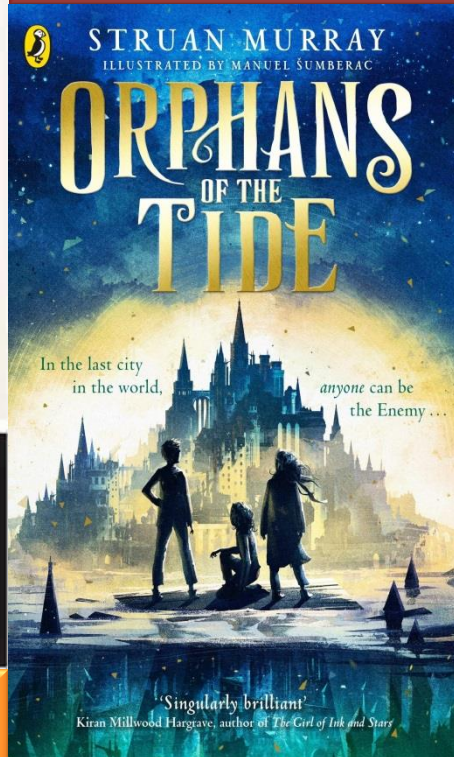
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I read this book last week and loved it. You are in for a treat!

"What's going on?

*The City was built on a sharp mountain that jutted improbably from the sea, and the sea kept trying to claim it back. That grey morning, once the tide had retreated, a whale was found on a rooftop.*

When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos.

Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent. But the Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever.

To save the boy, Ellie must prove who he really is - even if that means revealing her own dangerous secret...



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Discover this fantastic graphic novel

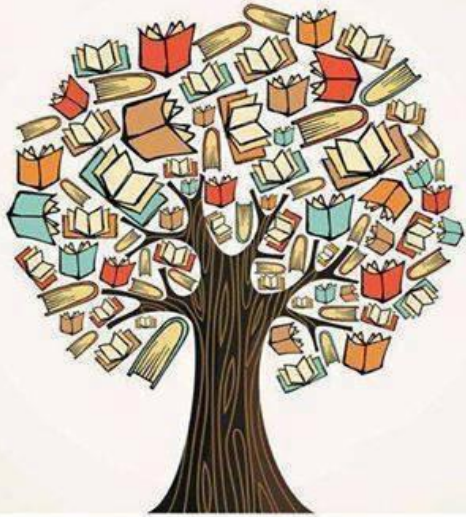
"What's going on?"

"We all need more than ourselves in this world." Princess Annie and the Crown Prince Pika, unwittingly, set in motion a rebellion that brings down their kingdom and gets them magically turned into rabbits on a forbidden mountain. Trying to stay alive and find a way back to the human world, they search for the legendary unicorn spirit, Qilin, with the hopes she can reverse the magic spell. But soon, they are pulled into a perilous war between ferocious animals and spirits where their dreams, loyalties and courage are tested, and they must discover who they really are. Now it's up to Annie and Pika to save another kingdom from falling before they run out of time.

The Rabbit Princess is an incredible adventure of a brother and sister finding their own paths through life, in a world where hope is a stronger potion than magic, and one's own will to dream can transform one into a hero.

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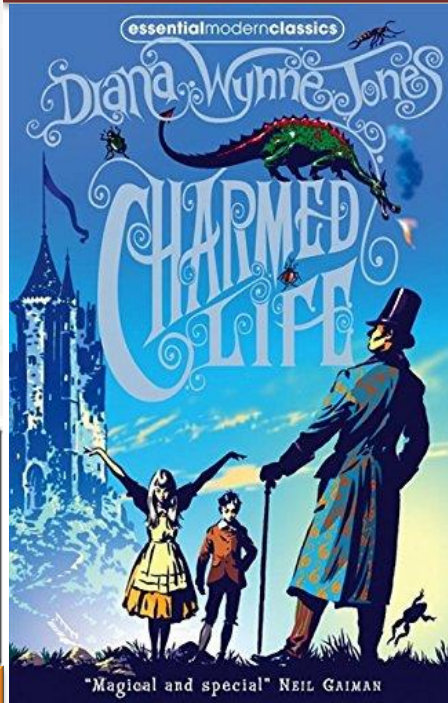
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I read the entire series last year and fell in love with Diana Wynne Jones. You are in for a treat!

"What's going on?"

Everybody says that Gwendolyn Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live in Chrestomanci Castle. Her brother Eric (better known as Cat) is not so keen, for he has no talent for magic at all.

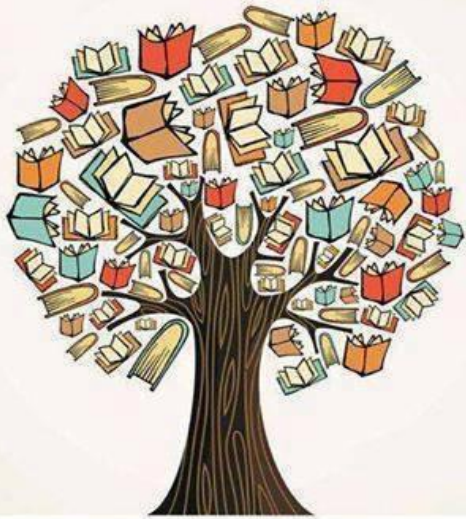
However, life with the great enchanter is not what either of them expects and sparks begin to fly!

A story of magic, betrayal, bravery and deceit. It is also the beginning of a truly amazing fantasy series [the Chrestomanci Series] that I devoured in just a short few weeks (I read really quickly, especially when the books are this good!).



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I read this in a one day blur it was so good. Really hope you love this lyrical and magical book too.

"What's going on?"

They call me Yanka the Bear. Not because of where I was found - only a few people know about that. They call me Yanka the Bear because I am so big and strong.

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.