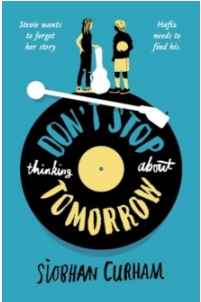
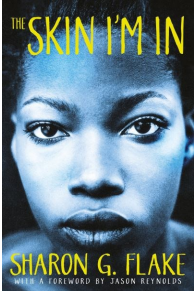
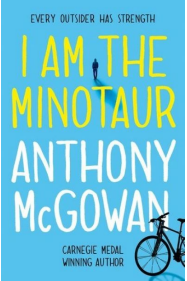
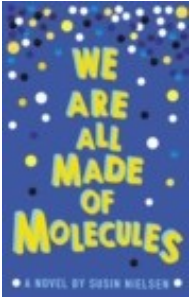
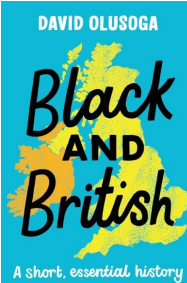


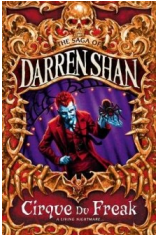
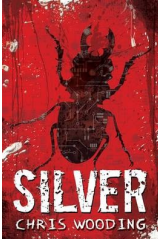
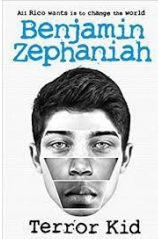
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	Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow by Curham, Siobhan	Fourteen-year-old Stevie lives with her beloved vinyl collection, her mum...and her mum's depression. When Stevie's mum's disability benefits are cut, Stevie and her mother are plunged into a life of poverty. Determined not to be beaten, Stevie takes inspiration from the lyrics of her father's 1980s record collection and dreams of a life as a musician. Then she meets Hafiz, a talented footballer and a Syrian refugee. Hafiz's parents gave their life savings to buy Hafiz a safe passage to Europe; his journey has been anything but easy. Then he meets Stevie... As Stevie and Hafiz's friendship grows, they encourage each other to believe in themselves and follow their dreams.	Bullying, Families, Friendship, Music, Refugees	12-14	10 points
	The Skin I'm In by Flake, Sharon G.	Maleeka suffers every day from the taunts of the other kids in her class. If they're not getting at her about her embarrassing home-made clothes or her good grades at school, it's about her dark, black skin - a deeper shade than any of theirs. When a new teacher, whose face is blotched with a startling white patch, starts at their school, Maleeka can see there is bound to be trouble for her too. But the new teacher's attitude surprises Maleeka. Miss Saunders loves the skin she's in. Can Maleeka too?	Prejudice, Racism, Survival, School stories	11-14	4 points
	Smart by Slater, Kim	There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened. To Colin. And to his grandma, who just stopped coming round one day. It's a good job Kieran's a master of observation, and knows all the detective tricks of the trade. But being a detective is difficult when you're Kieran Woods. When you're amazing at drawing but terrible at fitting in. And when there are dangerous secrets everywhere, even under your own roof.	Crime/ Detective Stories, Homelessness	11-16	7 points

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	I am the Minotaur by McGowan, Anthony	Matthew is 14 and is struggling to fit in - something that's extra hard when you're taking care of your mum, being bullied at school, and have earned the nickname Stinky Mog because of your poor personal hygiene. On top of all that, he wants to catch the attention of one of the coolest girls in school, Ari. When Ari's brand new bike is stolen, Matthew spots his chance to make a good impression by getting it back for her... Will he end up in more trouble or can heroes be found in unlikely places?	Bullying. Adolescence	12-14	3 points
	We are all Made of Molecules by Nielsen, Susin	Stewart is geeky, gifted and sees things a bit differently to most people. His mum has died and he misses her all the more now he and Dad have moved in with Ashley and her mum. Ashley is popular, cool and sees things very differently to her new family. Her dad has come out and moved out - but not far enough. And now she has to live with a freakazoid step-brother. Stewart can't fit in at his new school, and Ashley can't get used to her totally awkward home... And things are about to get a whole lot more mixed up when these two very different people attract the attention of school hunk Jared. . . NOTES: Features an attempted rape on Ashley, stopped by Stewart pp 253-6. Includes homophobic slurs.	Adolescence Families LGBTQ+ Relationships	12-15	8 points
	Black and British: A Short , Essential Hitory by Olusoga, David	When did Africans first come to Britain? Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings? Why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution? These and many other questions are answered in this essential introduction to 1800 years of the Black British history: from the Roman Africans who guarded Hadrian's Wall right up to the present day.	Non-Fiction BAME British History	12-14	5 points

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	Cirque du Freak by Shan, Darren	Darren goes to a banned freak show with his best mate Steve. it's the wonderfully gothic cirque du freak where weird, frightening half human/half animals appear who interact terrifyingly with the audience. Darren - a spider freak - 'falls in love' with Madam Octa - an enormous tarantula owned by Mr Crepsley. Darren determines to steal the spider so that he can train it to perform amazing deeds. but his daring theft goes horribly wrong and Darren finds himself having to make a bargain with a creature of the night. NOTE: Some scenes quite gruesome	Horror, Vampires	13-16	7 points
	Silver by Wooding, Chris	When a boy is bitten by a strange silver beetle, he becomes the first victim of a mysterious infection. But this is no ordinary virus. It turns flesh into metal, and people into machines. There is no escape. As the virus spreads and more terrifying, bloodthirsty machines appear, the remaining survivors are losing hope. Who will turn silver next? Is help ever coming? Will any of them survive? Note: Too long to start in the Summer term.	Horror Sci Fi Insects Robots	12-16	13 points
	Terror Kid by Zephaniah, Benjamin	Rico knows trouble. He knows the look of it and the sound of it. He also knows to stay away from it as best he can. Because if there's one thing his Romany background has taught him, it's that he will always be a suspect. Despite his efforts to stay on the right side of the law, Rico is angry and frustrated at the injustices he sees happening at home and around the world. He wants to do something - but what? When he is approached by Speech, a mysterious man who shares Rico's hacktivist interests, Rico is given the perfect opportunity to speak out. After all, what harm can a peaceful cyber protest do...?	Terrorism Protest Hacking	13-16	5 points