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light and shade. It tells the story of avant-garde works like Manet's *Le Dejeuner sur l'herbe* (Lunch on the Grass), which scandalized society, and traces how one genre informed another - showing how the Impressionists were inspired by Gustave Courbet, for example, and how Van Gogh was influenced by Japanese prints. Lavishly illustrated throughout, look no further for your essential guide to the pantheon of world art. Two Wolves Random

House  
An engrossing fantasy, a high-seas adventure, an alternate history epic—this is the richly imagined and gorgeously realized new book from acclaimed author Barry Wolverson, perfect for fans of *The Glass Sentence* and the *Books of Beginning* series. It's 1599, the Age of Discovery in Europe. But for Bren Owen, growing up in the small town of Map on the coast of Britannia has meant anything but adventure. Enticed by the tales

sailors have brought through Map's port, and inspired by the arcane maps his father creates as a cartographer for the cruel and charismatic map mogul named Rand McNally, Bren is convinced that fame and fortune await him elsewhere. That's when Bren meets a dying sailor, who gives him a strange gift that hides a hidden message. Cracking the code could lead Bren to a fabled lost treasure that could change his life forever, and that of his widowed father. Before

long, Bren is in greater danger than he ever imagined and will need the help of an unusual friend named Mouse to survive.

**Itch** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The war of 1812 is over, but for the inmates at Dartmoor Prison, peace—like home—is still a long way away. On New Year's Eve 1814, the American sailors of the Eagle finally arrive at Dartmoor prison, bedraggled, exhausted, but burning with hope. They've only had one

thing to sustain them during the harrowing voyage—a snatched whisper overheard along the way. The war is finally over. Joe Hill thought he'd left the war outside these walls but it's quickly clear that there's a different type of fight to be had within. The seven prison blocks surrounding him have been segregated; six white and one black. Inspired by true events, this novel recounts the remarkable story of the first ever all-black Shakespeare production, staged by

segregated American prisoners of war. It is a story of hope and freedom, of loss and suffering. It is a story about how sometimes, in our darkest hour, it can be the most unlikely of things that see us through.

### **The Shawshank**

**Redemption** Penguin  
What happens when society wants you banged up in prison for a crime your parents committed? That's the situation in which Ant finds herself – together with her little brother Mattie and their foster-parents, she's

locked up in a new kind of family prison. None of the inmates are themselves criminals, but wider society wants them to do time for the unpunished 'heritage' crimes of their parents. Tensions are bubbling inside the London prison network Ant and Mattie call home – and when things finally erupt, they realize they've got one chance to break out. Everyone wants to see them punished for the sins of their mum and dad, but it's time for Ant to show the world that they're not to blame. A

new nail-bitingly taught YA suspense thriller, from author of the bestselling ITCH series, Simon Mayo.

### **The Disappearing Spoon** Ember

Born into a puppy mill for enslaved racing greyhounds, Furgul is slated to be euthanized when his mixed-breed status is discovered but manages a spectacular escape before confronting elements in the outside world that force him to choose between the security of being a pet and the freedom of remaining a stray. By the

author of *The Religion*. *The Every-Day Book*, Or Penguin  
How did a low-key prison movie which was considered a box-office flop on its original release become one of the most popular movies of all time? Mark Kermode traces the history of this unexpected audience favourite from the pages of Stephen King's novella 'Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption', through the icy corridors of Ohio's Mansfield Reformatory (whose imposing gothic

architecture dominates the film), to the television and video screens on which 'The Shawshank Redemption' became a phenomenon. This study traces the history of 'The Shawshank Redemption' and draws on interviews with writer/director Frank Darabont and leading players Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. The book also explores the near-religious fervour that the film inspires in a huge number of devoted fans.  
**Seven Days** Bloomsbury Publishing  
Discover the beautiful

stories of Michael Morpurgo, author of *Warhorse* and the nation's favourite storyteller. An epic and heart-rending jungle adventure from the bestselling author of *Kaspar* and *Born to Run*.  
Handle with Care Random House  
We rely on chemical cures to keep our bodies free from disease and our farm fields free from bugs and weeds. While human and agricultural health are rarely considered together, both are based on the same ecology, and both are being threatened

by organisms that have evolved to resist our antibiotics and pesticides. Fortunately scientists are finding new solutions that work with, rather than against, nature. There are viruses that bust apart bacteria; insect pheromones that throw crop destroying moths into a misguided sexual frenzy; plant genes edited to protect against disease; and a resurgence of the ancient practice of fecal transplants. In this hopeful book, Monosson offers a fascinating look into the future of natural

defenses.

*Take Courage*

HarperCollins

When fourteen-year-old Itchingham "Itch" Loftie discovers a new radioactive element, he must use all of his wits and scientific knowledge to stop a top-secret government agency, his greedy teacher, and an evil corporation from getting hold of it.

**A Rock Climber's Guide**

Corgi Childrens

#1 New York Times

bestselling author

Christine Feehan returns to the mysterious coastal

town of Sea Haven where a woman is stalked by her inescapable past in the fourth novel in the Sisters of the Heart series. On the shores of Sea Haven, six women touched by great loss have come together in a sisterhood strengthened by the elements—a bond each will need as new love and danger enter their lives... After escaping from a cult, Lexi found refuge with her sisters on the farm that more than sustained her body—it nurtured her soul as well. But she never forgot the terror she left

behind or the always present fear that the cult would find her again, and claim her. Then her nightmare came true. Lexi was discovered and threatened—only to be suddenly saved by a stranger. He is Gavriil Prakenskii, and he's awestruck by the woman he's rescued. She is destined for him. He can feel it in his soul. But how can Lexi find happiness with a man steeped in secrets and shadows, one intimately acquainted with violence, and whose very love could be the

death of them?

### **The Minerva System**

Simon and Schuster  
Can a crocodile spit? What does the Queen have for dinner? How do you measure a rainbow? Why is q always followed by u? Originally open for children to phone in with their homework issues, these days the 'Homework Sucks' segment of Simon Mayo's award-winning Drivetime show invites listeners of all ages to send in questions they've always wanted to ask. Because the chances are a

member of the very clever Radio 2 audience will have an answer. So now all you need to do is learn the contents of this book by heart. We apologize if, in the process, you become: a) smarter b) more interesting c) better at pub quizzes d) all of the above Got a question? Got a better answer? Join in! #homeworksucks *Itchcraft* Itch Rocks 'Angela's Ashes' is the memoir of retired schoolteacher Frank McCourt. He grew up in New York in the 1930s

and in Ireland in the 1940s, in a large family, with an alcoholic father. It is a story of courage and survival against apparently overwhelming odds.

Superheavy Random House

Winner of the 2012 Roald Dahl Funny Prize! Thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Dirk Lloyd, has a dark secret - in fact he is a dark secret. Dirk - according to his own account - is the earthly incarnation of a Dark Lord, supreme ruler of the Darklands and leader of

great armies of orcs and warriors, intent on destruction and bloody devastation. Following a colossal final battle between the forces of good and evil, the Dark Lord was defeated and hurled by his arch-foe's spells into the Pit of Uttermost Despair. At the bottom of the Pit lies...a supermarket car park in the municipal town of Whiteshields, somewhere in modern day England. And when he is found, and tries to explain that he is the Dark Lord, people think he means Dirk

Lloyd. The fact that he's trapped in the puny body of a schoolboy doesn't help. And so begins Dirk's battle to recover his dignity, his power, and his lands... Along the way he faces the inconvenience of being fostered by a do-gooding family, the Purejoies; the torture of endless hours of drudgery at the Whiteshields Brainwashing Centre (aka school); a vengeful Headmaster; two interfering Psychotic Persecutors (psychotherapists); and constant laughter and



disrespect when he attempts to marshall his lackeys and lickspittles (friends) to do what he wants them to. Dirk makes friends with the son of his foster family, Christopher, and the local Goth Girl, Sooz, and together they attempt to cast a spell that will transport Dirk back to his homeland. Inevitably, not everything goes to plan... But that's for book 2

Roald Dahl Prize winner, 2012.

**Billionaire Boy** Random House  
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the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

**Running Wild** Random House

When Willow is born with severe osteogenesis imperfecta, her parents are devastated—she will suffer hundreds of broken bones as she grows, a lifetime of pain. In this provocative story from the #1 New York Times bestselling author, “Picoult writes with unassuming brilliance” (Stephen King). Every

expectant parent insists the same thing: they simply want a healthy baby. Charlotte and Sean O’Keefe wanted the same but instead, their lives are made up of sleepless nights, mounting bills, pity from other parents, and haunting what-ifs. Yet, in other ways, their daughter Willow is a perfect child. Smart as a whip, beautiful, brave, and kind, Willow is Willow, in sickness and in health. Everything changes, though, after a series of events forces Charlotte and Sean to confront the

most serious what-ifs of all. What if Charlotte had known earlier of Willow’s illness? What if things could have been different? What if their beloved Willow had never been born? To do Willow justice, Charlotte must ask herself these questions and one more: what constitutes a valuable life? “Well-written and conscientiously researched” (The Washington Post), *Handle with Care* is an unforgettable and emotionally riveting novel

that explores the fragility of life and the lengths we go to protect it.

*Earth Bound* Hachette UK  
Meet Itch - an accidental, accident-prone hero.

Science is his weapon.  
Elements are his gadgets.  
This is Alex Rider with  
Geek-Power

**Itch Rocks** Palala Press  
'A great debut. You'll be itching to read more.'

Anthony Horowitz Meet  
Itch - an accidental, accident-prone hero.  
Science is his weapon.  
Elements are his gadgets.  
All-action adventure  
perfect for fans of Alex

Rider and Young Bond.  
Itchingham Lofte - known as Itch - is fourteen, and loves science, especially chemistry. He's also an element-hunter: he's collecting all the elements in the periodic table.

Which has some interesting and rather destructive results in his bedroom. Then, Itch makes a discovery. A new element, never seen before. At first no one believes him - but soon someone hears about the strange new rock and wants it for himself. And Itch and his family are

catapulted into a breathless adventure with terrifyingly high stakes . . .

. The debut novel from BBC radio presenter Simon Mayo.

*Angela's Ashes* Random House

After almost poisoning his whole class with arsenic gas, going on the run from a psychotic science teacher and nearly dying of radiation poisoning, life is getting back to normal for Itchingham Lofte - at least, as normal as it can be when you have a round-the-clock detail of government security

guards watching your every move. But sinister forces are still hunting for Element 126 and will stop at nothing to find out where Itch has hidden the precious radioactive rocks. With the help of his sister Chloe and his tomboy cousin Jack, Itch has to put 126 beyond the reach of unscrupulous scientists and international terrorists forever. It's time to save the world. Again. The second book in the explosively exciting ITCH series. 'A great debut. You'll be itching to read

more.' Anthony Horowitz  
**Mad Blood Stirring**  
 Random House Australia  
 'I was wowed and moved'  
 Tracy Chevalier Anne  
 Brontë is the forgotten  
 Brontë sister,  
 overshadowed by her  
 older siblings - virtuous,  
 successful Charlotte, free-  
 spirited Emily and  
 dissolute Branwell. Tragic,  
 virginal, sweet, stoic,  
 selfless, Anne. The less  
 talented Brontë, the other  
 Brontë. Take Courage is  
 Samantha's personal,  
 poignant and surprising  
 journey into the life and  
 work of a woman

sidelined by history. A  
 brave, strongly feminist  
 writer well ahead of her  
 time - and her more  
 celebrated siblings - and  
 who has much to teach us  
 today about how to find  
 our way in the world.  
*Doglands* HarperCollins  
 UK  
 One afternoon, police  
 officers show up at Ben  
 Silver's front door.  
 Minutes after they leave,  
 his parents arrive home.  
 Ben and his little sister  
 Olive are bundled into the  
 car and told they're going  
 on a holiday. But are  
 they? It doesn't take long

for Ben to realise that his parents are in trouble. Ben's always dreamt of becoming a detective - his dad even calls him 'Cop'. Now Ben gathers evidence and tries to uncover what his parents have done. The problem is, if he figures it out, what does he do? Tell

someone? Or keep the secret and live life on the run? WINNER, Young Australian Best Books Award (YABBA) - Fiction for Years 7-9, 2015 HONOUR BOOK, Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year - Younger Readers 2015 'A

tense, hard-edged, no-holds-barred thriller.' Anthony Horowitz, author of the Alex Rider series 'A high stakes adventure that will keep you guessing and breathless until the very end.' Michael Gerard Bauer, author of Don't Call Me Ishmael