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Welcome to our termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to checkout our reading lists aimed at specific year groups. All are available from our website.

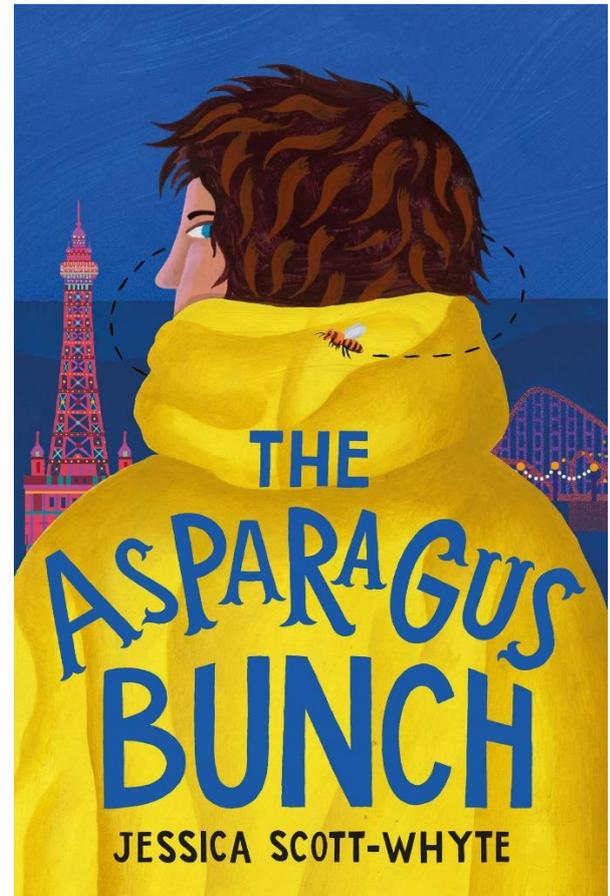
The English Department



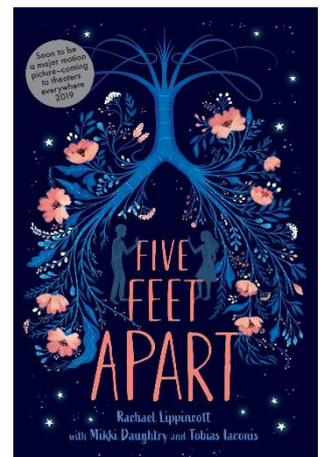
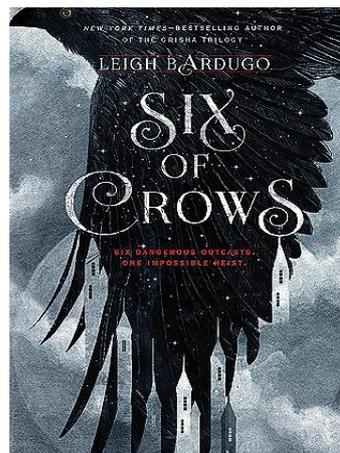
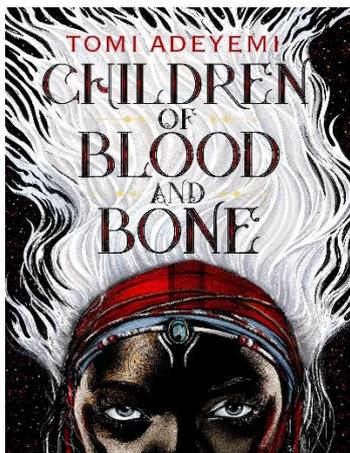
The Asparagus Bunch
Comedy
Relationships
Neurodiversity

A fresh and funny novel for readers aged 10+, perfect for fans of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* and *The Boy at the Back of the Class*.

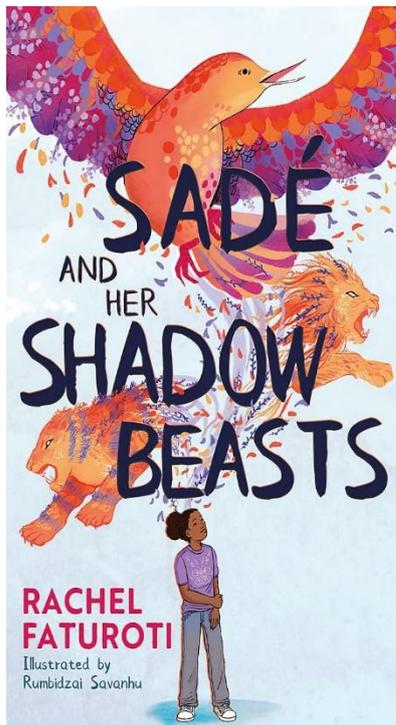
Having been kicked out of six different schools, Leon is labelled as having an attitude problem by almost everyone he comes into contact with. Dr Snot (yes, his real name!) gives it a different label and diagnoses Leon as autistic. Leon doesn't care for either label, in the same way that he doesn't care for Tim Burton, supermarket trolleys, train fanatics or Bounty bars. How he manages to navigate school woes and family drama - and astonishingly ends up with not one but two friends - is nothing short of a miracle, or maybe just simply down to being different.



Student Recommendations



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Twelve-year-old Sadé has been escaping to an imaginary world ever since her mum passed away – with its candy-floss lilac sky, she goes on endless adventures atop her purple-winged bird, Nix. But soon she discovers that frightening shadow beasts live here too and they are seeping into the real world.

Luckily, when her sister signs her up to an anonymous grief counselling group, Sadé finds her anxiety gets better.

But then she's asked to perform spoken word in the talent show. The beasts won't let her get on stage: Tiger appears with her long sharp claws, Lion with his piercing blue eyes, and Fox stands on his giant hind legs.

Will Sadé find the courage to say what she needs to – can she banish the shadow beasts for good?

A story about a girl dealing with the death of a parent – with the help of a school support group and a colourful world only she can see.



Sadé And Her Shadow Beasts

Growing up

Family

Loss



When The World Was Ours

Historical

Family

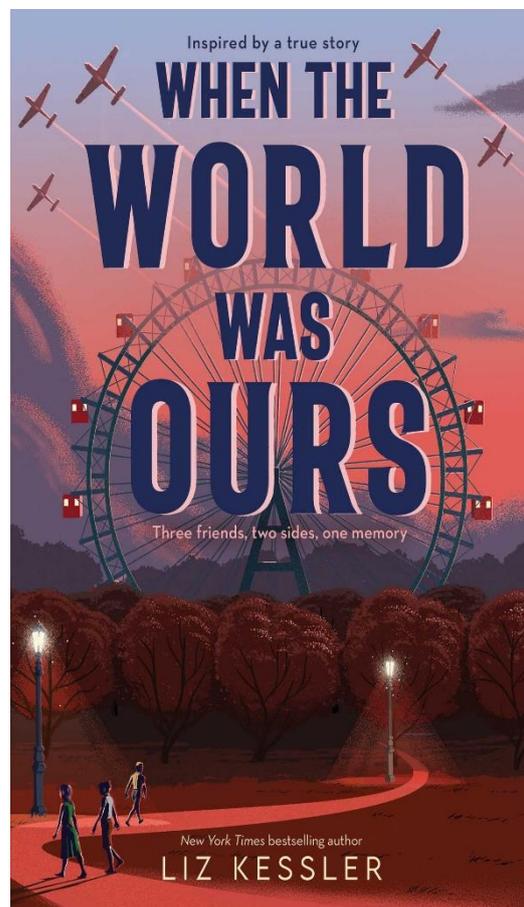
Holocaust

Three friends. One memory.

Vienna. 1936.

Three young friends—Leo, Elsa, and Max—spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness and that they will soon be cruelly ripped apart from one another. With their lives taking them across Europe—to Germany, England, Prague, and Poland—will they ever find their way back to one another? Will they want to?

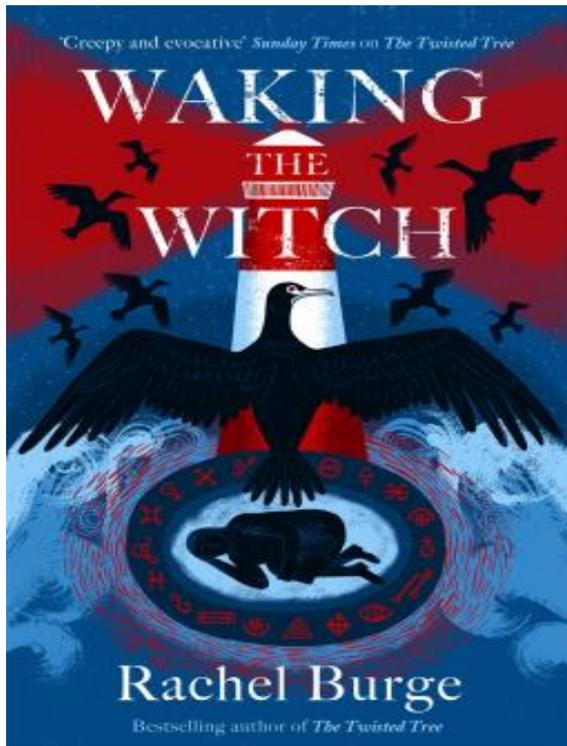
Inspired by a true story, *When the World Was Ours* is an extraordinary novel that is as powerful as it is heart-breaking and that shows how the bonds of love, family, and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times.



Our summaries are taken from the Goodreads website:

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

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'I tried to keep you safe, but I see now that I can't. They won't stop until they have you ...'

When Ivy's search for her mother draws her to a remote Welsh isle, she uncovers a dark secret about her past.

An ancient and corrupt power is stalking Ivy, and her only chance of survival is to look deep within herself.

For not every story in legend is true, and some evils are not what they seem.

A darkly spellbinding tale of female empowerment, steeped in Welsh mythology and Arthurian legend.

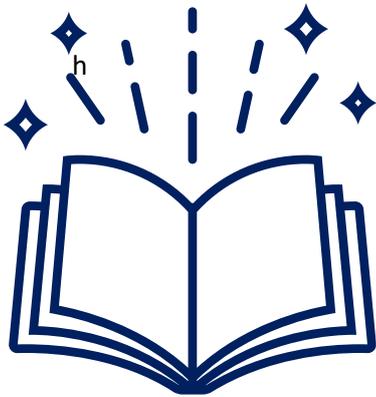


Waking The Witch

Myths

Fantasy

Family



We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!



A student who reads is a student who succeeds.