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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

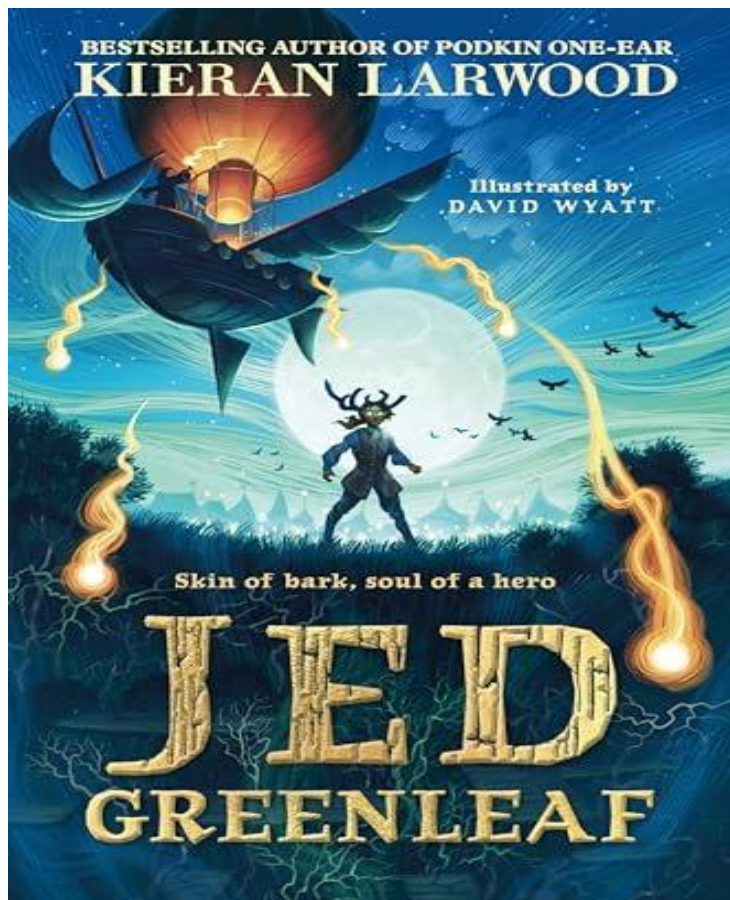


Jed Greenleaf

Adventure

Fantasy

Alternative History

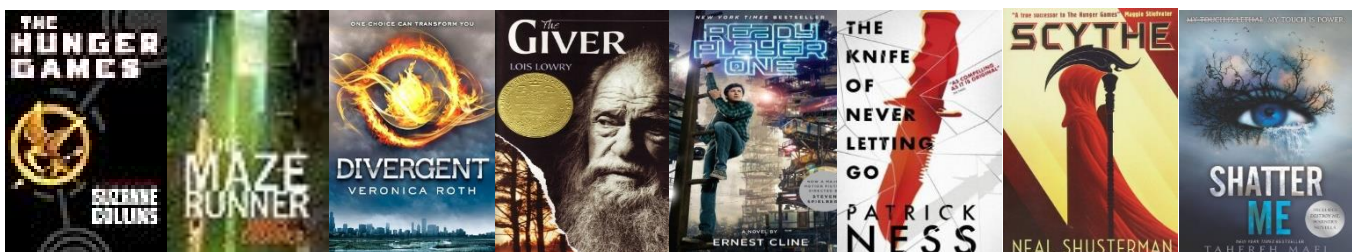


Skin of bark, soul of a hero ... an astonishing standalone adventure from the bestselling author of The World of Podkin One-Ear.

Albion city is governed by a puppet queen, secretly controlled by Lord Cromwell, and strange magic is afoot as six Guilds all compete to rule it. Although the Leaf Guild is the weakest, no one has reckoned with newcomer Jed Greenleaf's extraordinary ability to transform into a half-tree, covered over with bark ... he just needs to learn how to harness that power.

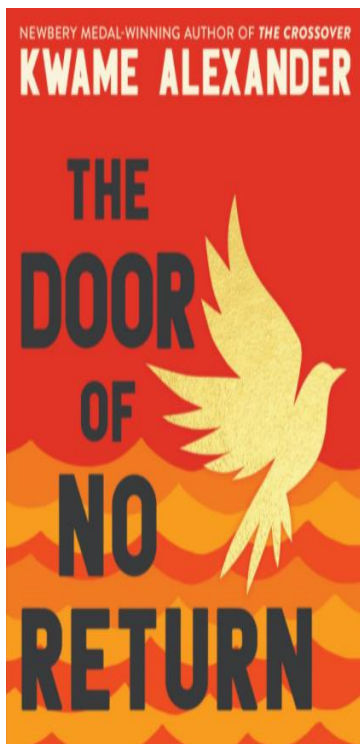
Could he be the hero that the Guild needs to win at the Punchbowl tournament? It just might be that this year Jed can turn over a new leaf in the history books, and bring glory to the decaying Guild and peace to Albion ...

Why not pick a your New Year's Resolution to be about picking a new genre of book?



Dystopian

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In his village in Upper Kwanta, 11-year-old Kofi loves his family, playing oware with his grandfather and swimming in the river Offin. He's warned though, to never go to the river at night. His brother tells him "There are things about the water you do not know." "Like what?" Kofi asks. "The beasts," his brother answers.

One fateful night, the unthinkable happens, and in a flash, Kofi's world turns upside down. Kofi soon ends up in a fight for his life and what happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves.

This spellbinding novel by the author of The Crossover and Booked will take you on an unforgettable adventure that will open your eyes and break your heart.



The Door of No Return

Adventure

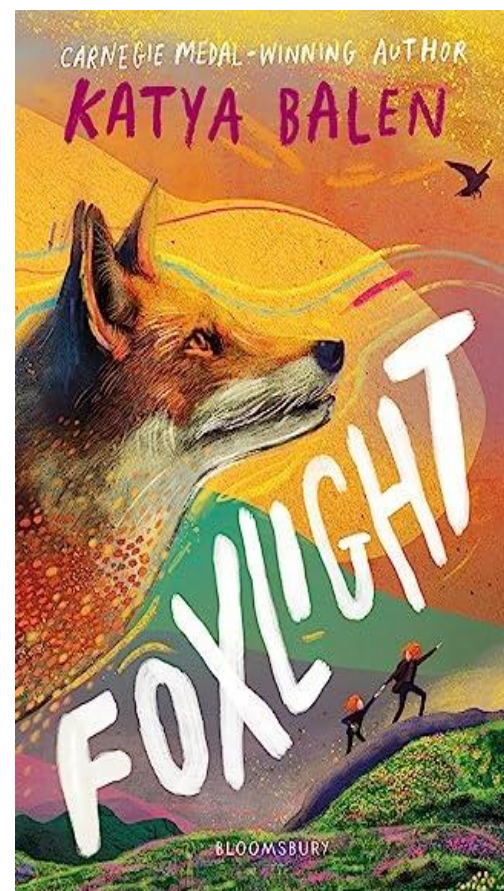
Historical

Africa



Fen and Rey were found curled up small and tight in the fiery fur of the foxes at the very edge of the wildlands. Fen is loud and fierce and free. She feels a connection to foxes and a calling from the wild that she's desperate to return to. Rey is quiet and shy and an expert on nature. She reads about the birds, feeds the lands and nurtures the world around her.

They are twin sisters. Different and the same. Separate and connected. They will always have each other, even if they don't have a mother and don't know their beginning. But they do want answers. Answers to who their mother is and where she might be. What their story is and how it began. So when a fox appears late one night at the house, Fen and Rey see it as a sign - it's here to lead them to their truth, find their real family and fill the missing piece they have felt since they were born.



Foxlight

Adventure

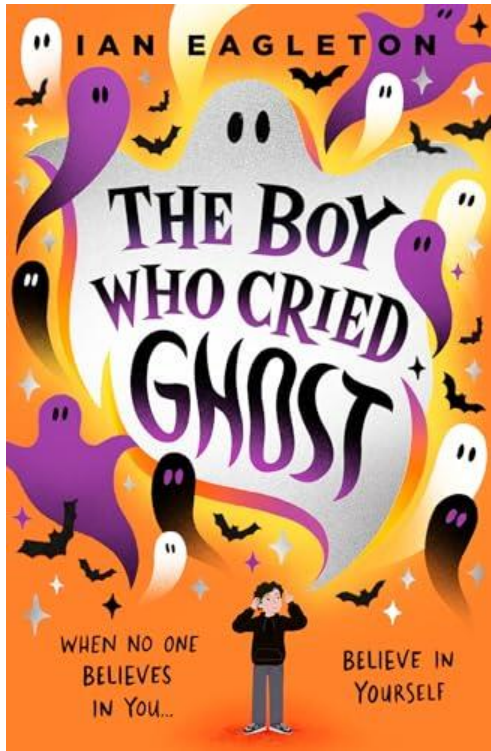
Nature

Fostering

Our summaries are taken from the Goodreads website:

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

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There's a ghost in Richard's wardrobe. Every day he carries out a series of rituals which he believes will keep the ghost trapped inside. He tries to tell his friends and family, but they dismiss his worries and concerns as being part of his anxiety. But then one day, the wardrobe door is opened...

And that's when the hauntings begin.



The Boy Who Cried Ghost

Mental Health

Family

Friendships



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.