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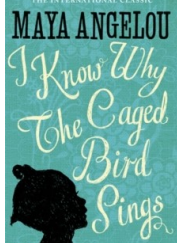


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Make More Noise! by various authors

A collection of short stories from ten of the UK's very best storytellers, celebrating inspirational girls and women, published to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the UK.



I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

In the first volume of her autobiography, Maya Angelou beautifully evokes her childhood with her grandmother in the American south of the 1930s. Contains some mature content.



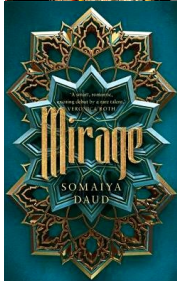
Paper Aeroplane: Selected Poems 1989—2014 by Simon Armitage

A collection of poems from across Simon Armitage's career, from his debut book to his newest work.



March by John Lewis, Nate Powell & Andrew Aydin

This is the first comic in a series about the life of John Lewis, an American activist who fought for civil rights. It includes his youth in rural Alabama, meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr, the birth of the Nashville Student Movement, and their battle to tear down segregation through non-violent sit-ins.



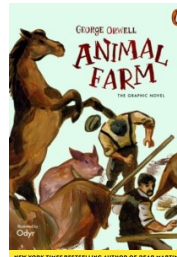
Mirage by Somaiya Daud

Amani dreams of having adventures, and travelling beyond her isolated moon. But when adventure comes for Amani, it is not what she expects: she is kidnapped and forced to become the body double for Maram, the princess of a ruthless empire.



Bad Girls Throughout History by Ann Shen

Aphra Behn, first female professional writer. Sojourner Truth, activist and abolitionist. Ada Lovelace, first computer programmer. The 100 revolutionary women highlighted in this book challenged the status quo and changed the rules for all who followed.



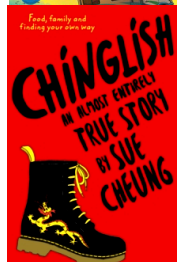
Animal Farm graphic novel by George Orwell and Odyr

Animal Farm is the story of what happens when the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master, and how their revolution goes horribly wrong. Orwell's classic novel has been reinterpreted as a graphic novel, illustrated in full colour.



Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

When William takes a roadtrip through the American South with his G'ma and her Green Book, he discovers that the world hasn't always been welcoming for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem - his G'ma included.



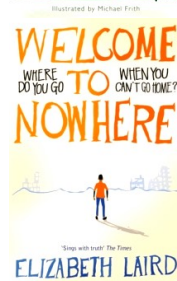
Chinglish by Sue Cheung

Jo Kwan is a teen growing up in 1980s Coventry with her annoying sister, too-cool brother, unlucky pets and bonkers parents. But unlike the other kids at her new school or her posh cousins, Jo lives above her parents' Chinese takeaway, which can be tough.



Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

Floella and her siblings arrived in England in 1960 to rejoin their parents, whom they had not seen for over a year. They had come to make a new home in London — part of the Windrush generation — but London would come as a nasty shock to Floella.



Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

Omar was born and raised in the bustling city of Bosra, Syria. Omar doesn't care about politics, but when his clever older brother, Musa, gets mixed up with young political activists, everything changes... Before long, bombs are falling, people are dying, and Omar's family have no choice but to flee their home.

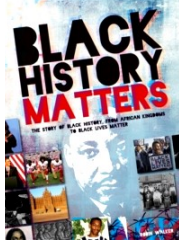


The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

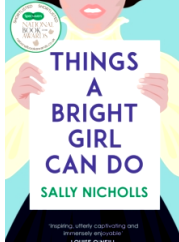
Mary Lennox has grown up in India, surrounded by people who always do exactly what she wants. When her parents die, she is sent to her uncle's cold and lonely manor on the Yorkshire moors. There, she finds people and gardens full of secrets and wonder.



Politics for Beginners by various authors
An informative guide to political systems, elections, voting and government and issues including feminism, human rights, freedom of speech and fake news, all explained with clear text and bright, infographic style illustrations.



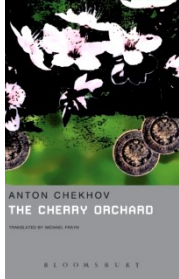
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago. And then Dani, who was shot years before that...



Black History Matters by Robin Walker
This short book chronicles thousands of years of black history, from African kingdoms, to slavery, apartheid, the battle for civil rights and much more.



Things a Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nichols
Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote. But the fight for freedom will challenge Evelyn, May and Nell more than they ever could believe.



Kick the Moon by Muhammad Khan
Ilyas is under pressure: GCSEs are looming and his teachers won't let up, his dad wants him to join the family business and his mates don't care about any of it. In detention, Ilyas finds a kindred spirit in Kelly, who is fed up with being pigeonholed as the good girl, and their friendship changes everything.



The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov
The Gayev family is torn by powerful forces, forces rooted deep in history, and in the society around them. Their estate is hopelessly in debt: urged to cut down their beautiful cherry orchard and sell the land for holiday cottages, they struggle to act decisively.

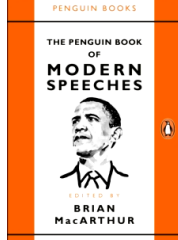
The Return of the Native by Thomas Hardy
Proud, passionate Eustacia Vye marries Clym Yeobright in the hope that he will help her escape her cramped rural existence. But when their relationship falters and her old lover reappears with an unexpected inheritance, Eustacia is faced with a series of decisions upon which multiple lives depend.



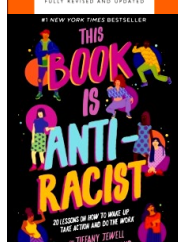
Proud by various authors
A collection of thought-provoking, funny, and emotional short stories and poetry on the theme of 'pride', with illustrations by LGBTQ+ artists. Authors include David Levithan and Simon James Green.



Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam
Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?



The Penguin Book of Speeches edited by B. MacArthur
From Moses to Nelson Mandela, speeches have changed the way we see the world and the way the world is shaped. The two volumes of this book cover speeches both historical and modern, covering a huge variety of topics, countries, movements, and ideas.



This Book is Anti-Racist by Tiffany Jewell
What is racism? Where does it come from? Why does it exist? What can you do to disrupt it? Learn about social identities, the history of racism and resistance against it, and how you can use your anti-racist lens and voice to move the world toward equity and liberation.



The Crucible by Arthur Miller
This classic parable of mass hysteria draws a chilling parallel between the Salem witch-hunt of 1692 and the American anti-communist purges led by Senator McCarthy in the 1950s. The small community of Salem is stirred into madness by superstition, paranoia and malice, culminating in a violent climax.



The Black Kids by Christina Hammonds Reed
Los Angeles, 1992: it's the end of high school and Ashley and her friends are spending more time at the beach than in the classroom. Then four police officers are acquitted after beating a black man named Rodney King half to death. As violent protests engulf LA and the city burns, Ashley's life is turned upside down.



Down and Out in Paris and London by George Orwell
A memoir of the author's time among the desperately poor and destitute in London and Paris. It documents a world of unrelenting drudgery and squalor: sleeping in bug-infested hostels and doss houses, working as a dishwasher in the vile 'Hotel X', living alongside tramps, surviving on scraps and cigarette butts.