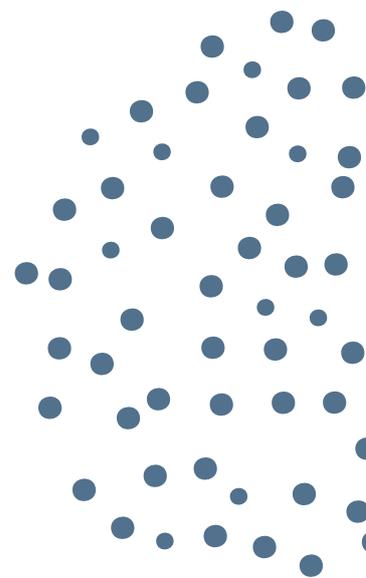
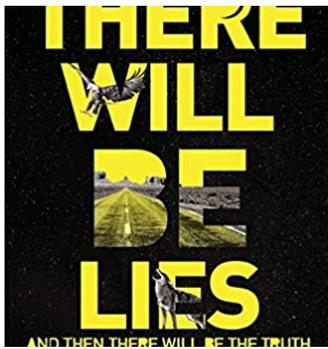




RECOMMENDED READS

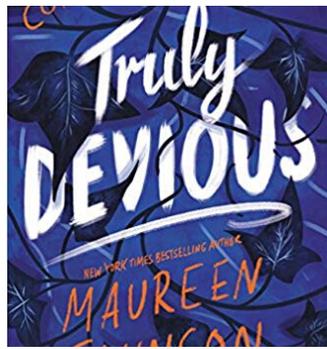


TEEN (Y9+) - ENGLISH



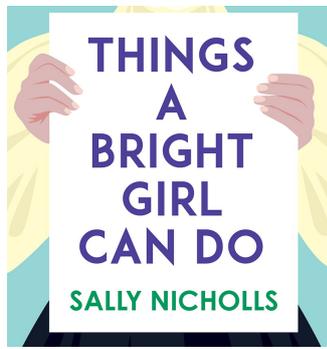
There Will Be Lies - Nick Lake

- If the person who keeps you safe also tells you lies, who can you trust?
- Great twisty turny plot
- Page turner (with talking coyotes!)



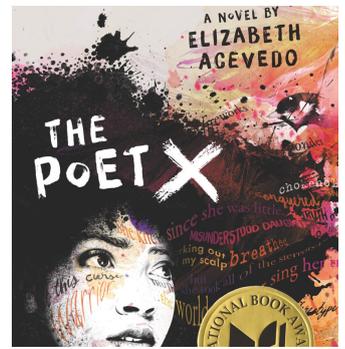
Truly Devious - Maureen Johnson

- Parallel mysteries unfold in this compulsively readable novel
- Alternating past and present scenes
- Multilayered, modern detective story



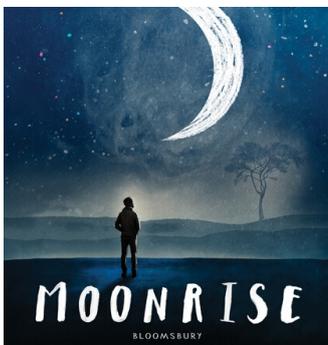
Things A Bright Girl Can Do - Sally Nicholls

- Carnegie Shortlisted
- Nuanced look at the battle for women's rights from multiple (wonderful) narrators
- Best book about WWI without ever leaving the shores of Britain



The Poet X - Elizabeth Acevedo

- Verse Novel
- About Slam poetry and finding your voice
- Deals with first love, religion and creativity in a gripping and utterly believable way



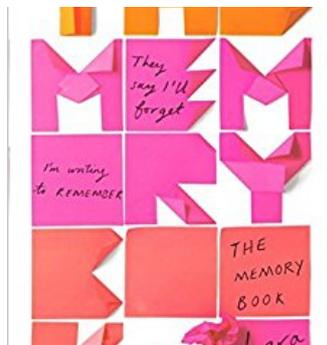
Moonrise - Sarah Crossan

- Examining the ethics of the death penalty
- Powerfully told in free verse by a multi award winning author
- Compelling but 'quick' read



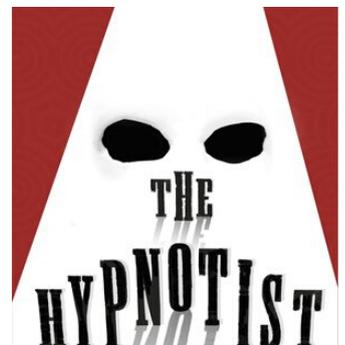
The Hate You Give - Angie Thomas

- Amazing characterisation and dialogue
- Main character Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her unarmed friend at the hands of a police officer.



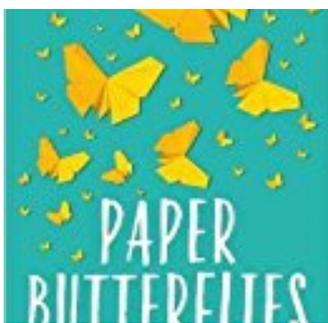
The Memory Book - Lara Avery

- Heartbreaking read that may require tissues!
- Sammie has a rare genetic disorder that will slowly start to steal her memories and then her health
- Told through Sammie's notes to her future self



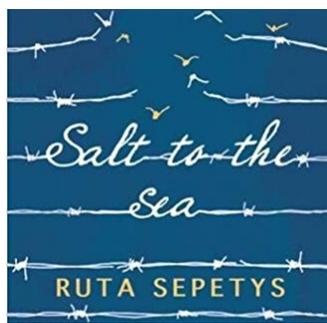
The Hypnotist - Laurence Anholt

- Set in the American South during the 1960s
- Gritty, powerful read with a strong anti-racism message
- With a dash of Dickens!



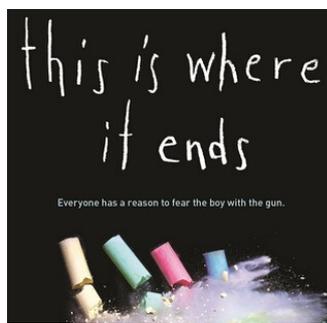
Paper Butterflies - Lisa Heathfield

- With an abusive stepmother and stepsister, June feels like a butterfly trapped in a net
- Deals with difficult subjects with empathy
- There's a huge and unexpected plot twist!



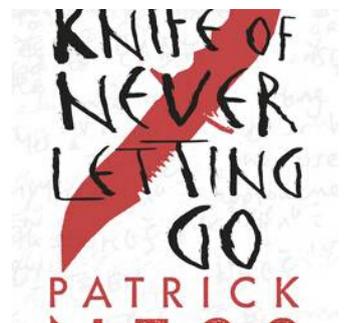
Salt To The Sea - Ruta Sepetys

- Carnegie winning book
- About the history that doesn't get taught in School - Ruta Sepetys excels at telling hidden histories
- Brings to vivid life a terrifying and little-known-moment in World War II history



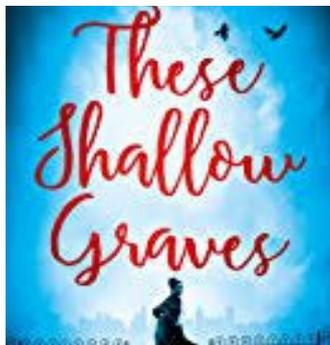
This Is Where It Ends - Marieke Nijkamp

- Told in real time by multiple narrators as a School shooting unfolds
- Emotional and suspenseful
- Diverse cast of characters



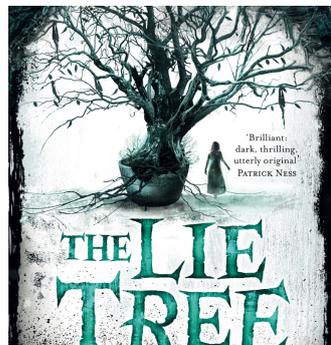
The Knife Of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness

- Todd Hewitt is the only boy in a town of men. Ever since the settlers were infected with the Noise germ, Todd can hear everything the men think, and they hear everything he thinks
- First in an amazing & award winning trilogy



These Shallow Graves - Jennifer Donnelly

- Page turning historical fiction that will keep you guessing right to the end
- Smart & savvy female character
- Immersive 19th century New York setting



The Lie Tree - Frances Hardinge

- Set just after the publication of 'The Origin of The Species' science and nature collide in this Victorian thriller
- Deliciously creepy
- Mystery and intrigue



The Monsters We Deserve - Marcus Sedgwick

- Atmospheric and haunting
- An unusual read - a metafictional ghost story about the very process of writing a book
- Creative, witty and philosophical



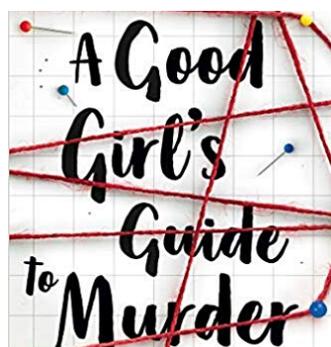
Internment - Samira Ahmed

- Set in a horrifying near-future, Layla Amin & her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens
- A heart racing an emotional fight for freedom
- Challenges readers to fight complicit silence that exists in our society today



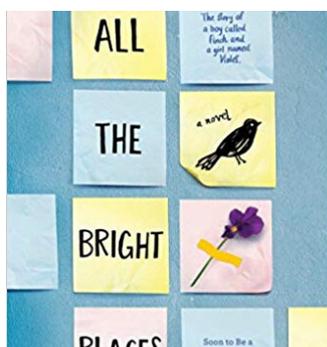
Goodbye Perfect - Sara Barnard

- Brilliant honest writing
- Set against the backdrop of stressful GCSE exams
- Explores ideas about perfection, love, friendships and family



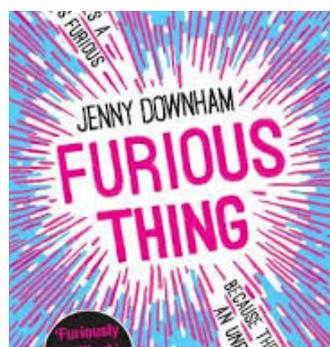
A Good Girls Guide To Murder - Holly Jackson

- Riverdale-esque crime thriller
- You'll like this if you enjoyed One Of Us Is Lying
- Compulsively readable and elegantly plotted



All The Bright Places - Jennifer Niven

- A compelling and beautiful story about a girl who learns to live from a boy who wants to die
- Honest & poignant
- Film adaptation due 2020



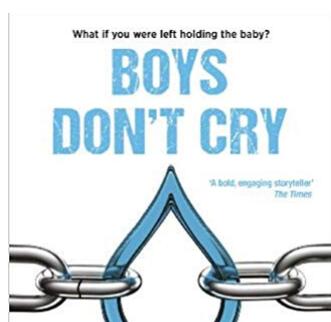
Furious Thing - Jenny Downham

- Explores the myriad ways a girl's sense of self can be whittled away and what might happen when she fights back.
- It's a book about being brave, about being angry and about carrying on



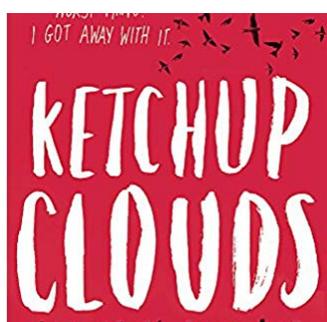
Birthday - Meredith Russo

- Told on one day every year, over six years, this is a story about how change pulls people apart... and how love brings them back together
- A sensitively written transgender coming of age story



Boys Don't Cry - Malorie Blackman

- Dante is waiting for his A-level results to arrive in the post, but what he gets instead is an ex-girlfriend on the doorstep with a baby she says is his
- Nuanced and sensitive look at the uncharted territory of teenage fatherhood



Ketchup Clouds - Annabel Pitcher

- A girl with a guilty conscience writes to a criminal on death row in America
- Blends powerful emotion & darkness with ironic humour
- A gripping and moving story about secrets, lies and growing up



Six Of Crows - Leigh Bardugo

- Sweeping fantasy epic
- Oceans Eleven set in a Game Of Thrones-esque world!
- Great ensemble cast & page turning action