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SECONDARY TITLES

Stay Where You Are and then Leave

By John Boyne
ISBN 9780857532947
\$21.95

Secondary Book
of the Month

The day the First World War broke out, Alfie Summerfield's father promised he wouldn't go away to fight - but he broke that promise the following day. Four years later, Alfie doesn't know where his father might be, other than that he's away on a special, secret mission. Then, while shining shoes at King's Cross Station, Alfie unexpectedly sees his father's name - on a sheaf of papers belonging to a military doctor. Bewildered and confused, Alfie realises his father is in a hospital close by - a hospital treating soldiers with an unusual condition. Alfie is determined to rescue his father from this strange, unnerving place . . .

Publishers Blurb.



Alfie Summerfield turned five years old the day World War I broke out. This is the story of Alfie's war.

Alfie thinks his Dad is on a secret special mission and that's why Dad has stopped writing letters.

One day, when Alfie is shining shoes at Kings Cross station, he unexpectedly discovers that his Dad is in a hospital nearby. But it's a hospital treating soldiers with mental health problems and Alfie finds it a frightening place when he goes there on his own.

This is a wonderful story of love, hope, sadness, family, courage and one very inquisitive small boy. You will fall in love with Alfie as his character grows up through the difficult war years.

John Boyne has a knack of making the most complicated things simple, and this book will give your students much to think about, as it gives us an entirely different look at WWI.

This is one of the best books I've read this year and both boys and girls, Year 7 and up will thoroughly enjoy it.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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Vango: Between Sky and Earth

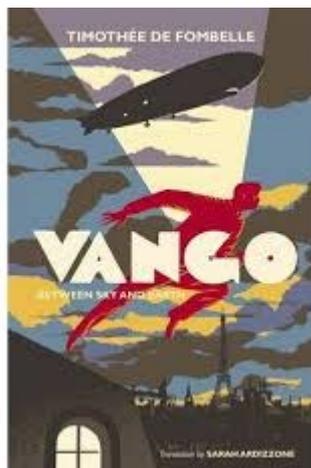
By Timothee de Fombelle

ISBN 9781406354010

\$24.95

A gripping mystery-adventure set in the 1930s interwar period about a character desperately searching for his identity.

Raised by a strange nanny in Sicily, Vango grows up with one friend, a priest Zefiro, who lives in a monastery hidden from sight. On reaching adulthood, Vango decides to follow in Zefiro's steps, but at the moment he is taking his holy orders at Notre Dame in Paris, he is falsely accused of a crime and has to go on the run. This is a breathless and highly cinematic story that follows Vango travelling by Zeppelin across Europe from Stromboli to Nazi Germany, from Scotland to the Soviet Union, climbing the rooftops of Paris, crossing the paths of arms traffickers, crooked policemen, Russian spies and even Stalin. *Publishers Blurb.*



This is a fast paced story about one young man's quest to find his true belonging and his real identity.

Vango finds himself accused of a terrible crime that he did not commit. How will he prove his innocence? On his quest to clear his name, Vango must try to first find out who he really is and how he came to be in Sicily, and what links his past has to his current situation.

The characters of this book are intricately entwined and we are taken on a journey through 1930's Europe as Vango attempts to find out the truth.

Boys and girls, especially those with a passion for European history and culture, will thoroughly enjoy this book.

Classroom Ideas are available at www.walkerbooks.com.au.

Reviewed by Sam

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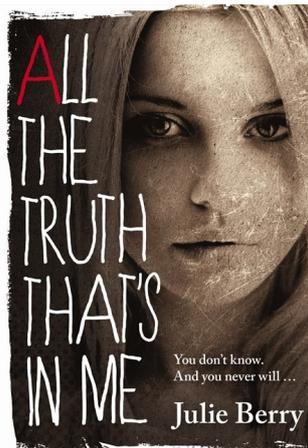
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All The Truth That's In Me

By Julie Berry
ISBN 9780732298067
\$19.99

Four years ago, Judith and her best friend disappeared from their small town of Roswell Station. Two years later, only Judith returned, permanently mutilated, reviled and ignored by her friends and family. Unable to speak, Judith lives like a ghost in her own home, silently pouring out her thoughts to her childhood friend, Lucas. He is the boy who has owned her heart for as long as she can remember - even if he doesn't know it. But when Roswell Station is attacked, long-buried secrets come to light, and Judith is forced to choose - to continue living in silence, or recover her voice, even if it means changing her world, and the lives around her, forever. Told in a voice that is achingly raw and intimate, this remarkably original novel will haunt and stay with you. It will fill you with Judith's passion and longing, and its mysteries will keep you feverishly turning the pages until the very last one.

Publishers Blurb



An enthralling story of survival in a remote new settlement in an earlier time, date unknown.

Where our main star Judith tells her story as if writing to the boy she loves, Lucas. They live in a religious community with strong and old fashion beliefs.

Judith's story includes kidnapping, murder, war and courage in the face of fierce adversity, made more powerful by the fact that Judith's tongue has been viciously cut out.

Can she hope to speak again and be accepted by those in her small community? Most importantly, will she ever gain Lucas' love?

A gripping story that will leave its mark on readers 14+.

Reviewed by Rob.

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The Last Girl

By Michael Adams
ISBN 9781743316368
\$19.99

Everyone looked like bad actors in a poorly dubbed movie. Their expressions didn't match their emotions and their lips didn't sync with what they were saying. But they were all so loud.

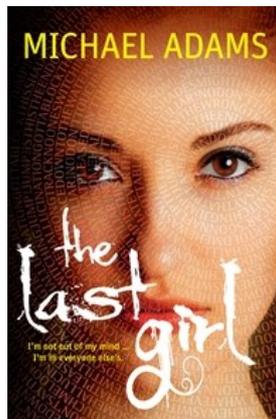
God-he-looks-hot-Can't-she's-my-best-friend-How'd-she-lose-that-weight-No-don't-you-dare-Oh-no-please-

The end of the world happens in the blink of an eye.

When The Snap sweeps the globe, everyone can instantly hear everything that everyone else is thinking. As secrets and lies are laid bare, suburbs and cities explode into insanity and violence. What might have been an evolutionary leap instead initiates the apocalypse.

Sixteen-year-old Danby Armstrong's telepathy works very differently. She can tune into other people but they can't tune into her. With only this slender defence, Danby must protect her little brother and reach the safety of her mother's mountain retreat. But it's 100 kilometres away and the highways are blocked by thousands of cars and surrounded by millions of people coming apart at the psychic seams.

Danby's escape is made even more dangerous by another cataclysm that threatens humanity's extinction. And her ability to survive this new world will be tested by a charismatic young man whose power to save lives may be worse than death itself. *Publisher Blurb*



Everyone is connected in our modern world. But can we be too connected? What if suddenly everyone was so connected that they could hear everyone else's thoughts? A cacophony of unbearable noise that is bound to have disastrous effects on humanity suddenly erupts...

Amid an explosion of insanity and violence, the world dissolves into a catatonic state for most people.

But our sixteen year old star Danby remains alert, as she can tune into other people, but they cannot tune into her.

Will she and other survivors be able to revive people and allow mankind to rebuild? Can she even save her own mother and little brother?

Told in a contemporary world, this fast paced dystopian psychological thriller is sure to attract a huge teen audience.

From an exciting new Australian author, this is sure to appeal to 15+ readers. Sequels in this trilogy are due next year.

Reviewed by Rob.

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The Eye of Minds: Mortality Doctrine

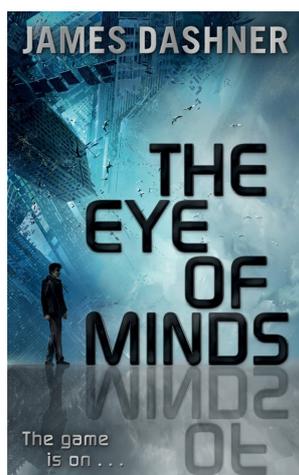
By James Dashner

ISBN 9780857533142

\$19.95

From James Dashner, the author of the New York Times bestselling Maze Runner series, comes an edge-of-your seat adventure. The Eye of Minds is the first book in The Mortality Doctrine, a series set in a world of hyperadvanced technology, cyberterrorists, and gaming beyond your wildest dreams . . . and your worst nightmares. For Michael and the other gamers, the VirtNet can make your wildest fantasies become real. And the more hacking skills you have, the more fun. Who wants to play by the rules anyway? But some rules were made for a reason. One gamer has been taking people hostage inside the VirtNet with horrific consequences. The government needs Michael to track down the rogue gamer, but the risk is enormous and the line between game and reality could be blurred forever . . .

Publishers Blurb.



What if you could play video games and actually feel everything that happens to you, but know that it is all pretend and you are perfectly safe? For a true gamer this sounds wonderful—and the VirtNet lets all this happen.

When Michael and his friends start hacking the code to help them win, they find all is not as it seems, and the VirtNet could be a really dangerous place.

This is an action packed adventure story that sci-fi lovers and virtual reality gamers will absolutely love. It suits both boys and girls, and is the first in a series, but it stands alone as a great read with a definite twist in the end.

Perfect for Year 9 & up.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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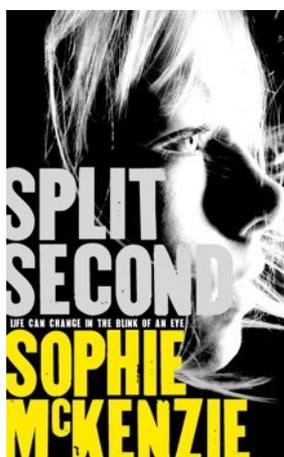
Split Second

By Sophie McKenzie

ISBN 9781471115981

\$19.99

Bound together by the devastating consequences of a terrorist attack on a London market, teenagers Charlotte (Charlie) and Nat appear at first to have much in common. But, as Charlie gets closer to Nat and his family, she begins to wonder if perhaps he knows more about the attack than he has let on. *Split Second* is an action-packed thriller that shifts between the perspectives of its two main characters as their courage and their loyalties are tested to the limit. *Publishers Blurb*



London. Six months since a devastating terrorist attack. Charlie and Nat walk past each other a moment before impact. Charlie's mother died. Nat's brother has been in a coma for six months since the explosion.

Charlie and Nat's paths cross again when Charlie moves in with her Uncle and Aunt and goes to Nat's School. Charlie and Nat are attracted, but fate has a way of keeping them apart.

With each voicing alternating chapters, we get an insight into their pain and desire for revenge in a city where poverty and recession have changed the landscape and world outlook.

But who to trust and who is responsible?

The League of Iron, who claimed responsibility for that blast and much more?

The English Freedom Army (EFA) who tell them revenge is possible?

The Future Party with its in your face leader, Roman Riley?

Or are they just pawns in a great political plan, a plan that could see them killed as a part of an EFA infiltration cell?

The story is action packed and draws the reader in - you will find yourself cheering for the main characters, hoping that they will survive, and maybe even fall for each other.

Suited to all readers 15+.

Reviewed by Rob

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Shipwrecked

By Siobhan Curham

ISBN 9781405264570

\$16.95

Betrayal and forbidden love, beneath a seething sun...

Grace Delaney and her fellow dance students are en route to perform on a South Pacific cruise ship when a freak storm hits and they find themselves stranded on a seemingly deserted island.

With the tropical heat rising, passions and tensions swell to breaking point. And the island itself is quietly steaming with a terrible secret...*Publishers Blurb*



When Grace Delaney and seven members of her prestigious dance school are chosen to perform a long term gig on a South Pacific cruise ship, life seems wonderful.

En route to their new gig their smaller boat is met by a terrible storm and they are shipwrecked on a deserted island.

What follows is an insight into human emotions in what the publishers call Gossip Girl Meets Lost - which is fairly accurate.

With the tropical heat rising, so are the groups secrets, tensions and passions.

Mix this with voodoo and we have a totally enjoyable and engrossing teen read.

Unfortunately we are left with the discovery of a boat and a hope of rescue, but this will have to wait for Book 2. Worth the wait, I think!

Best enjoyed by 15+ readers.

Reviewed by Rob