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TEEN BOOK AWARD

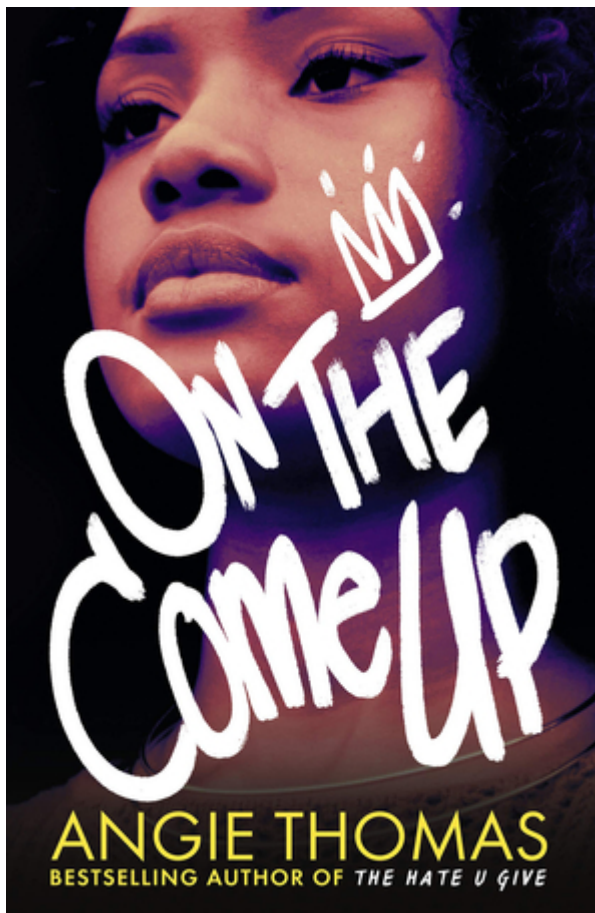


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OUR TEEN BOOK AWARD IS AIMED AT STUDENTS IN YEAR 9 AND ABOVE.

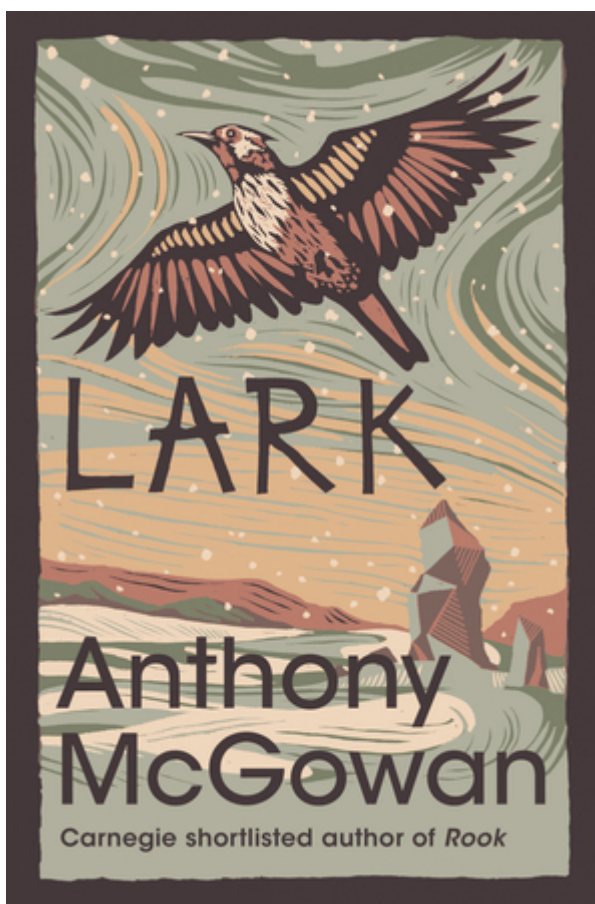
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All longlisted books are available to borrow from the Library. Shortlisting will take place at the end of November and the winning book will be announced on World Book Day (March 2020).



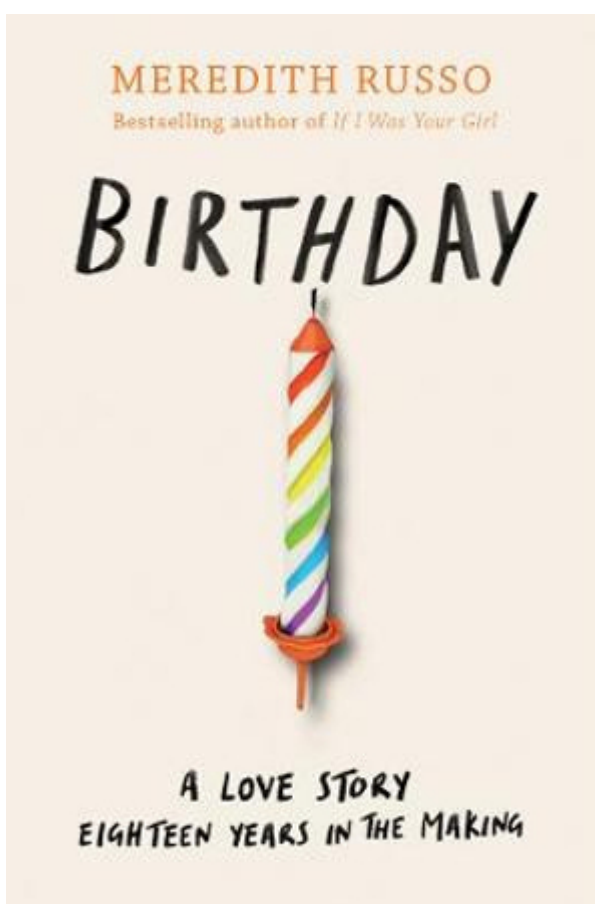
ON THE COME UP - ANGIE THOMAS

Second novel from the author of the immensely popular *The Hate You Give*...Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. Or at least make it out of her neighborhood one day. As the daughter of an underground rap legend who died before he made it, Bri's got big shoes to fill. But now that her mom has unexpectedly lost her job, food banks and shutoff notices are as much a part of Bri's life as beats and rhymes. With bills piling up and homelessness staring her family down, Bri no longer just *wants* to make it—she *has* to make it.



LARK - ANTHONY MCGOWAN

Things are getting tense at home for Nicky and Kenny as they wait for a visit from their estranged mum. To escape, they go for a walk on the moors, taking their little Jack Russell terrier with them. But what should have been a laugh, a lark, turns deadly when the weather changes and they are caught in a blizzard. Nothing will ever be quite the same again ...



BIRTHDAY - MEREDITH RUSSO

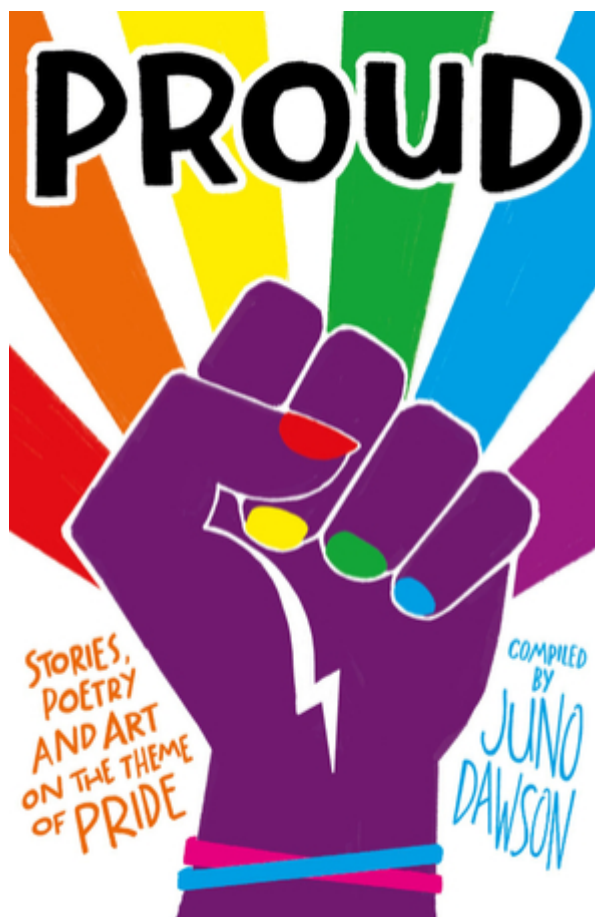
An unconventional love story by award-winning author Meredith Russo...Morgan and Eric are bonded for life after being born on the same day at the same time. We meet them once a year on their shared birthday as they grow and change: as Eric figures out who he is and how he fits into the world, and as Morgan makes the difficult choice to live as her true self. Over the years, they will drift apart, come together, fight, make up, and break up—and ultimately, realize how inextricably they are a part of each other.



THE KINGDOM - JESS ROTHENBERG

Glimmering like a jewel behind its gateway, The Kingdom is an immersive fantasy theme park where guests soar on virtual dragons, castles loom like giants, and bioengineered species--formerly extinct--roam free

A gripping fantasy thriller that blends Disney-esque fairytale, android scif-fi and courtroom drama to wonderfully disorientating effect. Beneath the flash and sparkle, though, lies a subtle treatise on political and moral corruption



PROUD - COMPILED BY JUNO DAWSON

A stirring, bold and moving anthology of stories and poetry by top LGBTQ+ YA authors and new talent, giving their unique responses to the broad theme of pride. PROUD is a thought-provoking, funny, emotional read.

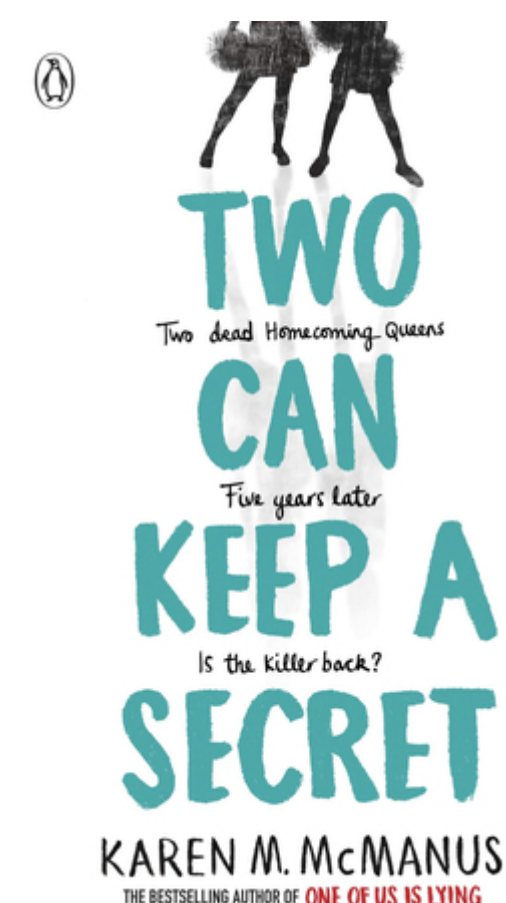
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THE MONSTERS WE DESERVE - MARCUS SEDGWICK

Deeply atmospheric and gothicly creepy, master storyteller Marcus Sedgwick celebrates the legacy of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* in this menacing novel.

In a remote mountain house, high in the French Alps, an author broods on Shelley's creation. Reality and perception merge, fuelled by poisoned thoughts. Humankind makes monsters; but who really creates who? This is a book about reason, the imagination, and the creative act of reading and writing.



TWO CAN KEEP A SECRET - KAREN MCMANUS

From the author of the hugely popular *One Of Us Is Lying*...

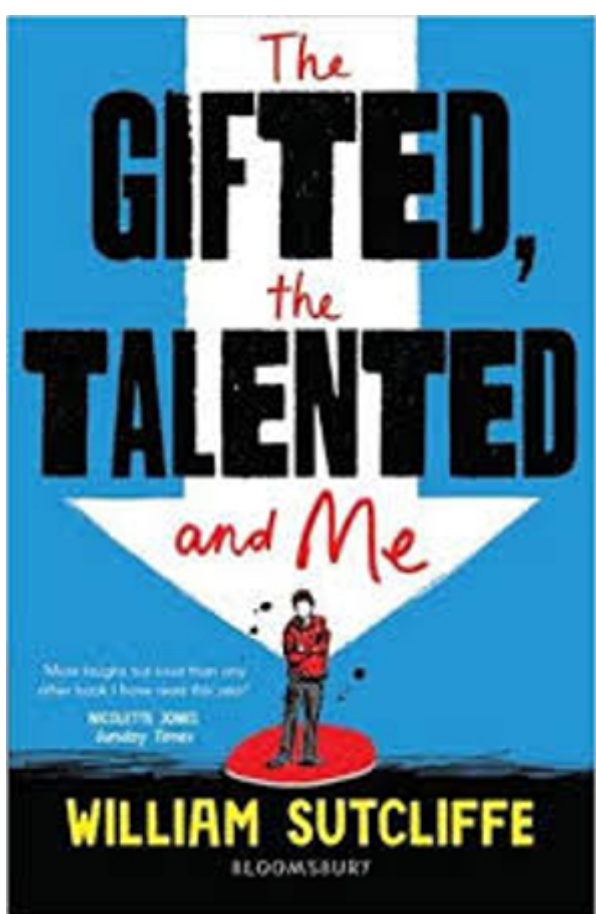
A perfect town is hiding secrets. Two teenagers are dead. Two murders unsolved. And a killer who claims to be coming back.

Told from the point of view of Ellery, new to town but with a family history in Echo Ridge, and Malcom who's lived there all his life, this dual narrative has a gripping plot with red herrings galore!



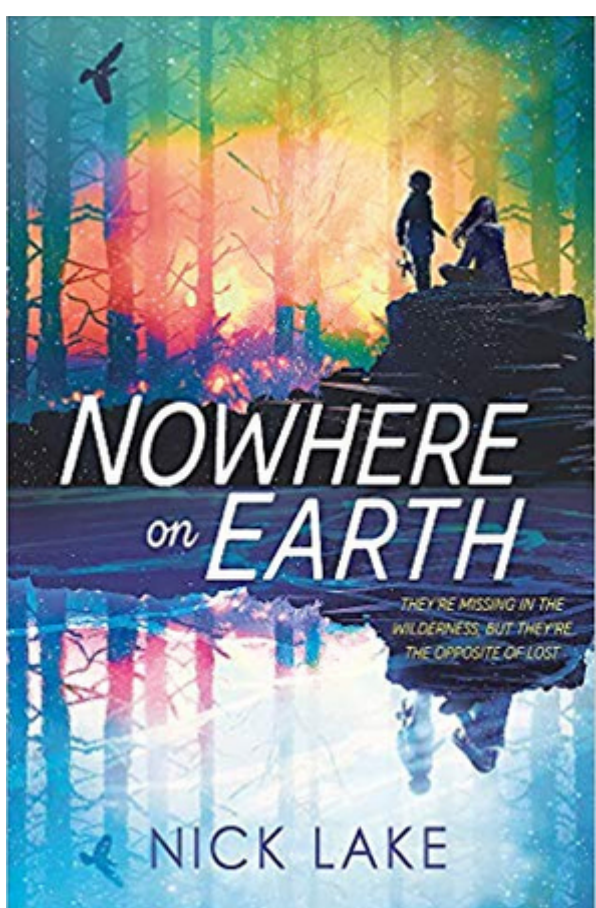
THE BURNING - LAURA BATES

New school. Tick. New town. Tick. New surname. Tick. Social media profiles? Erased. There's nothing to trace Anna back to her old life. Nothing to link her to the 'incident'. At least that's what she thinks ... until the whispers start up again. As time begins to run out on her secrets, Anna finds herself irresistibly drawn to the tale of Maggie, a local girl accused of witchcraft centuries earlier. A girl whose story has terrifying parallels to Anna's own...The compelling YA debut from Laura Bates, founder of the *Everyday Sexism Project* and bestselling author of *Girl Up*.



THE GIFTED, THE TALENTED AND ME - WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE

Fifteen-year-old Sam is not a famous vlogger, he's never gone viral, and he doesn't want to be the Next Big Thing. In fact he's ordinary and proud of it. None of which was a problem until Dad got rich and Mum made the whole family move to London. Now Sam's off to the North London Academy for the Gifted and Talented, where everyone's busy planning Hollywood domination or starting alt-metal psychedelica crossover bands. Sam knows he'll never belong, even if he wanted to. And that's before he ends up on stage wearing nothing but a fur onesie ... A brilliantly funny look at fitting in, falling out and staying true to your own averageness.



NOWHERE ON EARTH - NICK LAKE

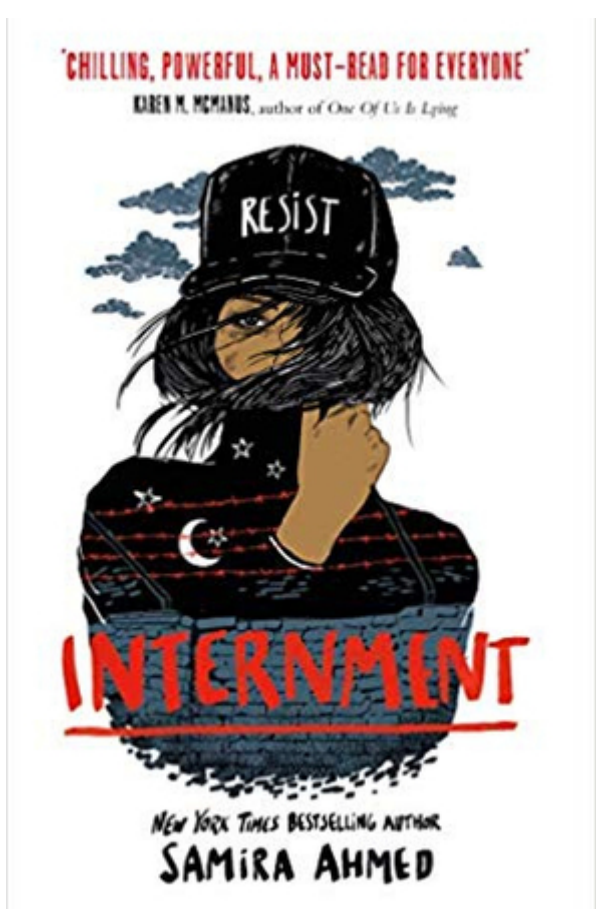
It starts with a plane crash.

There are survivors: a teenage girl and her little brother. They are running from something. But what?

Then the men arrive.

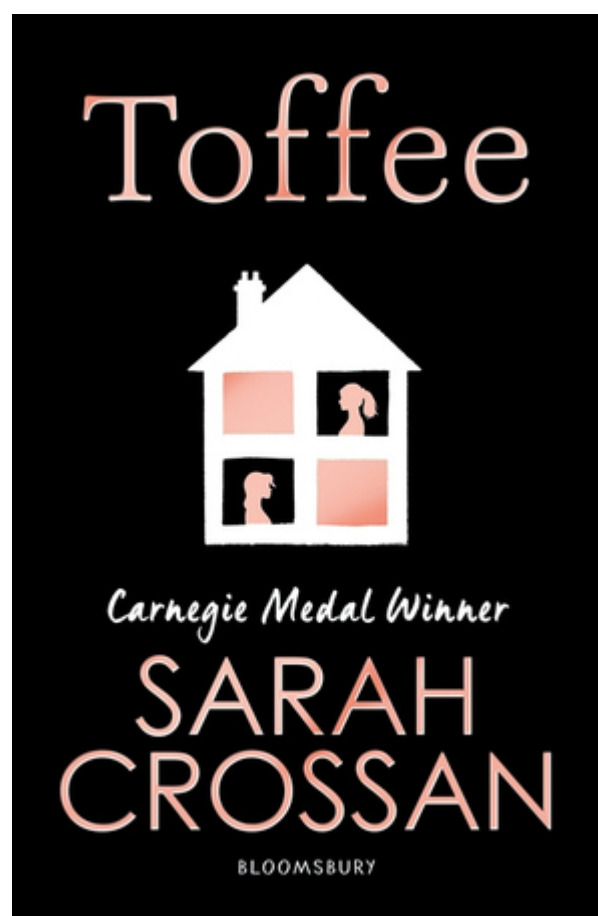
They are hunting the girl and boy. And-

And that's all we can tell you ...A thrilling story of survival, hope and a love beyond all understanding, from the award-winning author of Satellite.



INTERMENT - SAMIRA AHMED

Set in a horrifying '15 minutes in the future' United States, 17-year-old Layla Amin is forced into an internment camp for Muslim-Americans along with her parents. With the help of newly-made friends also trapped within the camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards. Heart-racing and emotional, Internment questions the imaginary boundaries that separate us and challenges readers to fight the complicit silence that exists in our society today.



TOFFEE - SARAH CROSSAN

I am not who I say I am. Marla isn't who she thinks she is. I am a girl trying to forget. Marla is a woman trying to remember. Allison has run away from home and with nowhere to live finds herself hiding out in the shed of what she thinks is an abandoned house. But the house isn't empty. An elderly woman named Marla, with dementia, lives there - and she mistakes Allison for an old friend from her past called Toffee. Allison is used to hiding who she really is, and trying to be what other people want her to be. And so, Toffee is who she becomes. After all, it means she has a place to stay. There are worse places she could be. But as their bond grows, and Allison discovers how much Marla needs a real friend, she begins to ask herself -where is home? What is a family? And most importantly, who am I, really?

HOW TO TAKE PART



The best way to take part in our book award is to simply **start reading**



Read as many of the Longlisted Books as possible



Be ready to vote for the 6 books you would like to see on our shortlist



Read the 6 shortlisted books from December onwards



Attend one of our discussion groups during the Spring Term - each week we'll talk about one of the Shortlisted books



Vote for the book you think deserves to win the Bury Grammar Teen Book Award!