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Book Lists








 <h1 style="text-align: center; color: red;">EUROPE</h1> 		
 <b>BELGIUM</b> <b>PROVOOST, Anne</b>	<i>Falling</i>	This novel tells of a boy's agonizing passage from innocence and ignorance to an understanding of himself, his background and his family's past. It is a book about racial tensions, intolerance, the appeal of right-wing extremism and the decisions that have to be made in their light.
 <b>DENMARK</b> <b>HOLM, Anne</b>	<i>I Am David</i>	David escapes from a concentration camp and flees across Europe. He is utterly alone - who can he trust? What will await him at home? And all the while he knows that they may catch up with him...
 <b>FRANCE</b> <b>BUJOR, Flavia</b>	<i>The Prophecy of Gems</i>	Three young girls, Jade, Amber and Opal, each from very different backgrounds, discover on the day of their 14th birthday that they are all adopted. An ancient prophecy compels them to complete a mission in a far-off kingdom.
 <b>GERMANY</b> <b>FEIBEL, Thomas</b>  <b>FUNKE, Cornelia</b>	<i>Black Mail</i>  <i>Inkheart; Inkspell; Inkdeath</i>	Having tricked both his parents and his school, Johnny follows his rock idol on a national tour, but things don't go to plan when he has his money stolen and the people around him end up dead.  Trilogy about a 12-year-old girl named Meggie Folchart whose life changes dramatically when she realizes that if her father, a bookbinder, reads aloud, he brings characters into the real world.
 <b>GREECE</b> <b>ZEI, Alki</b>	<i>Tina's Web</i>	Tina's life in Germany was unhappy and when her parents split they send her back to Greece to live with her grandmother. She manages to cope with the aid of friends and some little blue pills...
 <b>HUNGARY</b> <b>KERTÉSZ, Imre</b>	<i>Fatelessness</i>	14-year-old Gyorgy, a Hungarian Jew, is imprisoned in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. But he is unable to identify with other Jews, which makes his internment even harder.
 <b>IRELAND</b> <b>THOMPSON, Kate</b>  <b>MELLING, O. R.</b>	<i>The New Policeman</i>  <i>The Hunter's Moon</i>	When 15-year-old JJ sets out to buy his mother some time, he discovers some truly remarkable things about music, myth and magic, and more.  American Gwen and her Irish cousin, Findabhair, plan to backpack around Ireland but it is the summer of the Hunter's Moon, a dangerous time for mortals meddling with the kingdom of Faerie.


 <b>MARSHALL, James Vince</b>	<i>Walk About</i>	Mary and her younger brother Peter are the only survivors of an air crash in the Australian Outback. Facing death from exhaustion and starvation, they are befriended by an Aboriginal boy who guides them on their journey and helps them survive.
<b>MARSDEN, John</b>	<i>Tomorrow When the War Began</i>	When seven teenagers return home after a week's camping, they find that their families are missing, their animals are dead, and the world has drawn to an eerie, silent halt. Australia has been invaded, and they're about to learn some truths about war, and about themselves.
<b>MORPURGO, Michael</b>	<i>Alone on a Wide Wide Sea</i>	Orphaned Arthur Hobhouse is shipped to Australia. At the end of his life, Arthur builds a special boat for his daughter Allie so she can sail to England and find his long-lost sister.
<b>O'NEILL, Judith</b>	<i>So Far From Skye</i>	Morag and Allan Macdonald don't want to leave Skye and emigrate to the other side of the world. Their voyage to Australia and the new world they find there is an exciting and moving story that brings the past vividly to life.
<b>SHUTE, Nevil</b>	<i>A Town Like Alice</i>	Jean Paget is a brave and intelligent English girl who meets again in Alice Springs the Australian soldier with whom she had fallen in love in Malaya during World War II.
 <b>NEW ZEALAND</b> <b>BECKETT, Bernard</b>	<i>Genesis</i>	Anax is facing three examiners and her all-day examination has just begun. If she passes, she'll be admitted into the Academy - the elite governing institution of her utopian society. But she is about to discover that for all her learning, the history she's been taught isn't the whole story. And that the Academy isn't what she believes it to be...
<b>HILL, David</b>	<i>Coming Back</i>	Ryan has just got his licence. He's in the car with his mates. Tara likes to go running. She's on her way back home. Neither of them is paying much attention...The harrowing accident that follows impacts many lives.
<b>IHIMAERA, Witi</b>	<i>The Whale Rider</i>	A timeless story of the courage of one Maori girl who stood against the tide of tradition and enabled her tribe to reconnect with their ancestral life force.

# AUSTRALASIA/ANTARCTICA







<p><b>ANTARCTICA</b> <b>HENDRY, Frances Mary</b></p> <p><b>MCCAUGH-REAN, Geraldine</b></p> 	<p><i>Atlantis</i></p> <p><i>The White Darkness</i></p>	<p>Below the Antarctic ice, the folk of Atlantis have lived in safety for centuries. But when a boy called Mungith makes an unbelievable discovery in the old mines, their lives are suddenly put in danger.</p> <p>Captain Oates, hero of the Antarctic, has been dead for nearly a century. But in Sym's head he is her constant companion and advisor. It is as if he walked out of the Polar blizzard into her mind. Then a short family expedition makes her ask herself how can she believe in something that simply isn't there?</p>
<p> <b>AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p><b>ABDEL-FATTAH, Randa</b></p> <p><b>BANKS, Lynne Reid</b></p> <p><b>FRANKLIN, Miles</b></p> <p><b>GLEITZMAN, Morris</b></p> <p><b>HARTNETT, Sonya</b></p> <p><b>LINDSAY, Joan</b></p>	<p><i>Ten things I Hate about Me</i></p> <p><i>Stealing Stacey</i></p> <p><i>My Brilliant Career</i></p> <p><i>Then</i></p> <p><i>Thursday's Child</i></p> <p><i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i></p>	<p>At school she's Aussie-blondie Jamie - one of the crowd. At home she's Muslim Jamilah - driven mad by her Stone Age dad. She could win an Oscar for her acting skills but how long can she keep up the pretence though?</p> <p>Stacey's finds life in London awful and longs to get away. Her grandmother offers to take her back to Australia and suddenly grey old London is swapped for the dust, heat, flies and scorpions of the Outback.</p> <p>16-year-old Sybylla leaves her parents' Outback farm to live at her grandmother's gracious property. She finds herself choosing between a conventional life and plans for a "brilliant career".</p> <p>Felix had a plan for himself and Zelda. Pretend to be someone else. Find new parents. Be safe forever. Then the Nazis came. Set in Poland, a Holocaust story by one of Australia's favourite children's authors.</p> <p>During the long, hungry years of the Great Depression, Harper Flute's family struggles to cope with life on the hot, dusty land. Her younger brother, Tin, uses his uncanny ability to escape to an ancient subterranean world.</p> <p>On St Valentine's Day in 1900, a party of Australian schoolgirls sets off with two schoolmistresses on a picnic to a place called Hanging Rock. Some were never to return. What began as a happy day out ended in terror.</p>

<p> <b>ITALY</b> <b>D'ADAMO, Francesco</b></p>	<p><i>My Brother Johnny</i></p>	<p>Johnny has returned from war as a hero, but also a broken man. His sister, Lin, gradually learns the truth about his experiences as he sets up an anti-war protest that splits the community.</p>
<p> <b>NETHERLANDS</b> <b>HOVING, Isabel</b></p>	<p><i>The Dream Merchant</i></p>	<p>An international corporation is convinced that Josh is the key to conquering their new market: the past. Drawn into a nightmare, he is caught in umaya, a place between dreams and reality.</p>
<p> <b>RUSSIA</b> <b>SEDGEWICK, Marcus</b></p> <p><b>HUBBARD, Kate</b></p>	<p><i>Blood Red, Snow White</i></p> <p><i>Rubies in the Snow</i></p>	<p>The origins and events of the Russian Revolution, interwoven with the experiences of Arthur Ransome, then a journalist in Russia.</p> <p>In the Russia of 1917, ten-year-old Anastasia lives life in a whirl of parties but the common people are no longer enchanted by their princess and her world is about to change forever.</p>
<p> <b>SPAIN</b> <b>LINGARD, Joan</b></p>	<p><i>Tell the Moon to Come Out</i></p>	<p>It's 1939 and Spain is shattered by civil war. Nick's father left to fight on the losing side 3 years ago but he never returned. Nick goes after him, crossing illegally into Spain to seek information.</p>
<p> <b>SWEDEN</b> <b>MANKEL, Henning</b></p>	<p><i>A Bridge to the Stars</i></p>	<p>On an icy night in Northern Sweden Joel is drawn outside to the mesmerising activity of his town, but can he deal with the knowledge that he gains about his neighbours, his father and himself?</p>
<p> <b>TURKEY</b> <b>HIÇILMAZ, Gaye</b></p>	<p><i>Against the Storm</i></p>	<p>Mehmet is a Turkish boy, whose family moves from village to shanty town in Ankara, where he has to learn rapidly to adapt to life on the streets.</p>
<p> <b>U.K.</b> <b>England</b> <b>ALMOND, David</b></p> <p><b>Northern Ireland</b> <b>GIBBONS, Alan</b></p> <p><b>Scotland</b> <b>BRESLIN, Theresa</b></p> <p><b>Wales</b> <b>WHITTAKER, Liz</b></p>	<p><i>Jackdaw Summer</i></p> <p><i>The Defender</i></p> <p><i>Saskia's Journey</i></p> <p><i>The Fizzing Stone</i></p>	<p>One hot summer's day a jackdaw leads Liam and Max into farmhouse where they find a baby in a blanket, with a scribbled note pinned to it: "Please look after her rite. This is a child of god..."</p> <p>During the height of the troubles in Ireland, when a teenage boy discovers two burly strangers at the house asking for his father, little does he know that his life and his father's are in peril.</p> <p>Invited to visit her mysterious great-aunt Alessandra on the Scottish coast, Saskia realises how little she knows about her roots and how much she needs to unravel the secrets of the past.</p> <p>A thrilling adventure story, set in Pembrokeshire, South Wales, full of the magic of Welsh history and folklore.</p>







 <h1 style="text-align: center;">AFRICA</h1> 		
 <b>ALGERIA</b> <b>GUÉNE, Faïza</b>	<i>Just Like Tomorrow</i>	A tender but funny novel by a young writer of Algerian parentage about life on a run-down high-rise estate north of Paris.
 <b>BOTSWANA</b> <b>SMITH, Alexander McCall</b>	<i>The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency</i>	Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's only, and finest, female private detective, investigates wayward daughters, missing husbands, curious conmen and more. Her methods may not be conventional, but she's got warmth, wit and intuition on her side.
 <b>EGYPT</b> <b>KERR, P. B.</b>	<i>Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten</i>	What do wisdom teeth, <i>The Arabian Nights</i> , an earthquake in Egypt, and a missing couple on a flight to London have in common? Quite a bit, it turns out, for two 12-year-old twins, John and Philippa Gaunt.
 <b>ETHIOPIA</b> <b>LAIRD, Elizabeth</b>	<i>The Garbage King</i>	When Mamo's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another runaway. Dani is rich, educated - and fleeing his tyrannical father. Together they join forces.
 <b>KENYA</b> <b>ALLENDE, Isabel</b>	<i>Forest of the Pygmies</i>	Alexander Cold knows all too well his grandmother Kate is never far from an adventure. When International Geographic commissions her to write an article about the first elephant-led safaris in Africa, they head-with Nadia Santos and the magazine's photography crew-to the blazing, red plains of Kenya.
<b>HUXLEY, Elspeth</b>	<i>The Flame Trees of Thika</i>	This autobiography recalls the author's extraordinary adventures as a child in Kenya.
<b>NAIDOO, Beverley</b>	<i>Burn my Heart</i>	The Mau Mau is a secret society that once struck terror into the hearts of British settlers in Kenya This is the vivid story of two boys: one black, one white who once were friends even though their circumstances are very different. But in a country riven by fear and prejudice, even best of friends can betray one another.

 <b>UNITED STATES</b>		
<b>ALCOTT, Louisa M.</b>	<i>Little Women</i>	The good-natured March girls - Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy - manage to lead interesting lives despite their father's absence at war and the family's lack of money. Whether they are making plans for putting on a play or forming a secret society, their enthusiasm is infectious.
<b>ANDERSON, Laurie Halse</b>	<i>Chains</i>	Sisters Isabel and Ruth are slaves. Sold from one owner to the next, they arrive in New York as the Americans are fighting for their independence. Soon Isabel is struggling to keep them safe in a world in which she has no control.
<b>CHABON, Michael</b>	<i>Summerland</i>	Ethan is a hero on a quest through the world of American Faery. Along the way, hero and heroine find each other, true heroism is revealed and the Faeries find someone new to play baseball against.
<b>CORMIER, Robert</b>	<i>After the First Death</i>	Outside a small American town, a bus-load of young children is being held hostage. Miro is the terrorist with no past and no emotions, while Kate is the bus driver caught up in the nightmare. Ben is the General's son who must act as a go-between.
<b>LANDMAN, Tanya</b>	<i>Apache: Girl Warrior</i>	Siki is an orphan of the Black Mountain Apache. Her mother was killed by Mexicans and her father was lost in an ambush. When Siki witnesses the brutal murder of her little brother Tazhi, she vows to become an Apache warrior to avenge his death.
<b>LOWRIE, Lois</b>	<i>Gathering Blue</i>	In a vision of the future, society is tough and unforgiving. Kira has a withered leg and with her mother gone, she will need to use cunning, wit and bravery to ensure her continued acceptance.
<b>POE, Edgar Allan</b>	<i>Tales of Mystery and Imagination</i>	Terrifying and bewildering tales including: <i>The Pit and the Pendulum</i> , <i>The Fall of the House of Usher</i> , <i>The Premature Burial</i> , <i>The Tell-Tale Heart</i> , <i>The Murders in the Rue Morgue</i> , and <i>The Purloined Letter</i> .
<b>SACHAR, Louis</b>	<i>Holes</i>	Stanley Yelnat's family has a history of bad luck, so he is not too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a detention centre. As punishment the boys must dig a hole each day but Stanley realises he must uncover the reason why.
<b>TWAIN, Mark</b>	<i>Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	On the banks of the Mississippi, Tom Sawyer and his friends seek out adventure at every turn. Then one fateful night they witness a murder...

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">AMERICAS</h1> 		
 <b>BRAZIL</b> <b>IBBOTSON, Eva</b>  <b>PEET, Mal</b>	<i>Journey to the River Sea</i>  <i>The Penalty</i>	<p>Miss Minton and Maia are sailing to the city of Manaus up the mighty Amazon river. Maia, an orphan, is excited to be starting a new life with relatives, but she couldn't have imagined the extraordinary adventures that await her.</p> <p>As the city of San Juan pulses to summer's sluggish beat, its teenage football prodigy El Brujito, the Little Magician, vanishes without trace. Paul Faustino, South America's top sports journalist, is reluctantly drawn into the mystery.</p>
 <b>CANADA</b> <b>BURNFORD, Sheila</b>  <b>WYNNE-JONES, Tim</b>	<i>The Incredible Journey</i>  <i>The Survival Game</i>	<p>Three animals, a young labrador, a siamese cat and a bull terrier, are left in the wilderness. This is the story of their struggle to find a way back home.</p> <p>Burl can't take any more bruises from his bullying father, so he runs away. He knows he won't last long in the frozen Canadian wilderness, but he stumbles across a secret that could save him.</p>
<b>CARIBBEAN</b> <b>BLOOM, Valerie</b>   <b>KINCAID, Jamaica</b>	<i>The Tribe</i>  <i>At the Bottom of the River</i>	<p>For Maruka and her people, the pale men's ships spell disaster. The ruthless invaders do not honour the spirits - gold is their god. Now Maruka must turn to her tribe's oldest and fiercest enemies in a bid to save her world from slavery.</p> <p>These stories of the author's childhood in the Caribbean recount family memories, some with a supernatural feel, all overlaid with the experience of growing up in an exotic paradise.</p>
 <b>CUBA</b> <b>DIAZ, Enrique Perez</b>	<i>Letters from Alain</i>	<p>Arturo is 12 and lives on the island of Cuba. One day his best friend Alain sets off with his family by boat in search of a better life in America. Now Arturo is receiving strange letters from his friend. What do they mean? And will Alain return?</p>
 <b>PERU</b> <b>ALLENDE, Isabel</b>  <b>CROSS, Gillian</b>	<i>City of the Beasts</i>  <i>Born of the Sun</i>	<p>Alexander Cold and his grandmother, a fearless reporter – go to the Amazon rainforest to search for a fabled tribe and a legendary "beast".</p> <p>For years Paula and her father have talked about finding the lost city of Atahualpa. As the party of travellers progresses into the South American jungle, she realizes all is not as it should be.</p>

 <b>MOROCCO</b> <b>LAWRENCE, Caroline</b>  <b>CORDER, Zizou</b>	<i>The Beggars of Volubilis</i>  <i>Lionboy: The Chase</i>	<p>Flavia and her friends are on a quest for the Emperor Titus - to steal a valuable gemstone known as 'Nero's Eye'. The Delphic Oracle prophesied that whoever owns the gem will rule Rome - so Titus is determined to claim it for himself. Their travels take them across the Roman province of Mauretania from Sabratha (in modern Libya) to Volubilis (Morocco).</p> <p>Charlie Ashanti is on the run from an amazing floating circus with six homesick lions and an extraordinary sabre-toothed creature. He has promised to help the lions find their way home to Morocco but he has his own problems: his mum and dad have been kidnapped.</p>
 <b>MOZAMBIQUE</b> <b>MANKELL, Henning</b>	<i>Secrets in the Fire</i>	<p>It was the most dangerous thing she could have done. But Sofia was only playing - pushing and shoving with her sister as they ran out to the fields one pearly dawn. Sofia didn't mean to tread on the monster: the monster that lurked, waiting under the ground...</p>
 <b>NIGERIA</b> <b>NAIDOO, Beverley</b>	<i>The Other Side of Truth</i>	<p>12-year-old Sade and her brother Femi have to flee Nigeria when their mother is murdered and their journalist father continues to criticise the military rulers. The woman paid to bring them to London abandons them and they are alone in a new, often hostile environment.</p>
 <b>RWANDA</b> <b>JANSEN, Hanna</b>	<i>Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You</i>	<p>Based on the true story of Jeanne, an 8-year-old girl who survived the Rwandan genocide of 1994, the only member of her family who did. Here her adoptive mother retells her story with a clarity and honesty that is moving and inspiring.</p>
 <b>SOMALIA</b> <b>ROBERT, Na'ima</b>	<i>From Somalia With Love</i>	<p>Safia Dirie lives with her mum, Hoyoy, and her two older brothers, Ahmed and Abdullahi. She doesn't really remember Somalia - she's an East London girl. But now Abo, her father, is coming from Somalia to live with them, after 12 years. How will she cope with the changes?</p>
 <b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> <b>HALBERSTAM, Gaby</b>	<i>Blue Sky Freedom</i>	<p>Victoria's childhood friend Maswe has been badly beaten up and needs somewhere to hide. Victoria agrees to help him, but soon the police are asking questions and searching their house. Apartheid is tightening its grip on the country and Maswe doesn't want to hide forever...</p>

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">ASIA</h1> 		
 <b>AFGHANISTAN</b> <b>ELLIS, Deborah</b>	<i>The Bread-winner</i>	Parvana, living with her family under the Taleban regime must find ways of supporting her family after her father's arrest. In desperation she decides to pretend to be a boy.
 <b>'ARABIA'</b> <b>MCCAUGHREAN, Geraldine</b> 	<i>A Thousand and One Arabian</i>	Queen Shaharazad tells her husband a new exciting story every night. He finds himself so intrigued by the magical stories that he cannot bring himself to kill her.
 <b>CHINA</b> <b>COMPESTINE, Ying Chang</b>  <b>MAH, Adeline Yen</b>  <b>SIJIE, Dai</b>	<i>Revolution is not a Dinner Party</i>  <i>Chinese Cinderella</i>  <i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i>	Powerful story of a girl who comes of age and fights to survive during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1969).  The story of a Chinese woman and how she endured emotional deprivation and rejection by her family as a child growing up in China and Hong Kong. She tells of the effects and how she later became a successful doctor in California.  1971: Mao's Cultural Revolution is at its peak. Two sons of doctors, sent to "re-education" camps, discover a hidden suitcase packed with the great Western novels of the nineteenth century and their lives are transformed.
<b>HIMALAYAS</b> <b>ALLENDE, Isabel</b> 	<i>Kingdom of the Golden Dragon</i>	Alex Cold, his friend Nadia and his journalist grandmother Kate journey to report on the Kingdom of the Golden Dragon, a hidden land in the Himalayas. The kingdom has remained untouched by the modern world for generations, but its peaceful, spiritual lifestyle is under threat.
 <b>INDIA</b> <b>VIJAYARAGH-AVAN, Vineeta</b>  <b>DESAI, Anita</b>	<i>Motherland</i>  <i>Village By The Sea</i>	Maya has not been back to India where she was born for three years. Soon, though, she is immersed in this other life. It's also a time when terrorists are on the loose, and her beloved grandmother is dying. Maya must decide between this world and the one she has known.  Hari and Lila have lived in Thul all their lives, but their family is in trouble. Their father drinks and their mother is seriously ill. With no money for food or clothes, they must find ways to cope.

 <b>ISRAEL</b> <b>ZENATTI, Valérie</b>	<i>Message in a Bottle</i>	Following a suicide bomb attack on her local Jerusalem cafe, a 17-year-old Israeli schoolgirl decides to send a message in a bottle to Gaza. Her message is found by a young man who calls himself Gazaman, and correspondence begins ...
<b>BANKS, Lynne Reid</b>	<i>One More River</i>	Life in Canada has always been safe and happy for Lesley Shelby, but everything changes when her father announces that they're going to Israel. This is the story of their life on a kibbutz on the banks of the Jordan, of the Six-Day War and of Lesley's secret friendship with an Arab boy.
 <b>JAPAN</b> <b>YOMOTO, Kazumi</b>	<i>Letters from the Living</i>	Mrs Yanagi will carry letters to the dead when she dies. So, six-year-old Chiaki starts a one-way correspondence with her recently-dead father. When Mrs Yanagi dies many years later, the meaning of those letters becomes clear and Chiaki can make sense of her life.
<b>KAHOHATA, Cynthia</b>	<i>Kira-Kira</i>	When Katie and her family move from a Japanese community in Iowa to the Deep South of Georgia, it's Lynn who helps Katie adjust. When Lynn becomes ill and the whole family begins to fall apart, it is up to Katie to show them there is always something glittering or "kira-kira" in life.
 <b>KOREA</b> <b>NA, An</b>	<i>A Step from Heaven</i>	When Young Ju's family leave Korea to live in America, they think all their dreams will come true, but customs and language are so different that Young Ju must defy tradition in order to make a new life.
 <b>PAKISTAN</b> <b>STAPLES, Suzanne Fisher</b>	<i>Daughter of the Wind</i>	At 12 years old, Shabanu is already betrothed, while her sister, a year older, is about to be married. Then tragedy strikes and Shabanu must choose between her own dreams of freedom and her family and culture.
 <b>PALESTINE</b> <b>LAIRD, Elizabeth</b>	<i>A Little Piece of Ground</i>	12-year-old Karim Aboudi and his family are trapped in their Ramallah home by a strict curfew. Israeli tanks control the city in response to a Palestinian suicide bombing. Karim longs to play football outside with his friends. But in this city there's constant danger.
 <b>THAILAND</b> <b>HO, Minfong</b>	<i>Rice Without Rain</i>	Jinda lives in a Thai village which gives up to 50% of its rice crop to landowners - until students from Bangkok University incite the villagers to rebel.