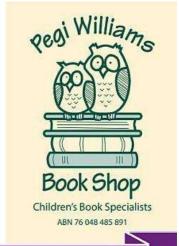
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SECONDARY NOVELS



1. 21% MONSTER: ICE GIANT 21% MONSTER

Pj Canning | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$14.99

Genetically-modified teens try to bring down the organisation that made them, in this second action-packed installment in the 21% Monster series. The girl put her hands on her hips, cocked her head and answered: 'My name is Aurora Maria Ash-Valero and I'm here to kick your butt!" Since Darren Devlin and Marek Masters joined forces, there has only been one thing on their minds - taking down XSP, the secret organisation that transformed them into genetically-modified superhumans. Even with 21% monster Darren's incredible strength, and 19% alien Marek's super intelligence, XSP is more than a match for them.But what if there was another survivor of XSP's experiments? A tall, tough, athletic teen girl able to withstand sub-zero temperatures and track potential predators? A girl who's 17% sabre-tooth polar bear, and out for revenge.Two's company, but Three IS UNSTOPPABLE in this high-octane adventure, 21% Monster: Ice Giant

Categories: Science Fiction, Adventure



2. BABY LOVE

Jacqueline Wilson | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$17.99 |

A heartbreaking, compelling and timely story for older readers about teen pregnancy and its consequences, family trouble and unlikely friendships, set in 1960. A heartbreaking, compelling and timely story for older readers about teen pregnancy and its consequences, family trouble and unlikely friendships, set in 1960. When Laura meets a French exchange student, Leon, she is flattered by his interest in her. She's never had any sort of boyfriend before. One night, Leon walks Laura home – and her life will never be the same again. Things start to change for Laura – first her moods, and then her body. Laura isn't prepared for what she learns next – and doesn't even know how it could have happened. When her family learns her secret, they are horrified. Sent away to save them from shame, Laura meets girls just like herself, whose families have given up on them – and they become a family for each other at the most difficult time in all their lives. An emotional and moving tale for fans of Dear Nobody and Juno.

Categories: Teenage Pregnancy, Friendship, Family, 1960s



3. BAD INFLUENCE

Tamsin Winter | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$16.99 |

A powerfully real and funny new story from the rising queen of teen, about first kisses, learning to be true to yourself and how one click can last for ever...Amelia Bright wants to be the best at everything. But when it comes to popularity, she is dead last. No matter what she tries, she can't shake her reputation as a maggoty nobody.When she meets cute new boy Evan, Amelia wonders if he can help her lose her loser status. And in a moment of hope, she agrees to something she quickly regrets – something that goes viral at school. Now she's not just called "maggot", she's a "bad influence" – and worse. But Amelia's determined not to let one mistake define her...she's so much more than the image everyone sees online.

Categories: Social Media, Cyberbullying, Resilience, Relationships



4. BANDITS, DIRT BIKES AND TRASH ROBIN HOOD

Robert Muchamore | Jeff Nentrup (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$15.99 |

Robin is pleased to hear from his old school friend Alan Adele, not least because Alan's father is Guy Gisborne's top henchman. Now that Gisborne is in the running to be elected Sheriff of Nottingham, he needs to keep his criminal activities under wraps. So when Alan tips off Robin and the rebels at Sherwood Castle that Gisborne's waste disposal business is costing its workers lives, the stakes become very high. Robin is soon literally digging the dirt on his arch enemy to finally bring him down in this latest high-octane adventure.

Categories: Adventure, Justice, Survival

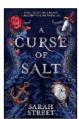


5. CRACKING THE BELL

Geoff Herbach | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Friday Night Lights meets Concussion in this powerful and important novel by Geoff Herbach, author of the Stupid Fast series, exploring the dangerous concussion crisis in football through the eyes of a high school team captain. Isaiah loves football. In fact, football saved Isaiah's life, giving him structure and discipline after his sister's death tore his family apart. But when Isaiah gets knocked out cold on the field, he learns there's a lot more to lose than football. While recovering from a concussion, Isaiah wonders what his life would look like without the game. All his friends are on the team, and Isaiah knows they can't win without him. The scholarship offer from Cornell is only on the table if he keeps playing. And without football, what would keep his family together What would prevent him from sliding back into the habits that nearly destroyed him Isaiah must decide how much he's willing to sacrifice for the sport that gave him everything, even if playing football threatens to take away his future.

Categories: Sport, American Football, Concussion Crisis



6. CURSE OF SALT, A

Sarah Street | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 |

A heartless beast A sister's sacrifice And a love so strong it will drown the raging sea ... THIS FAIRYTALE IS CURSED In a kingdom that fears the sea, Ria Lucroy longs to be brave. Bodies are washing ashore and everyone knows who's to blame. Legends of the Heartless King shroud the continent in fear; they call him a pirate, a monster, a god. When his mercenaries raid her father's merchant ship, Ria's family is faced with a horrifying demand. They will spare his life, in exchange for one of his daughters. Determined to save her sisters, Ria launches herself into the world of pirates.

Categories: Fantasy, Romance, Fairytale



7. FIRST MOVE, THE

Jenny Ireland | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Juliet believes girls like her – girls with arthritis – don't get their own love stories. She exists at the edges of her friends' social lives, skipping parties to play online chess under a pseudonym with strangers around the world. There, she isn't just 'the girl with crutches'. Ronan is the new kid- good looking, smart, a bad boy plagued by guilt over what happened to his brother Ciaran. Chesslife is his escape; there, he's not just 'the boy with the brother'. Juliet thinks Ronan thinks someone like Ronan could never be interested in someone like her – and she wouldn't want him to be anyway – he always acts like he's cooler than everyone else. Little do they know they've already discovered each other online, and have more in common than they think . . .

Categories: Romance, Disability, Arthritis, Chess



8. FLOWERHEART

Catherine Bakewell | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Clara's magic has always been wild. But it's never been dangerous. Then a simple touch causes poisonous flowers to bloom in her father's chest. The only way to heal him is to cast an extremely difficult spell that requires perfect control. And the only person willing to help is her former best friend, Xavier, who's grown from a sweet, shy child into someone distant and mysterious. Xavier asks a terrible price in return, knowing Clara will give anything to save her father. As she struggles to reconcile the new Xavier with the boy she once loved, she discovers how many secrets he's hiding. And as she hunts for the truth, she instead finds the root of a terrible darkness that's taken hold in the queendom-a darkness only Clara's magic is powerful enough to stop.

Categories: Fantasy, Romance



9. FRANKENSTEIN: A RETELLING BARRINGTON STOKE TEEN

Tanya Landman | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$18.99 |

A thrilling gothic tale of hubris gone badly wrong. A young man's search for the secret of the spark of life leads him to a horrific experiment in which he creates a gigantic creature from dismembered body parts. Rejected by his creator, the initially gentle creature turns monstrous when his desire to find companionship and love are thwarted. Tanya Landman revisits Mary Shelley's classic Gothic horror story, bringing to life Dr Frankenstein and his monstrous creation in an accessible format that more readers can enjoy.

Categories: Classics, Retelling, Gothic Horror, Dyslexic Friendly



10. GOOD FOR NOTHING

Mariam Ansar | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

When three teens are landed with a community service order after an incident involving a spray can and an inconveniently timed patrol car, their stories start to converge. Amir is the angry boy who won't talk about the brother he lost, but won't let his name be forgotten either. Eman is the awkward girl whose favourite evenings are spent at home watching soaps with her Nani. Kemi is the determined athlete who knows she deserves as good a shot as anyone else, if only she can get to the starting line. As they spend more time together they learn more about themselves, and in the process realise the true cause of Amir's brother's death - and the grave role police prejudice played in it. This is one summer they will never forget.

Categories: Friendship, Connection, Grief, Prejudice



11. HEADMASTER'S LIST, THE

Melissa De La Cruz | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 |

One of them was driving. One of them was high. One of them screamed. And one of them died. When one of their own is tragically killed in a car crash, Argyle Prep is full of questions. Who was at the wheel? And more importantly, who was at fault? But in a place ruled by pedigree and privilege, the answers can only come at a price. Set against the glitz and glamour of an elite LA private school, Melissa de la Cruz's first YA thriller is an addictive whodunit perfect for fans of Gossip Girl and A Good Girl's Guide to Murder.

Categories: Thriller, Accident, Drugs, Blame, Truth, Mystery



12. HUNGER OF THORNS, THE

Lili Wilkinson | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 |

Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. But Maude grew up and lost her magic. Then two weeks ago Odette went missing, and everyone believes she is dead. Everyone except Maude. Maude is sure she can find Odette inside the ruins of an abandoned power plant built over an ancient magical forest - a place nobody else seems to remember is there. Soon she discovers that wild magic is both deeply enchanting and terrifying. Can she find her friend - and stop the horrors of corrupted magic from overtaking everyone and everything she loves?

Categories: Fantasy, Friendship, Magic, Feminism



13. IMOGEN, OBVIOUSLY

Becky Albertalli | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Imogen may be hopelessly heterosexual, but she's got the World's Greatest Ally title locked down. And when she visits her best friend, Lili, at college who is newly-out, newly-graduated, and newly thriving, with a cool new squad of queer college friends, no one knows that Imogen's a raging hetero – not even Lili's best friend, Tessa. Of course, the more time Imogen spends with chaotic, freckle-faced Tessa, the more she starts to wonder if her truth was ever all that straight to begin with...

Categories: Friendship, Identity, Sexuality



14. IMPOSSIBLE STORY OF HANNAH KEMP. THE

Leonie Agnew | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Hannah Kemp is dealing with a traumatic accident for which she was responsible. Struggling to come to terms with her guilt, she is ostracized in a community that condemns her. She deals with this by rebelling and pushing away anyone that offers kindness or seeks to understand her. Crippled by her own guilt and anger, she comes across a mobile library bus where every book is the true story of someone's life, and realizes that judgement of others is almost always shallow and uninformed. When she finds her own book ... she also finds that her past can reshape her present.

Categories: Guilt, Forgiveness, Responsibility



15. INDI RAYE IS TOTALLY FAKING IT

Lauren Layfield | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$16.99 |

Meet Fourteen-year-old Indi Raye. Her dad has 100% not just left without a trace, leaving her mum listening to Adele every night in the bath and crying. No, dad is obvs just away travelling the world on business, and sometimes Indi flies out to meet him, and picks up boyfriends, like cute Spanish Enrrrriiique. Sometimes it's easier just to FAKE IT. Whenever Indi lies to her mum, her mum simply replies "and I'm Beyonce", but will new friends Priya and Grace be able to see who the real Indi Raye is? And is she lying to cover up her feelings about her dad leaving? A modern teenage self-love story, about how to fake it until you make... friends.

Categories: Separation, Friendship, Honesty



16. INFLUENTIAL

Amara Sage | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Almond is forced into the spotlight when she was just a perfectly filtered bump: her mum has been documenting their family through social media since before she was born. And her family enjoy all the rewards that come from that level of influence. Only, it's not the life Almond would have chosen for herself, and being on a platform all the time has made her anxious and insecure. When the darkest side of the internet begins to haunt her, Almond feels like she's going to lose everything . . . If only she could see that she has a real-life, too, full of friends and family who love her, and that it could save her.

Categories: Social Media, Mental Health, Racism



17. ISLES OF THE GODS, THE

Amie Kaufman | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 |

Selly has saltwater in her veins. So when her father leaves her high and dry in the port of Kirkpool, she has no intention of riding out the winter at home while he sails to adventure in the north seas. But any plans to follow him are dashed when a handsome stranger with tell-tale magician's marks on his arms commandeers her ship under cover of darkness: He is Prince Leander of Alinor, and he needs to cross the Crescent Sea without detection so he can complete a ritual on the sacred Isles of the Gods. Selly has no desire to escort a spoiled prince anywhere, and no time for his entitled demands or his good looks. But what starts as a leisure cruise will lead to acts of treason and sheer terror on the high seas, bringing two countries to the brink of war, two strangers closer than they ever thought possible and two dangerous gods stirring from centuries of slumber...

Categories: Fantasy, Romance, Religion, Faith

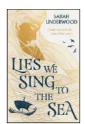


18. LIAR'S BEACH

Katie Cotugno | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 |

A body in the pool. A friend who might be an enemy. A vacation they'll never forget . . . Linden has always felt like an outsider and spending the summer at his best friend's vacation house, surrounded by money and privilege is doing nothing to lessen his imposter syndrome. But he soon has bigger concerns than fitting in - there's a body in the pool and everyone's a suspect - including him.

Categories: Thriller, Murder, Mystery



19. LIES WE SING TO THE SEA

Sarah Underwood | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

In the cursed kingdom of Ithaca, each spring brings the hanging of twelve maidens, a gift to the vengeful Poseidon. But when Leto awakens from her death on the shore of a long-forgotten island, its enigmatic keeper Melantho tells her that there's only one way the curse can be broken. Leto must kill the last prince of Ithaca... In Lies We Sing to the Sea, debut author Sarah Underwood delivers a thrilling and breathtaking tale that will enthral readers from the very first page as they are transported to the cursed shores of Ithaca. A reclamation of a story from thousands of years ago, Lies We Sing to the Sea is about love and fate, grief and sacrifice, and, ultimately, the power we must find within.

Categories: Romance, Greek Mythology, Grief, Sacrifice



20. MIDNIGHT GAME, THE

Cynthia Murphy | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Rules of The Midnight Game: Do not turn on the lights. Do not go to sleep. Do not leave the building. When a group who have met on a creepy Deddit thread decide to meet in real life, they only have one plan in mind: they are going to summon the Midnight Man. And once you start the Midnight Game, you must finish it; there's no other way out! Six strangers. One night. But how many survivors?

Categories: Thriller, Suspense, Action

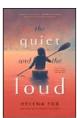


21. NEVER FORGET YOU

Jamila Gavin | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$16.99 |

A stunning and heartbreaking new novel from Jamila Gavin, the bestselling and award-winning author of Coram Boy and The Wheel of Surya. England, 1937. Gwen, Noor, Dodo and Vera are four very different teenage girls, with something in common. Their parents are all abroad, leaving them in their English boarding school, where they soon form an intense friendship. The four friends think that no matter what, they will always have each other. Then the war comes. The girls find themselves flung to different corners of the war, from the flying planes in the Air Transport Auxiliary to going undercover in the French Resistance. Each journey brings danger and uncertainty as each of them wonders if they can make it through - and what will be left of the world. But at the same time, this is what shows them who they really are - and against this impossible backdrop, they find new connections and the possibility of love. Will the four friends ever see each other again? And when the war is over, who will be left to tell the story? A heartbreaking and gripping story of hope, fear and unbreakable friendship, for readers of Code Name Verity and When the World

Categories: War Stories, World War 2, Friendship, Hope, Fear

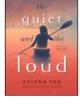


22. QUIET AND THE LOUD, THE

Helena Fox | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

George's life is loud. On the water, though, with everything hushed above and below, she is steady, silent. Then her estranged dad says he needs to talk, and George's past begins to wake up, looping around her ankles, trying to drag her under. Everything is a blaring, blazing mess. Could Calliope, the girl who has just cartwheeled into George's world and shot it through with brilliant, dazzling colour, be her calm among the chaos?

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, Forgiveness, Trauma, Love, LGBTQIA



23. ROYALS

Tegan Bennett Daylight | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

What happens when a group of teenagers is stranded indefinitely in a shopping centre, alone? With all the stuff they could possibly want ... and a baby? Is it paradise - or hell? With no phones and no internet, Shannon and her fellow prisoners are completely disconnected from the outside world... and their online lives. It's hard to say whether they'll be driven to delinquency, or - even worse - forced to make friends. Will the limitless bubble tea, Maccas, high-end trainers and tech equipment be enough to keep the six teens safe and happy until they can find a way out, or is this all the start of something more sinister?

Categories: Perception, Acceptance, Differences, Disability, Dilemma



24. SELFIE

Allayne | Webster | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Dene Walker picked me to be her best friend. She had the whole of Tonsley High's year eight to choose from-and she chose me. Me! Tully can't believe her luck. Dene is famous. Everyone loves her. She has thousands of followers online and hundreds of sponsorship deals. Being best friends with Dene Walker is a dream come true. Tully is soon hardly aware that her long-time bestie, Kira, exists, as she shapes her own interests and cares to be the person worthy of Dene's attention. And she's not prepared for the heartache and confusion when Dene's friendship is not all she imagined it to be. Selfie is an engaging and very real exploration of social media and the trickiness of separating what's real from the glossiness of the online world. It's a tender story about friendship and staying true to yourself.

Categories: Friendship, Authenticity, Social Media



25. SILVER IN THE BONE

Alexandra Bracken | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 |

Tamsin Lark is a Hollower - breaking into the ancient crypts of dark sorceresses in search of the treasures inside. Now, rumours are swirling about a powerful ring from Arthurian legend, a ring that could free her brother, Cabell from a curse. But they aren't the only ones who covet it . . . As word spreads, greedy Hollowers start circling, and many would kill to have the ring for themselves. Tamsin is forced into an alliance with her rival Emrys, the last person she wants to rely on. Together, they dive headfirst into a vipers' nest of dark magic, and expose a deadly secret with the power to awaken ghosts of the past and shatter her last hope of saving her brother. . .

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Romance



26. SINISTER BOOKSELLERS OF BATH, THE

Garth Nix | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 |

There is often trouble of a mythical sort in Bath. The booksellers who police the Old World keep a careful watch there, particularly on the entity who inhabits the ancient hot spring. Yet this time it is not from Sulis Minerva that trouble starts. It comes from the discovery of a sorcerous map, leading left-handed bookseller Merlin into great danger. A desperate rescue is attempted by his sister, the right-handed bookseller Vivien, and their friend, art student Susan Arkshaw, who is still struggling to deal with her own recently discovered magical heritage. The map takes the trio to a place separated from this world, maintained by deadly sorcery performed by an Ancient Sovereign and guarded by monstrous living statues of Purbeck marble. But this is only the beginning, as the booksellers investigate centuries of disappearances and deaths and try to unravel the secrets of the murderous Lady of Stone, a serial killer of awesome powers. If they do not stop her, she will soon kill again. And this time, her target is not an ordinary mortal. A wintry return to the somewhat alternate 1980s England of The Left-Handed Booksellers of London.

Categories: Family, Magic, Fantasy, Adventure, Bookshops



27. SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU

Tess James-mackey | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

An abandoned prison. A deadly game. How far would you go for a dare? Nia would do anything to win the approval of her boyfriend Scott and his friends, especially mean girl Olivia. When Olivia dares Nia to explore an abandoned prison, she sees it as the perfect opportunity to prove herself. Facing dark tunnels, distant noises and creepy mementoes left behind by incarcerated criminals will surely all be worth it. But it isn't long before Nia and her little sister, Kayla, find themselves trapped inside. And then Kayla vanishes. Suddenly, this feels like more than a game gone wrong. Someone is hellbent on making Nia and Kayla the prison's last inmates ... An utterly compelling, terrifying thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat, from remarkable new author Tess James-Mackey.

Categories: Thriller, Suspense



28. STARS AND SMOKE

Marie Lu | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$26.99 |

The most famous person in the world is going undercover...Global phenomenon Winter Young is the pop star of a generation. With sell-out tours and smash-hit records, everyone wants him, or wants to be him. That's why a top-secret government organisation think he'll make the perfect spy.

Categories: Romance, Thriller, Spy, Espionage



29. THIS IS THE WAY THE WORLD ENDS

Jen Wilde | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 |

As an autistic scholarship student at the prestigious Webber Academy in New York City, Waverly is used to masking to fit in – in more ways than one. While her classmates are the children of the one percent, Waverly is getting by on tutoring gigs and the generosity of the school's charming dean. So when her tutoring student and resident 'it girl' asks Waverly to attend the school's annual Masquerade disguised as her, Waverly jumps at the chance – especially once she finds out that Ash, the dean's daughter and her secret ex-girlfriend, will be there. The Masquerade is everything Waverly dreamed of, complete with extravagant gowns, wealthy parents writing checks, and flowing champagne. Most importantly, there's Ash. All Waverly wants to do is shed her mask and be with her, but the evening takes a sinister turn when Waverly stumbles into a secret meeting between the dean and the school's top donors – and witnesses a brutal murder. 15+ Thriller-Murder-Mystery

Categories: Thriller, Murder, Mystery



30. THIS SUMMER'S SECRETS

Emily Barr | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Senara has never been in love before. She's not done anything exciting before. Always the sidekick . . . Until the summer that changes everything. Cliff House is closed off for most of the year until its rich Londoner owners come down to Cornwall for the summer. This year, despite herself, Senara finds herself pulled into this world of wealth and ease, sunbathing and beautiful people. She even finds herself falling in love for the first time. But Cliff House and its owners are hiding things. They've been hiding things for too long and now, despite all their efforts, their secrets are coming out . . . Secrets that involve Senara's friends and her family in a way she could never have imagined.

Categories: Thriller, Romance



31. WALLS

LM Elliott | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Drew is an army brat in West Berlin, where soldiers like his dad hold an outpost of democracy against communist Russia. Drew's cousin Matthias, an East Berliner, has grown up in the wreckage of Allied war bombing, on streets ruled by the secret police. From enemy sides of this Cold War standoff, the boys become wary friends, arguing over the space race, politics, even civil rights, but bonding over music. If informants catch Matthias with rock 'n' roll records or books Drew has given him, he could be sent to a work camp. If Drew gets too close to an East Berliner, others on the army post may question his family's loyalty. As the political conflict around them grows dire, Drew and Matthias are tested in ways that will change their lives forever.

Categories: Historical, Cold War, Berlin Wall, Separation

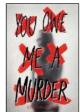


32. WE COULD BE SOMETHING

William Kostakis | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 |

Harvey's dads are splitting up. It's been on the cards for a while, but it's still sudden. Woken-by-his-father-to-catch-a-red-eye sudden. Now he's restartinghis life in a new city, living above a cafe with the extended Greek family he barely knows. Sotiris is a rising star. At seventeen, he's already achieved his dream of publishing a novel. When his career falters, a cute, wise-cracking bookseller named Jem upends his world. Harvey and Sotiris's stories converge on the same street in Darlinghurst, in this beautifully heartfelt novel about how our dreams shape us, and what they cost us.

Categories: LGBTQIA, Friendship, Relationships, Romance, Grief, Identity



33. YOU OWE ME A MURDER

Eileen Cook | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 |

Seventeen-year-old Kim gets more than she bargained for when she is set up for murder. Kim never expected to plot a murder. But that was before her boyfriend dumped her for another girl. Now, Kim's stuck on a class trip to London with him and his new soulmate and she can't help wishing he was a little bit dead, even if she'd never really do that. But when Kim meets Nicki, a stranger on the plane who's more than willing to listen to Kim's woes, things start to look up. Nicki's got a great sense of humor, and when she jokes about swapping murders, Kim plays along—that is, until Kim's ex-boyfriend mysteriously dies. Blackmailed by Nicki to fulfill her end of the deal, Kim will have to commit a murder or take the fall for one.

Categories: Murder, Mystery, Thriller