

Brilliant Reads

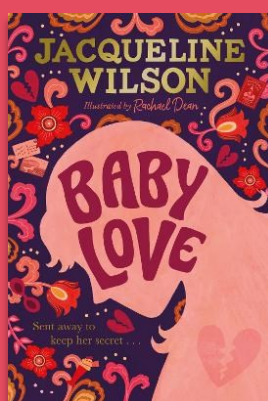
Welcome to issue 2 of "Brilliant Reads", the termly newsletter from Gordano School Library highlighting quality children's and teen titles. This aims to support parents and carers in book selection. We hope you will find it useful.

NEW RELEASES

As conditions in Sherwood Forest grow more precarious, time is running out for inhabitants of the abandoned shopping mall. With constant pressure on them from Sheriff Marjorie and gangster Guy Gisborne, Robin decides to engage his brother Little John as undercover spy. John strikes gold when he discovers his mother's plan for the ailing Sherwood Castle resort. Robin and Marion join in an audacious plan to scupper their oppressors. But the Sheriff has her response prepared - and it's ferocious. Have they bitten off more they can chew this time?

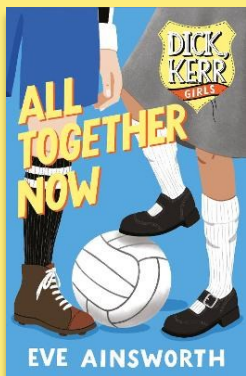
The fourth instalment in this ever popular series is sure to be as high octane as the others.

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When Laura meets 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. Laura isn't prepared for what she finds out next, and doesn't even know how it could have happened. When her family learns her secret, she is 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. A heart-breaking, compelling and timely story for older readers about consent, teenage pregnancy, and the different shapes families take, set in 1960.

"I wrote Baby Love to show how different life was back in 1960. I still remember it vividly. If a young teenage girl became pregnant she would usually be sent to a Mother and Baby Home and coerced into giving up her baby for adoption. It seems horrifying now, especially as women my age are still grieving for their lost children. My heart goes out to them." Jacqueline Wilson (YA)



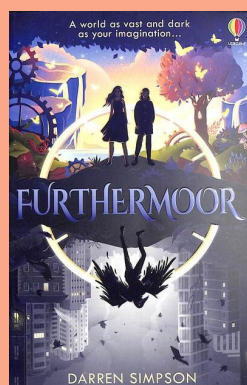
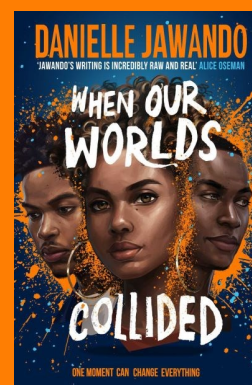
It's 1920, and the Dick, Kerr Girls football team have a new member training with them... Martha, little sister to Hettie and Freddie, has finally been given her chance to swap street kickabouts with the local lads for the chance to play alongside the world's best female footballers. But Martha has more to worry about than keeping up with the older girls. She's dealing with new and confusing feelings, things at home are hard, and the future of women's football is under threat. Are Martha's dreams - both on and off the pitch - too far out of reach?

This is the third instalment of the brilliant Dick, Kerr series, which is based on the remarkable story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies, the pioneering female football team.

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When fourteen-year-old Shaq is stabbed outside of a busy shopping centre in Manchester, three teenagers from very different walks of life are unexpectedly brought together. What follows flips their worlds upside down and makes Chantelle, Jackson, and Marc question the deep-rooted prejudice and racism that exists within the police, the media, and the rest of society. Ideal for readers who have enjoyed Angie Thomas' books, this is a great coming of age story about injustice, friendship and how the choices we make impact our futures.

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The real world is a hostile place for twelve-year-old Bren, his schooldays stalked by vicious bully, Shaun, and his family life fractured at home. Ever since his sister Evie died in an accident, Bren's only safe space is Furthermoor, an imagined world of mechanised trees and clockwork animals, where Evie is still alive.

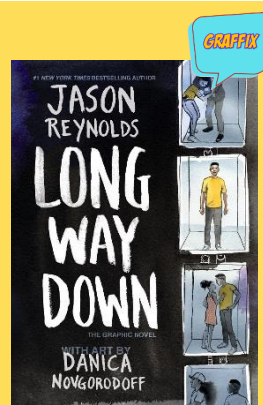
In Furthermoor, no one can hurt Bren...until the mysterious Featherly arrives. Now Bren is forced to confront his deepest fears and decide if his place in the real world is worth fighting for. Enter a world as vast and dark as your imagination, in this unforgettable coming-of-age story about courage, friendship and finding your voice.

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After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago. And Dani, who was shot years before that. As more people from his past arrive, Will has to ask himself if he really knows what he's doing.

The brilliant graphic adaptation of the award winning verse novel "Long Way Down", which is shortlisted for the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal.

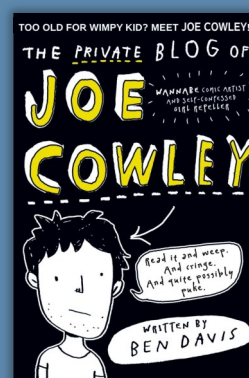
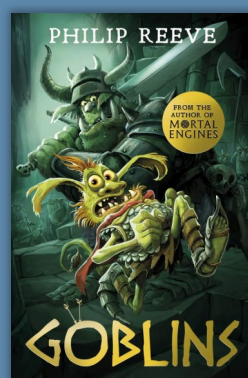
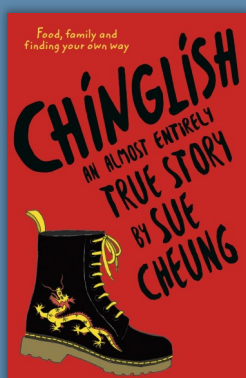
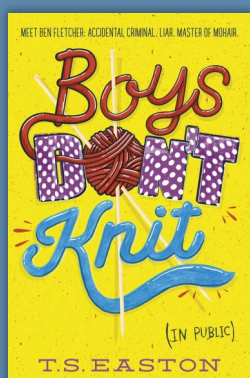
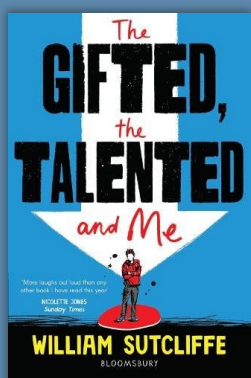
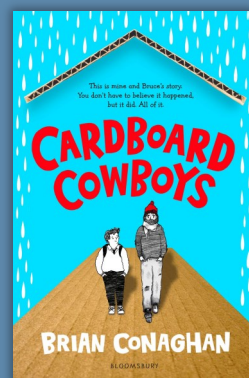
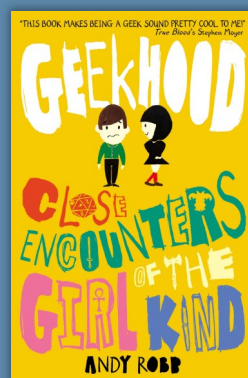
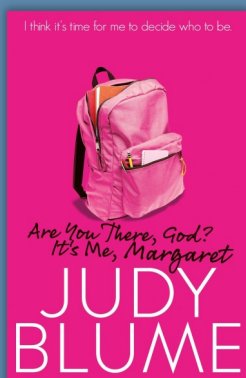
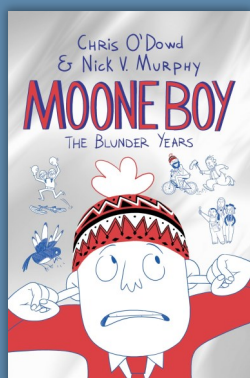
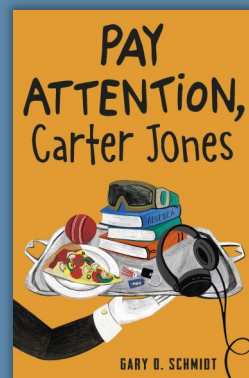
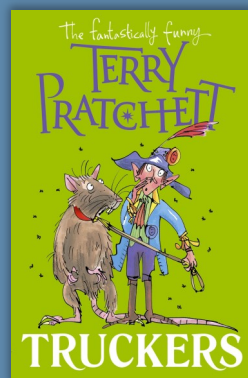
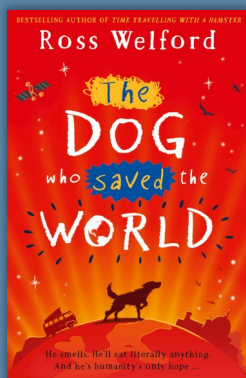
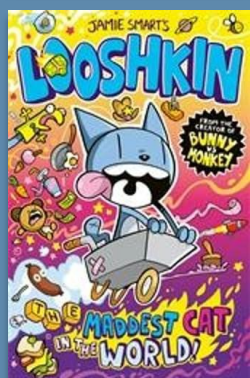
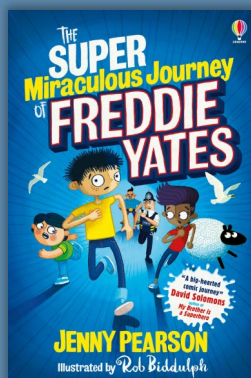
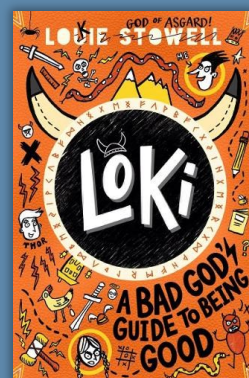
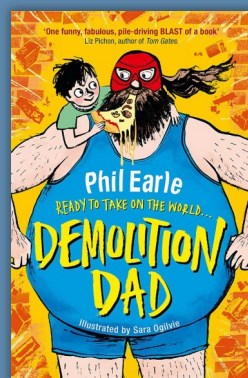
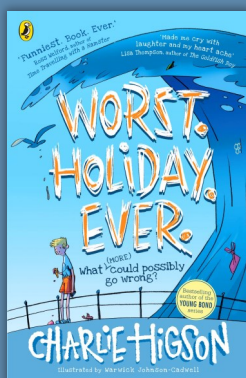
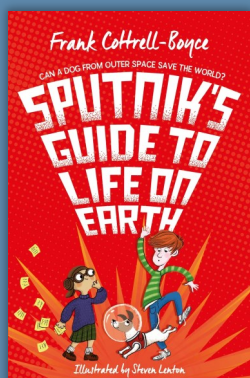
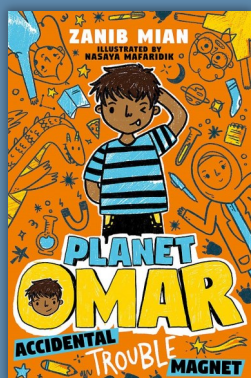
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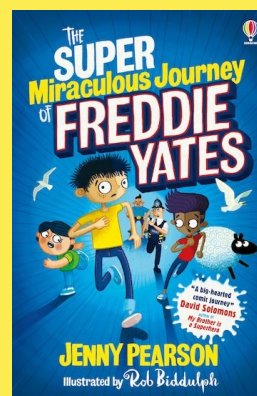
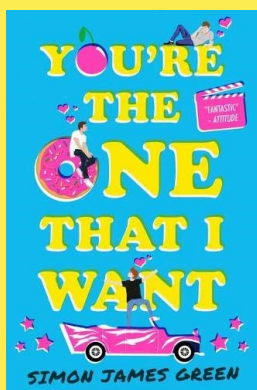


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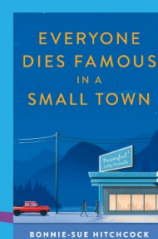
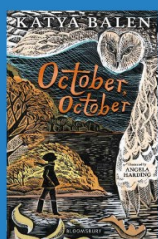
Please note this list covers several age groups and some of the books will include more mature themes.

RECENT AWARD WINNERS

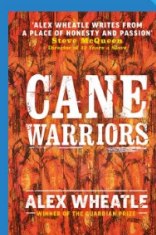


CARNEGIE MEDAL

The 2022 shortlist has been announced. This prestigious award always showcases outstanding writing for young people



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