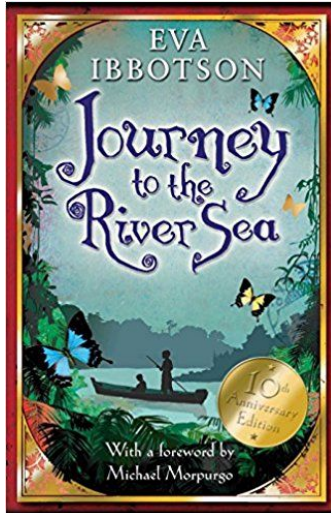




RTS recommended KS3 reading list

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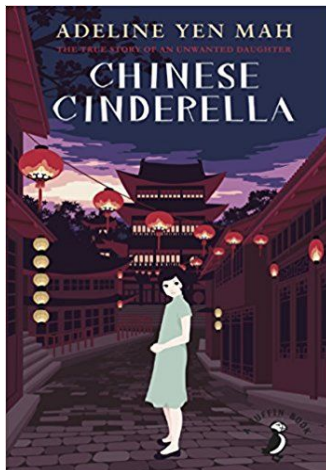
For world-explorers...



'Journey to the River Sea' - Eva Ibbotson

An orphaned young girl and her governess travel thousand of miles from boarding school to South America to live with distant relatives. An exotic and wonderfully described adventure.

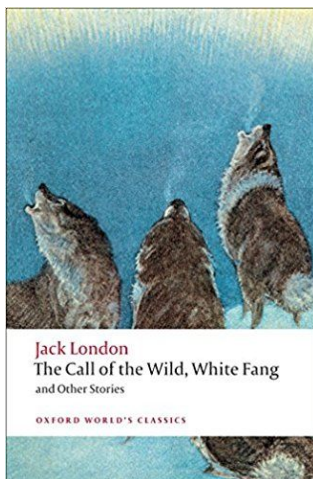
ATOS book level: 5.6



'Chinese Cinderella' - Adeline Yen Mah

The unforgettable story of a young Chinese girl's struggle to find acceptance within her own family. Based on the author's own life.

ATOS book level: 5.7



'White Fang' - Jack London

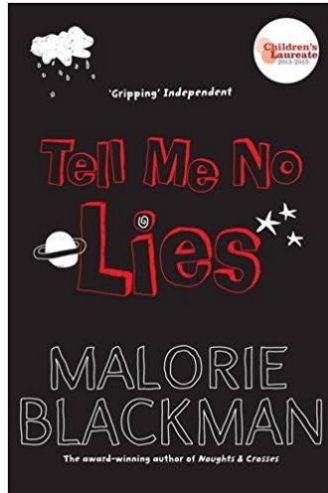
Buck is stolen from his California home and shipped north to the Klondike to become a sled dog. Can he survive the cold, the hard work and the lead dog Spitz?

Challenging

ATOS book level: 8.0



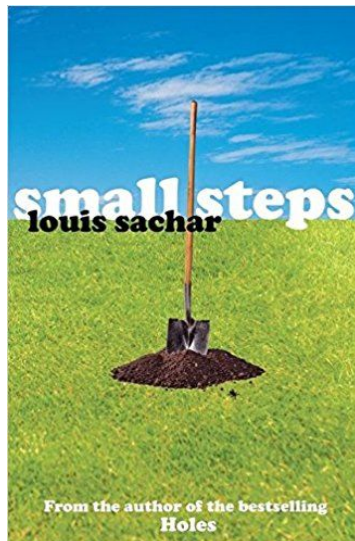
For devotees of drama and tension...



'Tell me no Lies' - Malorie Blackman

Gemma struggles to deal with the pain of losing her mother and Mike struggles with a dark secret. When the two children meet they uncover the shocking explanation for both of their pasts.

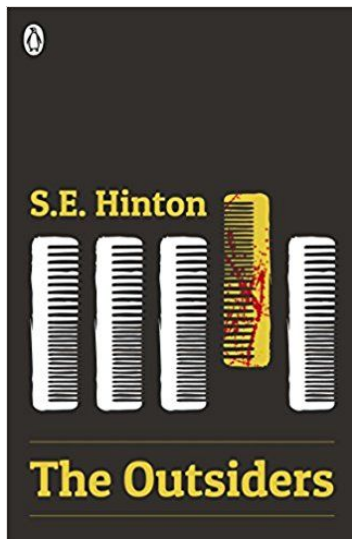
ATOS book level: 4.1



'Small Steps' - Louis Sachar

The sequel to 'Holes'. Armpit is now a gardener living in Texas and trying to stay out of trouble, but things never seem to go his way.

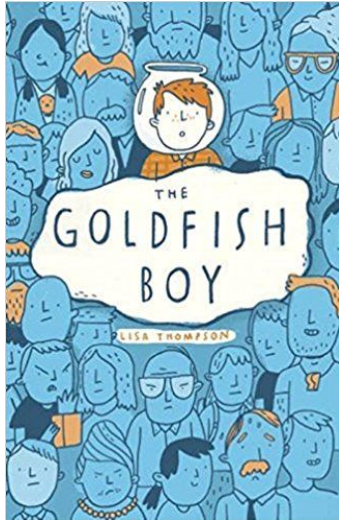
ATOS book level: 4.2



'The Outsiders' - S.E. Hinton

A story of growing up, gangs and peer-pressure. A modern classic of teen fiction.

ATOS book level: 4.7

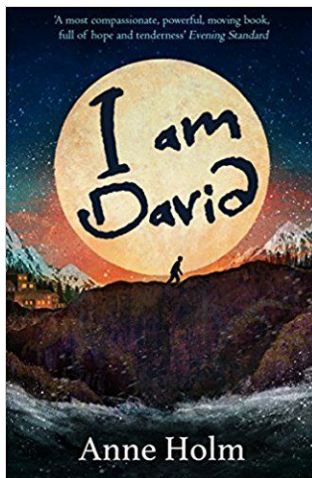


'The Goldfish Boy' - Lisa Thompson

Matthew finds it almost impossible to leave his room and venture into the outside world due to his OCD and constant worries. But when a small child in his neighbourhood vanishes, he finds his heightened attention to detail a useful tool.

ATOS book level: 5.0

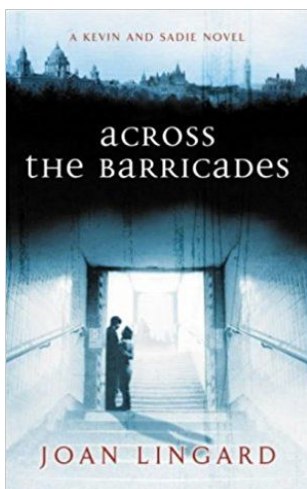
For History lovers...



'I am David' - Anne Holm

The story of 15 year old David's quest - escaping from the concentration camp where he has grown up and travelling across a Europe unknown to him to try and find home.

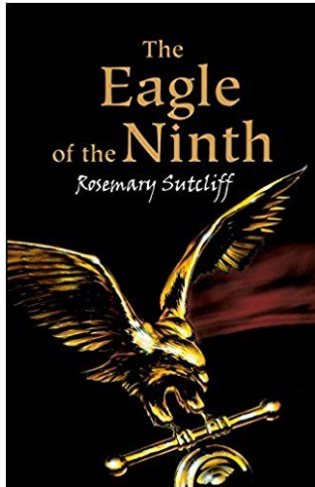
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'Across the Barricades' - John Lingard

Kevin and Sade live in Belfast, but the two of them being seen together isn't an option. A gritty story of religious divide and distrust.

ATOS book level: 6.1



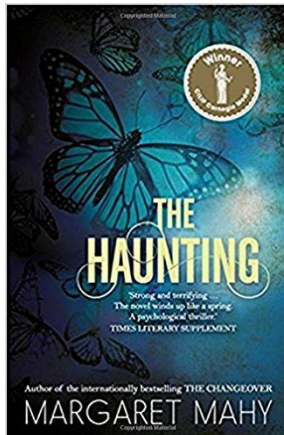
'The Eagle of the Ninth' - Rosemary Sutcliffe

An engaging historical saga. Thousands of Roman soldiers marched into the mist and were never seen again; young Marcus Aquila sets out to find out what happened to them.

Challenging

ATOS book level: 7.1

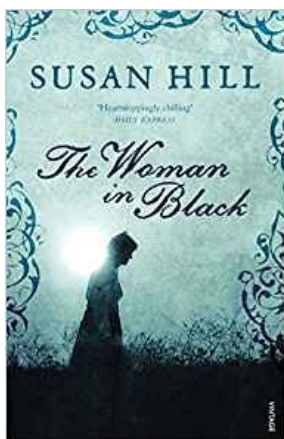
For thrill-seekers...



'The Haunting' - Margaret Mahy

A story of a boy with a special gift. A compelling and scary novel which won the Carnegie medal.

ATOS book level: 5.5

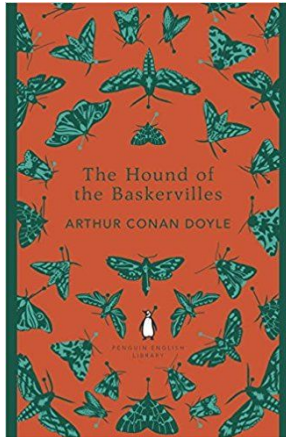


'The Woman in Black' - Susan Hill

A chilling gothic tale about a mysterious woman who appears occasionally in a small English village. This is a truly terrifying ghost story - read it if you dare!

Challenging

ATOS book level: 7.2

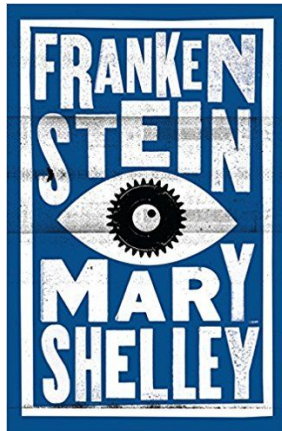


'The Hound of the Baskervilles' - Arthur Conan Doyle

The Baskervilles are visited by a ravenous supernatural dog intent on savaging them; can Sherlock Holmes and Watson solve the mystery and save the family?

Challenging

ATOS book level: 8.3



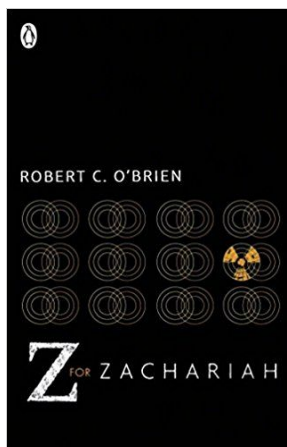
'Frankenstein' - Mary Shelley

One of the most famous texts of Gothic literature, Mary Shelley's first novel is about a scientist who attempts to create life, only for his experiment to go horribly wrong.

Very challenging

ATOS book level: 12.2

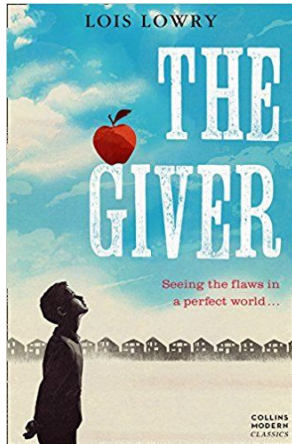
For sci-fi fanatics...



'Z for Zachariah' - Robert C. O'Brien

Ann Burden has survived a nuclear war by living in a valley free of radiation. But when the only other person she knows becomes threatening, she decides to leave the valley to see if anyone else has survived.

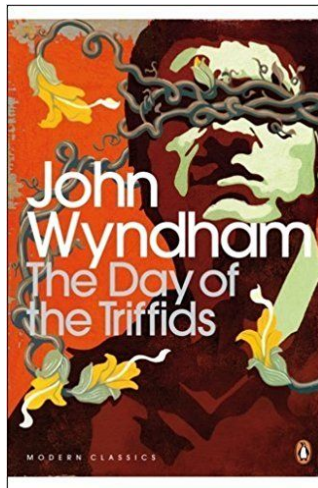
ATOS book level: 5.6



'The Giver' - Lois Lowry

12 year old Jonas lives in a world without poverty or crime and where everyone is the same. But when he is given the role of 'receiver of memory' he becomes one of the only people to understand how the world he lives in came about.

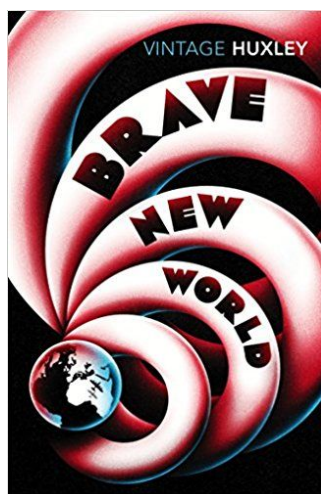
ATOS book level: 5.7



'The Day of the Triffids' - John Wyndham

Bill wakes up to find he's the only person left on earth who can see; everyone else has been blinded by a mysterious meteor event. Can he save the world from extra-terrestrial carnivorous plants?

ATOS book level: 6.9



'Brave New World' - Aldous Huxley

In the future, all society is overseen by the World Controllers; everything is ordered and efficient. But Bernard has other ideas and wants to do more than ask questions.

Challenging

ATOS book level: 7.5