

### THRILLING READS

**In The Blood** **Lisa Unger** 'College senior Lana Granger has told so many lies about her past that the truth seems like a distant, cloudy nightmare. But she meets her match when she begins babysitting for a volatile, manipulative eleven-year-old boy.'

' **Shadow of the Minotaur**, **Alan Gibbons** 'Phoenix, the son of a computer geek, creates a virtual reality game that gets a bit too real.'

**The Chocolate Wars**, **Robert Cormier** 'Jerry Renault ponders the question on the poster in his locker: do I dare disturb the universe?'

**The Ghost Behind the Wall**, **Melvin Burgess** 'David screamed and the ghostly boy opened his mouth and screamed back. But his scream wasn't the scream of a child—it was the scream of an old, old man.'

**The Hand of the Devil**, **Dean Vincent** Carter Ashley Reeves is a young journalist at magazine Missing Link. His future's bright, even if he does spend most of his time investigating hoaxes. When he receives a letter promising him a once-in-a-lifetime story, he jumps at the opportunity.'

**The Tell-Tale Heart**, **Edgar Allan Poe** 'The unnamed narrator endeavours to convince the reader of his sanity while describing a murder he committed.'



### FANTASY AND ADVENTURE

**Across the Nightingale Floor**, **Lian Hearn** 'In his black-walled fortress at Inuyama, the warlord Lida Sadamu surveys his famous nightingale floor. Constructed with exquisite skill, it sings at the tread of each human foot. No assassin can cross it unheard.'

**Alex Rider series**, **A. Horowitz** 'They told him his uncle died in an accident. He wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. But when fourteen-year-old Alex finds his uncle's windshield riddled with bullet holes, he knows it was no accident.'

**Dragon Rider/ Inkheart**, **Cornelia Funke** 'With lonely Ben aboard, brave dragon Fire-drake seeks a mythical place where silver dragons can live in peace.'

**Eragon**, **Christopher Paolini** 'One boy. One dragon. A world of adventure.'

**Lion Boy**, **Zizou Corder** 'Charlie is a young boy who is able to speak to cats (and all felines) due to an accident involving a leopard cub's blood when he was a baby.'

**Outcast: The Unmagician**, **Christopher Golden** 'Timothy is a freak, He's the only person in existence without magical powers and has spent his entire life hidden on a remote is-

### ROMANCE

**Girls under Pressure**, **Jacqueline Wilson**

Magda is tall and glamorous, Nadine is willowy and 'gothic' and Ellie, well, Ellie is just plain normal. The three girls have been best friends 'forever' but now, they are under pressure to change. Will they?

**Noughts and Crosses**, **Malorie Blackman** Two young people are forced to make a stand in this thought-provoking look at racism and prejudice in an alternative society.

**Pride and Prejudice**, **Jane Austen** "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife."

**The Fault in Our Stars**, **John Green** 'As he read, I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, and then all at once.'

**Twilight**, **Stephenie Meyer** 'What if I'm not a su-



### DRAMA

**Against The Day**, **Michael Cronin**

**Clay**, **David Almond**

**Private Peaceful**, **Michael Morpurgo**

**I am the Cheese**, **Robert Cormier**





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