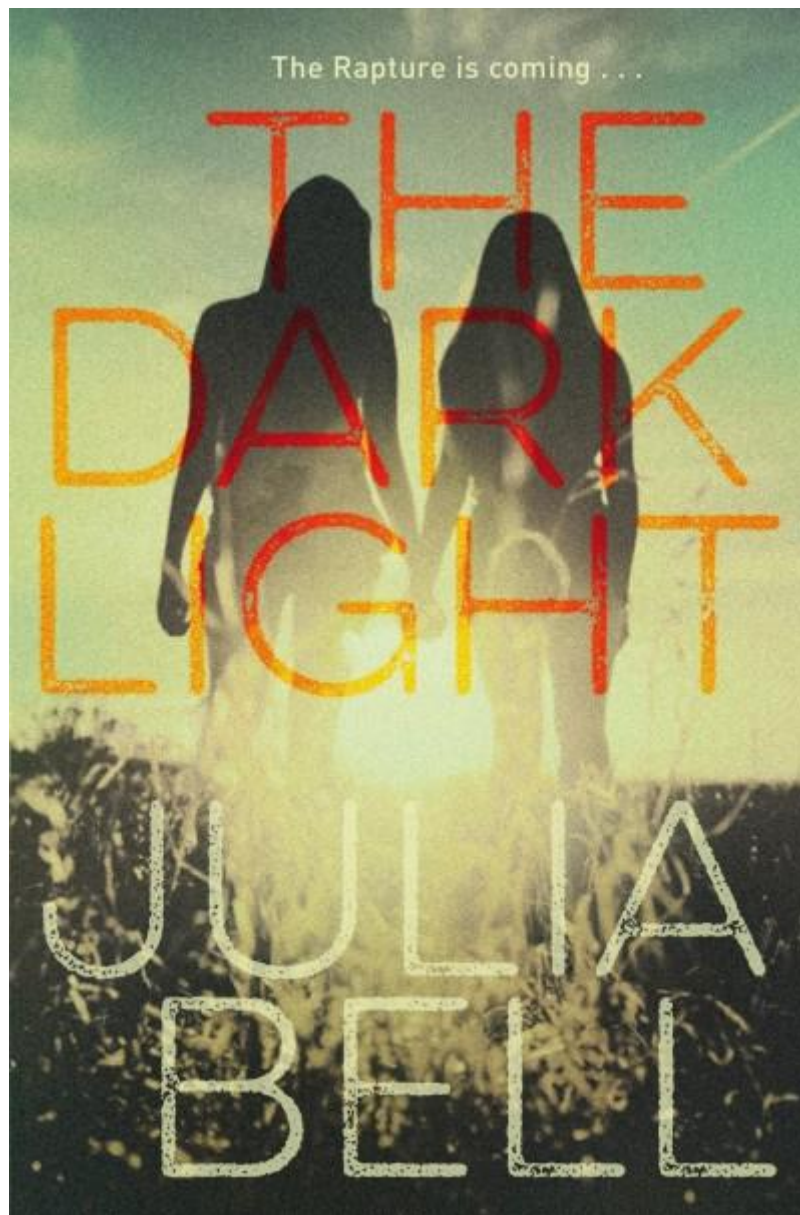


## Holiday reading: New books for 12+

Read on this summer!

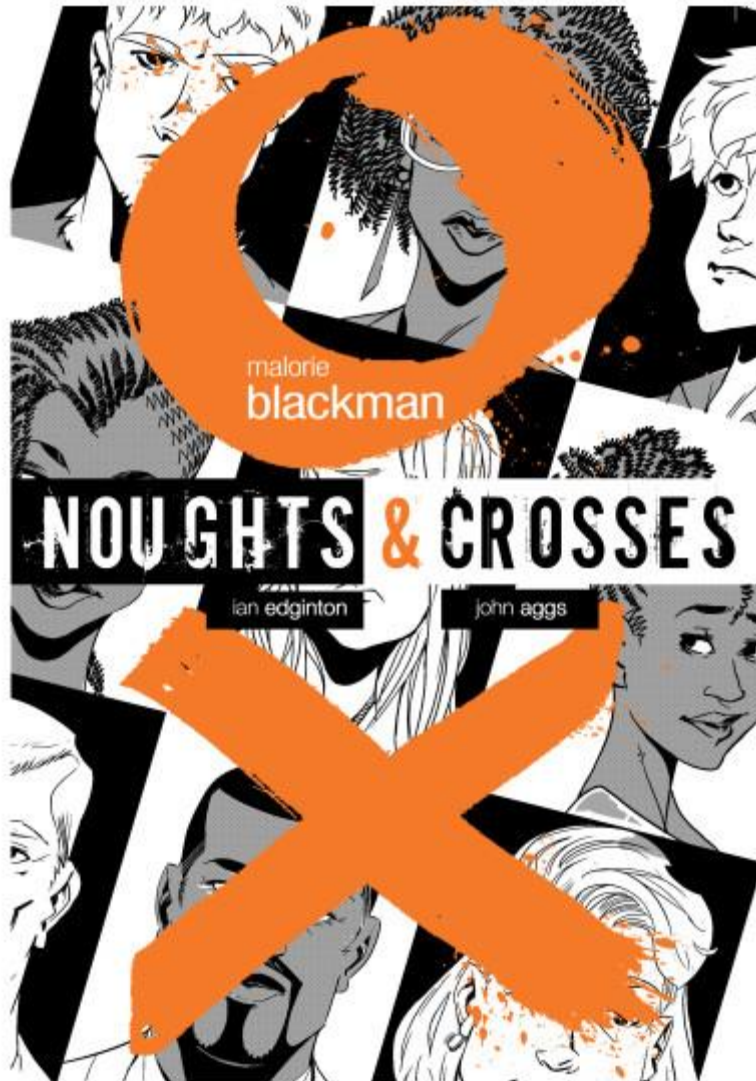
The holidays are here and so is a brilliant bunch of new books for Young Adult readers.



### **THE DARK LIGHT** Julia Bell (Macmillan)

*'Ten minutes to midnight!' Jonathan shouts over the sound of the blazing fire. Sparks rise into the sky and mingle with the stars. 'Only ten minutes!' Bevins says, falling down on his knees. 'So it begins.'*

Rebekah has lived on the island her whole life, and it's only now that she's starting to wonder what she might experience outside her strict religious community. Alex has been sent to the island to escape her dark past, and through her eyes it's a dark and sinister place. Thrown together by chance, Rebekah and Alex strike up an unlikely friendship and it's together that they attempt to break free of their worlds and make a world of their own. But when a kiss between the girls is witnessed by an islander there is no escape they can make – the Rapture is coming for them all.



**NOUGHTS AND CROSSES GRAPHIC NOVEL** Malorie Blackman, illustrated by John Aggs  
(RHCP)

Callum is a nought – an inferior white citizen in a society controlled by the black Crosses.

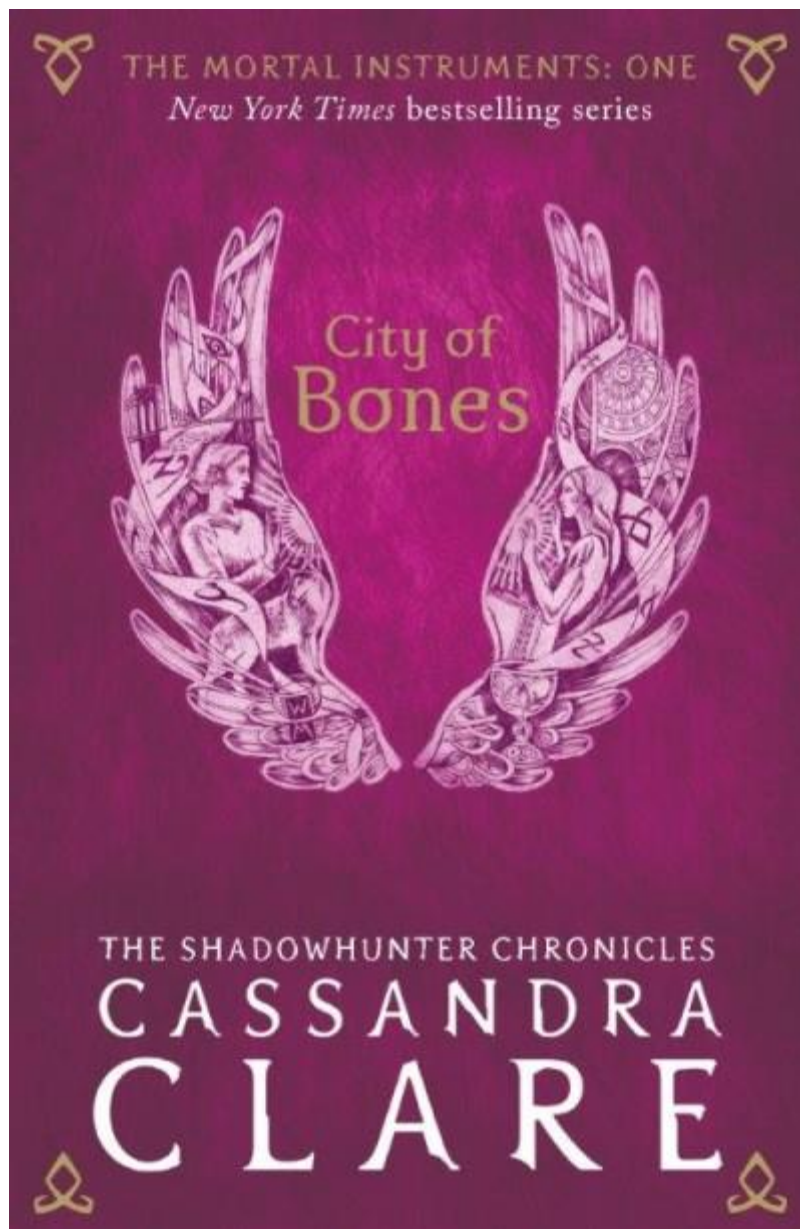
Sephy is a Cross – and the daughter of one of the most powerful, ruthless men in the country.

In their hostile, violent world, noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. But when Sephy and Callum's childhood friendship grows into love, they're determined to find a way to be together.

And then the bomb explodes...

The long-awaited graphic novel adaptation of one of the most influential, critically acclaimed and original novels of all time, from multi-award-winning Malorie Blackman.

Read an extract of *Noughts and Crosses: The Graphic Novel*.

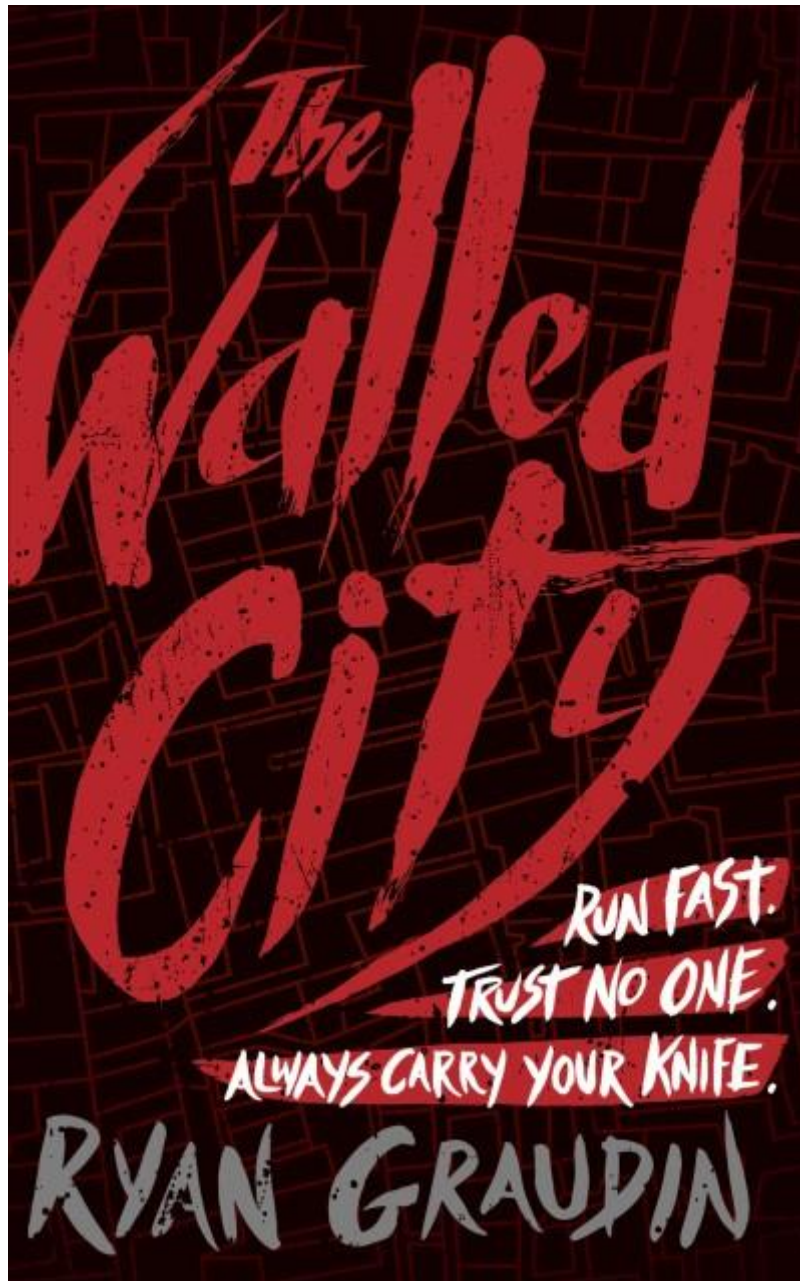


**THE MORTAL INSTRUMENTS 1: CITY OF BONES** Cassandra Clare (Walker)

Love. Blood. Betrayal. Demons. First of 6 brand-new collectable editions of the *New York Times* No. 1 bestselling Shadowhunter series now with gorgeous cover illustration by Mila Furstova, the artist who created the album art for Coldplay's *Ghost Stories*. Clary Fray is seeing things: vampires in Brooklyn and werewolves in Manhattan. Irresistibly drawn to the Shadowhunters, a secret cadre of warriors dedicated to ridding the world of demons, Clary encounters the dark side of New York City – and the dangers of forbidden love. *City of Bones* is now a major movie.

[Read the first chapter of \*City of Bones\*.](#)  
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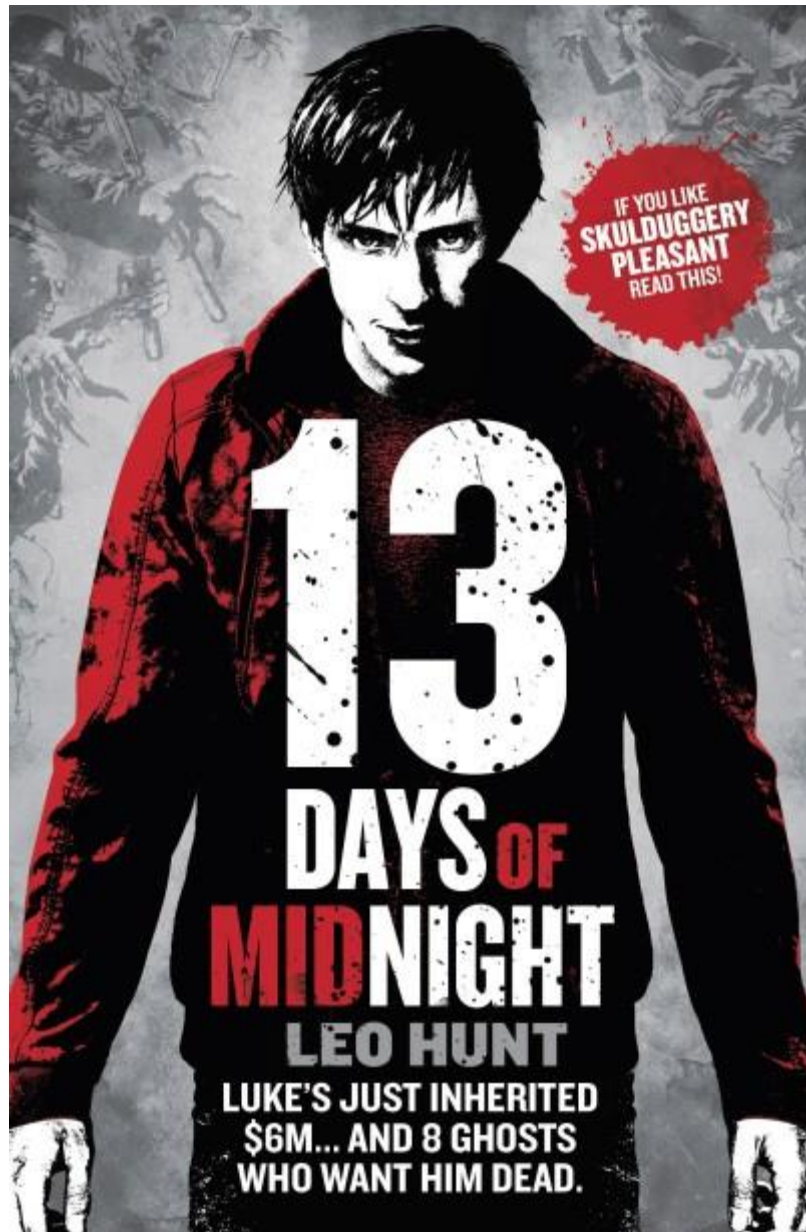




**THE WALLED CITY** Ryan Graudin (Orion Children's Books)

Disguised as a boy, Jin Ling searches for her missing sister, Mei Yee, who was sold into the brothels of the Walled City. It's a cut-throat world of gangs, drug-dealers and warlords and every day is a struggle to survive. Jin Ling relies on her speed and cunning but how long will her luck hold? When a mysterious boy, Dai, requests her help with a dangerous mission Jin Ling's inclined to say no – this is a world where no one can be trusted – but the mission offers her a vital chance to see inside the brothel where her sister may be being held.

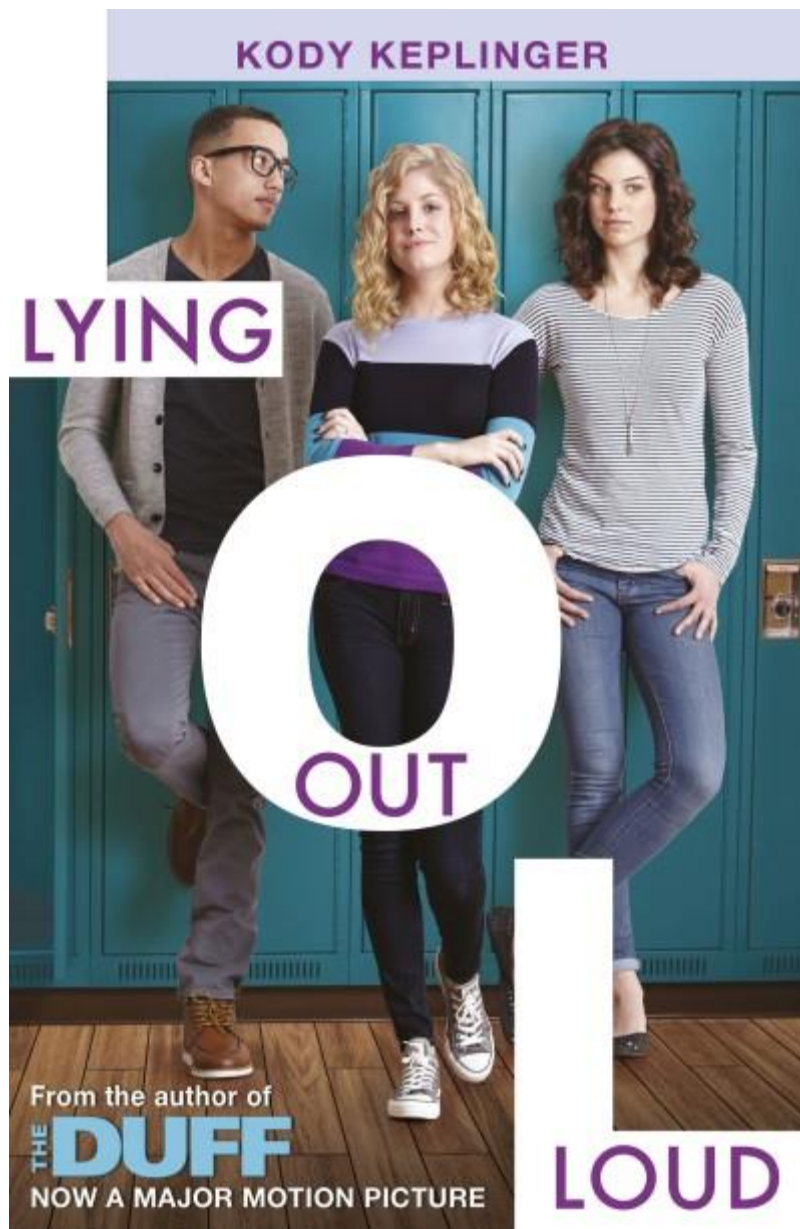
Jin Ling and Dai join forces, but will either of them survive the mission? Is Mei Yee still alive? And how will any of them ever escape the stifling city walls?



**13 DAYS OF MIDNIGHT** Leo Hunt (Orchard)

When Luke Manchett's estranged father dies suddenly, he leaves his son a dark inheritance. Luke has been left in charge of his father's ghost collection: eight restless spirits. They want revenge for their long enslavement, and in the absence of the father, they're more than happy to take his son. It isn't fair, but you try and reason with the vengeful dead.

Halloween, the night when the ghosts reach the height of their power, is fast approaching. With the help of school witchlet Elza Moss, and his cowardly dog Ham, Luke has just thirteen days to uncover the closely guarded secrets of black magic, and send the unquiet spirits to their eternal rest. The alternative doesn't bear thinking about.



**LYING OUT LOUD** Kody Keplinger (Hodder Children's Books)

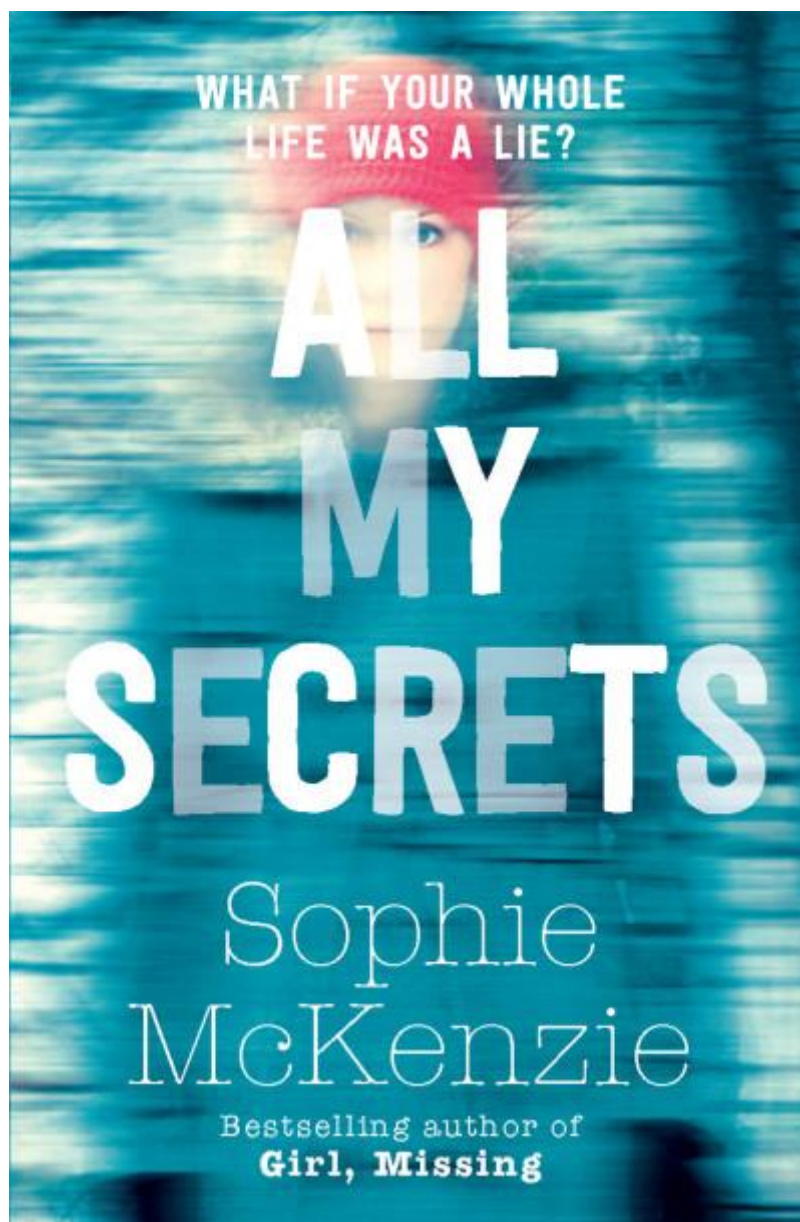
Sonny Ardmore is an excellent liar. She lies about her dad being in prison. She lies about her mom kicking her out. And she lies about sneaking into her best friend's house every night because she has nowhere else to go.

Amy Rush might be the only person Sonny shares everything with – secrets, clothes, even a nemesis named Ryder Cross.

Ryder's the new kid at Hamilton High and everything Sonny and Amy can't stand – a prep- school snob. But Ryder has a weakness: Amy. So when Ryder emails Amy asking her out, the friends see it as a prank opportunity not to be missed.

But without meaning to, Sonny ends up talking to Ryder all night online. And to her horror, she realizes that she might actually 'like' him. Only there's one small catch: he thinks he's been talking to Amy. So Sonny comes up with an elaborate scheme to help Ryder realize that she's the girl he's really wanted all along. Can Sonny lie her way to the truth, or will all her lies end up costing her both Ryder and Amy?

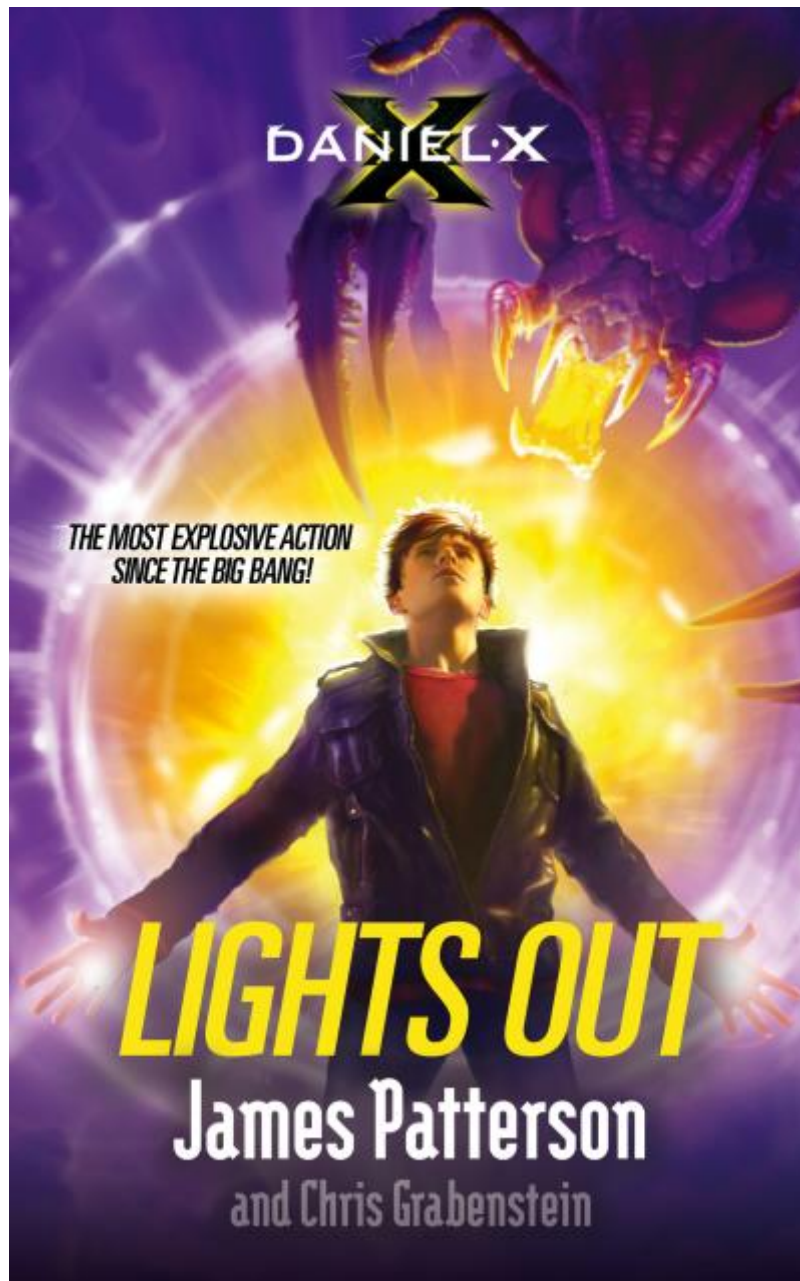




**ALL MY SECRETS** Sophie McKenzie (Macmillan)

The shocking reality behind a £10 million inheritance turns Evie Brown's world on its head. Unable to find out the truth from her parents, Evie ends up on the mysterious island of Lightsea, where her desire for answers leads her towards a series of revelations that threaten everything she holds dear . . . including her life.

Perfect for fans of *Girl, Missing*.

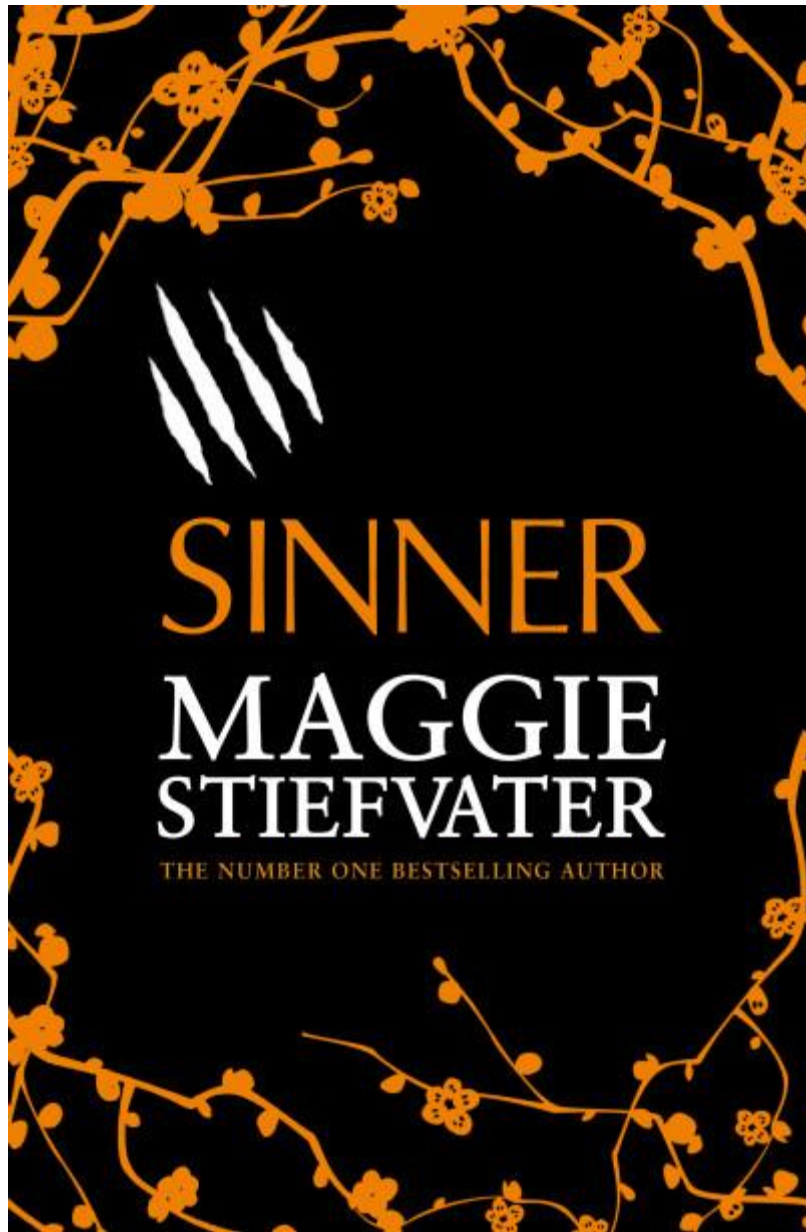


**DANIEL X LIGHTS OUT James Patterson (Arrow Young)**

In this sixth and final instalment of the *Daniel X* series, the alien-hunting hero is finally ready to take on the biggest threat in the galaxy: The Prayer – the same beast that brutally murdered his parents long ago. But even with his incredible ability to create almost anything, Daniel will have to push his powers beyond the brink in order to bring down a monster that has the powers of a god. This epic showdown of good versus evil is a thrilling finale to this No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

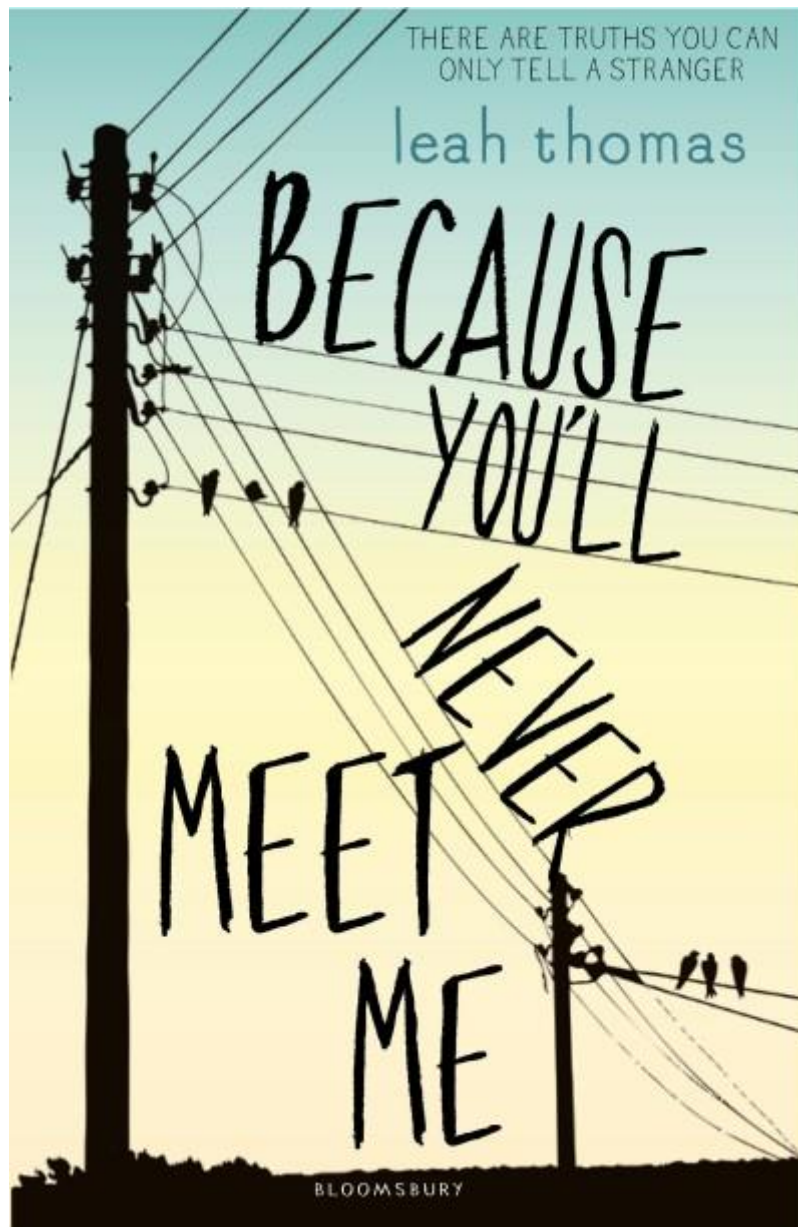
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**SINNER** Maggie Stiefvater (Scholastic)

Follow Cole and Isabel's tumultuous journey as they battle with love. They share a past that never seemed to have a future, possessing the power to love each other but also tear each other apart. The only thing for certain is that they cannot let go. Mesmerising and gripping, this story is perfect for fans of Maggie Stiefvater and is sure to capture the hearts of any teenage bookworm.



**BECAUSE YOU'LL NEVER MEET ME Leah Thomas (Bloomsbury)**

*There are truths you can only tell a stranger, and this friendship is the strangest.*

Ollie and Moritz are best friends, but they can never meet, because if they ever did, one of them would certainly die. As recluses from society, they develop a fierce bond through letters that become a lifeline.

But when Moritz reveals the key to their shared, disturbing past in a mysterious German laboratory, their friendship faces a test neither one of them expected.



**FIRE COLOUR ONE** Jenny Valentine (Harper Collins)

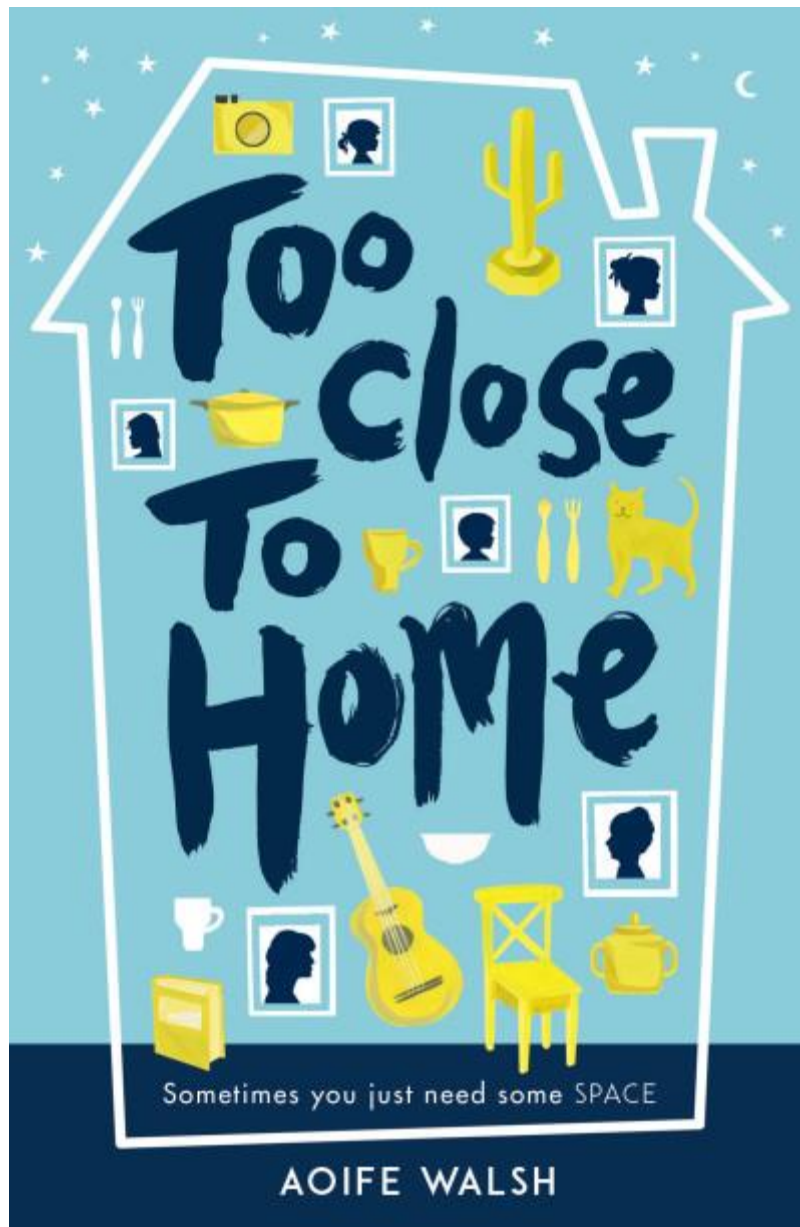
A bold and brilliant novel about love, lies and redemption, from award-winning author, Jenny Valentine – one of the greatest YA voices of her generation.

Iris's father, Ernest, is at the end of his life and she hasn't even met him. Her best friend, Thurston, is somewhere on the other side of the world. Everything she thought she knew is up in flames.

Now her mother has declared war and means to get her hands on Ernest's priceless art collection. But Ernest has other ideas. There are things he wants Iris to know after he's gone. And the truth has more than one way of coming to light.

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**TOO CLOSE TO HOME** Aoife Walsh (Andersen Press)

Beautifully warm and witty novel about the frustrations and joys of being from a large and very complicated family.

Minnie's life is crowded. There's barely elbow room in her grandmother's house, where the whole family has been living since Dad walked out. Bullies are breathing down her autistic older sister Aisling's neck, her best friend Penny acts like Minnie's cramping her style, and it's impossible to look halfway normal in front of new boy Franklin. On top of it all, now her dad has announced he's returning to London – with his new girlfriend. Minnie is furious, but with family catastrophe looming, it's hard to keep him at arm's length