

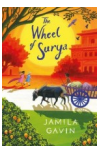








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Book	Author	Summary
Home Girl 	Alex Wheatle	The story of Naomi, a teenage girl growing up fast in the care system. It is a wholly modern story which sheds a much needed light on what can be an unsettling life - and the consequences that can follow when children are treated like pawns on a family chessboard.
When Stars are Scattered 	Victoria Jamieson	Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. The hunger is constant . but there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school .
The Wheel of Surya 	Jamila Gavin	In 1947 India is rocked by the Independence movement and partition with Pakistan. Their lives disrupted by violence, Jaspal and Marvinder are sent from their Indian village to find their father, who is a student in England.
You should see me in a crown 	Leah Johnson	Liz has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed town. But Liz has an escape plan to attend an uber-elite college, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor.
And the Stars Were Burning Brightly 	Danielle Jawando	When fifteen-year-old Nathan discovers that his older brother Al, has taken his own life, his whole world is torn apart. Al was special. Al was talented. Al had so many dreams ... so why did he do it?
The Black Flamingo 	Dean Atta	A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen - then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.
The Million Pieces of Neena Gill 	Emma Smith-Barton	Neena's always been a good girl - but ever since her brother Akash left her, she's been slowly falling apart. As her wild behaviour spirals more and more out of control, Neena's grip on her sanity begins to weaken too. And when her parents announce not one but two life-changing bombshells - including that they want her to have an arranged marriage - she finally reaches breaking point.
Paper Avalanche 	Lisa Williamson	Ro Snow is the girl nobody notices - and that is exactly how she'd like things to stay. She doesn't have close friends, she doesn't go to parties and she certainly doesn't chase boys. All because Ro has a secret she can't let anyone discover - her mum is a hoarder.



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<p>Torn</p> 	Jenni Spangler	Sara has to move to a refuge after her dad hits her mum. She can't bear to talk about it, not even to her best friend, Hafsa. Hafsa wants to know why Sara is cancelling plans and ignoring messages. It's not like her to be so cold. Will Sara share her worries with Hafsa, or will the secrecy tear their friendship apart?
<p>Anita And Me</p> 	Meera Syal	The story of nine-year-old Meena, growing up in the only Punjabi family in the Black Country mining village of Tollington.
<p>Clean Getaway</p> 	Nic Stone	When Scoob's grandma – invites him to join her on an adventure in her brand-new campervan, obviously he says yes. G'ma reveals they're going to retrace the steps of a road trip she took with his grandpa fifty years ago. Back then, things in America were very different, especially for black people, and people were not very accepting of G'ma and G'pop's mixed relationship.
<p>Chinese Cinderella</p> 	Adeline Yen Mah	Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her. They discriminate against her and make her feel unwanted yet she yearns and continuously strives for her parents' love.
<p>The Dark Beneath</p> 	Alan Gibbons	GCSE's are over and sixteen-year-old Imogen is looking forward to a perfect, lazy English summer. But her world is turned upside down by three refugees, all hiding from life. She knows all of them, but she doesn't know how dangerous they are. Being part of their lives could cost Imogen her own.
<p>George</p> 	Alex Gino	GEORGE is about a girl who was born a boy but refuses to let that stand in the way of her dream.
<p>Bruised</p> 	Donna David	Finn has been acting weird. He's moved to his gran's house in the posh end of town and now it's as if he thinks he's too good for his old friends. He's getting into trouble too. All-night gaming and near-misses with the police. Can Dean get to the bottom of what's going on with his best mate? Or is it too late for their friendship?
<p>Love in Revolution</p> 	BR Cole	Esteya is fifteen. As war rumbles closer, Esteya's brother - an important figure in the Revolutionary Communist Party - is able to protect their family from the worst of the privations of war. Then Esteya meets an extraordinary girl, Skizi, an outcast, shunned by all. But Esteya and Skizi are drawn to each other. Slowly and wonderfully love blossoms and then Esteya's family are betrayed and forcibly taken away. Skizi disappears. Esteya is left deserted, heartbroken and in terrible danger. But she must find a way to escape - and to find Skizi.

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<p>A Pocketful of Stars</p> 	Aisha Bushby	Safiya and her mum have never seen eye to eye. Her mum doesn't understand Safiya's love of gaming and Safiya doesn't think they have anything in common. As Safiya struggles to fit in at school she wonders if her mum wishes she was more like her confident best friend Elle. But then her mum falls into a coma and, when Safiya waits by her bedside, she finds herself in a strange alternative world that looks a bit like one of her games. And there's a rebellious teenage girl, with a secret, who looks suspiciously familiar.
<p>Arctic Zoo</p> 	Robert Muchamore	Georgia gets straight A's at school, writes essays for fun, has placed first in twenty-six drone races and has a serious addiction to buying Japanese stationery. She plans to follow her older sister Sophie and become a doctor, but her worldview is shattered when Sophie commits suicide. Julius lives in Ondo, a Nigerian state where half the population lives on less than a dollar a day. But he isn't one of them. His uncle has been governor of Ondo for more than a decade and his mother is the power behind that throne. He finds refuge in a derelict zoo with best friend Duke, but as the two of them grow close, the world outside becomes more and more hostile.
<p>Car Wash Wish</p> 	Sita Brahmachari	Hudson is a skilled reader of books, but not so much with people. Hudson's self-awareness about his Asperger's and how it affects him (and others) gives him a distinctive and insightful voice that offers an astute and ultimately uplifting take on the world.
<p>Buffalo Soldier</p> 	Tanya Landman	"What kind of a girl steals the clothes from a dead man's back and runs off to join the army? A desperate one. That's who." At the end of the American Civil War, Charley - a young African-American slave from the deep south - is ostensibly freed. But then her adopted mother is raped and lynched at the hands of a mob and Charley is left alone. In a terrifyingly lawless land, where the colour of a person's skin can bring violent death, Charley disguises herself as a man and joins the army.
<p>Rose Interrupted</p> 	Patrice Lawrence	Eighteen months ago, 17-year-old Rose and 13-year-old Rudder escaped a strict religious sect with their mum. They are still trying to make sense of the world outside - no more rules about clothes and books, films and music, no more technology bans. But also no more friendship with the people they've known all their lives, no community and no certainty.
<p>If You Were Me</p> 	Sam Hepburn	Aliya's brother is accused of being a suicide bomber. Dan thinks his dad is linked to the gun he's found in a derelict block of flats. But the truth that connects them is far more dangerous than either could imagine. Can they prove their families' innocence?

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<p>The Deathless Girls</p> 	<p>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>	<p>Gothic, intoxicating, feminist, darkly provoking and deeply romantic - this is the breathtakingly imagined untold story of the brides of Dracula.</p>
<p>Looking at the Stars</p> 	<p>Lewis Hine</p>	<p>17-year-old Lewis Hine is a global phenomenon. Diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumour and water on the brain at 17 months, he wasn't expected to survive. But Lewis proved everyone wrong; he's not only surviving but thriving. In one Facebook post on his 16th birthday Lewis invited everyone to see how he faces head on the challenges from his ongoing illness, and he went viral. 30 million views later, Lewis now spearheads a campaign, Friend Finder, to make sure no one ever faces childhood illness alone. In his memoir, Lewis reaches out to anyone who may feel isolated in their lives.</p>
<p>SweetFreak</p> 	<p>Sophie McKenzie</p>	<p>Carey and Amelia have been best friends forever. Then Amelia starts being trolled by SweetFreak, a mysterious and hateful online account, and Carey is accused of being behind the vicious comments and threats. Shut out by her other friends and shunned by Amelia, Carey is determined to clear her name and find out who's really sending the messages. Can Carey expose the real SweetFreak before it's too late?</p>
<p>Oh My Gods</p> 	<p>Alexandra Sheppard</p>	<p>Helen Thomas has just moved in with her chaotic family - who happen to be the Greek Gods living incognito! Trying to rein in her madcap family, keeping them secret from her friends, and still dealing with the usual drama i.e. boys and attempting to not be a total social flop at school. Helen has a bit more going on than your average teenager!</p>
<p>Red Leaves</p> 	<p>Sita Brahmachari</p>	<p>A topical and moving novel about family, love, community, the tangled roots of history and searching for a place to call home.</p>
<p>Where The River Runs Gold</p> 	<p>Sita Brahmachari</p>	<p>Shifa and her brother, Themba, live in Kairos City with their father, Nabil. The few live in luxury, whilst the millions like them crowd together in compounds, surviving on meagre rations and governed by Freedom Fields - the organisation that looks after you. Children must labour on farms, pollinating crops by hand so that the nation can eat. The farm Shifa and Themba are sent to is hard and cruel. Themba won't survive there and Shifa comes up with a plan to break them out. But they have no idea where they are - their only guide is a map drawn from the ramblings of a stranger. The journey ahead is fraught with danger, but Shifa is strong and knows to listen to her instincts - to let love guide them home. The freedom of a nation depends on it...</p>

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<p>Unstoppable</p> 	<p>Dan Freedman</p>	<p>Fourteen-year-old twins, Kaine and Roxy, used to be close, but now they can hardly bear to be in the same room. Roxy hates the way her brother behaves - Kaine might be brilliant at football but he's always in trouble and cares nothing about his family. And Kaine despises the way his supposedly-perfect sister, dominates their parents in her ambition to reach Wimbledon. But the twins are both hiding dangerous secrets of their own, secrets that could destroy everything they are working towards - and both Roxy and Kaine's survival hangs precari-</p>
<p>Empress & Aniya</p> 	<p>Candice Carty-Williams</p>	<p>When Empress starts at Aniya's school, they're not exactly best friends. But, when the two teenage girls accidentally cast a spell on their 16th birthday and end up switching bodies, they quickly learn that friendship is the most important magic of all. A moving portrayal of the importance of real friendship and the ups and downs of being a teenager.</p>
<p>The Outsiders</p> 	<p>S.E. Hinton</p>	<p>The Socs' idea of having a good time is beating up Greasers like Ponyboy. Ponyboy knows what to expect and knows he can count on his brothers and friends - until the night someone takes things too far.</p>
<p>That Asian Kid</p> 	<p>Savita Kalhan</p>	<p>What do you do when you find out your teacher has an unbelievably massive secret? Jeevan is doing badly in his GCSE English Literature class. His teacher, Mrs Greaves, dislikes him intensely and Jeevan is convinced that he is the victim of racial prejudice. Can he stand up for what's right?</p>
<p>Change is gonna come</p> 	<p>Various authors</p>	<p>An anthology of stories and poetry on the theme of change, featuring Black, Asian and minority ethnic writers.</p>
<p>Climbing Strong</p> 	<p>Brandon Terrell</p>	<p>Mike Gordon loves a good thrill. And he's not afraid to break the rules to get one! When goes too far, a friend points him in the right direction - up. Rock climbing gives Mike all the excitement he needs. But then an injury sets Mike back in more ways than one. When Mike faces family troubles, will he fall back into his old habits?</p>

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<p>Needle</p> 	<p>Patrice Lawrence</p>	<p>What happens if you're a girl who doesn't say sorry? Charlene loves knitting. The only thing she loves more than knitting is her little sister, Kandi, whom she hasn't seen since their mum died. When the special blanket she's knitting for Kandi is destroyed by her foster mum's son, Charlene loses it. She stabs him in the hand with her knitting needle and finds herself sitting in a police cell. Can she find a way to say sorry when her freedom and her future are at stake?</p>
<p>Felix Ever After</p> 	<p>Kacen Callender</p>	<p>Felix Love has never been in love - and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. What's worse is that, even though he is proud of his identity, Felix also secretly fears that he's one marginalization too many - Black, queer, and transgender - to ever get his own happily-ever-after.</p>
<p>All The Things We Never Said</p> 	<p>Yasmin Rahman</p>	<p>16-year-old Mehreen Miah's anxiety and depression, or 'Chaos', as she calls it, has taken over her life, to the point where she can't bear it any more. So she joins MementoMori, a website that matches people with partners and allocates them a date and method of death, 'the pact'. Mehreen is paired with Cara Saunders and Olivia Castleton, two strangers dealing with their own serious issues. As they secretly meet over the coming days, Mehreen develops a strong bond with Cara and Olivia, the only people who seem to understand what she's going through. But ironically, the thing that brought them together to commit suicide has also created a mutually supportive friendship that makes them realise that, with the right help, life is worth living. It's not long before all three want out of the pact. But in a terrifying twist of fate, the website won't let them stop, and an increasingly sinister game begins, with MementoMori playing the girls off against each other. A pact is a pact, after all.</p>
<p>Date Me Bryson Keller</p> 	<p>Kevin van Whye</p>	<p>Everyone at Fairvale Academy knows Bryson Keller, the super-hot soccer captain who doesn't believe in high-school relationships. They also know about the dare Bryson accepted, each week he has to date the first person who asks him out. A single school week is all anyone gets. There have been no exceptions to this. None. Until me, that is. Because brilliant Bryson Keller forgot one thing. He never said it could only be girls.</p>
<p>Ghost</p> 	<p>Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons - until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?</p>

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Turtles All The Way Down 	John Green	Living with anxiety and OCD is enough but when Daisy, her Best and Most Fearless Friend, brings her on a mission to find a fugitive billionaire things are about to get even more complicated. To find Russell Pickett, Aza must enter the world of his geeky, but maybe kind-of-cute son, Davis. But the chances of a first kiss, and maybe even a first love, could send Aza into a spiral of anxiety...
Heartstopper 1-4 	Alice Oseman	Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised. Heartstopper is about love, friendship, loyalty and mental illness.
Girl In Pieces 	Kathleen Glasgow	As she struggles to recover and survive, seventeen-year-old homeless Charlotte 'Charlie' Davis cuts herself to dull the pain of abandonment and abuse.
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe 	Benjamin Alire Saenz	Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has a unique perspective on life. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they develop a special friendship – the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about the universe, themselves and the kind of people they want to be. (Publisher)
Last Bus to Everland 	Sophie Cameron	Brody Fair has had enough of real life. Enough of the bullies on his block, of being second best to his genius brother, and of not fitting in at school or at home. Then one day he meets Nico. Colourful, confident and flamboyant, he promises to take Brody to Everland, a diverse magical place. A place where he can be himself, where there are no rules, time doesn't pass, and the party never ends. The only catch? It's a place so good, you could lose yourself and forget what's real.
Knife Edge 	Malorie Blackman	Sephy is struggling to raise her mixed-race child in an apartheid society and to make her mark as a singer in a society prejudiced against Crosses like her. But when her daughter finds out about her parentage, she must reassess her identity.
Heartbreak Boys 	Simon James Green	Jack and Nate find themselves dumped as their respective exes, Dylan and Tariq, start up a new relationship together. Not only that, their exes start posting pics on social media, showing the whole world how fabulous their new life together is! Jack and Nate are reeling. Not to be outdone, they decide to create their own 'highlights reel' and show their exes that they're having an even better time. But between the depressing motorway service station motels, damp campsites, and an ultimate showdown with the exes, something epic really is happening: Jack and Nate are learning to get over their heartache and open themselves up to new possibilities for love.

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Hold on 	Alan Gibbons	An uncompromising novel about a boy driven to suicide.
Blood Pressure 	Alan Gibbons	15 year old Aidan meets his father for the first time and gets to know about drugs and gangland warfare in inner city Liverpool the hard way.
Wranglestone 	Darren Charlton	When Peter puts the lake-bound sanctuary of Wranglestone in danger by allowing a stranger to come ashore, he's forced to leave and help rancher Cooper herd the dead from their shores. But as love blossoms between the pair, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past.
Roxy's baby 	Cathy Macphail	A gripping and completely compelling story of a girl forced to grow up and think of others other than herself in the most nightmare of circumstances. These circumstances would seem too horrible to be true - were they not based on fact. A network doing exactly this was discovered to be operating in Italy in 2003, causing outcry, and has formed the basis for this story.
The Boy in the Black Suit 	Jason Reynolds	Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.
The Sound Of Everything 	Rebecca Henry	Betrayal, rejection, violence, Kadie has known it all. She's tough and prepared for everything. Everything except love. Kadie has just arrived in yet another foster home. She trusts no one and lives by the rules: don't count on anyone, always act, be prepared to lose everything. She's lost everything more times than she can count, but then she meets Lips and learns that some things are even more important than survival. But she has secrets of which she must let go if she is to make
Me And Earl And The Dying Girl 	Jesse Andrews	A hilarious, outrageous, and truthful look at friendship, high school - and death.