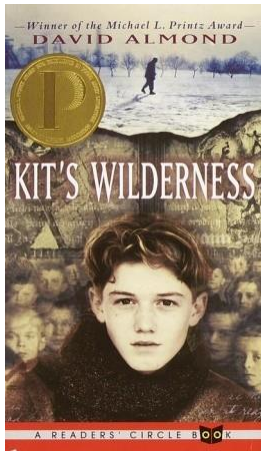


## S2 Recommended Reading

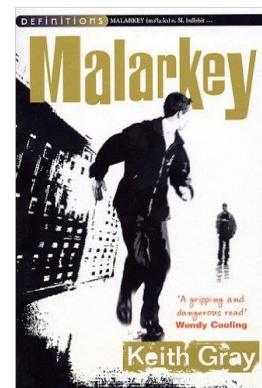
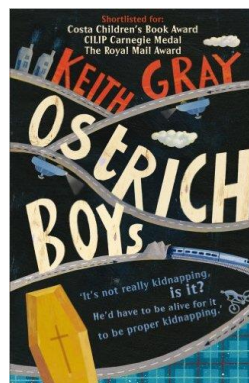
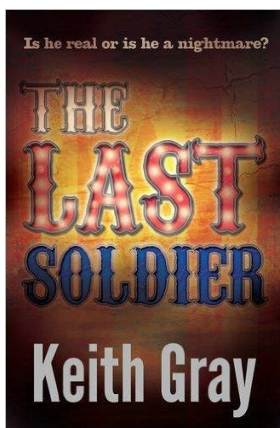
### David Almond : Kit's Wilderness



Kit has just moved to Stoneygate with his family, to live with his ageing grandfather who is gradually succumbing to Alzheimer's Disease. Stoneygate is an insular place, scarred by its mining history - by the danger and death it has brought them. Where the coal mine used to be there is now a wilderness. Here Kit meets Askew, a surly and threatening figure who masterminds the game called Death, a frightening ritual of hypnotism; and Kit makes friends with Allie, the clever school troublemaker. As Kit struggles to adjust to his new life and the gradual failing of his beloved grandfather, these two friendships pull him towards a terrifying resolution. Haunted by ghosts of the past, Kit must confront death and - ultimately - life.

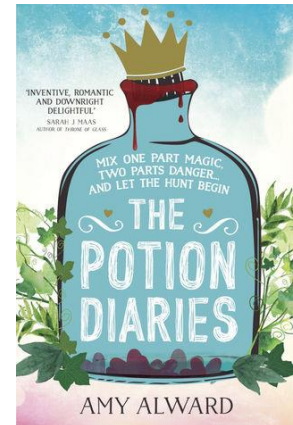
A stunning novel from the author of the modern children's classic *Skellig* - winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award.

### Keith Gray

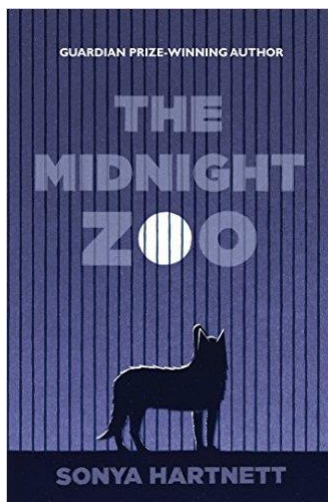


## Amy Alward: The Potions Diaries

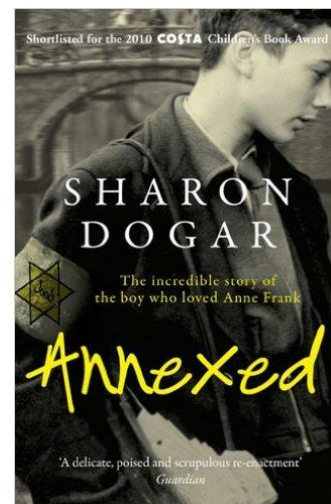
When the Princess of Nova accidentally poisons herself with a love potion meant for her crush, she falls crown-over-heels in love with her own reflection. Oops. A nationwide hunt is called to find the cure, with competitors travelling the world for the rarest ingredients, deep in magical forests and frozen tundras, facing death at every turn. Enter Samantha Kemi - an ordinary girl with an extraordinary talent. Sam's family were once the most respected alchemists in the kingdom, but they've fallen on hard times, and winning the hunt would save their reputation. But can Sam really compete with the dazzling powers of the ZoroAster megapharma company? Just how close is Sam willing to get to Zain Aster, her dashing former classmate and enemy, in the meantime? And just to add to the pressure, this quest is ALL OVER social media. And the world news. No big deal, then.



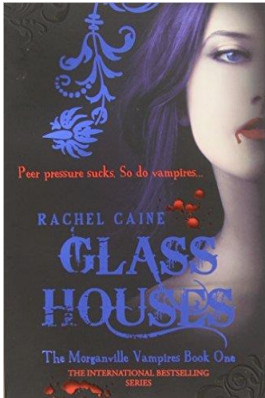
## Sonya Hartnett : Midnight Zoo



## Sharon Dogar : Annexed

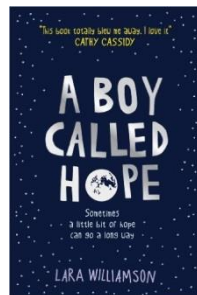


## Rachel Caine : Glass Houses (Morganville Vampires Series)

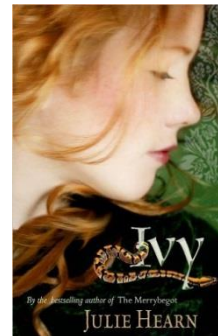


College freshman Claire Danvers has had enough of her nightmarish dorm situation, where the popular girls never let her forget just where she ranks in the school's social scene: somewhere less than zero. When Claire heads off-campus, the imposing old house where she finds a room may not be much better. Her new roommates don't show many signs of life, but they come out fighting when the town's deepest secrets come crawling out, hungry for fresh blood...

## Lara Williamson : A Boy Called Hope

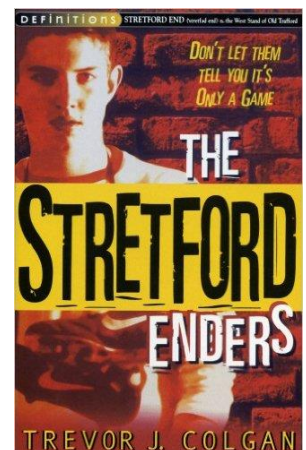


## Julie Hearn : Ivy



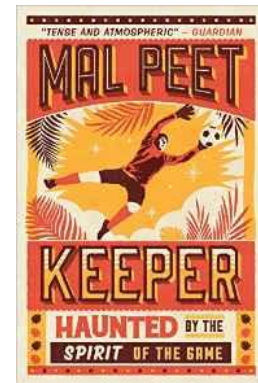
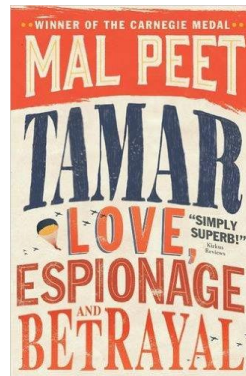
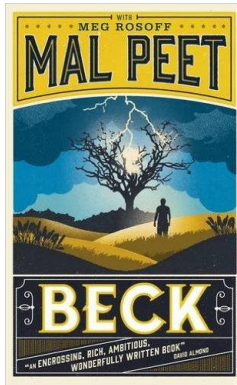
## Trever Cole : The Stretford Enders

Luke is fed up. Just as his football team has made it to the semi-finals of the All Ireland Schoolboys' League, his mother has decided to move him to Dun Laoghaire. For her it means a new job - perhaps a new man. But for Luke it means the loss of his footballing dream and struggling to fit into a new school. Whom can he trust? Cecilia whose bullying boyfriend wants to beat him to a pulp? Ella the quiet Man City Fan he sits next to? And will he be able to create a half-decent football team in Dun Laoghaire?

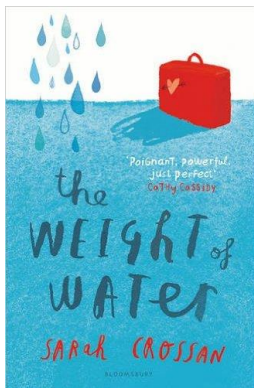




## Mal Peet



## Sarah Crossan : Weight of Water



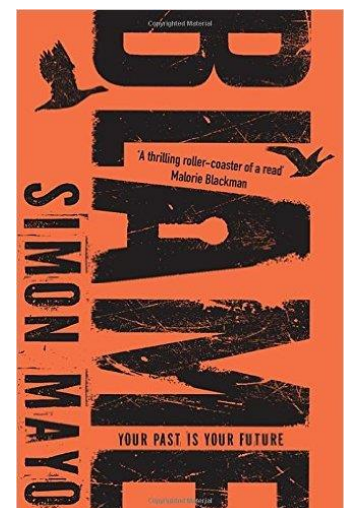
Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat.

## Simon Mayo

*What happens when society wants you banged up in prison for a crime your parents committed?*

*That's the situation in which Ant finds herself – together with her little brother Mattie and their foster-parents, she's locked up in a new kind of family prison. None of the inmates are themselves criminals, but wider society wants them to do time for the unpunished 'heritage' crimes of their parents.*

After a dramatic opening this book slows down for a couple of chapters before exploding with action that continues right through till the very last page. Full of suspense and action.



## **Authors to read**

Theresa Breslin: Any title – historical, adventure books

Alan Gibbons : any book – some are football focused

Joan Lingard : Trouble on Cable Street and any other

Patrick Ness : Any title

Bali Rai : any title

Darren Shan : any title – he is a master of horror

## **Series to Read**

James Dashner : Maze Runner Series

Charlie Fletcher : Stoneheart Trilogy

Roderick Gordon : Tunnels series

Will Hill : Dept 19 series

Derek Landy : Skulduggery Pleasant series

Sophie MacKenzie : Girl, Missing series and The Medusa Project series

Philip Pullman : His Dark materials trilogy

James Patterson : Maximum Ride Series

Philip Reeve : Mortal Engines series

Veronica Roth : Divergent series

Rachel Ward : Numbers series