New books April 2023





Katya Balen: The Light in Everything (2023 Carnegie Shortlist)

When shy Tom and angry Zofia end up moving into the same home as they await the arrival of a new baby, frustrations and heartache rise to the surface in this powerful, moving story of blended families and embracing change.



Kalynn Bayron: This Wicked Fate (Book 2 The Poison Heart)

Briseis has one chance to rescue her mother, but she'll need to do the impossible: find the last fragment of the deadly Absyrtus Heart. To locate the missing piece she must turn to the blood relatives she's never know, learn about their secret powers and take her place in their ancient lineage. But Bri is not the only one who wants the Heart, and her enemies will stop at nothing to fulfil their own ruthless plans.







Holly Black: The Stolen Heir (Book 1 The Stolen Heir)

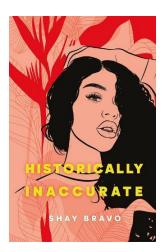
The bestselling author of *The Book of Night* returns to Elfhame - one of her most magnificently realised fictional worlds - with the first exhilarating instalment of a duology focusing on a changeling queen and a deadly quest.

Emily Barr: Ghosted (19 & above)

Ariel's accidental meeting with a handsome stranger called Joe is completely perfect; they have a connection like she's never known before. But when Ariel messages him later, the number Joe gave her is disconnected. He's ghosted her. She assumes she will never see him again. Expect she does. Again and again.

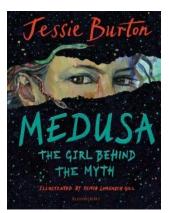
Sita Brahmachari: When Shadows Fall (2023 Carnegie Shortlist)

Kai, Orla and Zak grew up together, their days spent on the patch of wilderness in between their homes, a small green space in a sprawling grey city. Music, laughter and friendship bind them together and they have big plans for their future - until Kai's family suffers a huge loss.



Shay Bravo: Historically Inaccurate (Lit in colour)

After her mother's deportation, all Soledad 'Sol' Gutierrez wants is for her new life to go back to normal. Everything's different now: she has a new apartment, new school and new family dynamic. Desperately wanting to fit in, she joins her community college's history club. But joining comes with an odd initiation process: break into Westray's oldest house and steal....a fork? There's just one problem: while the owners of the house aren't home, their grandson Ethan is....







Jessie Burton: Medusa – The Girl behind the myth <mark>(2023</mark> Carnegie Shortlist)

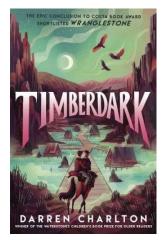
Exiled to a far-flung island by the whims of the gods, Medusa has little company except the snakes that adorn her head instead of hair. But when a charmed, beautiful boy called Perseus arrives on the island, her lonely existence is disrupted with the force of a supernova, unleashing desire, love and betrayal...

Elen Caldecott: The Blackthorn Branch (2023 Carnegie Longlist)

Cassie's older brother Byron has fallen in with the wrong crowd - it's soon clear these boys are wild, reckless and not human at all. They are tylwyth teg - Fair Folk, who tempt humans down into the dark places of the world. And Byron is tempted.

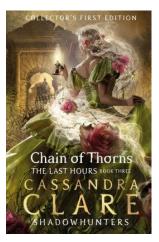
Soman Chainani: Rise of the School for Good and Evil (Book 7 School for Good and Evil)

Two brothers. One Good. One Evil. Together, they watch over the Endless Woods. Together, they choose the students for the School for Good and Evil. Together, they train them, teach them, prepare them for their fate.



Darren Charlton: Timberdark (Book 2 Wranglestone)

With the tide turned against the dead, Peter and the remaining community on Wranglestone prepare to leave for town, where the comforts of the world before await them. Could this be the home that finally brings both safety and unity for all?





Cassandra Clare: Chain of Thorns (The Last Hours Book 3)

Cordelia Carstairs has lost everything that matters to her. She has seen her father murdered, her plans to become *parabatai* with her best friend, Lucie, destroyed, and her marriage to James Herondale crumble. Even worse, she is now bound to a powerful demon, Lilith. After fleeing to Paris with Matthew Fairchild, shocking news arrives. London is threatened by the Prince of Hell, Belial.

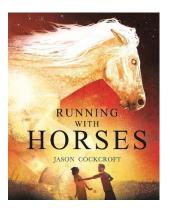
Cassandra Clare: The Red Scrolls Magic (Book 2 The Eldest Curses) (Shadowhunters novel)

Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood are settling into domestic life with their son Max when the warlocks Ragnor Fell and Shinyun Jung break into their loft and steal a powerful spell book. Realizing that Ragnor and Shinyun are being controlled by a more sinister force, Magnus and Alec set out to stop them and recover the book before they can cause any more harm. With the help of Clary Fairchild, Jace Herondale, Isabelle Lightwood, and Simon Lovelace (who is fresh from the Shadowhunter Academy), they track the warlocks to Shanghai.



Cassandra Clare: The Red Scrolls Magic (Book 1 The Eldest Curses) (Shadowhunters novel)

All Magnus Bane wanted was a vacation. A lavish trip across Europe with Alec Lightwood, the Shadowhunter who, against all odds, is finally his boyfriend. It doesn't seem like too much for the centuries-old High Warlock to ask for. But no sooner have they settled in Paris than an old friend arrives with news about a demon-worshipping cult called Crimson Hand that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that was apparently founded by Magnus himself. Years ago. As a joke.



Jason Cockcroft: Running with Horses (2023 Carnegie Longlist)

The immensely powerful follow up to *We Were Wolves* combines an exquisitely crafted meditation on grief and loss with thrilling adventure as two boys discover a man being held hostage by a criminal gang.



Sue Divan: Truth be told

Northern Ireland 2019. Tara has been raised by her Man and Nan in Derry City. Faith lives in rural Armagh. Their lives on opposite sides of a political divide couldn't be more different. Until they come face-to-face with each other and are shocked to discover they look almost identical. Are they connected?





What a voice. vn amazing debut." Sur Wolman. viter of i Kowa You Ded II LOUISE FINCH



Catherine Doyle & Katherine Webber: Twin Crowns

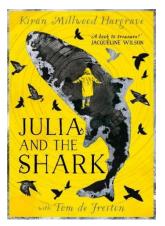
Two sisters. One Crown. Princess Rose Valhart is heir to the throne of Eana. Trained from birth to fear the witches that killed her parents, she will do anything to defend her kingdom. Stolen from the palace at birth, Wren Greenrock is the secret sister no one knows about. She plots to usurp the princess in order to protect the witches of Ortha who raised her.

Louise Finch: The Eternal Return of Clara Hart <mark>(2023 Carnegie</mark> <mark>Shortlist)</mark>

Wake up. Friday. Clara Hart hits my car. Go to class. Anthony rates the girls. House party. Anthony goes upstairs with Clara. Drink. Clara dies. Wake up. Friday again. Clara Hart hits my car. Why can't I break this loop? A flicker in the fabric of time gives Spence a second chance. And a third. How many times will he watch the same girl die?

Ravena Guron: This Book Kills

When Hugh Henry Van Boren, one of the most popular and richest kids in Jess Choudhary's school, is found dead, the student body is left wondering who the murderer could be...Jess, a student under strict instructions to keep her record clean or risk losing her scholarship, finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story she wrote.



Kiran Millwood Hargrave: Julia and the Shark <mark>(2023 Carnegie</mark> Longlist)

When her father is required to repair an old lighthouse on a remote island, Julia finds herself on a strange and magical summer holiday. Her mother becomes increasingly determined to find the great Greenland shark – an awesome yet elusive creature that soon fills Julia's thoughts as well. But when her mother's determination tips over into obsession, Julia is forced to dive into an adventure with hidden depths and turbulent emotional currents which threatens to submerge them all.

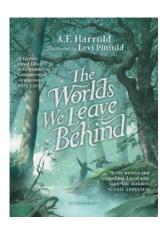


Kiran Millwood Hargrave: Leila and the Blue Fox

Miles mean nothing to Fox. She knows only that she is exactly where she's meant to be. Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own, to find the mother she thought she'd lost. In the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, the world is vast, wild and wondrous. Across the ice and across the sea, fox and Leila's adventures are just beginning....

Lauren James: Green Rising <mark>(2023 (arnegie Longlist)</mark>

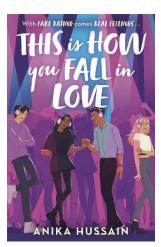
Gabrielle is a climate-change activist who shoots to fame when she becomes the first teenager to display a supernatural ability to grow plants from her skin. Hester is the millionaire daughter of an oil tycoon and the face of the family business. Theo comes from a long line of fishermen, but his parents are struggling to make ends meet. On the face of it, the three have very little in common. Yet when Hester and Theo join Gabrielle and legions of other teenagers around the world in developing the strange new "Greenfingers" power, it becomes clear that to use their ability for good, they'll need to learn to work together.

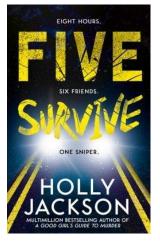


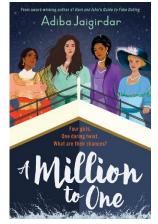
GRÉEN RISING

A.F. Harrold: The Worlds we Leave Behind (2023 Carnegie Longlist)

Hex never meant for the girl to follow him and his friend Tommo into the woods. He never meant for her to fall off the rope swing and break her arm. When the finger of blame is pointed at him, Hex runs deep into the woods and his fierce sense of injustice leads him to a strange clearing in the woods - a clearing that has never been there before - where an old lady in a cottage offers him a deal.









Anika Hussain: This is how you fall in love (Y9 & above)

Zara's been waiting her whole life for a big love story of her own. So pretending to date her best friend Adnan to cover up his new top-secret relationship? Not quite what she had in mind. Except there's something in it for Zara too: her parents love Adnan, and 'dating' him might just stop them arguing. While she may not be getting her own love story, she could save theirs.

Holly Jackson: Five Survive

Red Kenny is on a road trip for spring break with five friends: Red's best friend, her older brother, his perfect girlfriend, a secret crush and a classmate. When their RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere, they soon realise that this is no accident. They have been trapped by someone out there in the dark, someone who clearly wants one of them dead.

Adiba Jaigirdar: A Million to One (19 & above)

Josefa, an unapologetic and charismatic thief, has her eye on her biggest target yet – the Titanic. And she's out to steal the ultimate prize: the Rubaiyat, a one-of-a-kind book worth millions. All she needs is the perfect team....

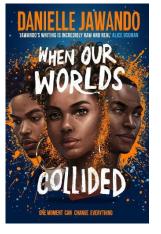
Lauren James: The Reckless Afterlife of Harriet Stoker

When Harriet Stoker dies after falling from a balcony in a long-abandoned building, she discovers a group of ghosts, each with a special power. Felix, Kasper, Rima and Leah welcome Harriet into their world, eager to make friends with the new arrival after decades alone. Yet Harriet is more interested in unleashing her own power, even if it means destroying everyone around her. But when all of eternity is at stake, the afterlife can be a dangerous place to make an enemy.



Lauren James: The Loneliest Girl in the Universe (19 & above)

Romy Silvers is the only surviving crew member on a spaceship bound for a new planet. She is the loneliest girl in the universe, until she hears that a second spaceship has launched from Earth, with a single passenger on board. A boy called J. Their only communication is via email, and the messages take months to transmit, yet Romy finds herself falling in love. But what does she really know about J? And what do the strange new messages from Earth mean? Sometimes, there's something worse than being alone....



Danielle Jawando: When our worlds collided <mark>(2023 Carnegie</mark> Longlist)

When fourteen-year-old Shaq is stabbed outside of a busy shopping centre in Manchester, three teenagers from very different walks of life are unexpectedly brought together. What follows flips their worlds upside down and makes Chantelle, Jackson, and Marc question the deep-rooted prejudice and racism that exists within the police, the media, and the rest of society.



Maureen Johnson: Truly Devious (Book 1 Truly Devious)

Ellingham Academy is a famous private school in Vermont, founded by an early twentieth century tycoon for the best and brightest students around. When Ellingham's wife and daughter were kidnapped, the only clue was a mocking riddle listing methods of murder, signed with a frightening pseudonym "Truly Devious". Their disappearance became one of the great unsolved crimes in history.

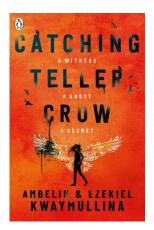


Maureen Johnson: The Box in the Woods

Amateur sleuth Stevie Bell needs a good murder. After solving the now famous Truly Devious case at her high school, she's back at home for a normal (that means boring) summer. But then she gets a message from the owner of Sunny Pines, formerly known as Camp Wonder Falls – the site of the notorious unsolved Box in the Woods murder case back in 1978.

Brigid Kemmerer: Defend the Dawn (Book 2 Defy the Night)

Revolution is simmering in the kingdom of Kandala. With sickness on the rise and supplies of the precious Moonflower cure running low, King Harristan and Prince Corrick must fight to maintain control.



Ambelin & Ezekiel Kwaymullina: Catching Teller Crow (Lit in Colour)

Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since she died.

Her Dad, a detective, is the only one who can see and hear her, and he's drowning in grief. But now a terrible murder needs investigating, which might bring purpose back into his life. And there is a witness to the crime: Isobel Catching. Like the ghostly Beth, Isobel has a tragic past.



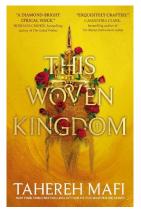
Patrice Lawrence: Needle (2023 Carnegie Shortlist)

A powerful and heart-rending exploration of a teenager's journey through grief, rage and getting caught in the criminal justice system from award-winning author Patrice Lawrence. Charlene is a demon knitter. It's the only thing she enjoys and the only thing she believes she's really good at.



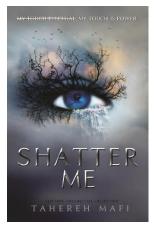
Tricia Levenseller: Blade of Secrets (Book 1 of The Bladesmith Duology)

Eighteen-year-old Ziva prefers metal to people. She spends her days tucked away in the forge, safe from society and the anxiety it causes her, using her gift to craft unique weapons imbued with magical powers. When a powerful warlord commissions Ziva to create a sword capable of stealing its victims' secrets, everything changes. For this is a sword with the strength to topple kingdoms. The warlord's sinister plans for the weapon soon become clear, and Ziva is forced to take her sister and flee.



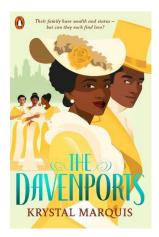
Tahereh Mafi: This Woven Kingdom

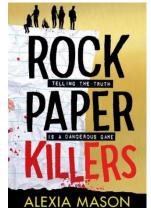
To all the world Alizeh is a disposable servent, never to be known for who she really is: the longlost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom. She is hunted always, forced to hide in plain sight lest she expose herself to danger. Until one day she makes a mistake.



Tahereh Mafi: Shatter Me (Book 1 Shatter Me series)

A fragile young teenage girl is held captive. Locked in a cell by The Reestablishment - a harsh dictatorship in charge of a crumbling world. This is no ordinary teenager. Juliette is a threat to The Reestablishment's power. A touch from her can kill - one touch is all it takes. But not only is she a threat, she is potentially the most powerful weapon they could have. Juliette has never fought for herself before but when she's reunited with the one person who ever cared about her, the depth of the emotion and the power within her become explosive ...







Krystal Marquis: The Davenports

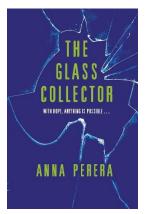
The Davenports are one of the most influential families in 1910s Chicago, and their beautiful children are the toast of the elite social scene. For the Davenport sisters and their friends, life seems to follow a set plan: marriage, family, duty – but their hearts are restless

Alexia Mason: Rock, Paper, Killers

When five Dublin teenagers arrive at a rural coastal college to cram for their final exams, their most pressing concern is the prospect of a month with no partying. Little do they know that one of them will never make it back home....

Daven McQueen: The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones <mark>(Lit in Colour</mark> list)

The summer of 1955 has the makings of being the worst summer ever. My dad has packed me off to my aunt and uncle's place in small town Alabama. Why is this so terrible, you ask? Because my racist neighbours have made it crystal clear how unwelcome I am. Enter Juniper Jones – kind, open, accepting and a complete enigma to me. Together, we might just be invincible.



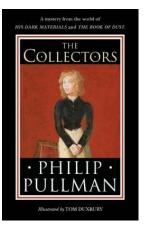
Anna Perera: The Glass Collector (Lit in Colour)

Fifteen-year-old Aaron lives among the rubbish piles in the slums of Cairo.His job? To collect broken glass.His life? Wasted.His hope? To find a future he can believe in....



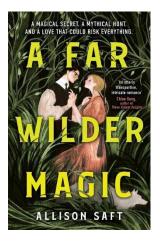
Lynn Painter: Better than the Movies

Liz Buxbaum has always known that Wes Bennett was not boyfriend material. You would think that her next-door neighbour would be a prime candidate for her romantic comedy fantasies, but Wes has only proven himself to be a pain ever since they were little. Wes the kid who put a frog in her Barbie Dreamhouse, the monster who hid a lawn gnome's severed head in her little homemade book exchange.



Philip Pullman: The collectors

Filled with the magic of Pullman's assured pen, this glorious new tale set in the universe of His Dark Materials sees an art-collecting Oxford academic acquire two imposing paintings which turn out to be connected in mysterious and improbable ways.



Alison Saft: A Far Wilder Magic

An intoxicating love story set against a mythical hunt.

In the Gothic town of Wickdon, Maggie Welty lives alone in an old creaking manor. But when she spots the hala, a legendary fox creature, she knows the Halfmoon Hunt will soon follow. Whoever kills the hala will earn fame and riches. While Maggie is the best sharpshooter in town, she needs the help of an alchemist to be in with the chance of winning. Enter Wes Winters. Fired from every apprenticeship, this is his last chance.



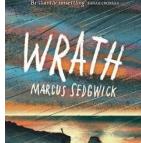
Amara Sage: Influential

Almond was born influential. Her internet-famous mother made sure of that. But the truth is that @the real_almondbrown is filtered fiction. Because influencing isn't about being a real person. It's about posting whatever makes your sponsors money. Then Almond discovers she's not the only one telling lies online. An anonymous user starts blackmailing her with horrendous content. As the cancel culture vultures start circling, Almond's life online and offline is suddenly under threat....



Manon Stefan Ros: The Blue Book of Nebo (2023 Carnegie Shortlist)

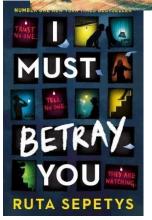
Filled with real emotional depth and beautiful storytelling, *The Blue Book of Nebo* explores the aftermath of a worldwide catastrophe through the eyes of a small nuclear family in a remote village in near-future Wales.





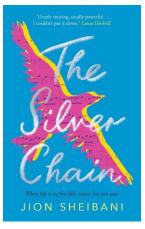
Marcus Sedgwick: Wrath (2023 Carnegie Longlist)

Cassie Cotton has always been unusual, a bit different - but this only makes her more intriguing to her classmate Fitz. Cassie can hear a noise that most people don't notice or recognise, and she believes it's a sound that shows the Earth is in distress, damaged by human activity that is causing climate change. When this belief leads to her being ridiculed and bullied at school, Cassie disappears. Fitz is determined to find her, but he has no idea where to start looking, or if he'll be in time to help her.



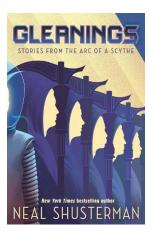
Ruta Sepetys: I must betray you (2023 Carnegie Shortlist)

Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting?



Jion Sheibani: The Silver Chain (2023 Carnegie Longlist)

Azadeh is a budding violinist on a music scholarship at an expensive private school, dealing with all the usual trials of being sixteen: trying her best to fit in, keep up and have fun. Then as her mum's mental health spirals out of control, Azadeh's world starts to unravel. Her friendships fall away, and as much as she and her dad try to keep a lid on everything, their problems insist on taking over.



Neal Shusterman: Gleanings (Stories from The Arc of a Scythe)

For years humans lived in a perfect world controlled by Scythes. Just imagine the stories we don't know.



Cynthia So: If you still recognise me (Y9 & above)

Elsie has a crush on Ada, the only person in the world who truly understands her. Unfortunately, they've never met in real life and Ada lives an ocean away. But Elsie has decided it's now or never to tell Ada how she feels. That is, until her long-lost best friend Joan walks back into her life. In a summer of repairing broken connections and building surprising new ones, Elsie realises that she isn't nearly as alone as she thought. But now she has a choice to make....

Angharad Walker: Once upon a fever

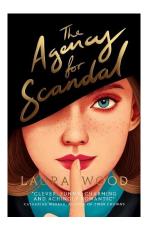
Since the world fell sick, sisters Payton and Ani Darke have lived in the hospital of King Jude's where their father is a methic. Both girls are set on finding a cure for the fever that has put their mother in an eternal sleep. Sensible Payton looks to scientific experiment, while impulsive Ani is intrigued by remedies from the past – from the forbidden wilderness beyond the hospital's walls. Following the discovery of a boy with gold skin being held prisoner in the hospital cellars, fate splits the sisters apart, and a Darke truth begins to emerge.....



Renee Watson: Love is a revolution (Lit in Colour)

Mary Watson: Blood to Poison

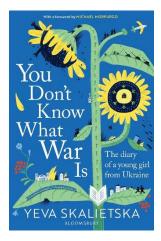
Seventeen-year-old Savannah is cursed. It's a sinister family heirloom; passed down through the bloodline for hundreds of years, with one woman in every generation destined to die young. The family calls them Hella's girls – named for their ancestor Hella, the enslaved woman with whom it all began.



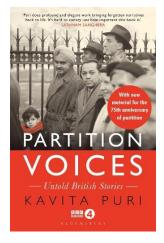
Laura Wood: The Agency for Scandal

Isobel Stanhope is keeping a lot of secrets. She's head over heels in love with a Duke who doesn't know she exists; her family's fortune is lost; and then there's her job at the Aviary, an investigative agency run by women that specializes in blackmailing powerful men. When Izzy's secret crush becomes embroiled in her most dangerous case yet, the two must work together to uncover a sinister plot, unmask a villain, and definitely not fall in love. That would create QUITE a scandal....

Biography



Non-Fiction



Yeva Skalietska: You don't know what war is. The Diary of a young girl from Ukraine

Chronicling 12 life-changing days for 12-year-old Yeva Skalietska, *You Don't Know What War Is* details the terrifying flight of Yeva and her grandmother from bombravaged Kharkiv to safety in Dublin with unflinching candour and poignant reflection.

Kavita Puri: Partition voices - Untold British Stories

The division of the Indian subcontinent by British officials in 1947 in to India and Pakistan saw millions uprooted and resulted in unspeakable violence. Witnesses to one of the most tumultuous events of the twentieth century now live across Britain. In *Partition Voices*, Kavita Puri uncovers remarkable testimonies from former subjects of the Raj – including her father.

Graphic Novels & Manga



Masashi Kishimoto (Vol 1)

Naruto is a ninja-in-training with a need for attention, a knack for mischief, and sealed within him, a strange, formidable power. His antics amuse his instructor Kakashi and irritate his teammates, intense Sasuki and witty Sakura, but Naruto is serious about becoming the greatest ninja in the village of Konohagakure!



Tite Kubo: Bleach (contains volumes 4, 5 and 6)

A new reality-show craze is sweeping the nation, garnering legions of screaming fans (the majority of them being teenaged girls). But this program comes with a supernatural twist - the host, a media-savvy spiritualist, travels to local hotspots and

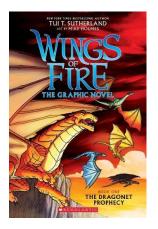
Masashi Kishimoto (contains 1,2 and 3 of Naruto!)

12 years ago, the Village Hidden in the Leaves was attacked by a fearsome threat. A nine-tailed fox spirit claimed the life of the village leader, the Hokage, and many others. Today, the village is at peace and a troublemaking kid named Naruto is struggling to graduate from Ninja Academy. His goal may be to become the next Hokage, but his true destiny will be much more complicated. The adventure begins now!



Tite Kubo: Bleach (Vol. 1)

Ichigo Kurosaki has always been able to see ghosts, but this ability doesn't change his life nearly as much as his close encounter with Rukia Kuchiki, a Soul Reaper and member of the mysterious Soul Society. While fighting a Hollow, an evil spirit that preys on humans who display psychic energy, Rukia attempts to lend Ichigo some of her powers so that he can save his family; but much to her surprise, Ichigo absorbs every last drop of her energy.



Tui T. Sutherland: Wings of Fire (The Graphic Novel) Book 1 The Dragonet Prophecy

Not every dragonet wants a destiny... Clay has grown up under the mountain, chosen along with four other dragonets to fulfil a mysterious prophecy and end the war between the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. He's not so sure about the prophecy part, but Clay can't imagine not living with the other dragonets; they're his best friends. So when one of the dragonets is threatened, all five spring into action. Together, they will choose freedom over fate, leave the mountain, and fulfil their destiny - on their own terms.