

# **NEW BOOKS:**

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## **FICTION**



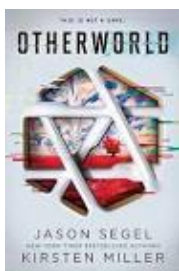
When Stevie starts at a new private school, she is determined to get to the bottom of the unsolved crime that occurred years earlier – but then death visits the academy in the present. Two great interwoven mysteries here!

416 pages, suitable for any age.



There is a gun, which somebody will fire, causing somebody to die. But who does it? A teenage who needs protection? A woman suffering from depression? The member of a white supremacist group? A young couple with a baby? This novel about gun violence and control would be great for personal responses.

431 pages, best suited to Years 11-13.



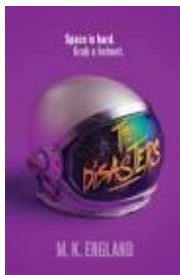
Otherworld is the place where all your dreams will come true. Simon thought it was a game, but it's not – it's the next stage of reality, and it's going to change humanity.

355 pages, suitable for any age.



Jake is returning home from his first deployment and he is hailed as a hero – but he doesn't feel like one. Nothing makes sense anymore, he has injuries, he can't sleep or adjust back to normal life. What is the price of duty?

192 pages, suitable for any age and good for personal responses.



When hotshot pilot Nax is kicked out of the Academy, he has to return to Earth. On the way he is highjacked by terrorists who try to put the blame for an Academy attack on him, so it's up to Nax and a few fellow misfits to stage a heist and reveal the truth...

352 pages, fun and light, suitable for any age.



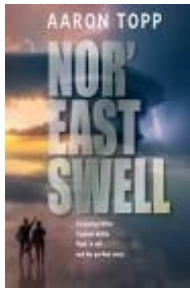
When a superstorm hits, staff at a prison flee, opening the doors and leaving the prisoners to fend for themselves. An ex-cop and a prison officer team up in order to survive, but that's not going to be easy when there are 800 crazy inmates in a crumbling building...

304 pages, best suited to Years 11-13.



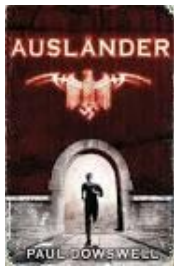
This quick and easy read is about a group of strangers who must band together when they are hiking in a forest where a wildfire breaks out. They must hike in the dark to reach a bridge over a canyon before the fire reaches them.

240 pages, best suited to Years 9-11.



This New Zealand book focuses on surfer Witi, who hears voices in the swell. Witi is sure it is his father's voice, but his father mysteriously vanished many years previously. Now a cyclone is closing in at the beach, and Witi's whanau come to him with tales of his heritage...

319 pages, best suited to Years 9-11.



When Peter's parents are killed during the war, he is sent to an orphanage where the Germans decide he is racially valuable. He is adopted by an important family, but Peter doesn't want to be a Nazi, so he takes a big risk...

292 pages, best suited to Years 9-11.



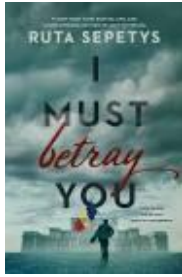
The Spine Shivers series are very quick and easy reads aimed at the reluctant or struggling reader, and are light horror stories. We have A Grin in the Dark and Sasquatch Island.

Around 100 pages, suitable for Years 9-10.



10 years ago, a horrific event drove the residents of Indigo Falls underground. Now a handful of families inhabit the bunker, led by Doctor Moran. He has many rules, but the most important is that you can never go outside...

336 pages, suitable for any age.



In this highly rated book set in Romania in 1989, Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer. He has two choices – betray all those he loves and what he believes in, or undermine the most evil dictator in Eastern Europe. He joins the revolution, but what price will freedom have?

321 pages, suitable for any age, good for personal responses.



In this high fantasy novel, Prince Yarvi is determined to reclaim his throne – but first, he has to survive. Seen as a weakling because of a physical deformity, he gathers together a band of unlikely allies as he prepares to take back what is his.

416 pages, suitable for any age.



This collection features more than 20 stories and poems written by members of the American Horror Association. With stories ranging from confronting personal demons and fears to ghost stories, these stories suit readers who like their books scary...

498 pages, best suited to Years 11-13.



Set in the final days before the Armistice of WWI, this story follows three young men of different nationalities as their destinies converge. Who will live and who will die before the day ends?

206 pages, best suited to Years 9-10.



After a sea kayaking accident, Tom finds himself alone in the Alaskan wilderness. With only a small survival kit, he must find his father and reach safety...

192 pages, best suited to Years 9-10.



Michael is a member of Hitler Youth, but he has a secret – he and his parents are spies. When he finds out about a secret Nazi war mission, he must risk everything for the cause.

320 pages, best suited to Years 9-10.



Cayder has one goal – to see illegal users of magic brought to justice. However, when he finds work in a prison, he discovers cases are rarely black and white, especially when things get personal...

320 pages, suitable for any age.



A football accident leaves Tommy in a coma, leaving friends and family to try to work out what actually happened. This book is told in a really unusual format, with articles, transcripts, Tommy's inner thoughts and texts.

304 pages, suitable for Years 9-10.



In this thriller, a girl is dropped onto a tropical island with 19 other teens to compete for one million dollars and rumoured lost treasure. However, the treasure is rumoured to be cursed, and the contestants on this reality TV show cannot be trusted...

352 pages, suitable for any age.



The war has just ended, and Berlin is in ruins. Otto and his friends live in the bombed-out city, and even though the war is over, threats are everywhere. Can they survive rival gangs, invading armies and a Nazi war criminal who seems to be stalking them?

288 pages, best suited for Years 9-10.



Welcome to the future, where citizens can watch infamous criminals executed from a live streaming app. When Dee is wrongfully placed in prison, she knows she could be next. With a bunch of other prisoners, she needs to prove her innocence before it's too late. We also have the next two in this series.

352 pages, suitable for any age.



This sci-fi/fantasy novel is about Laz, who has the power to jump to other versions of himself in parallel worlds. However, when he wakes up and finds himself in a cloning facility, he realises he must be a clone of himself – and there is only one other clone who seems to be alive who might be able to help.

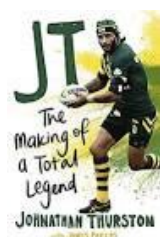
400 pages, suitable for any age.

## **NON-FICTION**



This is the inspiring story of Jordan Romero, who is the youngest person to have climbed the seven summits. He climbed Everest at only 13, then kept pushing himself to do more. Includes colour photos.

368 pages, suitable for any age.



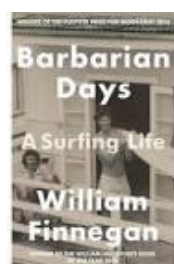
This is a younger readers edition of Thurston's best-selling autobiography, where he explains how he defied the odds to become one of the game's greatest players.

256 pages, best suited to Years 9-10.



This memoir by the notoriously private and very successful basketball player sees King open up about his life on and off the court, including coping with injuries, racism, family life, and also his techniques for playing the game.

360 pages, best suited to Years 11-13.



This acclaimed biography is about Finnegan's years spent travelling the world chasing waves. For Finnegan, surfing was an addiction and a way of life – much more than a sport.

512 pages, best suited to Years 11-13.