

Once 1 Morris Gleitzman

Want to identify fiction books that boys in grades three through nine will find irresistible? This guide reveals dozens of worthwhile recommendations in categories ranging from adventure stories and sports novels to horror, humorous, and science fiction books.

Reprint of a novel for older children first published in 1991 under the Piper imprint and first reprinted as a Pan book in 1996. Keith Shipley's gloomy parents own a fish and chip shop in a grey English street in a grey English town and Keith believes it is his responsibility to cheer them up. He tries painting the shop orange and buying tropical fish. Finally the solution comes - move to a tropical paradise such as Queensland, Australia. First of a trilogy, it was followed by 'Worry Warts' and 'Puppy Fat'. Author's other books include 'Two Weeks With the Queen' and 'Blabber Mouth'.

Jamal loves playing football, which isn't easy if your goalie only has one leg and you keep having to dodge landmines to get your ball back. Jamal's stubborn little sister Bibi is even better at football than Jamal. But girls playing football is against the law in Afganistan. When it is discovered that Jamal's mother has been secretly running a school, the family must leave their home immediately and begin a long and dangerous journey to Australia. The children survive separation from their parents, hunger, and violent smugglers only to find that Australia isn't as welcoming as they had thought but, even though they face an uncertain future, Jamal, Bibi and their parents know that as long as they are together, that is all that matters.

Felix and Zelda have escaped the death camp train, but where do they go now? They're two runaway kids in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II and the Holocaust. Danger lies at every turn of the road. With the help of a woman named Genia and their active imaginations, Felix and Zelda find a new home and begin to heal, forming a new family together. But can it last? Morris Gleitzman's winning characters will tug at readers' hearts as they struggle to survive in the harsh political climate of Poland in 1942. Their lives are difficult, but they always remember what matters: family, love, and hope.

It's 15 years since readers were first introduced to Felix in *Once* and, across six celebrated books, our brave young hero has survived many unforgettable and emotional journeys. 2020 sees the publication of the seventh and final part of Felix's story, bringing to a powerful climax a series that countless young readers around the world will remember - Always. Late in life, Felix finds himself back where he started, living in an aged-care home that reminds him of his childhood orphanage. He's not happy. His body might be old, but his spirit is still youthful. When he learns that a dear friend from his early years is in terrible danger, Felix doesn't hesitate. He makes his second orphanage escape, goes back to Poland and throws himself into a daring and dangerous journey with a new young friend. Felix knows it might be the end of him, but he hopes it will allow him to do something first. Make a gift to the children of the world that will help them always.

A story of friendship, courage and a bit of crime. Bridget wants a quiet life. Including, if possible, keeping her parents out of prison. Then a boy called Menzies makes her an offer she can't refuse, and they set off on a job of their own. It's a desperate, daring plan - to rescue two kids, Jamal and Bibi, from a desert detention centre. Can Bridget and Menzies pull off their very first jail break, or will they end up behind bars too? Sometimes, to help a friend, you have to dig deep.

After the Nazis took my parents I was scared
After they killed my best friend I was angry
After they ruined my thirteenth birthday I was determined
To get to the forest
To join forces with Gabriek and Yuli
To be a family
To defeat the Nazis
after all

Once I escaped from an orphanage to find my Mum and Dad. Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house. Once I made a Nazi with toothache laugh. My name is Felix. This is my story.

1 boy. 1 girl. 1 camel. Squillions of dollars. A plan that can't fail. Or can it? Oliver's parents own a bank. This makes them very rich, very important and very busy. Oliver, on the other hand, is terrible at maths and aspires to nothing more than owning the puppy that he frequently visits at his local pet shop. When a mysterious woman buys the puppy and threatens to harm it if Oliver can't return her thousand of dollars (unfortunately, Oliver's parents seem to have misplaced her life savings. Something to do with some stuff on the news.) Oliver hatches a plan which will take him further than he ever imagined...

Once Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

From two of Australia's wickedest authors comes this collection of six shocking children's stories. They are: The Slobberers, Battering Rams, Croaked, Dead Ringers, The Creeper and Till Death Us Do Part.

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

The short biographies in *Australian Children's Authors* are arranged alphabetically. They include a brief description of the genre and style of each author, and a select bibliography of their publications. Children can browse through the list and look for an author whose work they would like to read. They can also find out about the history of writing for children in Australia. Included are tips for writing your own books and explanations that reveal how a writer turns thoughts into a finished book. *Famous Australians* presents short biographies of people who have made notable contributions to society, and who have helped make sport and children's literature such important and popular aspects of Australian culture.

Worried because his parents' constant fighting has been aggravated by their financial troubles, twelve-year-old Keith decides to solve the problem by running away to pick up a fortune in the Australian opal fields.

Incredibly imaginative and brilliantly plotted, *Deadly!* will leave readers gasping in delight, terror, tears and laughter, as they share the tumultuous journey of Amy and Sprocket. Uncovering deadly secret after deadly secret, the pair tumble through adventure. All six parts are collected here in this single edition. Ages 8-12.

Amy's mum is missing, her dad's left and she's stuck with a baby she's never seen before. Meanwhile Sprocket has no idea how he ended up all alone in the bush, naked and with no food. But one thing's for sure - being chased around by fiendish little brats isn't going to help him remember anything ...

Covering the genres popular with today's teens—fiction and nonfiction, including poetry and graphic novels—this resource provides 110 great book choices for young adult reading, interactive booktalks, and individual writing activities.

Taking a unique look at how Britain survived the bombing of its major cities, 'The Blitz, A Very Peculiar History' tells a story of blackouts, Bletchley Park and bravery during the darkest (literally) period of World War II. From Dunkirk to Dad's Army, explore the many ways in which Britain tried to foil the incoming bomber planes, featuring quirky stories and fascinating trivia about this period of history. Were German paratroopers really dropped disguised as nuns? Find out the answer to this question and many more even more bizarre ones throughout the course of this amazing tale of sacrifice and survival in the face of adversity.

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