



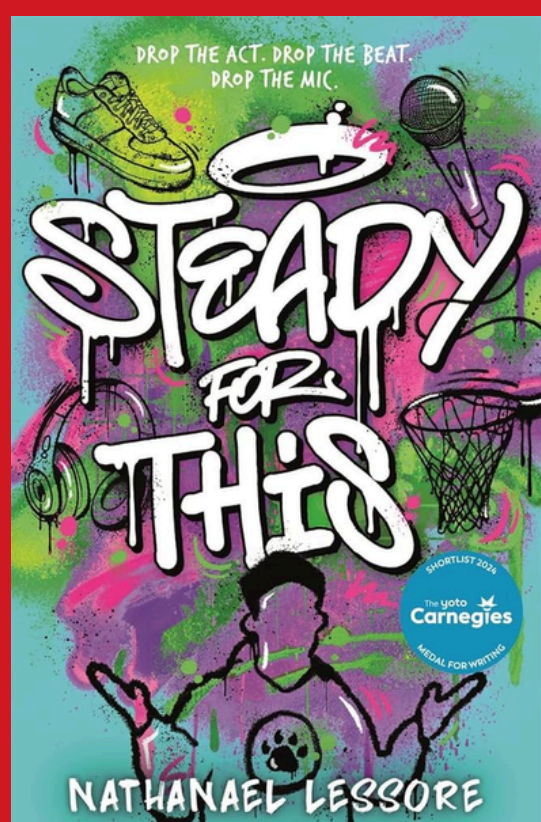
# The Ridgeway Reads Newsletter

Welcome to the Ridgeway Reads termly newsletter, highlighting award winning literature that is available and showcasing upcoming releases that are on the horizon.

Don't forget to pay a visit to our school library to explore the literature that we have on offer that you could check out today!

Disclaimer: it is always important to research the content of books- even recommended ones- before reading for any potential triggers they may contain. If you ever read any content that you are uncomfortable with, talk to a trusted adult.

## Recent award winners:

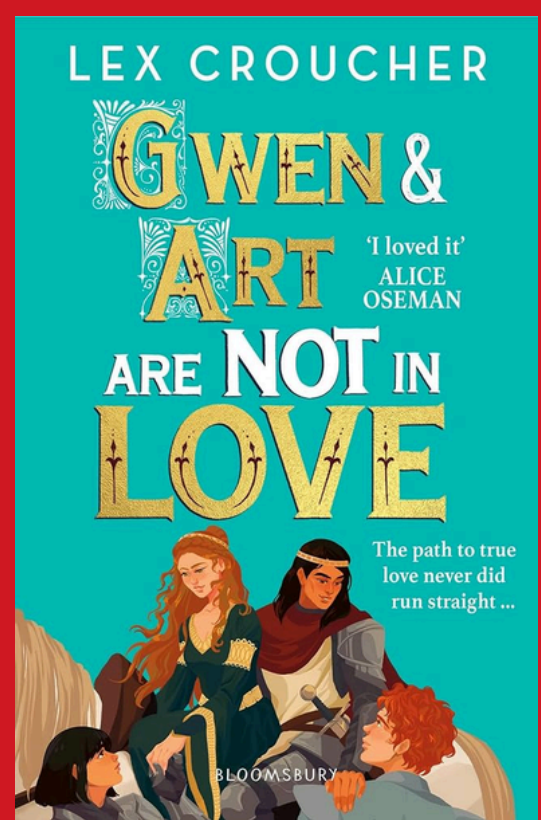
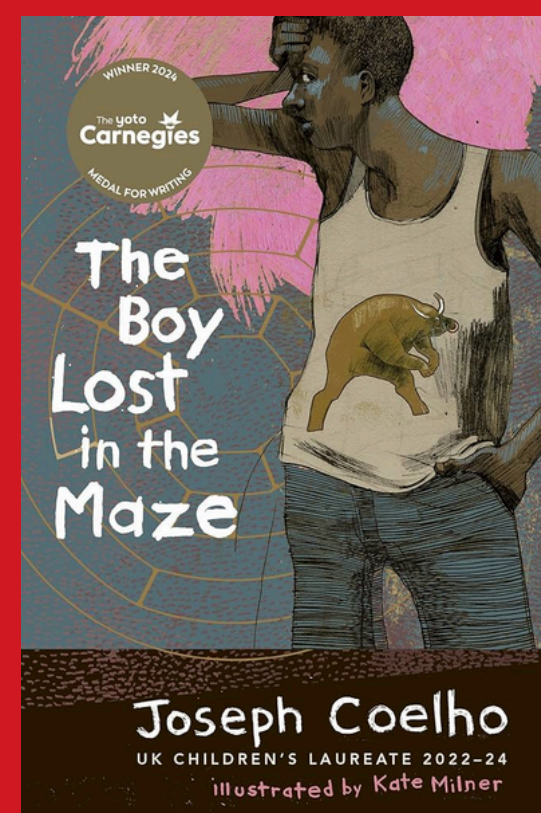


**Steady For This**  
Nathanael Lessore  
(The Branford Boase Award)  
Age: 11+

When wannabe rapper Shaun, aka MC Growls, takes part in a live stream battle intended to bring him fame, he instead finds himself going viral for all the wrong reasons.

**The Boy Lost in the Maze**  
Joseph Coelho  
(The Yoto Carnegies)  
Age: 14+

Whilst studying the Ancient Greek myth of Theseus in school, teenager Theo is inspired by the story to embark on his own journey to discover his long-lost father.

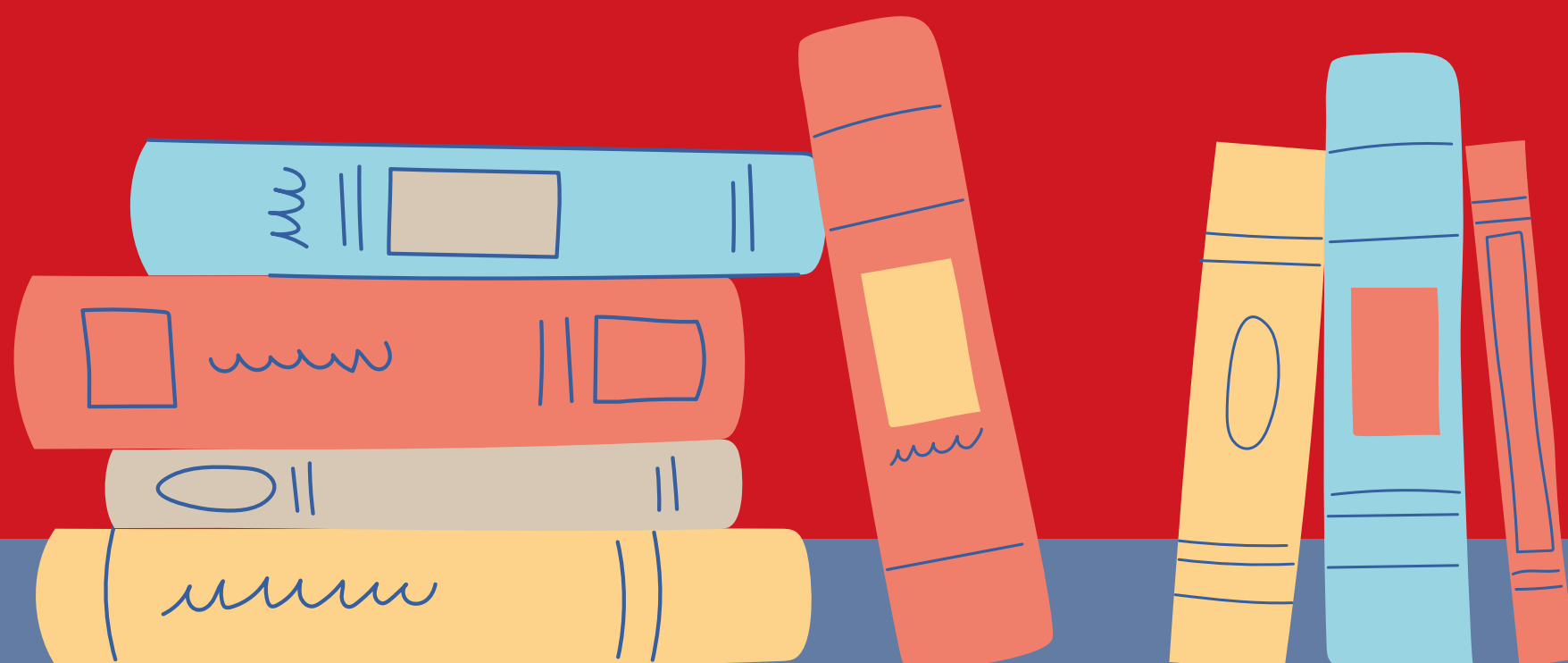


**Gwen and Art are Not in Love**  
Lex Croucher  
(The YA Book Prize)  
Age: 13+

Set in an Arthurian inspired world, Gwen and Art who have been betrothed since birth (despite hating one another) form an alliance to hide who their true loves are.

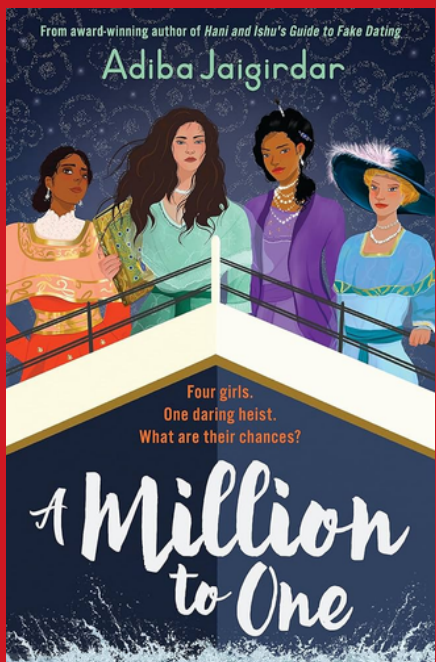
**The Final Year**  
Matt Goodfellow  
(The CLIPPA- CLPE Children's Poetry Award)  
Age: 11+

Nate's final year of primary school becomes chaotic and challenging when his younger brother falls ill. Nate finds himself needing the help of his family and his teachers to navigate his way through year 6.





# The Diverse Book Awards YA Shortlist

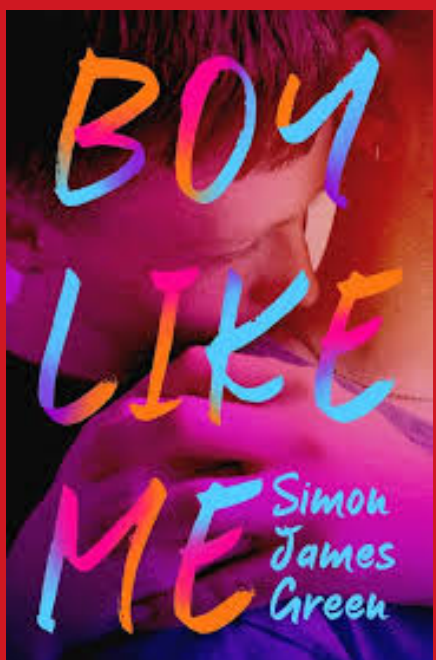
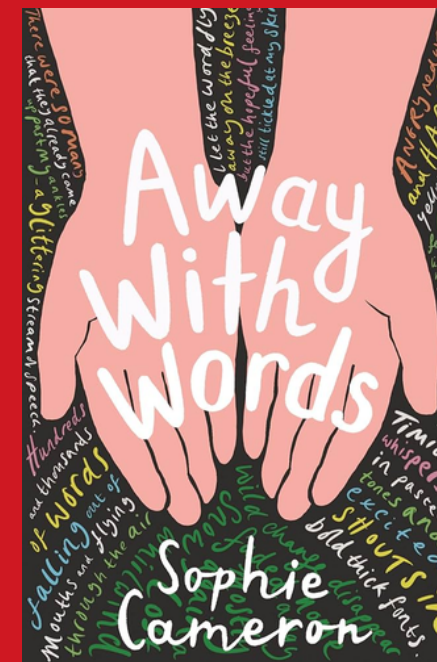


**A Million to One**  
*Adiba Jaigirdar*  
Age: 12+

After stealing themselves onboard, four bold women must work together, using their unique skills, to pull off an unheard of heist on the Titanic.

**Away with Words**  
*Sophie Cameron*  
Age: 11+

An unlikely friendship is formed between Gala, who has just moved from Spain to Scotland, and Natalie, who has selective mutism.

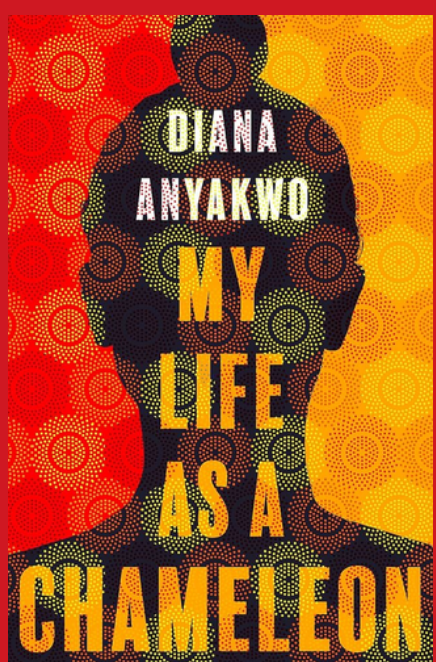


**Boy Like Me**  
*Simon James Green*  
Age: 14+

Set in a small Lincolnshire town in 1994, Jamie Hampton struggles with his feelings towards boys, until he finds love through the notes written in the margins of a library book.

**Gwen and Art are Not in Love**  
*Lex Croucher*  
Age: 13+

Betrothed Gwen and Art can't stand one another, and yet they pretend to be in love in order to allow each other to find their true happily ever after.

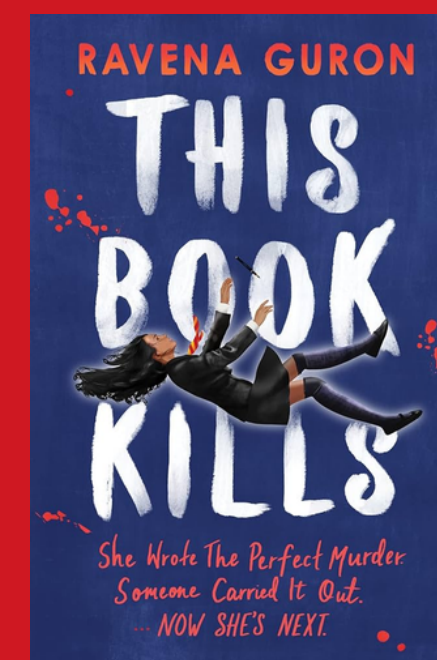


**My Life as a Chameleon**  
*Diana Anyakwo*  
Age: 12+

When 16 year old Lily moves from Lagos to Manchester, she finds she has no choice but to confront the family trauma that has turned her life upside down.

**This Book Kills**  
*Ravena Guron*  
Age: 14+

Jess knows that she must keep her school record clean in order to keep her scholarship. But, this is put at risk when a murder takes place that mirrors one she wrote about in a short story.

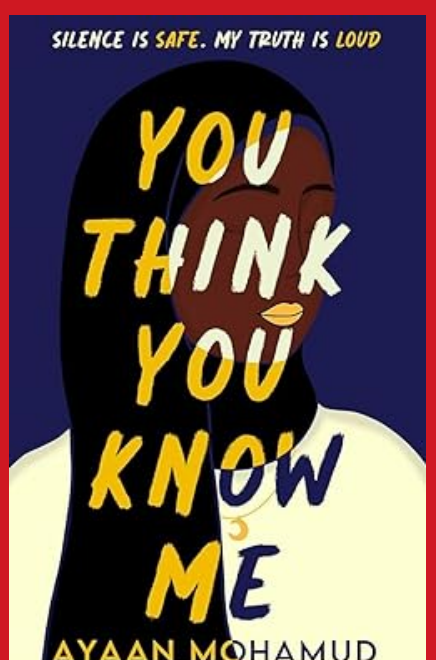


**The First Move**  
*Jenny Ireland*  
Age: 13+

Juliet is convinced that girls like her, who live with arthritis, have no chance of finding love. However, that is all about to change when new boy Ronan enters her life.

**Wild Song**  
*Candy Gourlay*  
Age: 11+

It's 1904 and Luki, living with her tribe, the Bontok, in the Philippines mountains, knows she could be the best warrior and hunter of them all. There's just one thing stopping her; women aren't allowed to hunt.



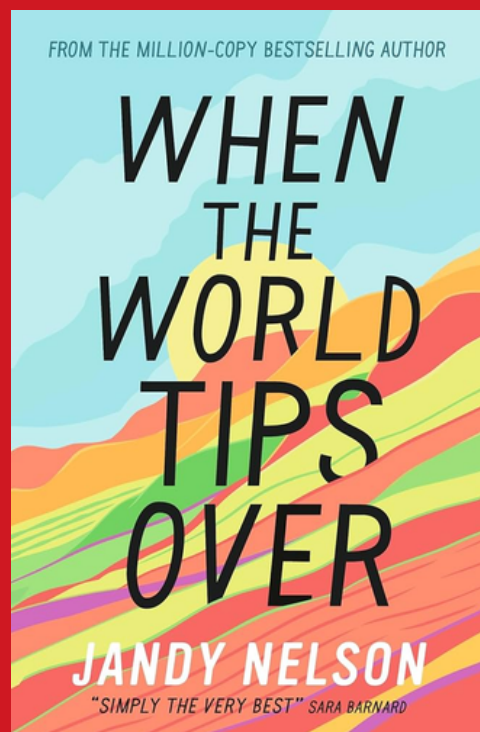
**You Think You Know Me**  
*Ayaan Mohamud*  
Age: 14+

Although she experiences daily racist bullying, Hanan stays quiet. However, when her friend is murdered, and the Muslim community is blamed, Hanan decides it's time for her to stand up and shout.

The winner of the Diverse Book Awards will be announced on October 10th. Which book is your winner?



# Upcoming releases:



When the World Tips Over

*Jandy Nelson*

Release date: 24th September 2024

Age: 14+

The world of Paradise Springs is one where every fairytale you've ever read could be set, and yet the Falls siblings have been living a mystery since their father disappeared. Then, when a strange, rainbow-haired girl appears in their lives, the family only experience further turmoil.

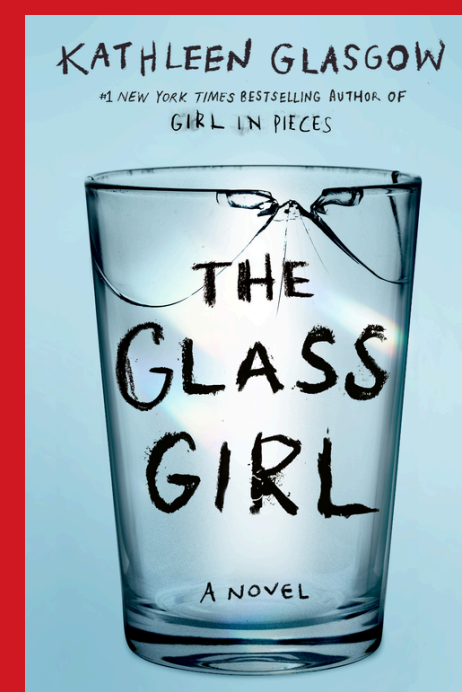
The Glass Girl

*Kathleen Glasgow*

Release date: 1st October 2024

Age: 14+

From the author of bestselling *Girl in Pieces*, comes the story of Bella, who uses alcohol to cope with her day-to-day struggles. When Bella wakes up in the hospital one day, with no memory of the day before, it becomes time for her to face reality and the road to recovery.



Super Sleuth

*David Walliams*

Release date: 24th October 2024

Age: 11+

Budding detective and murder mystery fanatic Dilly finds herself at the centre of her very own murder mystery, when several deaths take place on board a luxury ocean liner bound for London. With the help of her dog Watson, Dilly makes it her mission to uncover the culprit.

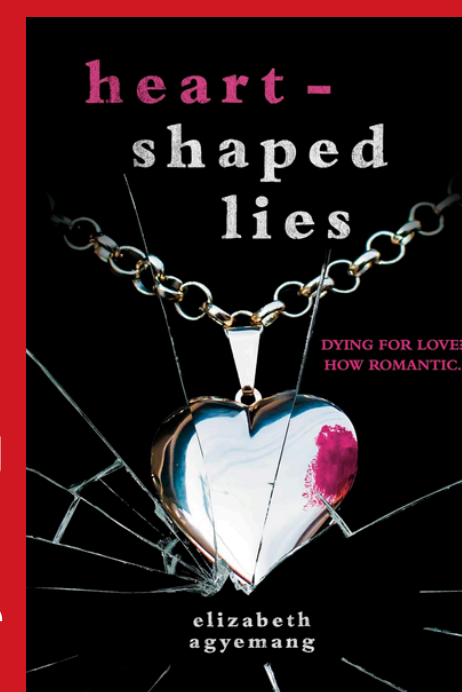
Heart-shaped Lies

*Elizabeth Agyemang*

Release date: 5th November 2024

Age: 13+

Kiara, Priscilla, and Nevaeh all have nothing in common, except for one thing... they're all dating Tommy Harding. When they learn the truth, all they want is Tommy out of their lives. But when Tommy's body is found the next morning, it seems their wish has come true, however, they are the suspects.



Dust

*Alison Stine*

Release date: 5th December 2024

Age: 13+

Partially deaf Thea has grown up in a restricted household, one in which she has been taught to fear the outside world, to live with limitations and to pass as fully hearing. However, when Thea meets Ray, who is deaf, and is secretly taught sign language, she is exposed to a community and way of living that she never knew she was missing.