



Blood upon the Rose: Easter 1916 by Gerry Hunt

The rebellion that set Ireland free, told as a graphic novel. The 1916 Easter Rising was an attempt by a small group of militant Irish republicans to win independence from Britain. It was the most significant rebellion in Ireland. Though a military failure, it set Ireland on the road to freedom from Britain. The book covers the story from the early planning to the final executions and includes the tragic romance between Joseph Plunkett and Grace Gifford.

Following on from the success of political graphic novels such as Maus and Persepolis, this is accessible, informative and insightful history at its best.

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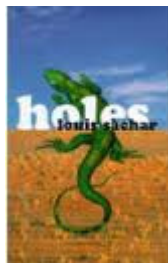


Calamity Jack by Shannon and Dean Hale

Jack thinks of himself as a criminal mastermind with an unfortunate amount of bad luck. A schemer, a trickster ...maybe even a thief? But, of course, he's not out for himself he's trying to take the burden off his hardworking mum's shoulders. She'd understand, right? He hopes she might even be proud. Then, one day, Jack chooses a target a little more ...'giant' than the usual, and as one little bean turns into a great

big building-destroying beanstalk, his troubles really begin. But with help from Rapunzel and other eccentric friends, Jack just might out-swindle the evil giants and put his beloved city back in the hands of the people who live there ...whilst catapulting them and the reader into another fantastical adventure. This is a graphic novel suitable for 5th and 6th classes.

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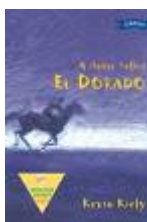


Holes by Louis Sachar

Holes tells the story of Stanley, a meek, overweight, and very unfortunate boy. His bad luck dates back to a curse laid on his great-great grandfather. Stanley is sent to a juvenile detention centre for a crime he didn't commit. There he must dig holes every day which the Warden says is character building but Stanley senses there is something more going on. Stories of the past and present are threaded

neatly together through flashback. There are lots of characters including a famous bank robber Kissin' Kate Barlow. The book is exciting, action packed and full of twists.

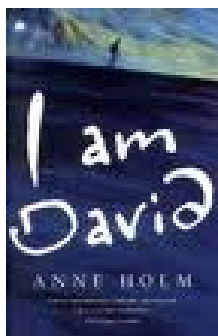
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A Horse called El Dorado by Kevin Kiely

Pepe Carroll lives in a commune deep in the jungle in Columbia until guerrillas attack it. He must then journey through the jungle to safety. This journey eventually ends in the home to his Irish grandparents in County Meath. This is a dramatic and wonderful story that is skilfully written and will appeal to all but particularly to horse lovers.

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I am David by Anne Holm

This is a story about a young boy's epic journey across Europe, and his budding emotions and sense of the wonder of life. David escapes from a concentration camp and flees across Europe. He is all alone, who can he trust and what awaits him when he finally gets back home? David's extraordinary journey is dramatically chronicled in this classic about the meaning of freedom and the power of hope.

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The Cinnamon Tree by Aubrey Flegg

Yola's leg is blown off by a landmine and her life in Africa is changed forever. When Yola travels to Ireland to be fitted with an artificial leg and meets seventeen-year-old Fintan, she little realises that they will soon be involved in an international arms intrigue, and an adventure that will bring them both close to death.

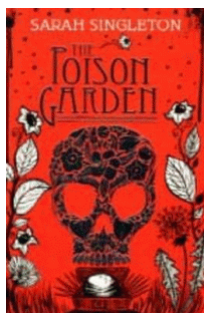
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Free? Stories Celebrating Human Rights

This is a celebration of human rights. To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Walker Books and Amnesty International have joined together to create a short-story collection for young adults, celebrating what it means to be free. Hosting a variety of talented children's authors from all around the globe, the anthology embraces such themes as asylum, law, education and faith in a way that will both inspire and entertain.

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The Poison Garden by Sarah Singleton

It is the 1850's, and a young boy, Thomas, leaves his family to be apprenticed to a pharmacist, at the behest of his dead grandmother. He also inherits a magical box from her, which provides him entry into a mysterious garden. But while visiting it, he sees a ghostly vision of his grandmother, who tells him she was poisoned, and warns him that he must find the person responsible, and save her precious garden. For she was one of five members of an arcane guild, each of whom cultivated an individual garden, mastering the art of poison, perfume and medicine. The guild members jostle for power as, one by one, they are murdered...can Thomas solve the mystery, before he in turn is threatened?

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The Escape by Robert Muchamore

Summer, 1940. Hitler's army is advancing towards Paris, and millions of French civilians are on the run. Amidst the chaos, two British children are being hunted by German agents. British spy Charles Henderson tries to reach them first, but he can only do it with the help of a twelve-year-old French orphan. The British secret service is about to discover that kids working undercover will help to win the war. For official purposes, these children do not exist.

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Then by Morris Gleitzman

I had a plan for me and Zelda. Pretend to be someone else. Find new parents. Be safe forever. Then the Nazis came.

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Missing Believed Crazy by Terence Blacker

Five kids at an exclusive private school hatch a daring plan to fake a kidnap and raise money for charity. There's brainy scholarship boy, Wiki, super-glam Jade, too-cool-for-school Mark, everyone's best friend Holly - and then there's Trix. It was her brilliant idea in the first place. A kidnap, a rural hideaway, a load of money...and all for the very best of motives. What could possibly go wrong?

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Skulduggery Pleasant. Playing With Fire by Derek Landy

Just when you think you've saved the world! "You will kill her?" the Torment asked. Skulduggery sagged. "Yes." He hesitated, then took his gun from his jacket. "I'm sorry, Valkyrie," he said softly. "Don't talk to me," Valkyrie said. "Just do what you have to do. With Serpine dead, the world is safe once more. At least, that's what Valkyrie and Skulduggery think, until the notorious Baron Vengeous

makes a bloody escape from prison, and dead bodies and vampires start showing up all over Ireland.

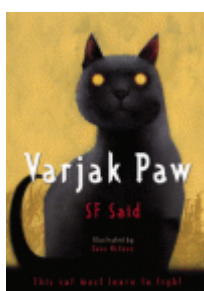
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Highway Robbery by Kate Thompson

'Hold the mare for me, lad. And when I come back I'll give you a golden guinea.' It's more money than the street urchin has ever dreamt of. But who is the rider, and why is there so much interest in his big black horse? And will the boy ever see the money he has been promised? There's highway robbery in the air, but it isn't always entirely clear just who is trying to rob who.

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Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Mesopotamian Blue cat, Varjak Paw, has never been outside his home before. But Varjak is forced out into the city when the sinister Gentleman and his two menacing cats take over his home. With help from his mystical ancestor, Jalal, Varjak manages to overcome challenges from self-survival to the threat of gangland cats, and he ultimately discovers the terrifying secrets behind the Vanishings...but can he save his own family from their fate?

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