

Recommended reading

World Book Day recommendations

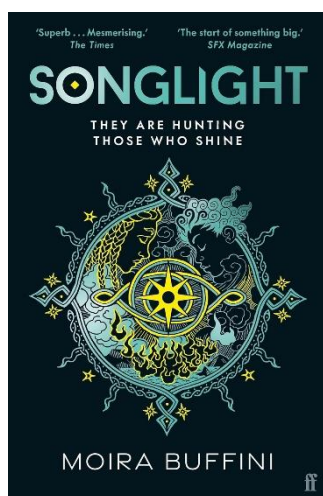
Year 7-8



The New Girl, Cassandra Calin

This warm and engaging graphic novel follows Lia, a teenager navigating the challenges of starting at a new school. With humour, honesty, and beautifully expressive illustrations, Cassandra Calin captures the reality of friendship shifts, social pressures, and finding confidence in unfamiliar environments. It's a relatable, uplifting read that many young people will connect with—especially those experiencing change or needing reassurance during secondary school life.

Year 9-10



Songlight, Moira Buffini

This powerful dystopian YA novel follows Elsa, a teenager forced to hide her rare telepathic ability—known as *songlight*—in a society that fears and persecutes anyone who is different. When her secret bond with another young person is exposed, Elsa is drawn into a dangerous world of rebellion, friendship, and survival. With strong emotional themes, rich character development, and a gripping plot, *Songlight* offers thoughtful exploration of conformity, fear, and resilience.

Year 11-13



The Reappearance of Rachel Price, Holly Jackson

Sixteen years after disappearing without a trace, Rachel Price suddenly returns—but her daughter Bel isn't convinced her mother is telling the truth. As Bel starts digging into the mystery that has defined her entire life, she uncovers dark family secrets and realises that the truth may be far more dangerous than anyone imagined. Fast-paced, gripping, and full of twists, this YA thriller is perfect for fans of tightly plotted mysteries and Holly Jackson's trademark tension.