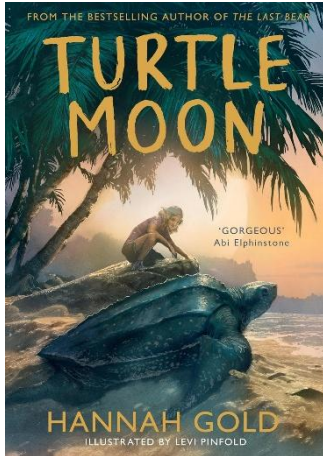


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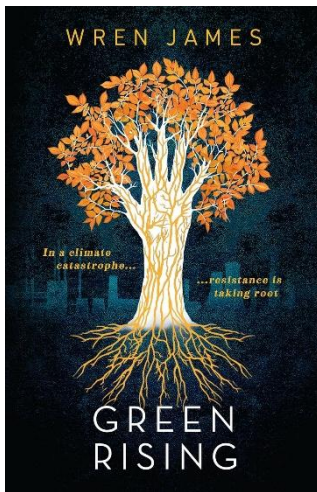
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Year 7-8

Turtle Moon, Hannah Gold

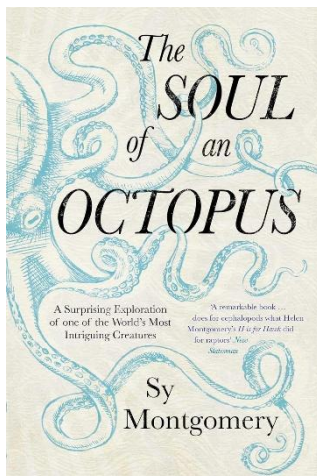
A thoughtful and uplifting read, *Turtle Moon* is a warm, reassuring story that combines adventure with an important message about caring for the natural world. Hannah Gold's gentle storytelling centres on a young girl who finds confidence and connection while helping to protect endangered sea turtles. With vivid settings, relatable emotions, and a strong but subtle conservation message, it's an excellent choice for young readers who enjoy animal stories and books that encourage kindness and curiosity about the world around them.



Year 9-10

Green Rising, Wren James

Green Rising is an engaging and fast-moving novel that combines adventure with timely environmental themes. The story imagines a near future where plants begin responding to teenagers' emotions, placing young people at the heart of a global environmental crisis. The book encourages critical thinking about climate change, activism, and responsibility, while remaining accessible and exciting rather than preachy. With short chapters, diverse characters, and a strong sense of urgency, it's particularly appealing to teens who enjoy dystopian or sci-fi stories and are starting to take a real interest in the world around them.



Year 11-13

The Soul of an Octopus, Sy Montgomery

This fascinating and beautifully written book explores the intelligence, emotions, and surprising personalities of octopuses through real encounters and scientific insight. *The Soul of an Octopus* encourages readers to think deeply about animal minds and the ways humans connect with other species. Thought-provoking yet highly readable, it's an excellent choice for anyone who is interested in animals, marine life, psychology, or ethical questions about how we understand and treat the natural world.