



# WRITERS RECOMMEND: Comfort Reads



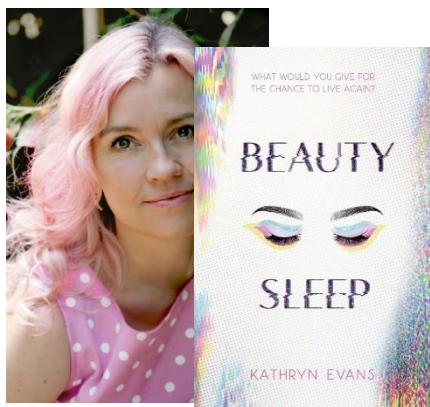
**Katherine Woodfine**, the author of the bestselling *Sinclair's Mysteries*, recommends the books of **Eva Ibbotson**

## Journey to the River Sea

Orphaned Maia is sent to greedy relatives in the Amazon who have only offered to take her in for the sake of her money. Luckily she is accompanied by her gutsy governess and together they find freedom in the glorious setting of the rainforest.



AR Quiz No. 204240 BL: 5.6 Points: 12.0



**Kathryn Evans**, author of *Beauty Sleep*, recommends **Louise Rennison's** books

## Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging

This book presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighbourhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.



AR Quiz No. 203016 BL: 5.1 Points: 6.0

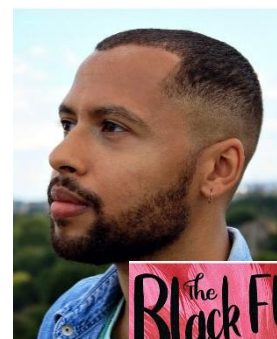
**Dean Atta**, the author of *Black Flamingo*, recommends the following

## Like A Love Story by Abdi Nazemian

This is a bighearted, sprawling epic about friendship and love and the revolutionary act of living life to the fullest in the face of impossible odds.

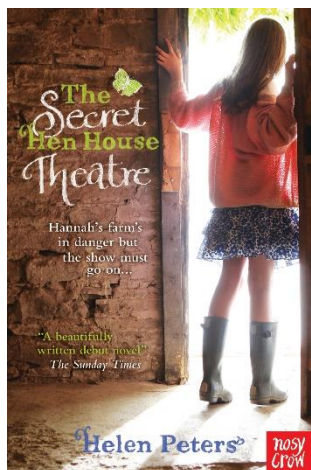
## Almost American Girl by Robin Ha

A powerful and timely teen graphic novel memoir about a Korean-born, non-English-speaking girl who is abruptly transplanted from Seoul to Huntsville, Alabama, and struggles with extreme culture shock and isolation, until she discovers her passion for comic arts.





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**Helen Peters**, author of *The Secret Hen House Theatre* recommends:

***I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith**

The romantic isolation ends for Cassandra and her sister when the wealthy and adventurous Cotton family takes over the nearby estate.

AR Quiz No. 222331 BL: 5.9 Points: 20



**Simon James Green**, author of *Noah Can't Even* recommends:

***Pretty Funny* by Rebecca Elliott**

Haylah Swinton is loud and fabulous and fairly confident, and an INCREDIBLY patient sister to her four-year-old total nutter of a brother, Noah. But she has a secret. She wants to be a stand-up comedian, but she's pretty sure girls like her - big girls, girls who don't get all the boys, girls who a lot of people don't see - don't belong on stage. That hasn't stopped her dreaming though, and when the seemingly perfect opportunity to write routines for older, cooler, impossibly funny Leo arises... well, what's a girl to do?

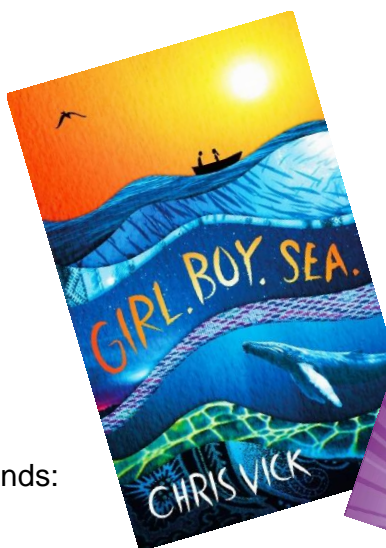


**Mel Darbon**, author of *Rosie Loves Jack* recommends:

***Girl, Boy, Sea* by Chris Vick**

After a storm wrecks the boats they are travelling on, Aya and Bill try to survive together on a small boat lost at sea.

AR Quiz No. 237941 BL: 3.6 Points: 7



**Mel** also recommends:

***Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Super-sized, eleven-year-old Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space.

AR Quiz No. 215165 BL: 4.5 Points: 9



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Arden's Book Penpal and author **Savita Kalhan** recommends:

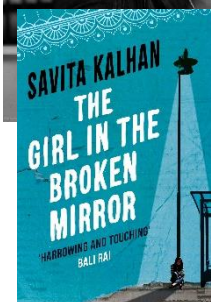
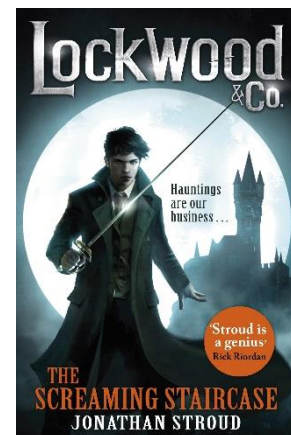
### **Lockwood & Co. Series by Jonathan Stroud**

Three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.

AR Quiz No. 225254 BL: 5.1 Points: 14

### **The Invisible Library Series by Genevieve Cogman**

Professional spy Irene works for the mysterious Library, along with her enigmatic assistant Kai. Their mission is to steal a dangerous book from an alternative London.

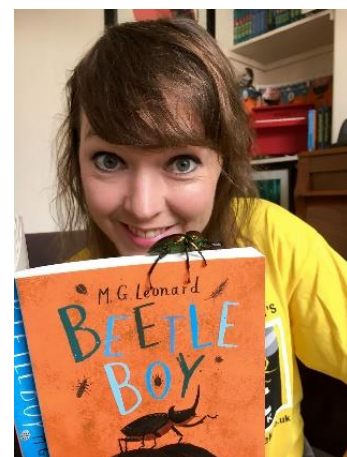


M G Leonard author of **Beetle Boy**, recommends:

### **The Apprentice Witch by James Nicol**

Arianwyn has flunked her witch's assessment: She knows she's doomed. Declared an apprentice and sent to the town of Lull in disgrace, Arianwyn may never become a real witch like everyone else, much to the glee of her arch-rival, Gimma.

AR Quiz No. 225254 BL: 5.4 Points: 10

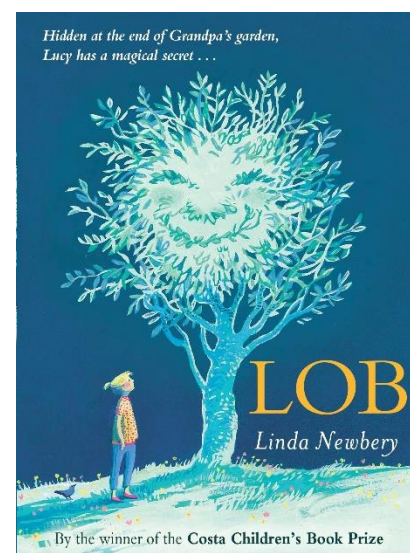


**Witch Child** author **Celia Rees** recommends:

### **Lob by Linda Newbery**

Lob helps look after Grandpa's garden, and only allows himself to be seen by 'special' people. Lucy is delighted to be able to catch a glimpse of him now and then, but when Grandpa dies she thinks she will never see Lob again.

AR Quiz No. 220183 BL: 4.2 Points: 3





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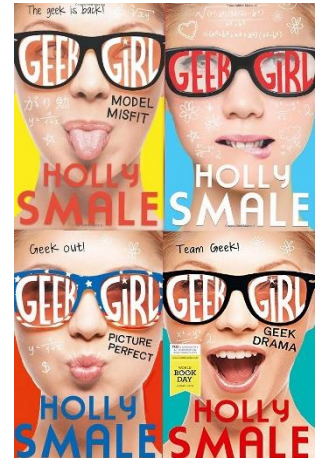


Author **Emma Carroll** recommends:

### **Geek Girl Series by Holly Smale**

Harriet Manners knows a lot of things, but she doesn't know why nobody at school seems to like her. So when she's offered the chance to reinvent herself, she grabs the chance. Can she transform from geek to chic?

AR Quiz No. 224960 BL: 4.5 Points: 9

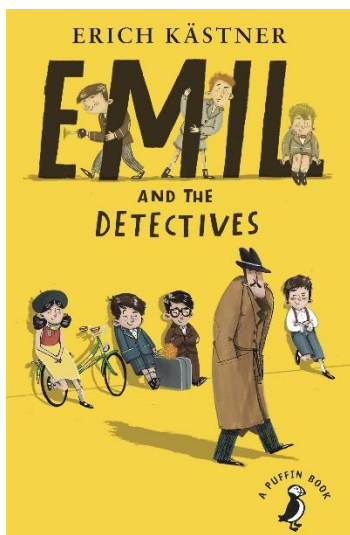
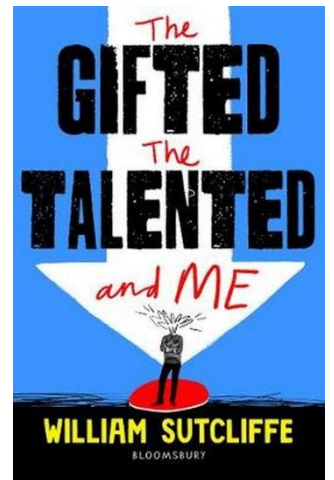
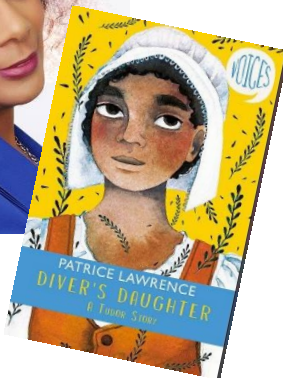


**Patrice Lawrence** author of *Diver's Daughter* recommends:

### **The Gifted, the Talented and Me by Will Sutcliffe**

Fifteen-year-old Sam is ordinary and proud of it, which hadn't been a problem until Dad got rich and Mum made the whole family move to London. Now Sam's being sent to a school for the gifted and talented, where he knows he'll never belong...

AR Quiz No. 236611 BL: 5.5 Points: 10



**S F Said** author of *Varjak Paw* recommends:

### **Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kästner**

A young German boy who is robbed of money which he has set out to deliver to his grandmother in Berlin becomes involved in the pursuit of a notorious thief and his gang who are planning a bank robbery.

AR Quiz No. 229938 BL: 5.4 Points: 4





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**Beth Garrod, author of the *Awkward Series*, recommends:**

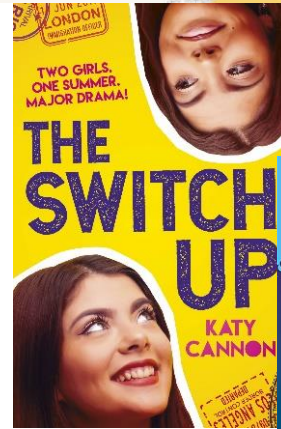
***The Switch-Up* by Katy Cannon**

An entertaining Freaky Friday-vibed escapade ensues when two teen girls switch identities for the summer holidays.

***Oh My Gods* by Alex Sheppard**

Half-mortal Helen has just moved in with her dorky dad and siblings, who just happen to be the ancient Greek gods! Can she keep her family's identity secret or is she fated to be banished to Mount Olympus?

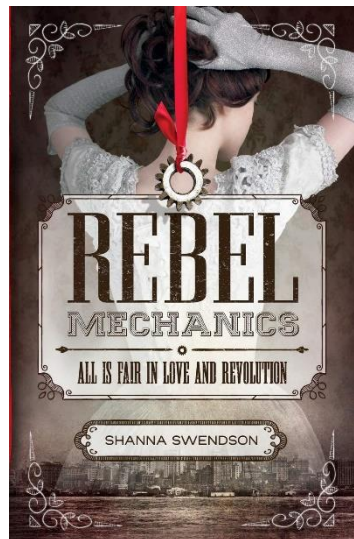
AR Quiz No. 236841 BL: 4.9 Points: 10



Arden's World Book Day Guest Author, **Lauren James** recommends:

***Rebel Mechanics* by Shanna Swendson**

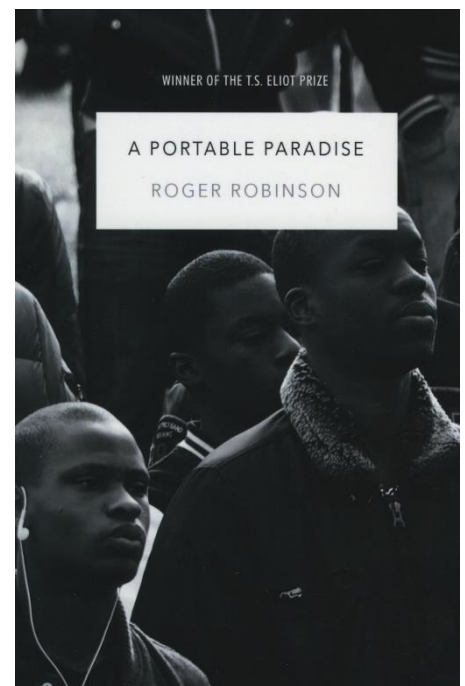
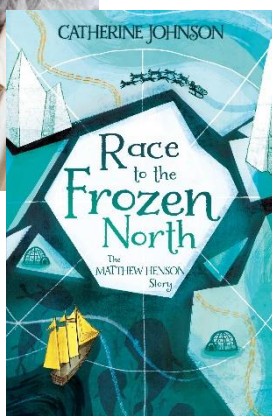
*Rebel Mechanics: All Is Fair in Love and Revolution* by Shanna Swendson is a fast-paced, romantic young adult novel full of intrigue and starring a strong, spunky heroine.



**Catherine Johnson, author of *Race to the Frozen North* recommends:**

***A Portable Paradise* by Roger Robinson**

Robinson's fourth poetry collection, mixes pop culture, history, nature, mythology, art and socio-political commentary to illustrate the suffering of contemporary living.



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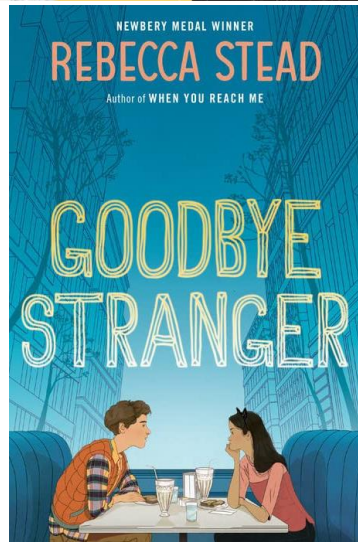


**Susin Nielsen**, author of *No Fixed Address* recommends:

**The books of Rebecca Stead, including *Goodbye Stranger***

Ever since Bridge missed a year of school to recover, she's found fitting in with her best friends difficult. Sherm wants to get to know Bridge better but he's hiding a secret. There is also a mystery girl struggling with an even more serious problem.

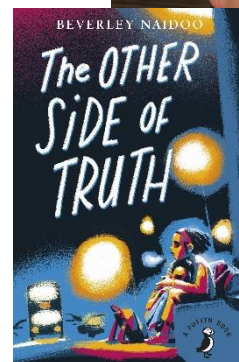
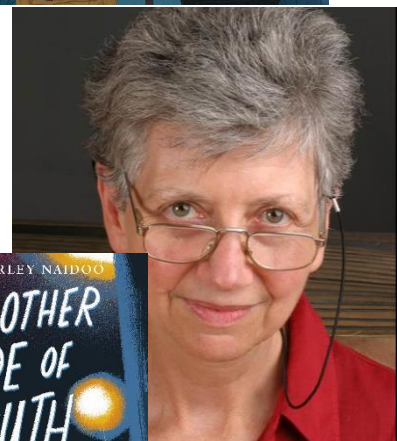
AR Quiz No. 228948 BL: 3.9 Points: 7



**Beverley Naidoo**, author of *The Other Side of Truth* recommends:

**England: Poems from a School** ed. Kate Clanchy

In this unique anthology, mentor, teacher and prize-winning poet Kate Clanchy works with Oxford Spire Academy to bring their poems together, allowing readers to see why their work has caused such a stir. By turns raw and direct, funny and powerful, lyrical and heartbreaking, they document the pain of migration and the exhilaration of building a new land, an England of a thousand voices. In *England: Poems from a School*, you will find poetry is easy to read and hard to forget, as fresh, bright and present as the young migrants who produced it.



**Vashti Hardy**, author of *Brightstorm* recommends:

***Sky Painted Gold* by Laura Wood**

When Lou finds herself in the Cardew House in the summer of 1929, she is swept away by the lavish parties and glamour of its sibling owners - enigmatic Robert and whirlwind Caitlin. Will pretending to be someone else help her find out who she really is?

AR Quiz No. 236049 BL: 5.5 Points: 15

***Waiting for Callback* by Perdita Cargill**

When Elektra is discovered by an acting agent, she imagines Oscar glory. Instead, she lurches from one disaster to another. Backstage, things aren't going well either - she's fallen out with her best friend and remains friend-zoned by her crush. Book #1

AR Quiz No. 230742 BL: 5.4 Points: 10

