

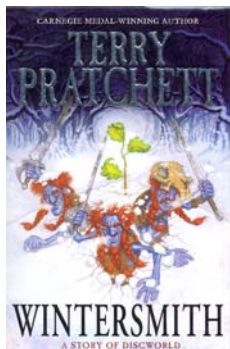
Ten Teenage Titles

The Subtle Knife by *Philip Pullman*

This is the second volume in Philip Pullman's internationally best-selling "His Dark Materials" trilogy. Since the first volume was published in 1995, and has now been filmed as "The Golden Compass", the trilogy has been acclaimed as a modern masterpiece, and has won the UK's top awards for children's literature. Today, the fabulous story of Lyra and her daemon is read and loved by adults and children alike.



Wintersmith by *Terry Pratchett*



Tiffany Aching is a trainee witch - now working for the seriously scary Miss Treason. But when Tiffany witnesses the Dark Dance - the crossover from summer to winter - she does what none has ever done before and leaps into the dance, into the oldest story there ever is, and draws the attention of the wintersmith himself...As Tiffany-shaped snowflakes hammer down on the land, can Tiffany deal with the consequences of her actions? Even with the help of Granny Weatherwax and the Nac Mac Feegle - the fightin', thievin' picties who are prepared to lay down their lives for their 'big wee hag'

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Hacker by *Alex Kropp*

Computer crime hits a high school, and the prime suspect is a teacher. Hacker and Cole have to find who's behind the mess before the football team breaks them in two.



A Little Love Song by *Michelle Magorian*

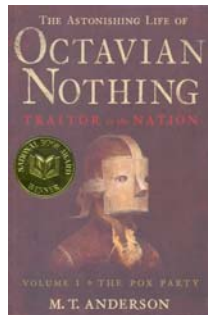
From the award-winning author of "Goodnight Mister Tom" comes the classic love story "A Little Love Song", packaged with a beautiful, fresh new cover. It is the summer of 1943 and war continues to rage. For Rose and her sister Diana, it's a time of independence and self-discovery as they find first loves. But when Rose unearths a love story from another war, she realises that wartime intensifies emotions, and maybe she isn't in love with Derry as she first thought she was. Rose is about to discover a secret that will change everything...Curl up on a sofa or take this book to the beach. This is a wonderful love story to escape into.

A Swift Pure Cry by Siobhan Dowd

After Shell's mother dies, her obsessively religious father descends into alcoholic mourning and Shell is left to care for her younger brother and sister. Her only release from the harshness of everyday life comes from her budding spiritual friendship with a naive young priest, and most importantly, her developing relationship with childhood friend, Declan, charming, eloquent and persuasive. But when Declan suddenly leaves Ireland to seek his fortune in America, Shell finds herself pregnant and the centre of a scandal that rocks the small community in which she lives, with repercussions across the whole country. The lives of those immediately around her will never be the same again.



Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing



Boston, 1775. Raised by a society of rational philosophers, who call each other by a number, Octavian and his mother - a princess in exile from a faraway land - are the only people in their household assigned names. The boy is dressed in silks and white wigs and given the finest classical education; but as his regal mother, Cassiopeia, entertains the scholars with her beauty and wit, young Octavian begins to question the purpose behind his guardians' fanatical studies. Only after he dares to open a forbidden door does he learn the hideous nature of their experiments - and his own chilling role in them.

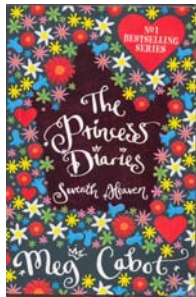
Sea Otters gambolling in the wild wild surf

Sixteen-year-old Felix is bored and stressed. He's stressed about his 'A' Level results, stressed about working for that mad old bag Mrs Pretzel, stressed about what the future holds. He's also feeling mighty guilty about the possibly fatal combination of laxatives and scrabble tile (Z, ten points) he fed to Mrs P's spaniel, Vespasian. But it's not the stress or the guilt that initiates the bizarre quest that takes him half way around the world on a stolen debit card - it's curiosity. Felix is very curious about a statue he finds in the permanent clearance sale at 'The House of Crap' - a statue depicting a fat man and a sea otter in sexual congress. "Sea Otters Gambolling in the Wild, Wild Surf" is the story of where Felix's curiosity takes him, to Hong Kong, Tokyo, San Francisco; on a journey that challenges his preconceptions about the world, his plans for the future and his relationships with his family. Will he get home before his little sister discovers what he's up to? What'll happen to Vespasian? Will he get the passes he needs to get into University? Whatever!



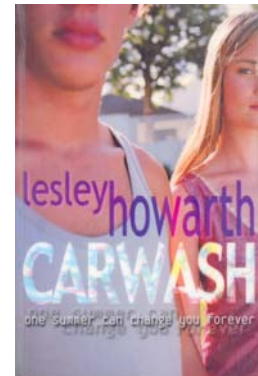
Princess Diaries: Seventh heaven by Meg Cabot

Poor Mia. Not only has she made a total ass of herself with J.P. (a.k.a. the Guy Who Hates It When They Put Corn in the Chili), trying to prove that she's a super-chilled party girl. She's also bankrupted the student council. Way to go, Princess. Just as Mia's scared that she's lost Michael and a ton of money, Grandmere steps in up with a fund-raising plan. She's going to stage a musical in front of the world's hottest celebs - and the reluctant star will be none other than Princess Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo!



Carwash by Lesley Howarth

Set in a country village, the story follows a group of young teenagers through a summer. Told mainly through the eyes of Luke as he starts a carwash business to earn money for life's essentials - discman, playstation, etc. Additional commentary is from Bix, his next-door neighbour, who spends most of her time up a tree. Soon the shifting pattern of relationships within the group is laid bare. Luke is in a constant power struggle with his younger brother, Danny, and in the throes of helpless passion for Bix's sister, the older, cooler Liv. Liv has to face up to pregnancy but this is not the main core of the book. Relationships are tested and become more real as summer progresses.



Margaux with an x by Ron Koertge

Nothing is what it seems because there are secrets to keep. Margaux, by far the best-looking girl in her class, smart and witty, knows this "secret stuff" at an early age. She and her father share a dark secret. Her father is good-looking and funny, but is always the con artist and spends his life gambling --- sometimes he wins, sometimes he doesn't. Then there is her mother, locked in her own world of TV shopping, getting her nails done, and sharing her husband's excitement at the racetracks. So while Margaux makes the good grades, dates one boy after another and hangs out with her shallow friends, she is lonelier and angrier than anyone could ever know.

