



## **New Library Books – Reading List** **April 2022**

### **KS3**



#### **Dead End**

After a bad day at school, a young boy steps aboard the bus. When the bus takes an unexpected turn towards a graveyard, his long day suddenly goes from bad to worse! Will the detour be the ride of his life, or his final destination?

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



#### **Shocks!**

A thunderstorm rocks a strange-looking bus on its way to school, but one passenger is in for an even more shocking surprise.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



#### **The Squeals on the Bus**

On a morning like any other, a young boy gets on his school bus, but the passengers are anything but ordinary.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



#### **Crush Hour**

A young girl gets out of her seat on a strange school bus. Suddenly row by row, the seats in the back of the bus begin disappearing!

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



#### **Under the Bonnet**

A young boy boards a strange new school bus. Suddenly, a monstrous creature claws at the bus's bonnet, ripping apart the engine! Can the boy stop the creature before the ride becomes a nightmare?

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Night Shift

After missing the early bus, students board a bus that no one recognises. Soon, the sky grows darker, the moon and stars arrive early, and the students encounter something they didn't expect.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Don't Read This!

A strange book has appeared in the classroom. It has no words, except for one single sentence. It will be up to the Librarian to close this new chapter of fear.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Destruction Zone

During a field trip, a school bus takes students on a detour due to road construction. Then another. And another! The bus seems to be driving in circles, as if the streets have become a giant maze. Will the students ever reach their final destination?

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### The Ghoul in the Glossary

In a secret basement library in their school, two students discover a creature sucking delicious words off the pages of books.

**(Book contains gory illustrations.)**

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Monster Hunter

In Tokyo, Ren has met with three other teenagers who have the dragon birthmark, but the public has learned the dragonborn exist. Teams of hunters are searching for them, and not all Ren's new friends are what they seem to be.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Fangs in the Mirror

Erik has nightmares about dragons, and he is shocked when he looks in the mirror and sees a dragon face, but when a girl named Violet asks him to help find her brother, he learns the secret of the dragon birthmark.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Blood Shark

On a school trip, Taylor does something he shouldn't and lives to regret it when he comes face-to-face with a giant shark wanting blood.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### Ooze Is It?

Some friends see a space rock crash-land in the woods when they are on their way to go fishing. The space rock is on the news. They decide to go and investigate it.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Ben's Jerk Chicken Van**

Ben needs a job, so he gets a van and starts selling jerk chicken. High-low book not intended for early readers.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Planting my Garden**

Learn about planting flower seeds in a garden.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Shopping with Zombies**

When out shopping, a father and son encounter zombies. High-low book not intended for early readers.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Into the Scanner**

Jack goes into the airport scanner... And two Jacks come out! High-low book not intended for early readers.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Kids Against Hunger**

Greg skips football practice once a week, and his teammates want to find out why.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Legend in Our Team**

Katie's friends think that cricket is stupid, just like the boys who play it. But Katie really wants to try out for her school team. She knows she's good, but will she be able to stand up for herself and be accepted by the boys?

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Yellow Rabbit**

Ashley has left her favourite toy behind in a hotel in Spain. She is sad, but Yellow Rabbit is having lots of fun. Will Yellow Rabbit ever come home?

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Street**

This book contains three stories: "The Street", "Doris Rules" and "The Whole Tooth". Aimed at 9-14 year olds with a reading age of 6. (Catch-Up Level 4)

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **All I Said Was...**

What happens when a boy and a bird swap places? Illustrated by Ross Collins.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Football Smash**

This book contains two stories: "Football Smash" and "Keep on Running".

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Caves: Snake**

Choosing to play The Caves and avoid prison, the Teens must fight a snake

**LEVEL:** Ages 12 Plus



### **The Green Team**

Noah Green's teacher has assigned the class a project, and they all have to do something to help the community. Noah comes up with the idea of planting new trees on the school grounds but is in need of some help from his classmates.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Unarmed and Dangerous**

Nita wants to go out, but her dad says she has to help at the shop. So Nita decides to have some fun! Nita's fun leads to a big mess and her dad is not happy. Then two robbers rush into the shop, can Nita stop them? The co-author is Helen Orme.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Text Me**

On her way to a party, a girl gives a guy on the bus a note, asking him to text her. Will she get a reply? High-low book not intended for early readers.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Care Home**

Mrs Hackett works in a care home, but she does not seem to care about any of the people she works with. High-low book not intended for early readers.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Walk into Danger**

Simon and Lia are on a hike, but they get lost. It starts to snow and they soon lose sight of the path. They hear a man shouting. He has broken his leg. Simon and Lia must find a way to get help before it's too late. The co-author is Helen Orme.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Robbed!**

Tommy is late, and his sister Lizzie is worried. She is told that Big Alex is taking him to the cash machine. She is sure that Tommy is about to be robbed. What can she do?

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Storm Shelter**

After a tornado ravages their neighbourhood, three friends find a stray dog and try to care for him, but someone seems to be hunting for the dog.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Race for Home**

Tomas and Miles are fixing up a bike for a race, but Miles won't tell Tomas where he lives or invite him over.

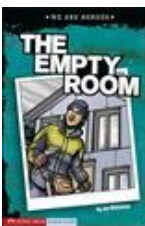
**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Skateboard Buddy**

Jason has to help a younger kid learn about science, and if that's not boring enough, he also has to miss basketball practice.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Empty Room**

When he and his family help finish a Habitat for Humanity house, Connor expects to be bored, but when another boy is assigned to help him paint a bedroom, the results are surprising.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Mohamed Salah: Get to Know the Football Superstar**

This book is a brief biography of Egyptian football player Mohamed Salah.

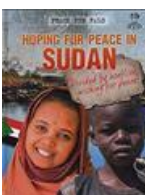
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### **Wangari Maathai: Get to Know the Woman Who Planted Trees to Bring Change**

This biography profiles the life and career of Wangari Maathai, protector of the environment and a courageous advocate for women's rights.

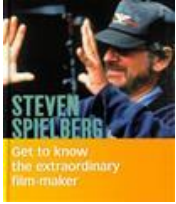
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### **Hoping for Peace in Sudan**

This book tells of war and conflict in Sudan over a period of time through the eyes of two fictional children who are corresponding by letter, as pen pals.

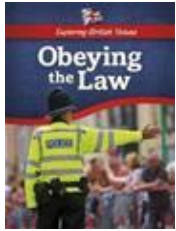
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### **Steven Spielberg: Get to Know the Extraordinary Film-Maker**

This biography profiles the life and career of director and producer Steven Spielberg.

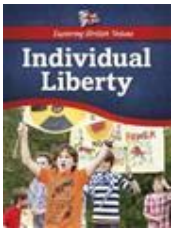
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### **Obeying the Law**

This book shows readers how laws protect people and are essential for our well-being and safety.

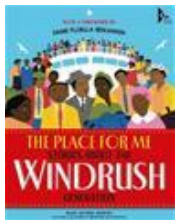
**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Individual Liberty**

This book explores what lies behind the fundamental British value of individual liberty and how it affects people who live in Britain.

**LEVEL:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Place for Me: Stories About the Windrush Generation**

Inspired by first-hand accounts of the Windrush generation, these twelve short stories help bring the real experience of Black British people into focus.

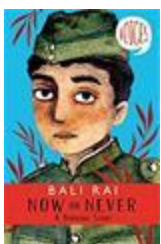
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### **Two Sisters: A Story of Freedom**

When sisters Ruth and Anna are both shipped off to Georgian London, their differences force them apart, but whispers of freedom are on the streets. Contains themes of racism, enslavement and negative stereotypes.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story**

Private Fazal Khan is proud to be supporting the British in WW2. As events in France take a turn for the worse, the frightening retreat to Dunkirk becomes nothing compared to the betrayal he and his comrades face at the point of rescue. Contains violence

**Level:** Ages 12+



### **Empire's End: A Roman Story**

Camilla recounts her life story, beginning on the day her family left North Africa to journey to Rome. There, she becomes involved with the Emperor and Empress and has to navigate a world of secrets and danger in this cold place she must now call home.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives**

This true account tells the story of two teens whose lives were irrevocably changed by one rash action. The story challenges the criminal justice system and explores the courage and compassion of both families.

(The plot contains mild profanity.)

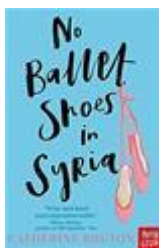
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### **A Secret of Birds & Bone**

When Mamma is arrested on Sofia's twelfth birthday, she and her brother Ermin are taken to the city orphanage. Deciding she is no longer a helpless child, Sofia takes her mamma's gift and sets out to unravel the secrets that bind her family to Siena.

**Level:** Ages 12+



### **No Ballet Shoes in Syria**

Aya is eleven and has just arrived in Britain seeking asylum from war in Syria. When a dance teacher spots her talent, Aya has the potential to go to a prestigious ballet school. But will her family be allowed to remain in the country?

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Great (Food) Bank Heist**

There's a thief in town and the shelves at the food bank Nelson's family use are getting emptier by the day. People are getting hungrier than ever, but can Nelson and his friends really be the ones to catch the robber?

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy**

When Omar discovers that his mosque is in trouble, he decides to raise money to save it. He does chores and even organises a talent show. But when the money goes missing, it's up to him and his friends to get to the bottom of it! Book #2

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Planet Omar: Incredible Rescue Mission**

Omar's teacher, Mrs Hutchinson, has been replaced by a scary supply teacher and Omar is convinced aliens are involved. He and his friends set out on a mission to find out where Mrs Hutchinson really is. Book #3

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Sky Song**

The people of the snowy kingdom of Erkenwald must stay hidden as the land's ruler, an evil Ice Queen, threatens to make them her prisoners. Eska and Flint journey to the Never Cliffs and beyond in search of an ancient song which can defeat the Ice Queen.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Jungledrop**

Twins Fibber and Fox have always been rivals, but when they are transported to the Unmapped Kingdom of Jungledrop, they must learn to work together to save two worlds. Book #2

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Land of Stories: An Author's Odyssey**

When the twins enter worlds crafted from Conner's imagination, finding allies no one else could have ever dreamed of, the race begins to put an end to the Masked Man's reign of terror. Can the twins finally restore peace in the fairy tale world? Book #5

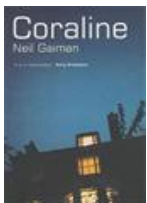
**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Land of Stories: Worlds Collide**

Conner and Alex must brave the impossible. All of the Land of Stories fairy tale characters--heroes and villains--are no longer confined within their world! Book #6

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Coraline**

Coraline has moved house and is intrigued by a bricked-up door which appears to lead nowhere. One day, she opens the door to find the bricks have vanished. Inquisitive, she goes through the door and enters a world where things are not quite as they seem.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Rumblestar**

When Casper stumbles into Rumblestar and meets Utterly, he must find his courage and help save the Unmapped Kingdoms. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Strangeworlds Travel Agency**

When Flick meets Jonathan at the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she learns to travel between worlds using suitcases. However, the pair soon learn that a problem in another world threatens the very fabric of the multiverse.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Hijack**

The Special Forces Cadets are sent to investigate when intelligence is received that Argentina is plotting to invade the Falklands, but two of them are captured and the others are under orders to leave them to their fate. Contains violence. Book #5

**Level:** Ages 12+



### **The Train to Impossible Places: A Cursed Delivery**

When Suzy hears a strange rattling noise in the middle of the night, she creeps downstairs to find a train roaring through her house. But this is no ordinary train. This is the magical delivery express for The Union of Impossible Places. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13





### **Ruthless**

When Tommy, son of the British ambassador to Brazil, is kidnapped in the most dangerous slum in Rio, where heavily armed gangs rule the streets and even the police are corrupt, it's a job for the Special Forces Cadets. Book #4

**Level:** Ages 12+



### **Can You See Me?**

Tally is autistic, but she hides it as much as she can. She knows how uncomfortable people feel around her. By masking her autism, Tally is hiding her real self. But when your real self is fierce and wonderful, it can't stay hidden forever.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Danger Gang**

After a storm brings green lightning, the kids living on Franky's street start to change. They become a little odd. Franky's always wanted to be part of a Danger Gang - and soon he realises that there's real danger in store for him and his new friends.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Do You Know Me?**

Tally is no longer hiding her autism and wants people to know who she really is. But when she meets bully Skye on a school trip, she wonders if siding with a bully is better than being alone. Co-author is Rebecca Westcott. Book #2

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Great Brain Robbery: A Train to Impossible Places Adventure**

Suzu can't wait to return to the Union of Impossible Places on the Impossible Postal Express but, when she arrives, she overhears a dastardly plan to destroy Trollville from a shadowy and unexpected villain. Book #2

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow**

A cursed child destined to die on her 11th birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called Nevermoor and given the chance to compete for a place in a prestigious organisation called the Wondrous Society. The plot contains profanity. Book #1

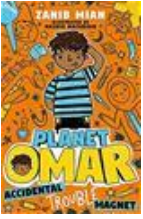
**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow**

Morrigan Crow is now a proud scholar in the elite Wondrous Society, but must prove that she belongs in the Society, while battling a new evil. Book #2

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet/The Muslims**

When Omar's parents make him move house and schools, he has to worry about staying out of trouble AND making friends. To make it worse, the class bully has it in for him. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Planet Omar: Epic Hero Flop**

Omar's friends begin calling him a superhero when he does kind things. But Omar hasn't been completely honest, and who will help when Omar finds himself in big trouble? Book #4

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Alfie Bloom and the Secrets of Hexbridge Castle**

Alfie's life is dull and lonely until the day he inherits the mysterious Hexbridge Castle. But deep below the castle lies a secret that Alfie must protect at all costs. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Boy Who Made the World Disappear**

When Harrison receives a black hole instead of a balloon at a party, he jumps at the chance to get rid of everything that makes him cross. But soon, Harrison starts to realise that sometimes you should be careful what you wish for...

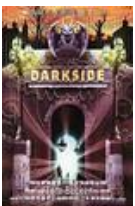
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### **Iguana Boy Saves the World with a Triple Cheese Pizza**

Dylan has always wanted a superpower. When he discovers he can speak to iguanas, he must use his new power and save the day when the world's superheroes are kidnapped. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Darkside**

Jonathan's father is in an asylum and his home attacked. While running away from kidnappers, he stumbles upon Darkside, a terrifying and hidden part of London ruled by the descendents of Jack the Ripper, where Jonathan is in mortal danger. Book One.

**Level:** Ages 12+



### **Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Changed the World/I Am Malala/How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World**

This edition of Malala's story includes exclusive photos and material with first-hand accounts of the story of a girl who always knew she wanted to change the world.

**(The text contains descriptions of violence.)**

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Frozen Sea**

In 1984, Jewel Hastings finds herself in Folio after seeking refuge in a bookshop from the school bullies who are chasing her. Once there, she is drawn into a quest to find Evie - the aunt that has been missing since before Jewel was born.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest**

When Harley Hitch and her new friend Cosmo notice an unusual fungus growing in the Iron Forest, they set out to discover who - or what - is behind it.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell**

Through the mysterious powers of a book, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic, where they come face-to-face with the fairytale characters they grew up reading about. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns**

Alex and Conner Bailey learn the famed Enchantress has kidnapped their mother. Against the will of their grandmother (the one and only Fairy Godmother), the twins must find their own way into the Land of Stories to rescue their mother. Book #2

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Land of Stories: A Grimm Warning**

After thirteen-year-old Conner returns to the Land of Stories and re-unites with his twin sister, Alex, who is training to become the next Fairy Godmother, war breaks out in the fairy-tale world.

**(The plot contains alcohol use.)** Book #3

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **The Land of Stories: Beyond the Kingdoms**

The Masked Man is on the loose in the Land of Stories, and it is up to Alex and Conner Bailey to stop him, except Alex has been thrown off the Fairy Council, and no one will believe they are in danger. Book #4

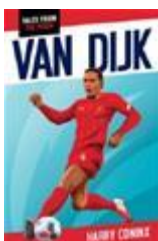
**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Félix**

With his creativity, acrobatic talent and sheer speed, João Félix can make top-level football look effortless. But João's journey to the top has not been easy. Join 'the heir to Ronaldo' on his mission to become one of the greatest players in the game.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### **Van Dijk**

Quick, composed and physically dominant, Virgil van Dijk is the defender who has it all. This is the inspiring story of how a boy from Breda used his determination and self-belief to become one of the greatest defenders in the world.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### Gnabry

At the age of ten, Serge Gnabry was wanted by some of the biggest clubs in the world and his route to superstardom looked clear. But injuries and a disastrous loan spell meant Serge had to fight to become Bayern Munich's deadliest weapon.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### Raheem Sterling

From a difficult start in life to a tough time in the spotlight, Raheem has always had to think on his feet. This is the incredible story of how a boy who grew up in the shadow of Wembley Stadium used his grit and passion to steer himself to the top.

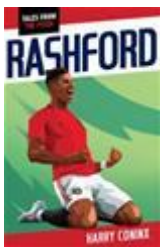
**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### Mbappé

As a teenager, Kylian Mbappé was one of the best footballers on the planet. His skill, pace and sensational finishing have fired his clubs and country to incredible victories whilst firmly establishing himself in the record books.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### Marcus Rashford

From navigating a ruthless academy to playing under one of the fiercest managers in the game, Marcus Rashford's rise to the top of Manchester United wasn't always easy.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### Kanté

Discover N'Golo Kanté's journey - from picking up bottles in the streets of Paris to winning trophies on the world stage - proving that no one is ever too small to make it big.

**Level:** Ages 9 to 13



### Lewandowski

Finding himself without a club at the age of 17, Robert Lewandowski had to claw his way up through the ranks of Polish football. This is the story of how he rose to the top of one of the world's toughest leagues: the German Bundesliga.

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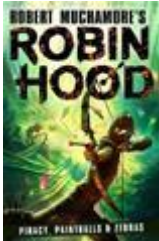
## KS4



### Robin Hood: Hacking, Heists & Flaming Arrows

When Robin's father is falsely accused of a crime, Robin escapes into Sherwood Forest where he faces violent clashes in his fight to survive and to get revenge on his father's accusers. Book #1

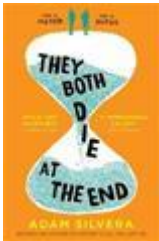
**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### Robin Hood: Piracy, Paintballs & Zebras

Robin takes part in a daring raid on Sherwood Castle while trying to avoid being captured by Guy Gisborne. Book #2

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### They Both Die at the End

When a service is created to tell people when they will die, teenagers Mateo and Rufus meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

(The plot contains profanity, sexual references, and violence.)

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### Assassin

The cadets are sent to an exclusive Swiss school to protect Darius, the son of an escaped Iranian scientist, but when assassins launch a deadly attack their only escape is into the mountains.

Book #6

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### The Deathless Girls

When twins Lil and Kizzy are captured, they are enslaved by the brutal Boyar Valcar. But soon they learn about the Dragon, a terrifying man of myth, who takes girls as gifts.

(Contains scenes of violence, sexual violence, sexual content.)

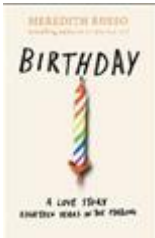
**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### Viper

Seventeen-year-old Marianne has spent her whole life training to become the Viper, the defender of the Twelve Isles, but to fulfil her destiny she must first find the strength to defeat her father. Contains violence, torture and strong language. Book #1

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### **Birthday**

Eric and Morgan have known each other since birth but are beginning to grow apart. Eric struggles with his dad's expectations while Morgan wrestles with the choice to live as her true self.

(Contains themes of suicide, abuse, transphobia and homophobia.)

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### **Slay**

Seventeen-year-old Kiera enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until a boy is murdered over the game.

(The story contains strong language, sexual situations, and violence.)

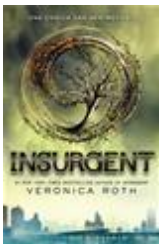
**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### **Divergent**

In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice must choose among a faction, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she does not fit into any one group. **The plot contains graphic violence.** Book #1

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### **Insurgent**

As war surges in the societies around her, Tris must continue trying to save those she loves and herself while grappling with questions of grief and forgiveness, identity and loyalty, politics and love. **The plot contains graphic violence.** Book #2

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### **Allegiant**

The faction-based society that Tris Prior once believed in is shattered, fractured by violence and power struggles and scarred by loss and betrayal, so when offered a chance to explore the world past the limits she's known, Tris is ready. Book #3

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus



### **Four: A Divergent Collection**

This collection contains four pre-DIVERGENT stories plus three additional scenes from DIVERGENT, all told from Tobias's point of view.

(The plot contains sexual references and graphic violence.)

**Level:** Ages 14 Plus