Books for Older Readers

The Midnight Guardians

Written by Ross Montgomery Published by Walker

ISBN 978-1406391183

Set against the backdrop of WW2, this is a thrilling blend of fantasy and historical realism. Col is evacuated to Derbyshire where he is reunited with three imaginary friends who warn him of impending danger. Together with a Kindertransportee, they set out on a race against time to defeat the forces of darkness and rescue Col's sister from the Blitz, pursued by the monstrous Midwinter King across the war torn countryside. This multi-layered exploration of loss, separation, family and friendship echoes with ancient myths and classic children's stories.



The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne

Written by Jonathan Stroud Published by Walker ISBN 978-1406394818



Set in a dystopian England, where most of the country is wilderness, animals have mutated into monsters and our intrepid heroine, Scarlett O'Hare, has to rely on her cunning to survive. When she encounters an apparently helpless Arthur Browne, she is persuaded to escort him to safety. But is Arthur as innocent as he seems? When the pair are pursued and strange things seem to happen around Arthur, Scarlett wonders what she has let herself in for. An action-packed adventure, full of humour and a fair smattering of gore!

When the World Was Ours

Written by Liz Kessler Published by Simon & Schuster ISBN 978-1471196805

A powerfully written story of three friends growing up during the rise of Nazism in Vienna. Leo, Elsa and Max are enjoying an idyllic childhood in 1936, but their lives are to take very different paths because Leo and Elsa are Jewish. Told through the three children's points of view, we see their bewilderment as the regime tears them apart and each must find a way to try to survive the horrors of the Second World War. Can their friendship survive?

