



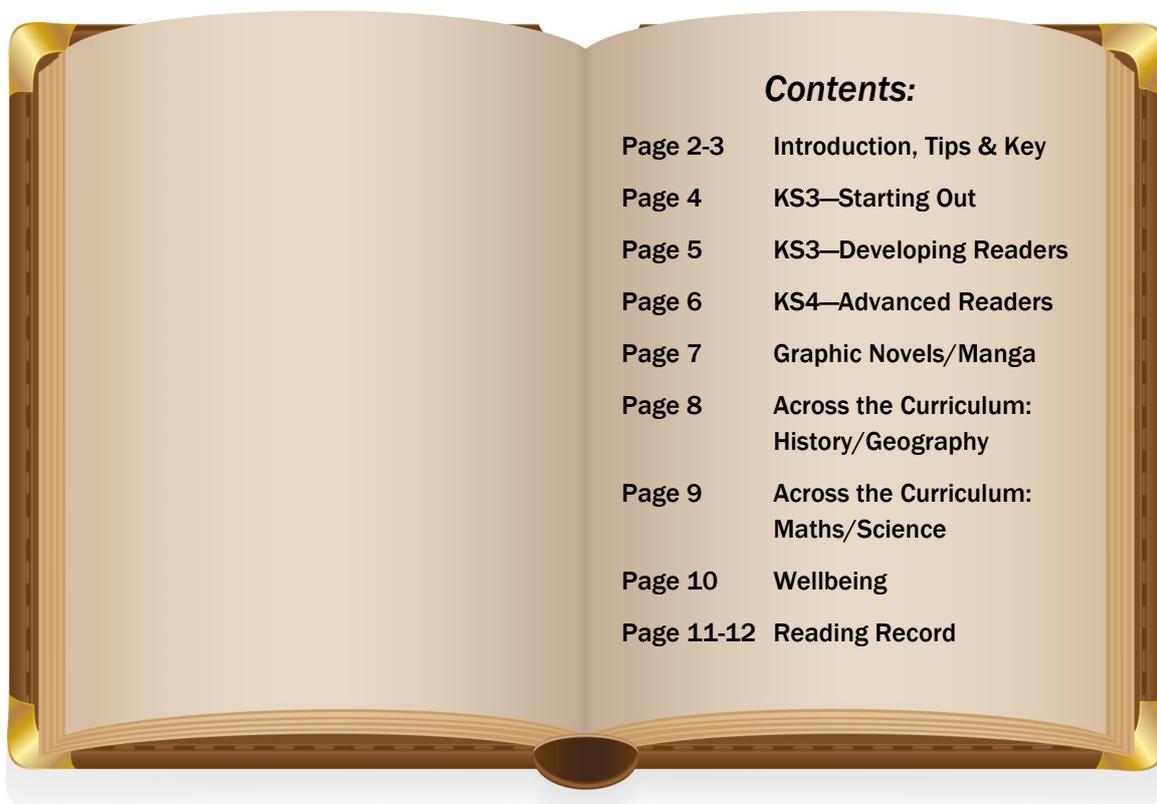
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Community High School

Learning Through Reading – Achieving High Standards

Reading For Pleasure Guide

KS3 & KS4





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Reading for pleasure—more than any other metric—is the greatest indicator of your success in adulthood. That’s why it is so important to build good reading habits early! This doesn’t mean it should be a chore, however.

This recommended reading list and the tips below are a great starting point for everyone—even those who find reading challenging.

Reading Tips

- 1) **Embrace the challenge**—If a book is right for you it should feel enjoyable, but also slightly challenging. This is how we grow our abilities and further our understanding!
- 2) **Follow your interests**—Finding a book can be difficult, especially if you are just starting out. Find books about topics you are already interested in and go from there!
- 3) **Start small**—Just 15 minutes of reading a day has shown to make improvements to your vocabulary, empathy and mental health. Set a timer, do your 15 minutes, then stop and go about your day! Or, if you were really enjoying the book, keep going!
- 4) **Know when to quit**—Sometimes a book just isn’t for you. Don’t put yourself off reading by forcing yourself to carry on! Read the first two chapters—if you aren’t interested in the story by then, chances are you will never be! Why waste time on a book you don’t like, when you could find one that you’ll love?
- 5) **Visit the Library**—Ruskin’s School Library wants to support you in your reading. If you are struggling, waste no time and pay the library a visit. The librarian will do their best to find something you can sink your teeth into and is always making sure the library is up to date.
- 6) **Listen instead**—Sometimes using our eyes is hard work, especially when we’re tired or we find that words jump around on the page. Audiobooks are a great way to digest new stories and can bring the words to life in ways that we might struggle to by ourselves!

Reading For Pleasure Guide: Key

These lists are just starting points for you to begin your reading journey. You are not restricted to certain books just because you are in key stage 3, or because you are confident/developing. Feel free to try any book that catches your interest!

However, we do want to bring your attention to our easy little reading key:

-  • Parental advisory recommended
-  • Extra Challenging

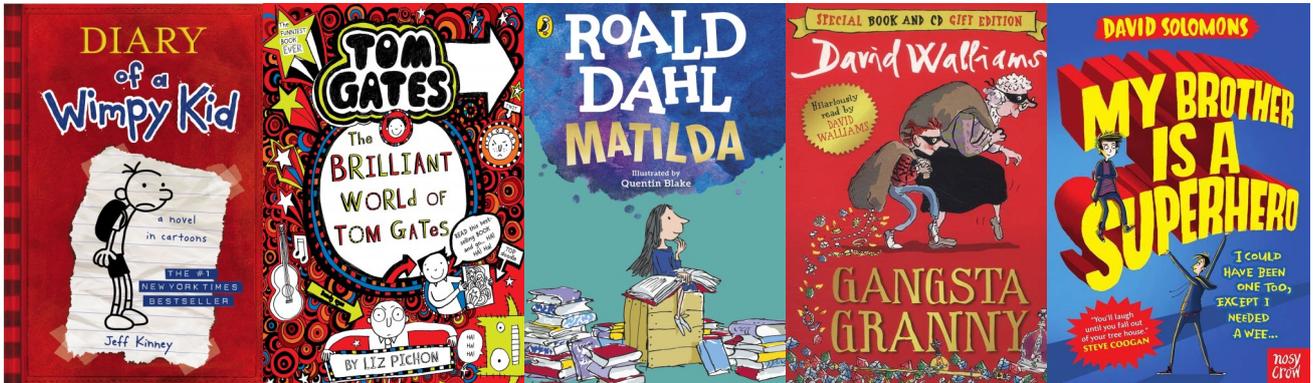
While none of the material in the books listed is overtly inappropriate, there may be themes that you/your child are not prepared for. We don't want to stop our students from challenging themselves where they feel confident, but we always recommend caution. In the school library, we use the same purple stickers to make students aware of this content.

Books in this list with a gold border are very challenging reads that students can really push themselves with. These include works of classical literature and well-researched non-fiction from across the curriculum. These are typically aimed at KS4 and beyond, but the sky is the limit!

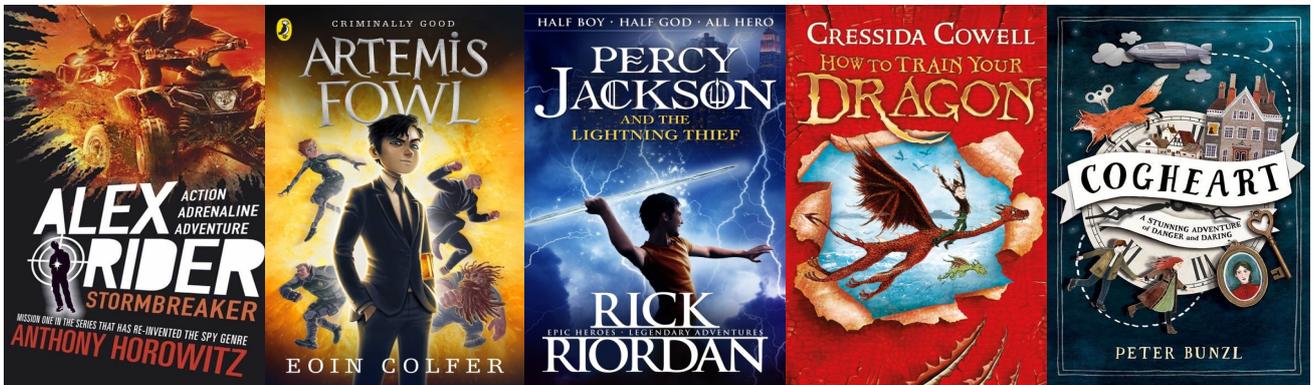
KS3 - Starting Out

If you are just starting your reading journey, some of these books will be perfect!

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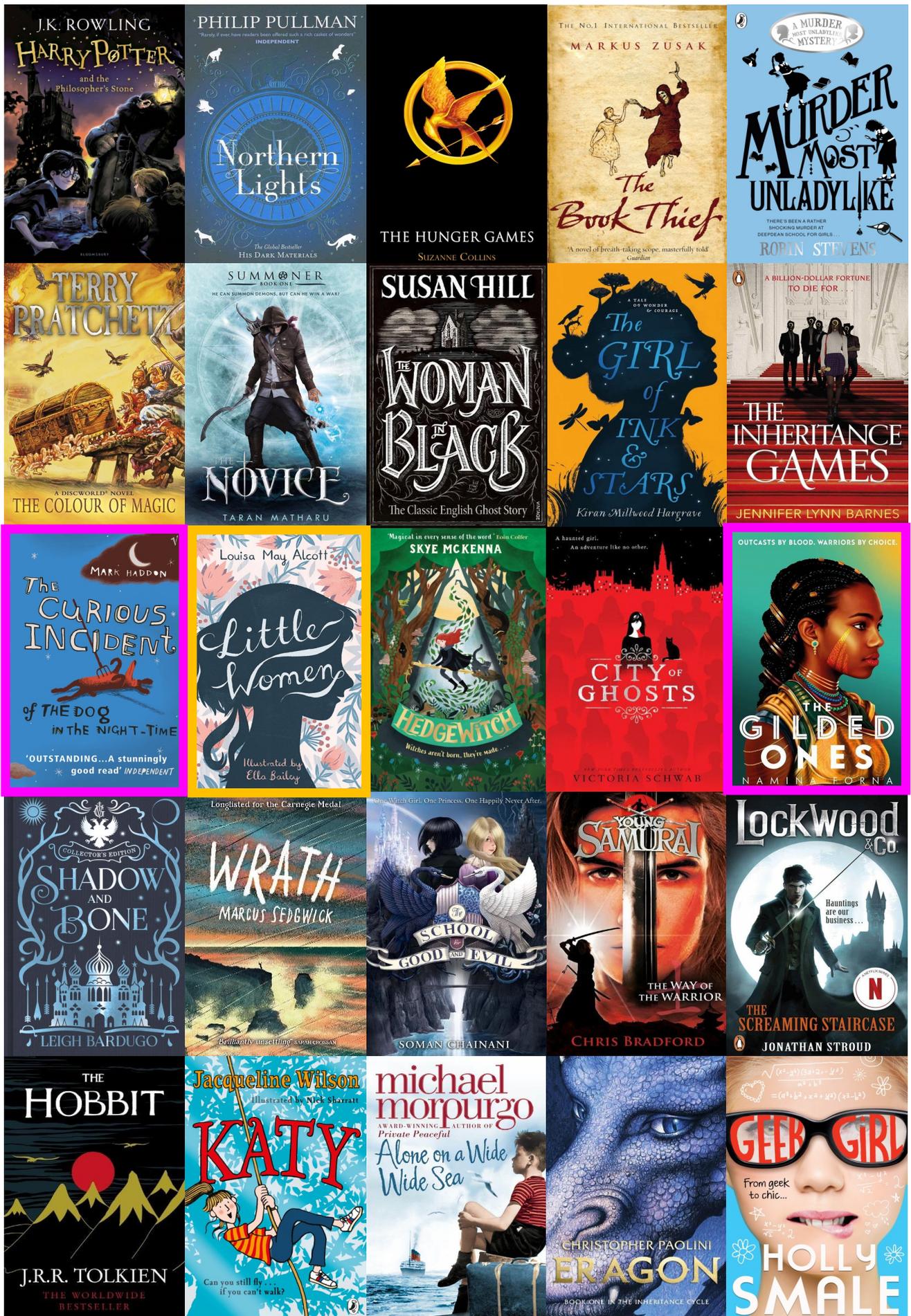


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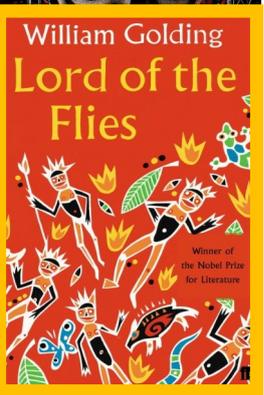
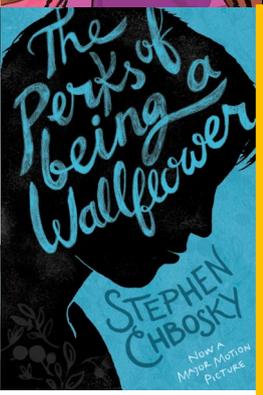
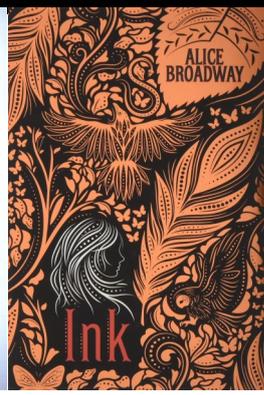
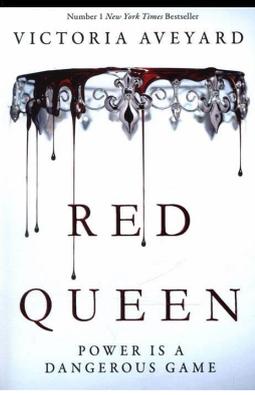
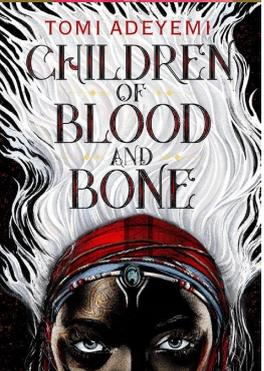
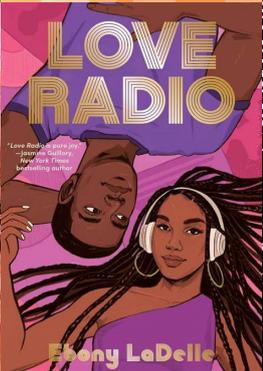
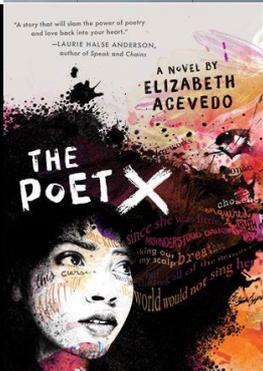
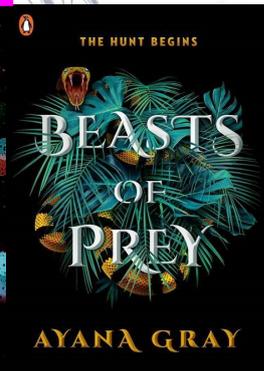
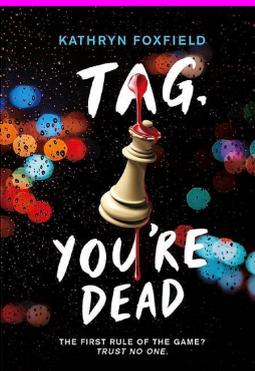
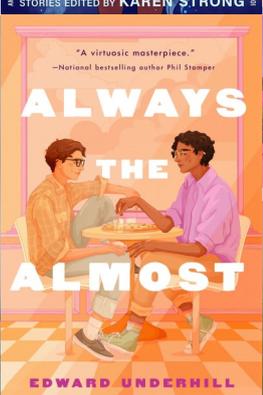
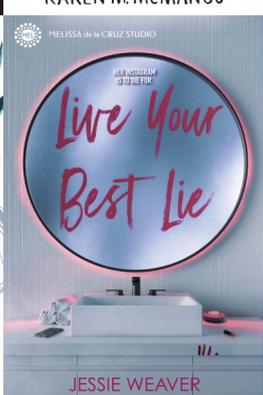
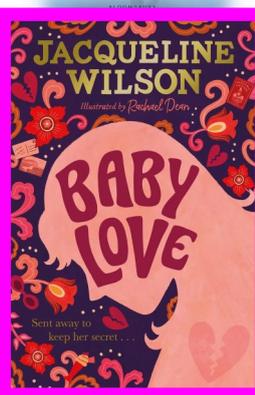
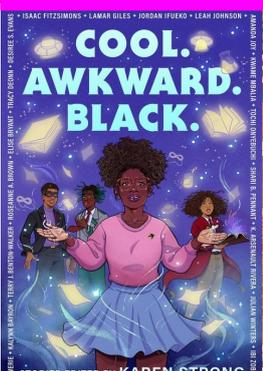
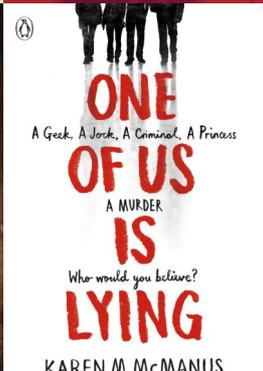
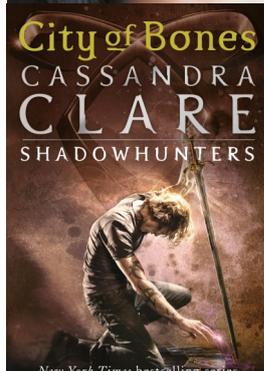
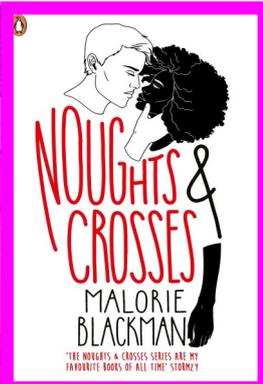
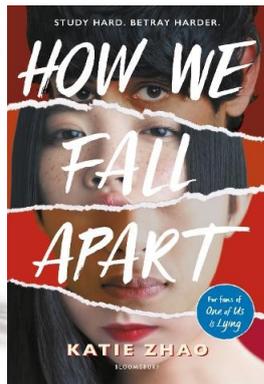
KS3 - Advancing Readers

If you are a confident/developing reader, challenge yourself with these reads!



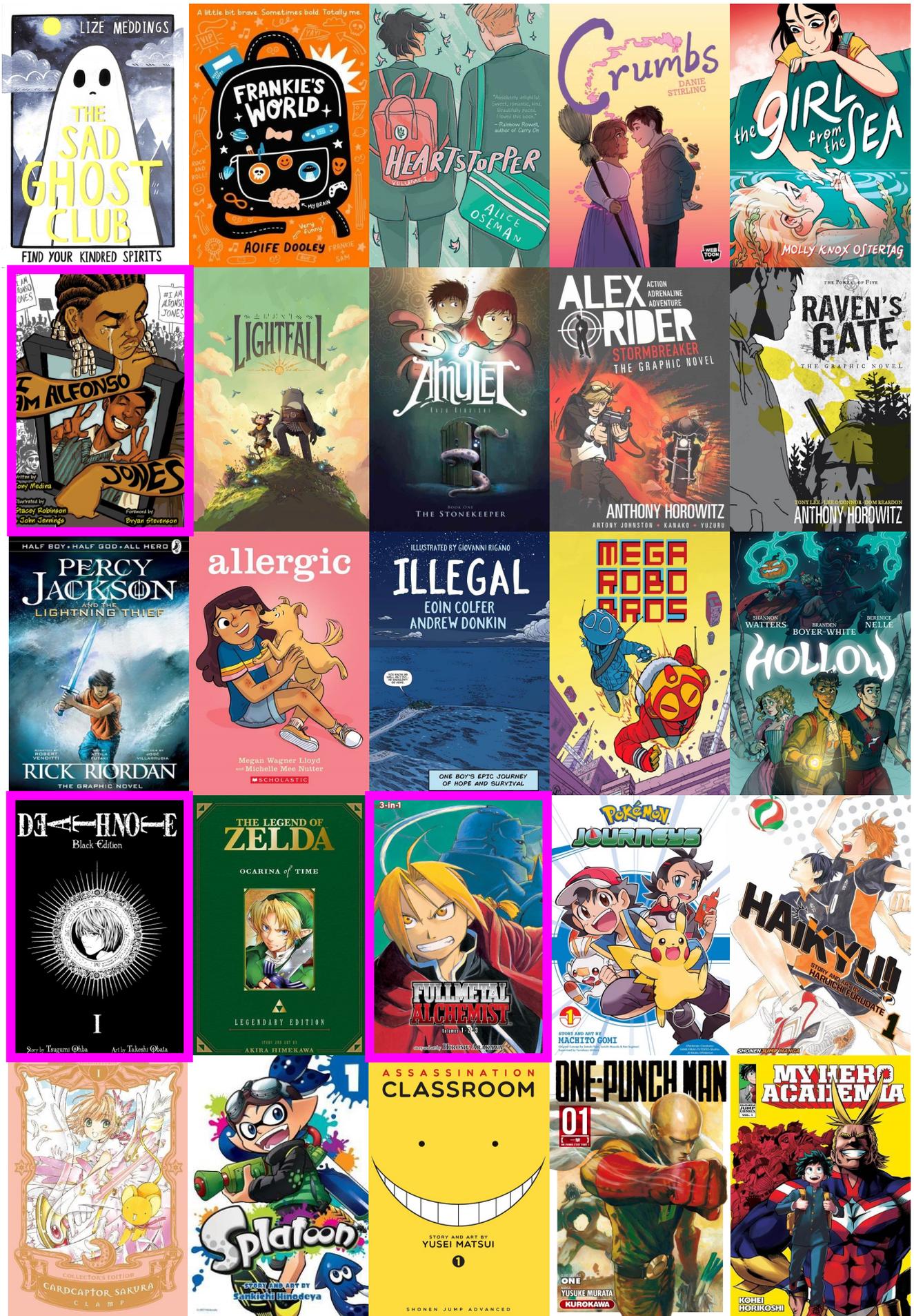
KS4 - Advanced Readers

Stories full of suspense and drama, aimed at older readers.

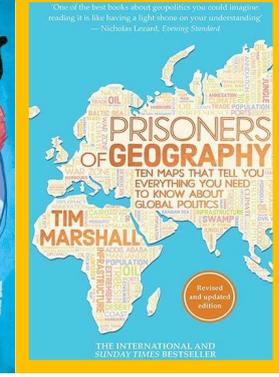
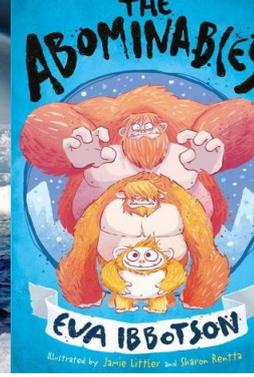
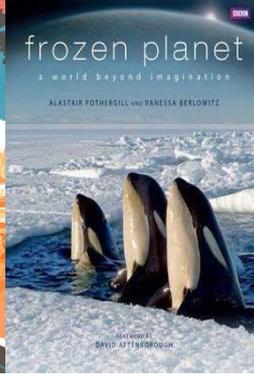
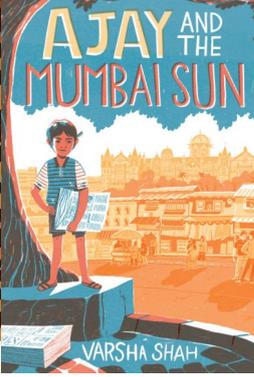
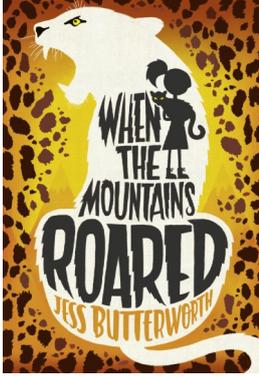
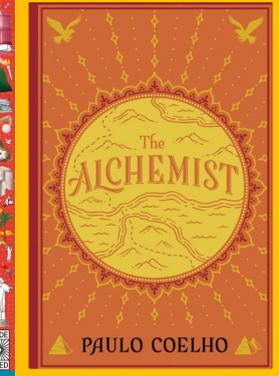
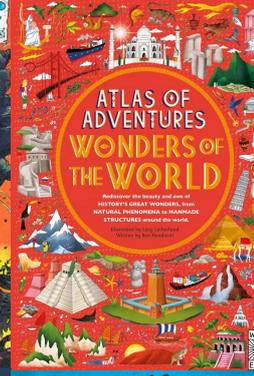
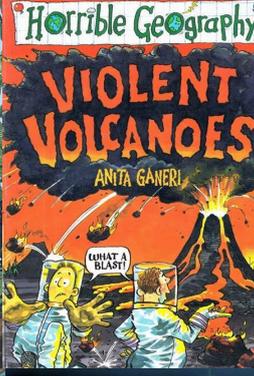
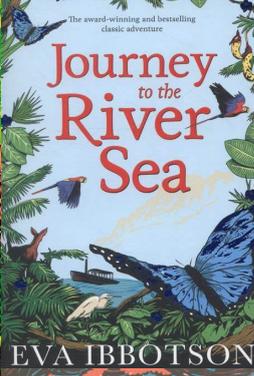
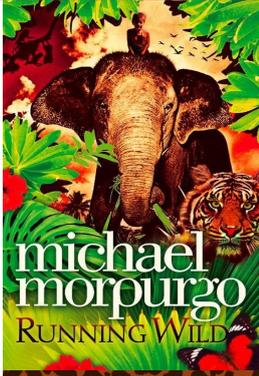
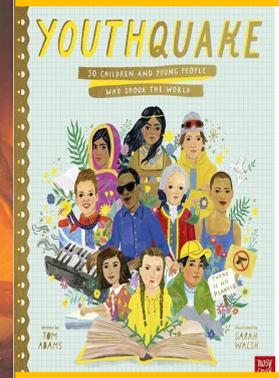
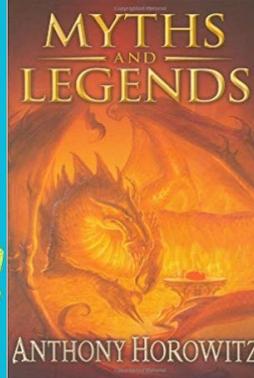
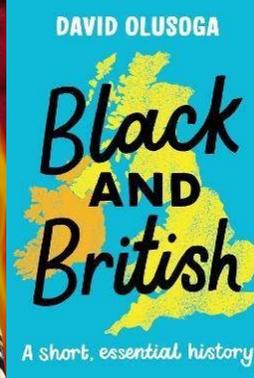
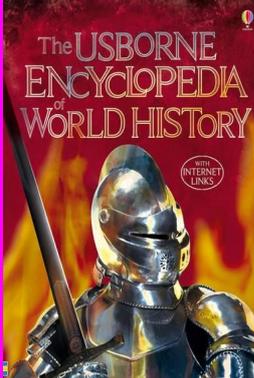
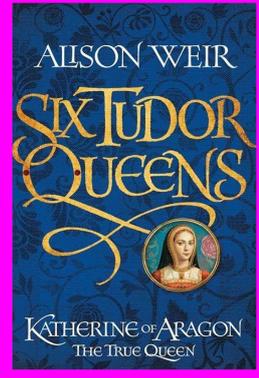
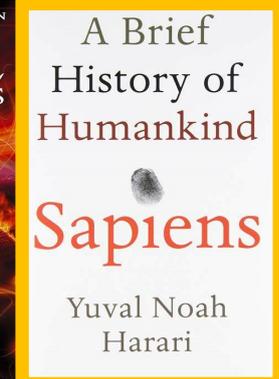
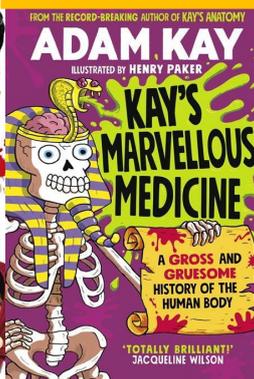
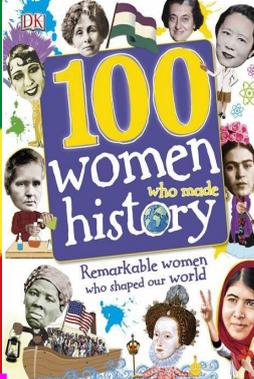
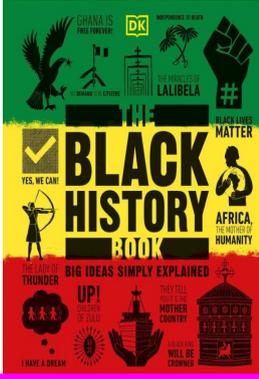
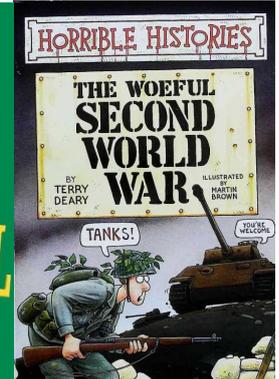
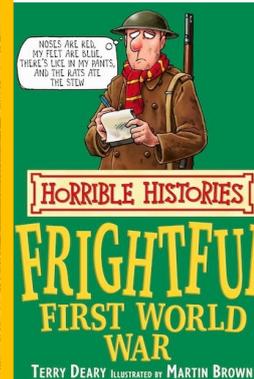
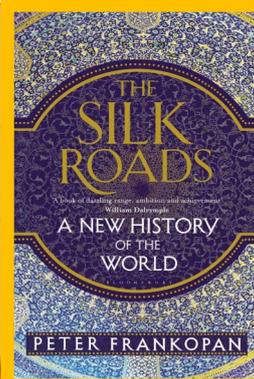
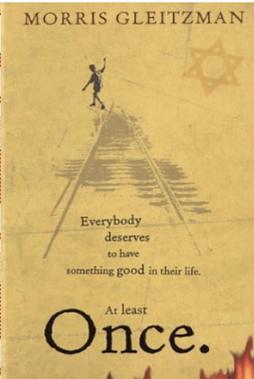
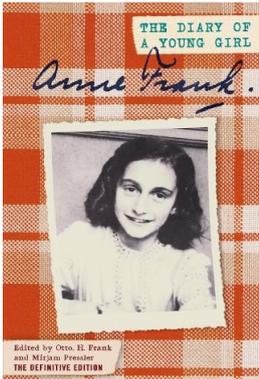


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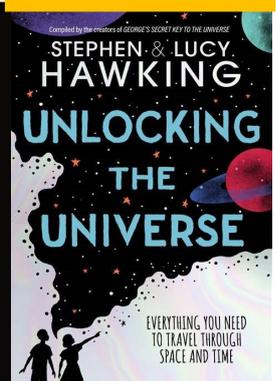
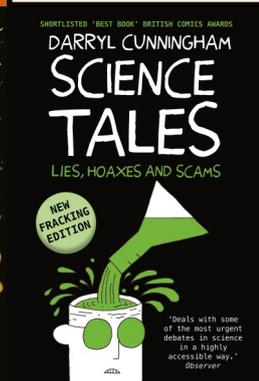
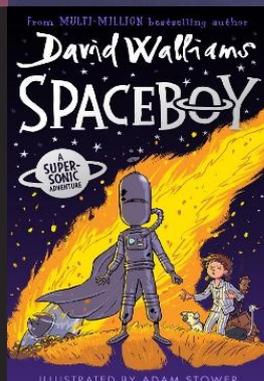
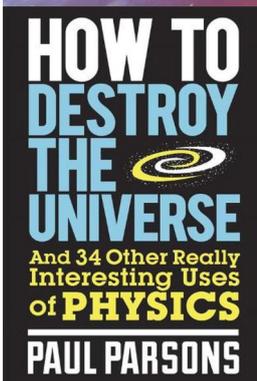
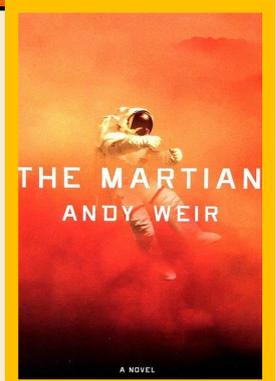
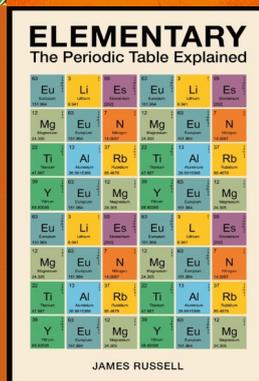
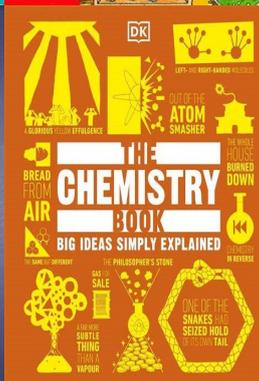
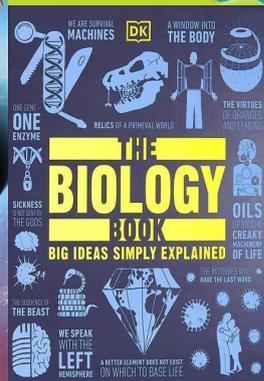
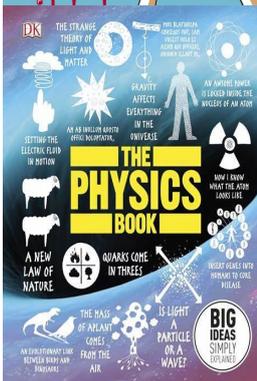
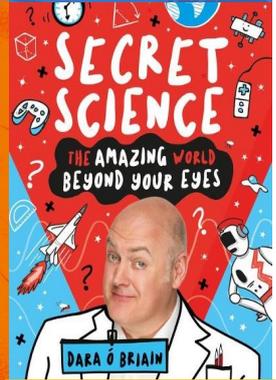
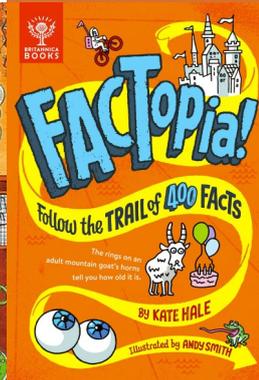
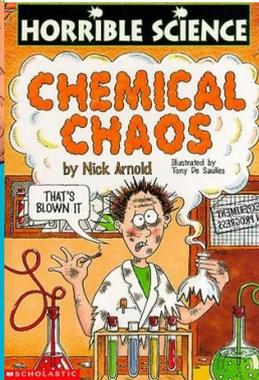
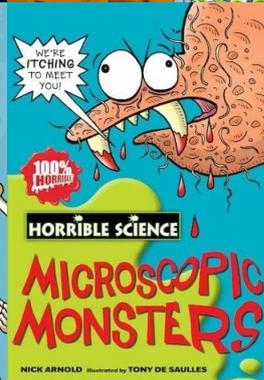
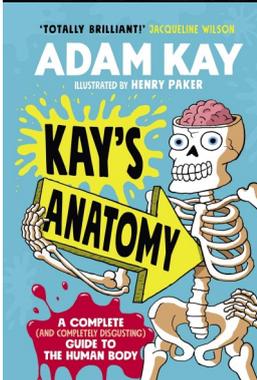
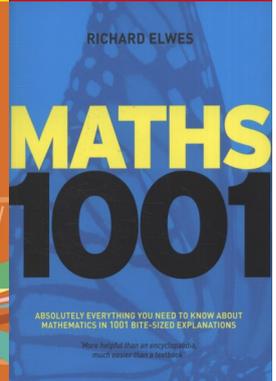
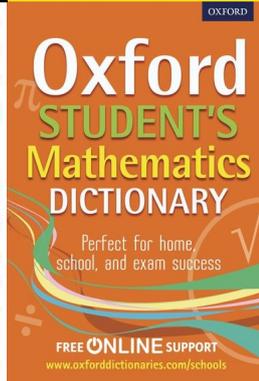
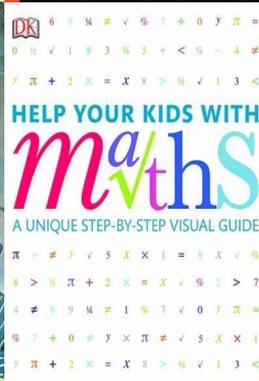
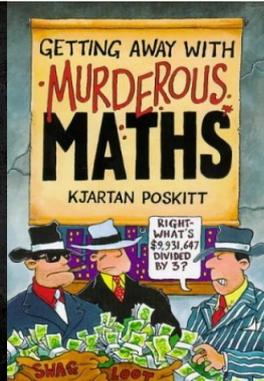
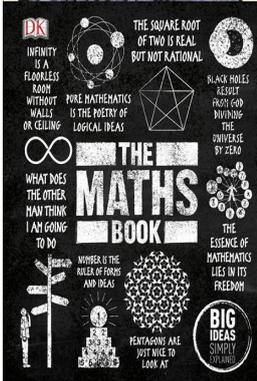
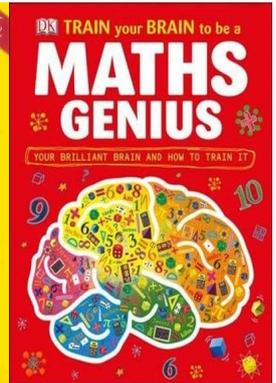
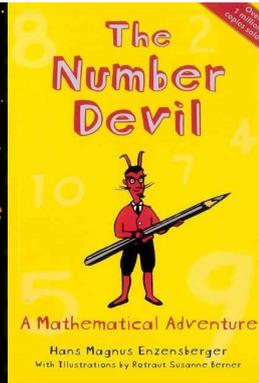
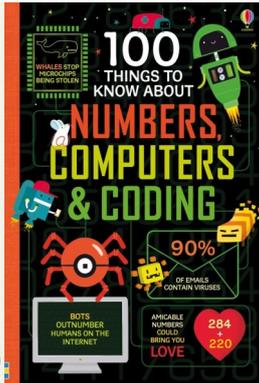
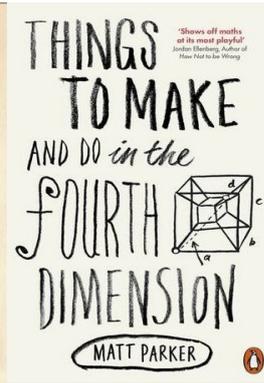
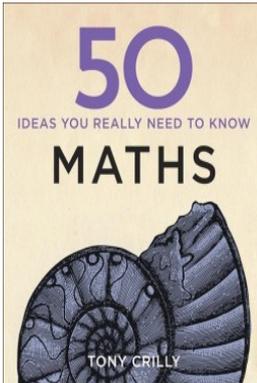
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