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Kick Simon and Schuster

From Carnegie Medal-winning author Mal Peet comes a sweeping coming-of-age adventure, both harrowing and life-affirming. Born of a brief encounter between a Liverpool prostitute and an African soldier in 1907, Beck finds himself orphaned as a young boy and sent overseas to the Catholic Brothers in Canada. At age fifteen he is sent to work on a farm, from which he eventually escapes. Finally in charge of his own destiny, Beck starts westward, crossing the border into America and back, all while the Great Depression rages on. What will it take for Beck to understand the agonies of his childhood and realize that love is possible?

*A Novel of Espionage, Passion, and Betrayal* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Lavender farmer Luc Bonet is raised by a wealthy Jewish family in the foothills of the French Alps. When the Second World War breaks out he joins the French Resistance, leaving behind his family's fortune, their home overrun by soldiers, their lavender fields in disarray. Lisette Forestier is on a mission of her own- to work her way into the heart of a senior German officer - and to bring down the Reich in any way she can. What Luc and Lisette hadn't counted on was meeting each other. When they come together at the height of the Paris occupation, German traitors are plotting to change the course of history. But who, if anyone, can be trusted? As Luc and Lisette's emotions threaten to betray them, their love may prove the greatest risk of all. By the bestselling author of *The French Promise* 'An enthralling, evocative read.' *Woman's Day* 'McIntosh writes a cracking tale that plunges you right into the heart of occupied Paris, the London Blitz and the rugged beauty of the South of France . . . it's hard not to keep turning the pages.' *Indaily*

*Now Is the Time for Running* Candlewick Press

Sandie has been battling it since childhood: the hulking, snarling black dog of her nightmares. For years, her precious pet dog Rabbie has kept the monster at bay, but when he is no longer there to protect her, the black dog reappears to stalk Sandie in her sleep... Illuminating the undeniable power of Mal Peet's pared-back prose, *Good Boy* is an evocative examination of fear and anxiety that will leave you guessing long after its final page.

*The Treasure of Pirate Frank* Charlesbridge Billy Bartholomew has an audacious soul, and he knows it. Why? Because it's all he has left. He's dead. Eddie Proffit has an equally audacious soul, but he doesn't know it. He's still alive. These days, Billy and Eddie meet on the sledding hill, where they used to spend countless hours -- until Billy kicked a stack of Sheetrock over on himself, breaking his neck and effectively hitting tilt on his Earthgame. The two were inseparable friends. They still are. And Billy is not about to let a little thing like death stop him from hanging in there with Eddie in his epic struggle to get his life back on track.

*Exposure* David Fickling Books

Marcus is the best player in his football team. He's actually so good that there's a very real chance he'll be signed by Manchester United. But when he discovers he may be losing his hearing, his whole world falls to pieces and he finds himself having to put them back together on his own. But is this feeling of isolation real or just a consequence of his own behaviour? While dealing with parents, friends and first girlfriends, Marcus gradually understands that accepting the help of others is ultimately an acceptance of self. A novel about friendship and family, *The Silent Striker* explores the issue of disability, and deafness, and the different ways in which we can choose to handle it. 'I enjoyed reading the book from the beginning to the end. YA fiction for all ages' Assia Shahin - blogger. 'An amazing book and it would benefit people, whether they are hard of hearing or not. (Robert Murrell, age 13, profoundly deaf and wears

hearing aids. (Reviewed for the National Deaf Children Society) 'Full to the brim with the joy, heartache and passion for the beautiful game.' (Carnegie Medal winner Melvin Burgess) 'A strong inspirational story about human aspiration.'

(Commonwealth Writers' Prize shortlisted Jacob Ross) 'Touching, funny and well tackled!' (Muli Amaye, novelist) 'A story that takes you through every emotion a young schoolboy goes through.' (Dotun Adebayo, BBC Radio 5) 'The Silent Striker scores! There are hundreds of books about the beautiful game and *The Silent Striker* is near the top of the table. A brilliantly realised young adult novel. *The Silent Striker* is moving, funny and uplifting. A must read!' (Rodney Hinds, the *VOICE* Newspaper) 'Marcus' battles to contain his temper against petty school authority and casual racism; his passion for football; his gradual acceptance of his disability are vividly and engagingly portrayed in this un-showy but moving urban story.'

*Good Boy* Usborne Publishing Ltd

In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Sarny Walker

A timid eighth-grade girl's life changes when her best friend convinces her to try out for the soccer team.

*Catching the Moon* HarperCollins UK

Michael Panckridge, author of the Toby Jones cricketing series, joins forces with Australian Rugby League legend Laurie Daly to bring us an exciting new sporting series - *League of Legends*. Sam Davies loves rugby league more than anything - and now he's been chosen to train in the Country squad! He loves league so much that he even sneaks out to watch the Salamanders, his most despised team, play - any football is better than no football. Sneaking out leads to serious complications when Sam witnesses something on the way home from the match that is somehow tied up with the Salamanders football team and the

missing Fogherty Shield. Something really weird is going on, and with the help of his friends, Sam is determined to find out just what it is. But in the process it looks like he might end up discovering more than he's bargained for ... Ages: 10-13 years  
**Shielding The Truth** David Fickling Books  
 Be prepared for a few surprises when Danny ventures out into the bay in his dory. Although taking the dory out solo is strictly forbidden, Danny cannot resist the calm waters of the bay. And that's where the adventure begins. He thinks rowing into a school of bluefish is trouble enough, but wait until the whales enter the picture. Danny encounters one sea creature after another and learns about the ocean food chain in the process. Just when you think you know what's going to happen next, the story takes an unexpected twist. With brilliant and vibrant illustrations, readers will feel the excitement of being out on the water surrounded by ocean creatures. The life and the life cycle of the ocean will fascinate young readers.

**Silent Striker** Walker

A thought-provoking football story accompanied by fascinating facts about famous goalies and the history of goalkeeping from reluctant-reader favourite Alan Gibbons.

**The Rose Keeper** Candlewick Press

This tale begins with a disgruntled camel, desperately trying to protect a little baby from a violent desert storm whipping up all around him. He is rescued by Issa - the desert guide - who takes the child in, naming her Mariama. She becomes Issa's family and, as he begins to lose his sight, his eyes. Many years later, a mysterious stranger arrives at their doorstep, a stranger who will change both their lives for ever.

**The Amber Keeper** Random House Australia

From the author of the acclaimed "Keeper" comes a powerfully moving, Carnegie Medal-winning story about love, lies, and secrets set against the daily fear and horror of Nazi-occupied Holland.

**Keeper** Keeper

Sixth-grader Simon Bloom can't believe his luck when he finds a book that enables

him to control the laws of physics. By simply reciting the formulas it contains, he can cancel gravity to fly around his bedroom, or decrease friction so he can slide down the street as if he were on rollerblades. When two thugs with evil intentions come after Simon, he must use the formulas to save himself and the book from falling into their hands. This funny, fast, and imaginative novel from first-time author Michael Reisman will appeal to fans of both fantasy and action-adventure.

**The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim** Howard Young Readers' Edition

Candlewick Press

Christina and Will have escaped Flambards for London with their heads full of dreams, only to find a whole new set of problems. Not only the basic ones of work and a place to live, but Will's single-minded ambition to design and pilot flying machines, which terrify Christina every time he leaves the ground. Will is certain he can become a success, but what price is he willing to pay for the glory? A Carnegie Medal winner in 1969, this novel is now reissued in a smaller format mass-market paperback.

**Cloud Tea Monkeys** Sourcebooks, Inc.

From acclaimed British sensation Mal Peet comes a masterful story of adventure, love, secrets, and betrayal in time of war, both past and present. When her grandfather dies, Tamar inherits a box containing a series of clues and coded messages. Out of the past, another Tamar emerges, a man involved in the terrifying world of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied Holland half a century before. His story is one of passionate love, jealousy, and tragedy set against the daily fear and casual horror of the Second World War -- and unraveling it is about to transform Tamar's life forever.

**Keeper** Collins Educational

A boy and his dog set out on a ship to find buried treasure. What they discover is the treasure of ... female Pirate Frank! She's not letting anyone steal her treasure!

**Booked** Candlewick Press

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to

remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Reprint. Jr Lib Guild.

**This Was Our Pact** Andersen Press Limited

Carnegie Medalist Mal Peet takes a searing look at the world of soccer and pop-celebrity culture -- and the lives of three street kids caught in its glare. (Age 14 and up) When a black South American soccer star signs on to a team in the country's racist south, headlines flare. And when he falls for the sensual Desmerelda, a stunning white pop singer and daughter of a wealthy politician, their sudden and controversial marriage propels the pair to center stage, where they burn in the media spotlight. But celebrity attracts enemies; some very close to home. And its dazzle reaches into the city's hidden corners, exposing a life of grit and desperation the glitterati could never imagine. When a girl is found murdered, reporter Paul Faustino is caught between worlds as he witnesses the power of the media in making -- and breaking -- lives. Inspired by Shakespeare's OTHELLO, this modern tragedy of desire and betrayal, incisively and compassionately told, is a truly enthralling work of crossover fiction.

**Tangerine** Harper Collins

It's 1945 and Martin Heath, like many men at that time, is struggling to settle, to find his place again after the horrors of war. Then an old comrade sends him a letter and tells him of a position that's just come up in the remote wilds of Dartmoor - working for an elderly fellow called Mr Godley. "Are you a good driver, Mr Heath?" It's a simple question and a simple task and the doorway to a dark mystery that may just turn out to be the escape he was hoping for - but at what cost?

**Night Sky Dragons** Laurel Leaf

When a man returns to his childhood home and visits the derelict tree house in which his father once chose to live, he recalls the past unravelling of his family, the unspoken strangeness of their lives, and the impact on his own adult life.

Beautiful, sparse and insightful storytelling.