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Deep Fried Pushkin Children's Books

Unexpectedly promoted to detective when his predecessor goes missing and a supervisor is killed, agency clerk Charles Unwin struggles with inexperience and nerves during a case in which he encounters bizarre clues and is framed for murder.

Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

"In a dark downtown alley in Central Georgia Metropolis, a juvenile prank goes too far and a homeless man is killed. When the ensuing investigation reveals that the attackers aren't who they appeared to be, justice depends on the testimony of a single witness -- a street snitch with a history of providing information to a uniformed cop named Harvey Greer. Harvey is placed on special assignment to track down the informant, but others have their own designs, including a wealthy socialite and an ex-con turned religious leader known to his followers as The Prophet. As days pass and anger among the anti-surrogate population grows, the city stands on a razor's edge. Will punishment be exacted in a courtroom-- or on the streets? Set fifteen years prior to the events of the first volume, *The Surrogates: Flesh and Bone* sheds light on the past that binds the cast together. From the streets of Central Georgia Metropolis to the boardroom of Virtual Self, Inc., it takes us on a journey through a city struggling to come to grips with its present. As much a cautionary tale as a story of suspense, this book reminds us that tomorrow will be determined by the choices we make today" --Publisher's Web site.

A Novel Candlewick Press

A brilliant and chilling dystopia for a new generation in the tradition of *Brave New World*. "'Explain to us why you wish to enter The Academy.'" Anaximander, a young Academy candidate, is put through a gruelling exam. Her special subject: the life of Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. It's late in the 21st century and the island Republic has emerged from a ruined, plague-ridden world, its citizens safe, but not free, and living in complete isolation from outside contact. Approaching planes are gunned down, refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescued a girl from the sea. "Anaximander, we have asked you to consider why it is you would like to join the Academy. Is your answer ready?" To answer that question, Anaximander must struggle with everything she has ever known about herself and her beloved Republic's history, the nature of being human, of being conscious, and even what it means to have a soul. And when everything has been laid bare, she must confront the Republic's last great secret, her own surprising link to Adam Forde, and the horrifying truth about her world.

Out There Hachette UK

Nazi Germany 1936. The Lebensborn program is going strong as German women are carefully selected by the Nazis and recruited to give birth to new representatives of the Aryan race. Inside one of these women is Max, a fetus waiting to be born and fulfill his destiny as the perfect Aryan. Max is taken away from his birth mother as soon as he enters the world. He will be raised under the leadership and ideologies of the Nazi Party. As he grows up without a mom, without any affection or tenderness, according to Nazi educational precepts, he soon becomes the mascot of the program. But things don't go according to plan. Originally published in French, Sarah Cohen-Scali's touching, illuminating, and heartbreaking book has been translated for an English-speaking audience. A Neal Porter Book

The Different Girl Penguin

Veronika. Caroline. Isobel. Eleanor. One blond, one brunette, one redhead, one with hair black as tar. Four otherwise identical girls who spend their days in sync, tasked to learn. But when May, a very different kind of girl—the lone survivor of a recent shipwreck—suddenly and mysteriously arrives on the island, an unsettling mirror is about to be held up to the life the girls have never before questioned. Sly and unsettling, Gordon Dahlquist's timeless and evocative storytelling blurs

the lines between contemporary and sci-fi with a story that is sure to linger in readers' minds long after the final page has been turned.

Embassytown Top Shelf Productions

"The ferociously talented Gibson delivers his signature mélange of technopop splendor and post-industrial squalor" (Time) in this New York Times bestseller that features his hero from Ildoru... Colin Laney, sensitive to patterns of information like no one else on earth, currently resides in a cardboard box in Tokyo. His body shakes with fever dreams, but his mind roams free as always, and he knows something is about to happen. Not in Tokyo; he will not see this thing himself. Something is about to happen in San Francisco. The mists make it easy to hide, if hiding is what you want, and even at the best of times reality there seems to shift. A gray man moves elegantly through the mists, leaving bodies in his wake, so that a tide of absences alerts Laney to his presence. A boy named Silencio does not speak, but flies through webs of cyber-information in search of the one object that has seized his imagination. And Rei Toi, the Japanese Ildoru, continues her study of all things human. She herself is not human, not quite, but she's working on it. And in the mists of San Francisco, at this rare moment in history, who is to say what is or is not impossible...

Lost Penguin

The island Republic has emerged from a ruined world. Its citizens are safe but not free. Until a man named Adam Forde rescues a girl from the sea. Fourteen-year-old Anax thinks she knows her history. She'd better. She's sat facing three Examiners and her five-hour examination has just begun. The subject is close to her heart: Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. In a series of startling twists, Anax discovers new things about Adam and her people that question everything she holds sacred. But why is the Academy allowing her to open up the enigma at its heart? Bernard Beckett has written a strikingly original novel that weaves dazzling ideas into a truly moving story about a young girl on the brink of her future.

Max Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

There is a new feeling now when I wake in the morning. A feeling I am moving forward. I can tell I am growing stronger, and it's not just physical. Soon, when people think of Carissa, the most popular girl at Stanway, they will think of me too. Samuel and Carissa. Nothing can ruin it. Not the stupid new house, not the designer valley that surrounds it. If I am patient, if I work to a plan, this will be my year. But plans have a way of falling over, and other people have a bad habit of getting in the way. People like Kurt, with his made-to-order smile, or Leon, bigger than any teenager has a right to be. People like Carissa, who has her own nightmare to live. Then there's Samuel himself, and all the trouble he attracts. He'll need to be even stronger than he imagines. This is some year. Whether or not it's Samuel's won't be decided until the very end. Here is a remarkable new novel from Wellington teacher and writer, Bernard Beckett, to follow his stand-out debut, *Lester*. *Red Cliff* explores themes of revenge and the unveiling of secrets through the eyes of a teenage boy. Unlike the tragic *Lester*, this novel ends on a high note, in which the best of human nature wins out. The themes and incorporation of different narrative styles should appeal to teachers while the authentic voice and powerful climax - in which families and friendships and the force of nature erupt imltaneously - ensure it's a genuine page-turner for its target readership.

Malcolm & Juliet Text Publishing

This stunning picture book will have young readers wondering about outer space and life on other planets while imparting a surprising and profound message of empathy. From the author/illustrator of *Blue vs. Yellow* and *I Used to Be a Fish*. Do you ever look up at the night sky and wonder if there is anybody else out there? Are there evil robots or cool aliens? Do they fly in UFOs or live in futuristic cities? Or maybe . . . they are just like us. *Out There* is a wonder-filled, surprising journey of imagination and empathy, a book that will inspire readers of all ages to reflect on how much we all have in common, despite our differences.

Red Cliff Roaring Brook Press

A bestselling YA thriller exploring death, revenge and morality. 'The challenge of the Coast to Coast was for the whole PE class to get itself from one side of the island to the other in under six days. "Where to?" "The bush," I croaked. "Hide." We cut back to the right, down off the track, crashing through the undergrowth and sliding down steep slopes. After a couple of minutes we stumbled to a stop, pressed in close . we waited and listened, the others with their heads bursting with questions, mine spinning with answers I didn't want to believe. ' Marko surfaces from a drug-induced haze to find himself hidden from the world in a psychiatric ward. He is certain the 'Doctor' means to kill him, but he in turn has vengeful plans of his own. Who are these people and what happened to the others? Who can Marko trust and how much time does he have? Time enough to write it all down, his story of a coast to coast trip and the earthquake that ripped his world apart. A 'top-notch thriller'

The Surrogates Tor Books

In the year 2075 the island Republic has emerged from a ruined world. Its citizens are safe but not free. They live in complete isolation from the outside world. Approaching planes are gunned down, refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescues a girl from the sea. Anaximander, a young Academy student, is put through a gruelling exam. Her special subject: the life of Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. What secrets has she discovered and what is her own surprising link to Adam? She is forced to confront the horrifying truth about her totalitarian world. Genesis is a thriller that asks the big questions. What is it to be human? What makes a soul?

Acid Song St. Martin's Press

Two teens dare to take on a multi-national corporation in this YA thriller novel by award-winning writer Bernard Beckett. *Deep Fried* is a fascinating mixture of intrigue, psychological thriller and rebel-of-the-moment youth culture. Peter and Charlotte are itchy, bored by life. They decide through a chance happening to take on a corporate giant (a very large corporate giant cleverly disguised as the Prince of Burgers). Using the media and the internet, they quickly gather quite a following. However, the corporate giant fights back using some very slick enticements and snares to really test the ethical and moral fortitude of our hero and his catwoman. The pitfalls and seductions of the internet are nicely drawn, there's some rather obsessive stalker behaviour, not to mention chat rooms and hackers, lots of suspense and a great thriller ending. Politically savvy, fast-paced and compelling *Deep Fried* tests the temperature of the disenchanted. A standout novel featuring the debut of Clare Knighton along with veteran writer for teens, Bernard Beckett.

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The Birthmarked Trilogy: Birthmarked, Prized, Promised In the future there are those who live inside the wall and those, like sixteen-year-old midwife Gaia Stone, who live outside . . . Perfect for fans new to the series, the three books of Caragh O'Brien's Birthmarked Trilogy are available together in this bundle. Birthmarked: Gaia has always believed it is her duty, with her mother, to hand over a small quota of babies to the Enclave. But when Gaia's mother and father are arrested by the very people they so dutifully serve, Gaia is forced to question everything she has been taught to believe. Prized: Striking out into the wasteland with nothing but her baby sister and a rumor to guide her, Gaia survives only to be captured by the people of Sylum, a dystopian society where women rule the men who drastically outnumber them, and a kiss is a crime. In order to see her sister again, Gaia must submit to their strict social code, but how can she deny her sense of justice, her curiosity, and everything in her heart that makes her whole? Promised: After defying the ruthless Enclave, surviving the wasteland, and upending the rigid matriarchy of Sylum, Gaia now faces her biggest challenge ever. She must lead the people of Sylum back to the Enclave and persuade the Protectorat to grant them refuge from the wasteland. Is Gaia ready, as a leader, to sacrifice what—or whom—she loves most? Includes bonus chapters from Caragh O'Brien's *Vault of Dreamers!*

August Text Publishing

Flapping Eagle is a young Indian given the gift of immortality after drinking a magic fluid. Tiring of

the burden of immortal life he sets off to find the mystical Calf Island, where he can rejoin the human race. His journey is peopled with strange assortments of characters, including the clumsy, loquacious Virgil Jones; his ugly, tragic companion, Dolores O'Toole; the wicked conjurer, Nicholas Deggle; the dainty, light-spirited Elfrida Gribb; and the enigmatic, pervasive Grimus, creator and controller of the mysterious island. An enticing combination of science fantasy, storytelling and folklore makes this first novel by Salman Rushdie an epic adventure truly unlike any other.

Text Classics Balzer + Bray

A hilarious, action-packed look at the apocalypse that combines a touching tale of friendship, a thrilling war story, and an all out kung-fu infused mission to save the world. Gonzo Lubitch and his best friend have been inseparable since birth. They grew up together, they studied kung-fu together, they rebelled in college together, and they fought in the Go Away War together. Now, with the world in shambles and dark, nightmarish clouds billowing over the wastelands, they have been tapped for an incredibly perilous mission. But they quickly realize that this assignment is more complex than it seems, and before it is over they will have encountered everything from mimes, ninjas, and pirates to one ultra-sinister mastermind, whose only goal is world domination.

Genesis Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

Forty-eight hours in the lives of characters headed for a showdown, grippingly told by an award-winning novelist. It's election day in contemporary New Zealand. A young father confronts a teenage burglar. A psychologist's political stand threatens to see him driven from the university community. A staffroom argument flares up - does a playground fight warrant a student's expulsion? A young girl sets about mending her broken heart, a skinhead riot erupts, and Richard, the biology lecturer at the heart of this simmering forty-eight hours, must deal with the secret which compels them all, unknowingly, to the same conclusion. In *Acid Song*, an absorbing and daring novel, a varied cast of characters is linked by chance and circumstance. With a powerful, addictive intensity, award-winning writer Bernard Beckett composes a corrosive song of our times.

Genesis Genesis

It takes a tough mindset to be a successful sniper, to be able to dig in for days on your own as you wait for your target, to stay calm on a battlefield when you yourself have become the target the

enemy most want to take out. Craig Harrison has what it takes and in November 2009 in Afghanistan, under intense pressure, he saved the lives of his comrades with the longest confirmed sniper kill - 2,475 meters. In this unflinching autobiography, Craig catapults us into the heat of the action as he describes his active service in the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan, and gives heart-stopping accounts of his sniper ops as he fought for his life on the rooftops of Basra and the barren hills of Helmand province. Craig was blown up by an IED in Afghanistan and left battling severe PTSD. After his identity was revealed in the press he also had to cope with al Qaeda threats against him and his family. For Craig, the price of heroism has been devastatingly high. Powerful and compelling, *The Longest Kill* is a must-read for fans of military memoirs.

Veracity Penguin

Rene's twin brother Theo lies unconscious in hospital after a freak accident left him with massively disrupted brain function. There is hope though. An experimental procedure—risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable—could allow him to gain a new life. But what life, and at what cost? Only Rene can give the required consent. And now he must face that difficult decision. But first there is the question of Rene's capacity to make that decision. And this is where the real story begins. Bernard Beckett is a multi-award winning author of books and plays for young adults and one of New Zealand's most outstanding writers. In 2006 Bernard was awarded a fellowship for a project examining DNA mutations. This new direction in his life led to the publication of the sophisticated sci-fi novel *Genesis*, which has since been published in over twenty countries and was the winner of the 2010 Prix Sorcier. He lives near Wellington with his wife and twin sons.

'Lullaby is an amazingly complex novel, exploring the nature of identity and shared memories as well as how we shape the story of ourselves. The questions it raises stay with the reader for a long time after the book is finished.' *New Zealand Herald* 'This book is promoted as Young Adult, but many older adults will enjoy it too. Clever and thought-provoking.' *BookMooch* 'It was incredible. The complexity of the storyline was nothing short of delicious and encouraged that deep, emotional thinking that is lacking in the majority of young adult novels.' *Diva Booknerd* 'It is a rare kind of young adult book that aims to leave the reader with more than just the usual afterthoughts

of the story. Beckett encourages the reader on his or her own philosophical journey.' *Book Kat* 'This is a fascinating exploration of the notion of self, how far people will go to save those they love, and what scientists will do to advance their research. Well worth reading, and when you've finished, let me know what you thought of the end because I'm dying to discuss it!' *Nicole Has Read, Blog* 'This book is a beautiful example of a thought experiment, with characters you feel for, and stories that you enjoy every moment of.' *Booksellers NZ* 'Lullaby is very eerie science fiction which, in the telling of the story, discusses the dilemmas that medicine could find itself in when the desire to break new frontiers clashes with ethical principles...Confronting, terrifying and challenging.' *Reading Time* 'Bernard Beckett's biggest strength isn't that he is able to convey high-minded sci-fi concepts to his usual audience of young adult readers - it is the power of the concepts themselves...It's exciting to see a recent scientific concept such as the connectome (a map of neural connections in the brain) used to drive dramatic tension and ask big questions.'

Cosmos

Flesh and Bone Knopf Books for Young Readers

When an old manuscript holding the secrets of human extinction is found, two children with strange powers must set out to save the human race. A strange 100,000 year-old manuscript in a long-forgotten language has been the basis for all the major religions throughout history. Lost and buried in a sarcophagus during the Second Iraq War, it holds the secrets of human birth—and extinction. Two children are born with transcendent talents and preternatural powers beyond human comprehension. Only they understand the magnitude of the disaster to come. They are the last, best hope for human survival. Indelibly bonded, these enigmatic youths -- this brave new Adam and Eve -- are thrown against their wills into a headlong race to save the world. "Genesis reads like *Left Behind* on steroids!" -- Douglas Preston, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Blasphemy* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A Novel Text Publishing

A hilarious and sweetly philosophical twist on a classic tale-three penguin pals refuse to enter the ark two by two.