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Blue Gold

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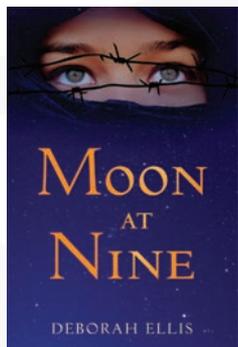
Three girls on three continents are linked by the mineral coltan, or blue gold, which is used in the manufacturing of electronics.

ANNICK PRESS | 9781554516346 | \$12.95 | PB | Ages 12+ |

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Also available: *The Lynching of Louie Sam* by Elizabeth Stewart



Moon at Nine

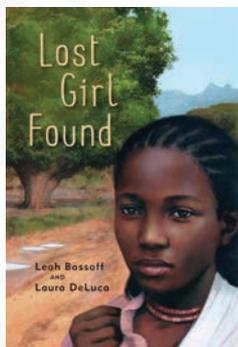
Deborah Ellis

Fifteen-year-old Farrin has grown up with secrets: ten years after the overthrow of the Shah, her aristocratic mother is still working against Iran's conservative revolutionary government. But when Farrin befriends Sadira, the intriguing and outgoing new student at her school for gifted girls, her own new secret is even more dangerous, because the girls discover their relationship is more than just a friendship—and in Iran, being gay is punishable by death.

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Lost Girl Found

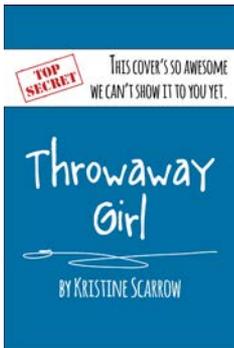
Leah Bassoff & Laura DeLuca

For Poni, life in her small village in southern Sudan is simple and complicated at the same time. Stay in school. Beat up any boy who tries to show attention. Watch out for the dangers in the river. But then the war comes. And when soldiers arrive in her village, and bombs begin to rain from the sky, there is only one thing for Poni to do. Run. Run for her life.

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Throwaway Girl

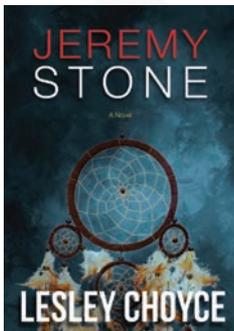
Kristine Scarrow

Since she was thirteen years old, Andy Burton has learned about survival at Haywood House, a group home for girls. Now almost eighteen, Andy must find a new home. Can she build a life for herself and find happiness?

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Jeremy Stone

Lesley Choyce

Jeremy, a First Nations teenager is trying to figure out where he belongs. After transferring out of a residential school, he meets Caitlin, whose boyfriend Jenson committed suicide. Jeremy is able to use his connection to the spirit world to speak with Jenson, as well as his own grandfather and childhood best friend. These spirits help Jeremy find his way through bullying and racism toward a better future.

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Finding Melissa

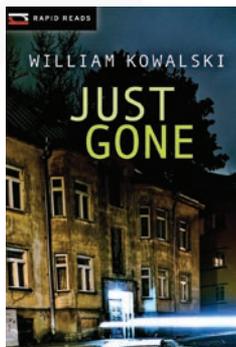
Cora Taylor

A suspense-filled novel about a missing child and the effect on her family. Twelve years after her sister Melissa's disappearance, Clarice still deals with it. Her dad is gone and her mother can't forgive her for surviving. In another town, a girl has dreams she can't explain—about people she doesn't know. She doesn't remember her parents, only Aunt Rosie. Her life will soon change.

FITZHENRY & WHITESIDE | 9781554552740 | \$12.95 | PB | Ages 15-17 | Grades 9-10

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Also available: *On the Wings of a Dragon* by Cora Taylor



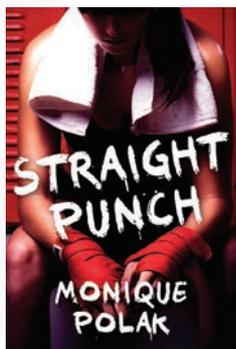
Just Gone

William Kowalski

Mother Angelique runs a shelter for homeless mothers and their children in a run-down inner-city area. One day, newly orphaned Jamal and his sister Chantay arrive at the shelter. Jamal tells fantastic stories of a man named Jacky Wacky, who protects the poor children of the city and punishes the adults who harm them. A God-fearing woman, Angelique doesn't believe Jamal's stories at first, but strange things begin to happen whenever Jamal is around.

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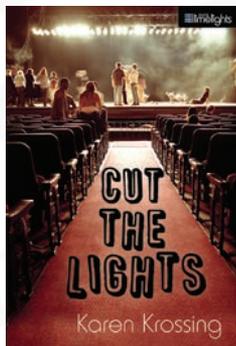
Straight Punch

Monique Polak

Tessa McPhail has a bad habit—tagging—that lands her at an alternative school. The school is far from Tessa's home and full of troubled kids. To make matters worse, half of every school day is devoted to boxing. The other students think boxing is cool. Not Tessa, who cannot handle violence of any kind. But when a neighbour starts a petition to have the school closed down, Tessa discovers something worth fighting for.

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Language Arts | Ebook available | Author available for school visits

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Cut The Lights

Karen Krossing

Briar has a vision for the play she's been chosen to direct at her performing arts high school. She's going to create a masterpiece. If only everyone involved in the production shared her vision. Her leading lady is gifted but troubled, her leading man has a crush on the leading lady and her stage manager doesn't have a clue. As Briar struggles with the production, she learns about the fine art of directing—and about herself.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS | 9781459804135 | \$9.95 | PB | Ages 11-14 | Grades 6-9
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September 17

Amanda West Lewis

On the night of September 17, 1940, a requisitioned luxury liner secretly carrying child evacuees from war-ravaged Britain to the safety of Canada was torpedoed by a German U-boat. Only thirteen of the ninety children survived. Based on a true, seldom-told tragedy in World War II, *September 17* is a harrowing fictionalized account that follows the lives of three children and their experiences during this wartime disaster.

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History | Language Arts | Ebook available | Author available for school visits

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Soldier Doll

Jennifer Gold

When Elizabeth finds an antique soldier doll at a garage sale, she thinks that it might be a good birthday gift for her dad, who's about to ship out to Afghanistan. But could it be the doll that inspired a famous poem written during World War I? In finding the doll, Elizabeth has become the latest link in a chain of love and loss that stretches across all the major wars of the 20th century.

SECOND STORY PRESS | 9781927583296 | \$11.95 | PB | Ages 15-17 | Grades 11-12

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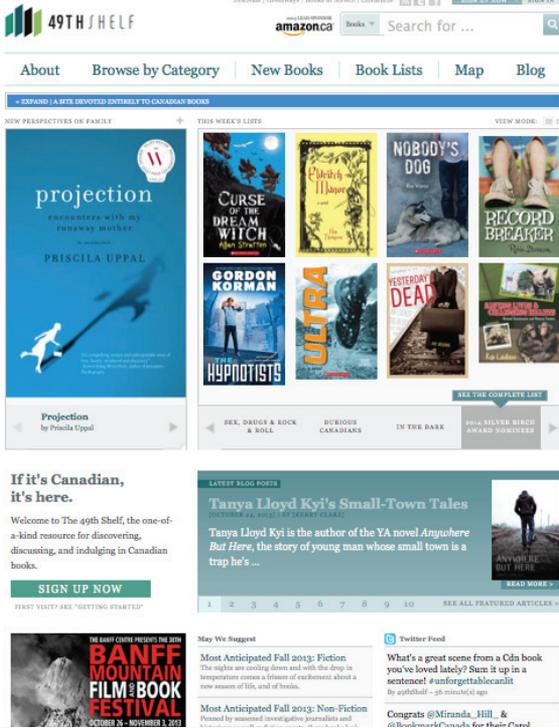
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