

# Books for big change



**Booklist**



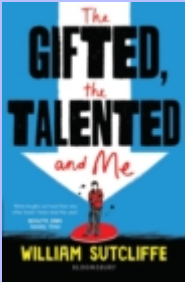
# Transition to secondary school


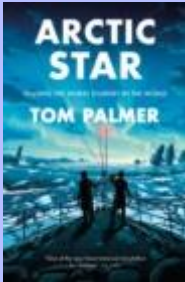
Going to secondary school is a big change, and it's natural to feel nervous, excited, or just confused! Here are our favourite books that tackle the theme of big change.



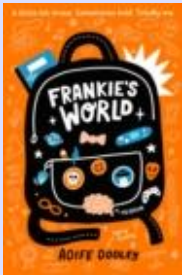
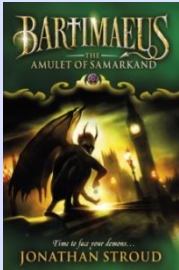
## 10 top picks

### Fiction

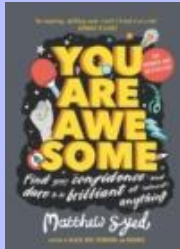
	<p><b>When Secrets Set Sail</b></p> <p>Written by Sita Brahmachari</p>	<p>A magical and moving adventure story about unlocking stories and secrets of the past.</p>
	<p><b>The Final Year</b></p> <p>Matt Goodfellow</p>	<p>A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within.</p>
	<p><b>The Gifted, The Talented, and Me</b></p> <p>Written by William Sutcliffe</p>	<p>A brilliantly funny book about fitting in, falling out and staying true to your own averageness.</p>

	<p><b>Jelly</b></p> <p>Written by Jo Cotterill</p>	<p>A real-world story about body positivity, humour as self-defence, and celebrating who you are.</p>
	<p><b>Arctic Star</b></p> <p>Written by Tom Palmer</p>	<p>A gripping story of courage and survival about three young Royal Navy recruits on their first mission.</p>

## Graphic Novels

	<p><b>Frankie's World</b></p> <p>Written by Aoife Dooley</p>	<p>A two-colour graphic novel offering a unique perspective on Autism, told with humour and heart.</p>
	<p><b>Amulet</b></p> <p>Written by Kazu Kibuishi</p>	<p>A world of man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot, and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission.</p>

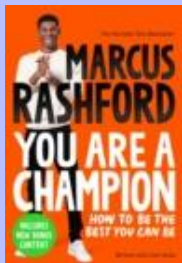
## Non-fiction



### **You are Awesome**

Written by Matthew Syed and Toby Triumph

Practical, insightful and positive, this is the book to help you build resilience and embrace your mistakes.



### **You are a Champion**

Written by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka

The nation's favourite footballer shows how you can achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.

## Poetry



### **Rhythm and Poetry**

Written by Karl Nova

A beautiful and powerful collection of poems inspired by rap and hip hop, that reflect on Karl's journey.



### **Rising Stars**

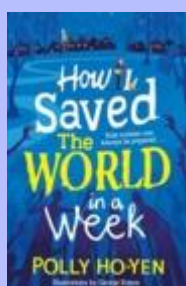
An anthology

*New young voices in poetry* by various: An anthology showcasing the work of five debut poets from diverse backgrounds, all aged 25 and under.

## Further recommended reads

There are so many great books that tackle big changes! You can find these in your local library.

### Fiction



#### **How I saved the World in a Week**

Written by Polly Ho Yen



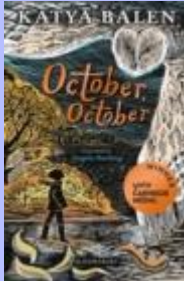
#### **Asha and the Spirit Bird**

Witten by Jasbinder Bilan



#### **Goldfish Boy**

Written by Lisa Thompson



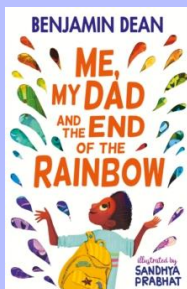
## **October, October**

Written by Katya Balen



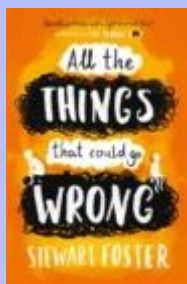
## **Wonder**

Written by R. J. Palacio



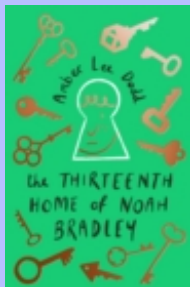
## **Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow**

Written by Benjamin Dean



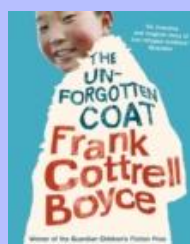
## **All the Things That Could go Wrong**

Written by Stewart Forster



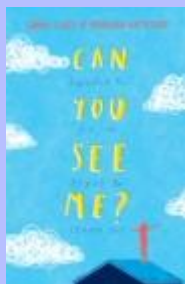
### **The Thirteenth Home of Noah Bradley**

Written by Amber Lee Dodd



### **The Unforgotten Coat**

Written by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



### **Can You See Me?**

Written by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott



### **Running on Empty**

Written by S. E. Durrant



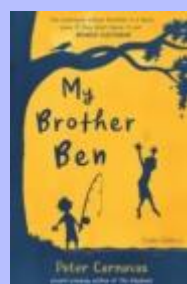
## **The Amazing Edie Eckhart**

Written by Rosie Jones



## **When I See Blue**

Written by Lily Bailey



## **My Brother Ben**

Written by Peter Carnavas



## **Splash**

Written by Charli Howard



## Graphic Novels



### **Guts**

Written by Raina Telgemeier



### **The Arrival**

Written by Shaun Tan



### **Has Anyone Seen Archie Ebbs?**

Written by Simon Packham



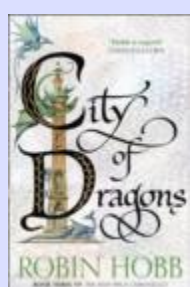
### **When Stars Are Scattered**

Written by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed



## **New Kid**

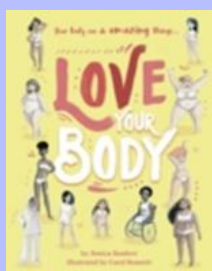
Written by Jerry Craft



## **City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm**

Written by Jaimal Yogis & Vivian Truong

## **Non-Fiction**



## **Love Your Body**

Written by Jessica Sanders and Carol Rosetti



## **Be Resilient: How to Build a Strong Teenage Mind for Tough Times**

Written by Nicola Morgan



## **Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guide**

Written by Matthew Burton

## Poetry



## **Poetry for a Change**

Written by various



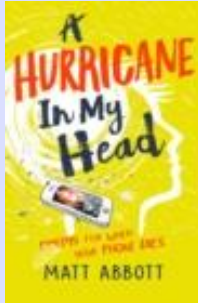
## **She is Fierce**

Written by various



## **Everything All at Once**

Written by Stephen Camden



## A Hurricane in my Head

Written by Matt Abbott