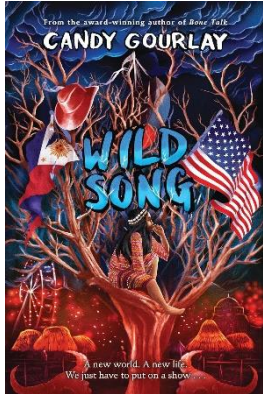




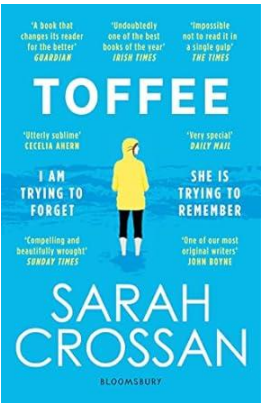
Empathy Day 6th June 2024

“Reading allows us to see and understand the world through the eyes of others. A good book is an empathy engine” *Chris Riddell*



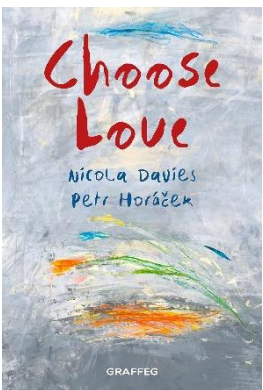
WILD SONG

It's 1905 and we join Luki, a determined young woman travelling from the Philippines to the World Fair in Missouri. Excitement becomes anger as she experiences racism and misogyny. This book exposes human-rights issues that are sadly still profoundly relevant today.



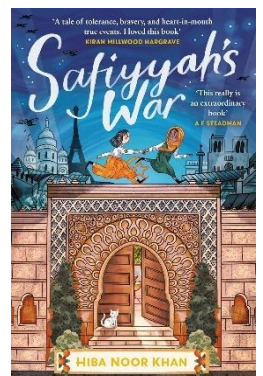
TOFFEE

Marla has dementia and Allison has run away from home. Brought together by chance, they find solace in each other. A superb verse novel raising important questions about how we care for each other in our communities.



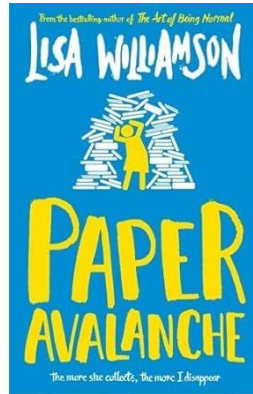
CHOOSE LOVE

A beautifully illustrated collection of poems telling individual stories of refugees escaping war and persecution. Poetry can expose stark truths and raw emotions and this collection is painful but uplifting, the resilience of the human spirit movingly highlighted by the final poem, 'Unbroken'.



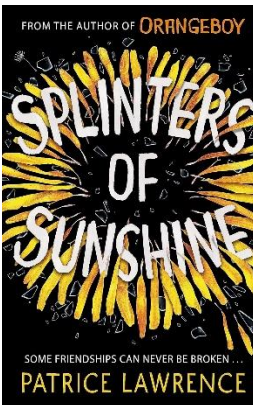
SAFIYYAH'S WAR

A beautifully constructed story with unforgettable characters. Safiyyah is a Muslim in Paris courageously working with the Resistance to save persecuted Jews. A book that shows how empathy and commitment to our shared humanity cut through religious and cultural divides.



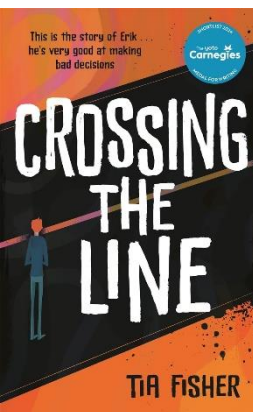
PAPER AVALANCHE

Paper Avalanche is about hoarding – a topic that can be seen sensationalised on television but is not often discussed in everyday life. Fourteen year old Ro lives with her hoarder mother, Bonnie. Ro struggles with her mother's issues, torn between the need to care for her whilst resenting the difficulties that Bonnie's hoarding brings to Ro's life.



SPLINTERS OF SUNSHINE

Richly drawn characters are key to this book which tackles life's realities for so many young people. Issues of family breakdown, prison, racism and county lines are woven together in a mystery story about understanding each other, forgiveness and love.



CROSSING THE LINE

A terrifying account of how Erik, grieving for his dad, gets sucked into county lines. This is an emotional read with no easy answers, but Erik's friendship with Ravi offers a chink of optimism that he can turn his life around



GLOVES OFF

This verse novel explores body image, self-confidence and bullying that explodes into brutal violence. Lily and her mother Bernadette are victims of an unforgiving society. Experiencing life in their shoes may just make us think before we rush to judge others.