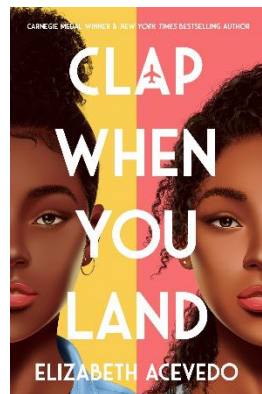




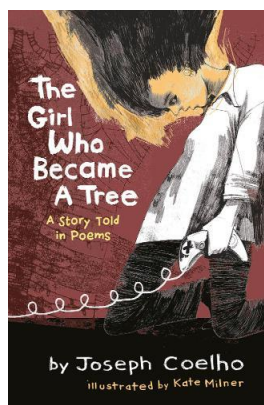
Shortlisted for the CLIP Carnegie Medal 2021

Just before the Easter holidays the Carnegie shortlist was announced. Below are the 8 titles that have been chosen and the overall winner will be announced on Wednesday 16th June 2021.



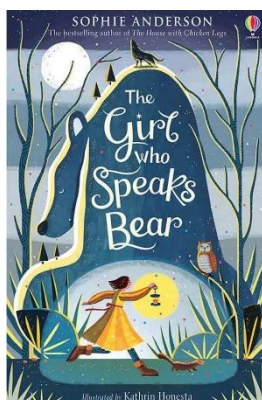
Clap when you land

A tale of two girls, two cultures and two families that collide unexpectedly in this unapologetic and thought-provoking novel. Loss and grief are combined with family revelations that will change the lives of Camino and Yahaira forever. Economic and lyrical verse make



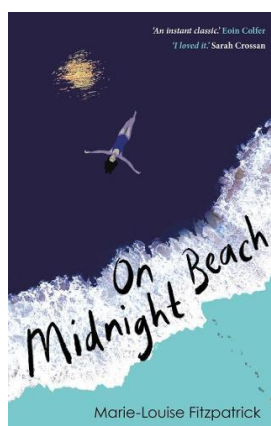
The girl who became a tree

The myth of Daphne and Apollo combines with a story of a girl struggling to make sense of loss. The themes explored are both vast and intimate. There is a contemporary yet ancient feel to the book and each reading uncovers more depth and breadth. A novel in poetry that inspires, empowers, educates and wrenches at the heart!



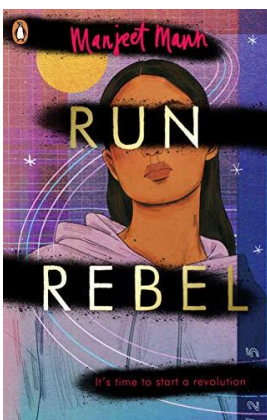
The girl who speaks bear

Grounded in Russian folklore, there is a jigsaw-like feel to the interconnecting stories surrounding Yanka, a girl found in a bear cave as a baby. Danger and struggle combine in this story of self-discovery. A magical and memorable book where every animal is given its own distinct character.



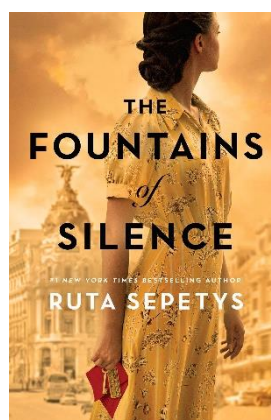
On midnight beach

An exceptional retelling of Táin Bó Cúailnge but equally a story that stands on its own. It beautifully evokes the 1970s and its remote Donegal setting. Dual narration combine to explore epic themes that tell a tiny tale of two small communities. A clever chronicling of a character and communities on the cusp of change.



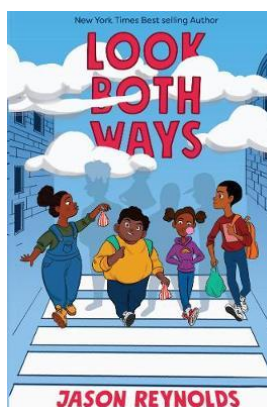
Run rebel

Complex and strong, Amber struggles to rebel against some of the expectations made of her. We hear the voice of those who are voiceless and who lack agency in this brilliantly written and powerful verse novel which articulates domestic violence, anger and coercion in ways that feel explosive!



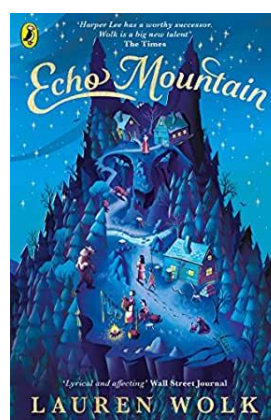
The fountains of silence

Ana and Daniel's relationship feels strong and grows out of meaningful interaction. There is light, shade and an ever-present sense of danger in this beautifully layered story of Spain under the dictatorship of Francisco Franco. The heat of the time and place is felt in every sense in this remarkable story.



Look both ways

An ingenious collection of short stories, each of which offers a complete snapshot yet gives insight into other situations. The narrative feels child-like as though we are being told these children's stories by one of them. Engaging, compelling, funny and unique; this is a collection with a real sucker punch.



Echo mountain

Friendship is at the heart of this inverse rags to riches story of Ellie and her family. Characters are built realistically with few words, but we get a true sense of what people can achieve when pushed to their limits. A deftly handled, thoughtful book that builds with an utterly compelling plot and air of tension throughout.