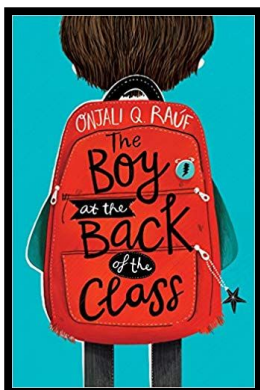


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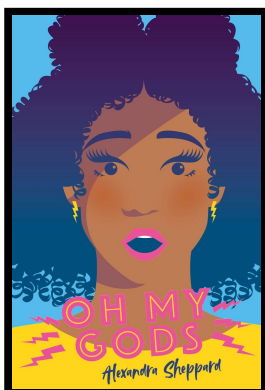


***The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf**

This was a favourite pick from Listen and Lounge club this year. The book focuses on the story of Ahmet, who joins a London primary school after fleeing from Syria with his family. The issues surrounding the topic are dealt with in a sensitive manner and is written in a way that young people can comprehend. *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is eloquent and thought-provoking, acting as an excellent empathy builder as readers can try to understand the lives and hardships of others.

Onjali Q. Rauf's debut novel was longlisted for the Carnegie Medal and was also the winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019.

The Boy at the Back of the Class is recommended for students in KS3.

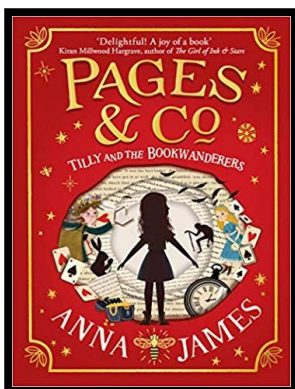


***Oh My Gods* by Alexandra Sheppard**

Helen Thomas is a normal teenager living in North London - except she is the daughter of Zeus which makes her half-mortal. We recently had a visit from the author, Alexandra Sheppard, who held assemblies and workshops for Year 7 and 8 students. This resulted in students running to the LRC to get their hands on a copy of the book to borrow!

This is a very funny book about a normal girl attempting to navigate teenage life, just with a big secret to hide.

Oh My Gods is recommended for students in KS3 and KS4.



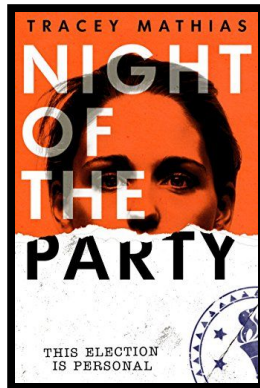
***Pages & Co - Tilly and the Book Wanderers* by Anna James**

Pages & Co. is a light fantasy novel following the story of Matilda Pages and the magic behind her grandparents' bookshop. This is a pure comfort read and will be perfect for an afternoon indoors when we don't get the summer weather that we're always promised!

The sequel comes out in the middle of September, and we already have a number of requests for the new book from avid readers of the first!

Pages & Co. is full of twists and turns and is a fantastic choice for book lovers.

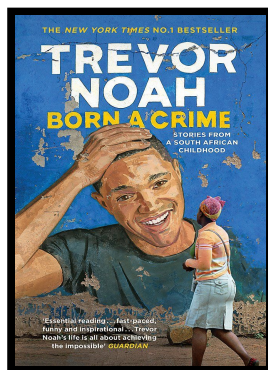
Pages & Co is recommended for students in KS3.



***Night of the Party* by Tracey Mathias**

Night of the Party is a thrilling fast-paced and highly topical novel. The story is set in post-Brexit Britain and follows two teenagers living in a Britain that has withdrawn from the European Union and is now governed by The Party. This book is highly recommended for those interested in politics and human rights.

Night of the Party is recommended for students in KS4 and KS5.



***Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah**

An incredibly honest account of Trevor Noah's life and the conditions in which he grew up with in 80s / 90s South Africa during apartheid. Trevor Noah, renowned comedian and talk-show host, interweaves background knowledge and anecdote in with the stories of his childhood.

The audiobook of Noah's autobiography is fantastic also, as he tells his story as though you are an old friend; he is an effortless narrator.

Born a Crime is recommended for students in KS5.

All of these titles are available to borrow from the LRC.