



# Guilsborough Academy

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## ✳ Library Newsletter ✳



## Here's a poem I wrote a while back, all about reading. Enjoy!

Open a book? I hear you cry.  
Boring, rubbish, that's not for me!  
Don't want to, not today.  
Listen to me and I'll tell you why!

Open a book and you will find,  
Knowledge and wisdom, happy and sad  
Interesting facts and pictures galore  
Open a book it will not be that bad!

Open a book and you will find.  
Help in many a way  
Vocab and spelling, revision to do.  
Open a book, open your mind!

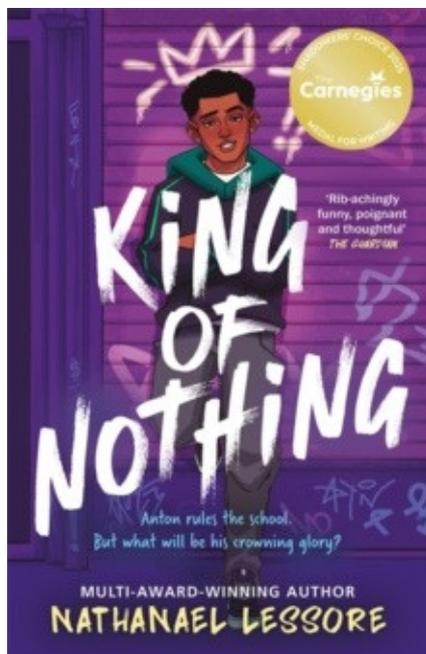
Open a book and you will find.  
Stories, adventures of all kind  
Detectives, magic, fantasy too  
Open a book I say to you!

Open a book and you will find.  
Stories, that will blow your mind.  
A joke and a pun that can be so cheesy!  
Open a book it is so easy!

So, "open a book" is what I say.  
Books are not as bad as you think.  
Books might surprise you in the end.  
Open a book before the end of the day!

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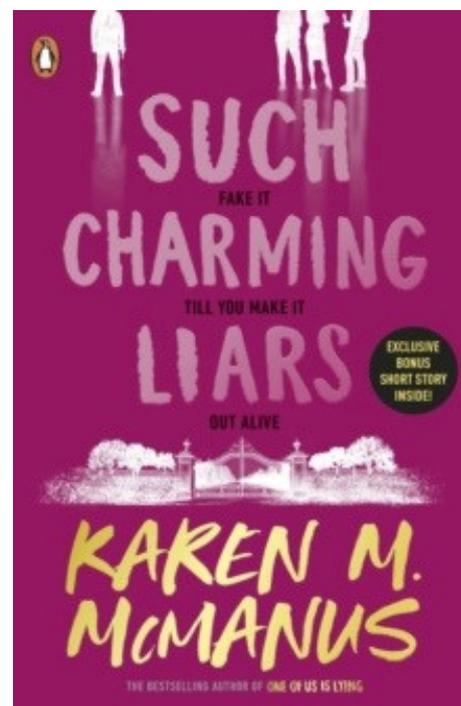
## Recommended Read KS3



### King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessor

They're used to ruling the school and Anton wears the crown. The other kids run away when he's about but that's the way he wants it - he's got a reputation to live up to after all. So when he gets into serious trouble at school, he doesn't really care, but his mum most definitely does. She decides it's time for Anton to make some new friends and join the Happy Campers, a local activity group. Anton would quite literally rather do anything else, especially when he finds out Matthew, the biggest loser in school, is also a member. But after Matthew unexpectedly saves Anton's life, Anton figures maybe this kid is worth a shot. Teaching him some game is the least Anton can do to repay the debt. As the boys strike up an unlikely friendship, Anton finds himself questioning everything he thought was important. Does he want ruling the school to be his crowning glory or should he set his sights on better things?

## Recommended Read KS4



### Such Charming Liars by Karen M. McManus

When mother-daughter con artists set out on their final heist before cleaning up their act, it's not long before the job turns deadly and they have a lifeless body to contend with . . . For all of Kat's life, it's been her and her mother, Jamie - except for 12 years ago, when Jamie was married for two days and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam.

But all that ended in a swift divorce. Now Jamie is a con artist trying to go straight, but she has one last job, at a billionaire's 80th birthday party. Neither Kat nor her mother know about two surprise guests: Liam and his father, a serial scammer with his own sights set on Ross Sutherland's family. Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when someone dies, the two teens realize they might be in the killer's crosshairs.

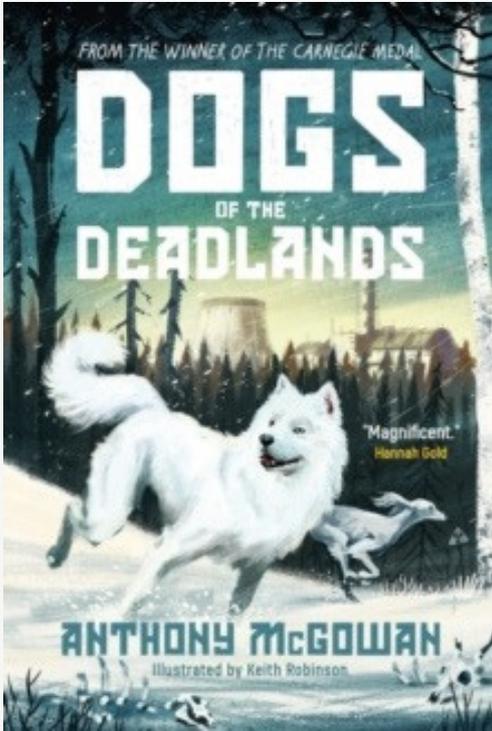
They can't trust anyone except each other. Or can they? If there's one thing both of them know, it's how to be such charming liars . . .

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## Book of the Month.

### Dogs of the Deadlands by Anthony McGowan



**Chernobyl, 1986.**

**Natasha's world is coming to an end. Forced to evacuate her home in the middle of the night, she must leave her puppy behind and has no idea if she'll ever return.**

**Some time later, growing up in the shadow of the ruined nuclear power plant, pups Misha and Bratan have to learn how to live in the wild—and fast. Creatures with sharp teeth, claws, and yellow eyes lurk in the overgrown woods. And they're watching the brothers' every move...But will the dogs survive without humans? And can humans live without them?**

**Here's three reasons to read this book:**

**1. It's a powerful, emotionally rich survival story**

**The book follows dogs living in the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster, blending real history with gripping fiction. It's tense, moving, and full of heart — perfect if you enjoy stories about resilience, loyalty, and hope against the odds.**

**2. The animal perspectives are vivid and compelling**

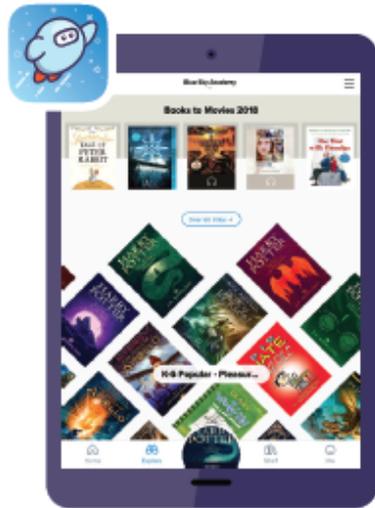
**McGowan is known for writing animals with depth and authenticity. The dogs feel real and relatable, and their relationships give the story emotional weight. Readers who love character-driven tales — especially those involving animals — will be hooked.**

**3. It's beautifully written and thought-provoking**

**The book raises meaningful questions about nature, humanity's impact, and what makes a "home." The writing is accessible but lyrical, making it a great choice for both younger readers and adults who appreciate thoughtful storytelling.**

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