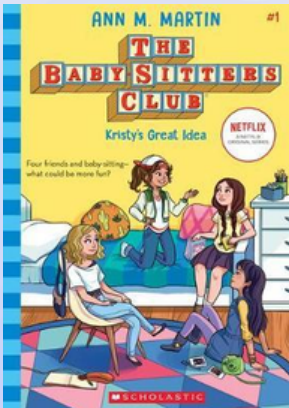


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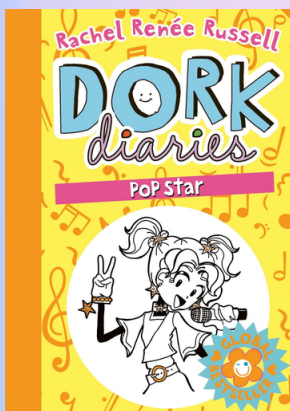
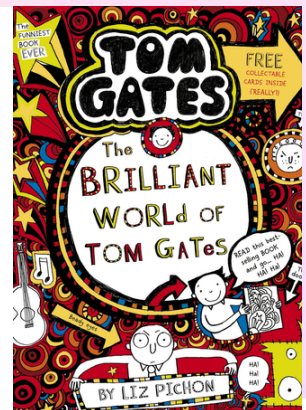


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When Kristy Thomas has the great idea to form a baby-sitters club--a chance to earn money and spend time with her friends, all while doing something they each love to do--she has no idea how much the club will change everything. Crank calls, uncontrollable toddlers, wild pets, untruthful clients... running a business is hard work! Kristy and her friends Mary Anne, Claudia, and Stacey, are sure they can handle anything. But only if they stick together!

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Tom Gates is the master of excuses for late homework: dog attacks - spilt water - lightning ... Tom's exercise book is full of his doodles, cartoons and thoughts, as well as comments from his long-suffering teacher, Mr Fullerton. After gaining five merits for his CAMPING SUCKS holiday story, Tom's work starts to go downhill - which is a pity, as he's desperate to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him ...



DORK DIARIES: POP STAR by Rachel Renee Russell

Nikki Maxwell's school is holding a talent competition and Nikki can't wait to start practising dance moves with her BFFs, Chloe and Zoey, and impressing Brandon, her crush, with her singing skills! But then Nikki finds out that her arch-nemesis, MacKenzie, is entering the contest, too, and she's determined to steal the limelight from Nikki and her friends. Can a dork like Nikki take on the most popular girl in school and win?

EVER AFTER HIGH: THE STORYBOOK OF LEGENDS by Shannon Hale

As the daughter of the Evil Queen, Raven's destiny is to follow in her mother's wicked footsteps, but evil is so not Raven's style. What if she rewrote her own story? The royal Apple White, daughter of the Fairest of Them All, has her own happy ever after planned, but it depends on Raven feeding her a poison apple in their future. What if Raven doesn't sign the Storybook of Legends? It could mean a happily never after for them both.

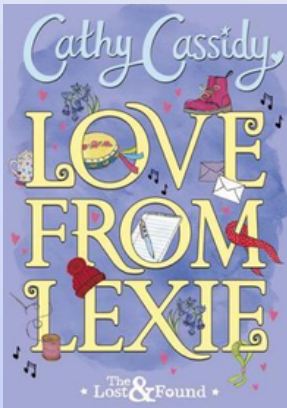


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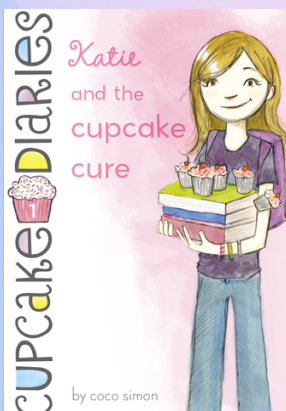


THE LOST AND FOUND: LOVE FROM LEXIE by Cathy Cassidy

Ever since Lexie's mum vanished, her world hasn't stopped spinning. A new home, a new school - even a new family, but Lexie never gives up hope that her mum will come back, and writes her letters every day to tell her all about her new life. There's plenty to tell - the new group of misfits she calls friends, the talent for music she never knew she had and the gorgeous boy with blue eyes and secrets to hide. But her letters remain unanswered and she's starting to feel more alone than ever. Lexie's about to learn that sometimes you need to get lost in order to be found.

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Soon after arriving at the Winchesterfield-Downsfordvale Academy for Proper Young Ladies, resourceful seven-and-one-quarter-year-old Alice-Miranda finds her new boarding school to be a very curious establishment with no flowers in the gardens, a headmistress that has not been seen for years, and a mysterious stranger that seems to be hiding out on the premises.



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Katie is miserable when her best friend is invited to join the Popular Girls Club and Katie is left out. Is there an Unpopular Girls Club she can join? Luckily, Katie finds her way with a great new group of friends -- Mia, Emma, and Alexis -- and together they become the Cupcake Club. Sometimes starting from scratch turns out to be the icing on the cupcake.

DEAR DUMB DIARY: LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED by Jim Benton

Read the hilarious, candid (& sometimes mean) diaries of Jamie Kelly, who promises that everything in her diary is true...or at least as true as it needs to be. Jamie contends with Angeline, the school's prettiest, most popular girl and the impending visit of her troll-like little cousin. Will Jamie survive? Will she go mad? Will she send her mom's nasty casserole to starving children in Wheretheheckistan? You'll just have to read the first installment of Dear Dumb Diary to find out!

