

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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SECONDARY TITLES

## **Disharmony: The Telling**

By Leah Giarratano

ISBN 9780143565680

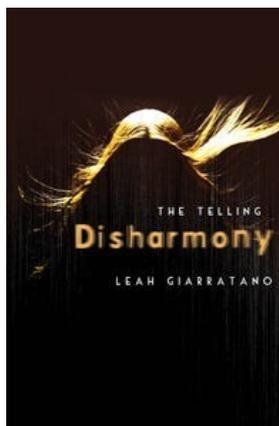
\$19.95

A psychopath . . . an empath . . . a genius.

Three siblings who will save the world – or destroy it. They know nothing of each other. They know nothing of the Telling. But they'll need to learn fast if they're going to survive . . .

A gripping new series about a collision of worlds, the power of destiny, and the darkness in us all . .

Publishers Blurb.



Luke Black lives in a Juvenile Justice Detention Centre in Sydney, Australia. Through many difficult foster homes, he had experienced many horrid situations and has no real understanding of others feelings.

Samantha White lives as a gypsy trainee fortune teller in Bucharest, Romania. She has begun to emit strange powers that entrance and make peaceful all those that come into contact with her.

Luke and Samantha know nothing of their origins or their future as foretold in The Telling, and where is the third sibling?

Their worlds are about to change forever, but can they survive the evil forces that are trying to prevent them coming together to fulfil their destiny?

A fantastic new, intense teenage thriller series, suitable for all secondary students.

Reviewed by Rob.

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## **Pennies For Hitler**

By Jackie French

ISBN 9780732292096

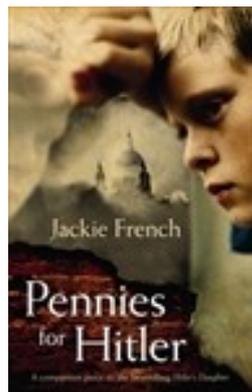
\$15.99

It's 1939, and for Georg, son of an English academic living in Germany, life is full of cream cakes and loving parents. It is also a time when his teacher measures the pupils' heads to see which of them have the most 'Aryan'- shaped heads. But when a university graduation ceremony turns into a pro-Nazi demonstration, Georg is smuggled out of Germany to war-torn London and then across enemy seas to Australia where he must forget his past and who he is in order to survive.

Hatred is contagious, but Georg finds that kindness can be, too.

The companion book for HITLER'S DAUGHTER, PENNIES FOR HITLER examines the life of a child during World War 2, from a different perspective.

Publishers Blurb.



Jackie French has again achieved the extra-ordinary with *Pennies For Hitler*.

She tackles the harsh reality of war gently, makes us fall in love with characters, and provides us with an incredible insight into a time long gone, with precision, understanding and compassion.

When Georg attends a graduation ceremony at his papa's university where he is a Professor of poetry, things suddenly turn ugly when a group of Nazi sympathisers start naming and then throwing Jews out of the window to their death. Papa's grandfather was Jewish, a fact Georg was not even aware of and this made him a target, and he too was thrown from the window.

This begins Georg's journey from Germany, smuggled in a suitcase, to London to stay with an Aunt. He is ultimately despatched to Australia in a boat full of children to be fostered out to Australian families. His family turned out to be the Peaslakes, who lived in a small rural town in NSW, whose only son was off fighting in the war. We feel for Georg/George with his Jewish/German past that he fears will be uncovered. But he develops good friendships and loyalties in Australia.

A wonderful historical novel with Jackie's usual thoroughness and pages of explanatory notes at the end of the story.

A difficult book to decide where to place on Standing Order, as it would equally be suited to younger secondary or older primary students.

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## **Slated**

By Teri Terry  
ISBN 9781408319468  
\$16.99

Kyla's memory has been erased, her personality wiped blank, her memories lost for ever.

She's been Slated.

The government claims she was a terrorist, and that they are giving her a second chance - as long as she plays by their rules. But echoes of the past whisper in Kyla's mind. Someone is lying to her, and nothing is as it seems.

Who can she trust in her search for the truth.

Publishers Blurb.



Kyla is a sixteen-year-old who has been 'slated'. Short for wiping the slate clean. This means that she has no memories and no personality. She must start again with new parents and a new family, and rebuild her life.

The central government ordered this be done to her as she was a danger to society, but this would give her a second chance. But Kyla keeps having these terrifying nightmares. Have her memories really gone? Who can she really trust? And why do people keep disappearing?

This is a great sci-fi story that your senior students will love. Keep an eye out for books 2 and 3.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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## Secrets of The Henna Girl

By Sufiya Ahmed

ISBN 9780141339801

\$16.95

*Life as Zeba knows it could be over for good . . .*

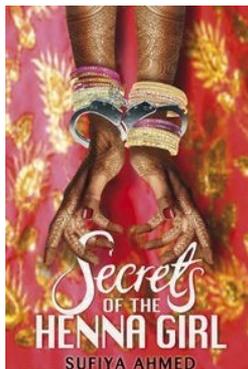
Zeba Khan is like any other sixteen-year-old girl: enjoying herself, waiting for exam results . . . and dreaming of the day she'll meet her one true love.

Except her parents have other plans.

In Pakistan for the summer, Zeba's world is shattered. Her future is threatened by an unthinkable - and forced - duty to protect her father's honour.

But does she hold the secrets that will help her escape?

Publishers Blurb.



This book is full of strong female characters that will have you hoping to the end that they succeed in their plan to have Zeba escape the fate that awaits her.

Zeba thinks she is going to Pakistan for the summer holidays to visit relatives and that she will be returning to England to start her new life at college. But her mother and father have other plans. Family honour is all that matters, and Zeba's father has made a promise to his brother that Zeba and her cousin will be married and Zeba's feelings about this are irrelevant.

Upon learning of what awaits her once she gets to Pakistan, Zeba's once strong and loving relationship with her parents is now non-existent. How could they do this to her when they know she has much bigger plans for her future?

Zeba is sent to stay with her Grandmother, who despite being female in a very male dominated world, is held in great esteem by everyone in the village. Can she save Zeba? Or will it be up to her new friend, Sehar, herself an English girl in a forced marriage, to give Zeba the strength and knowledge to escape?

This is an eye-opening look into a culture and tradition that is still going on, very much in the mould of *Marrying Ameerah*.

Girls in particular will enjoy this book, and although there is nothing in it to offend, the subject matter is probably best suited for Year 9 and up.

Reviewed by Sam.

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## **Broken**

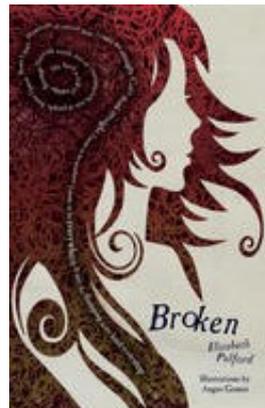
By Elizabeth Pulford

ISBN 9781921529887

\$19.95

Critically injured in a motorbike accident, Zara Wilson lies in a coma. She is caught between many worlds: the world of her hospital room and anxious family, and that of her memories and a dream-like fantasy where she searches for her brother Jem. Jem proves elusive but Zara's adventures in her subconscious unlock dark secrets of a troubled childhood. Zara must face up to her past in order to accept her future.

Publishers Blurb.



Set in the subconscious, coma induced mind of motorbike accident survivor Zara Wilson. Broken twists in and out of reality as Zara recollects many aspects of her life before the accident.

She must face that her beloved brother, Jem, has died in the accident and also bring to the surface the truth surrounding her being abducted when she was seven.

With elements of interactive comic book format, I was unsure if Elizabeth Pulford could produce enough reality to make this a recommended Standing Order title. Ultimately she achieved this fairly well, in an easy to read novel best suited to a 12+ audience.

Reviewed by Rob.

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## Of Poseidon

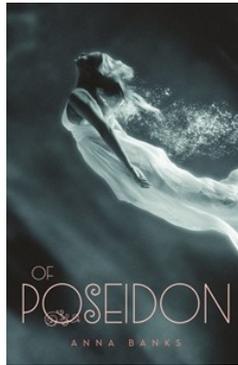
By Anna Banks

ISBN 9781742972817

\$22.95

Galen is strong, protective and gorgeous, with striking violet eyes and a body to make you shiver - and that's just when he's in human form. He's from the House of Triton, god of the sea, and he's searching for a girl with the gift of Poseidon to save his brother from marrying a fraud. Emma is a human. Or so she thinks. When Emma meets Galen on the beach, they both sense a sizzling chemistry. But can Galen convince her that she holds the key to his kingdom - without letting on that he's falling for her?

Publishers Blurb



A classical forbidden romance that intrigued me from the start.

Violet eyed Galen, a prince from the house of Triton, is searching for a mate for his older brother. She must have the gift of being able to speak to and command all fish, a special gift that could only occur in a princess from the house of Poseidon.

Could Emma be that girl? Could she save all of Syrena (the fish world)?

She has violet eyes and can communicate with fish. But Galen is quickly falling in love with her and in a line from Emma 'oh my sweet goodness' she is sure falling for the gorgeous Galen. Will they be able to remain together?

A really easy to read pacy story that has wonderful characters and nothing offensive in the story. Younger secondary girls is its target audience, but the sheer romance and escapism will appeal to older girls as well. Unfortunately we must wait until 2013 for the sequel.

Reviewed by Rob.

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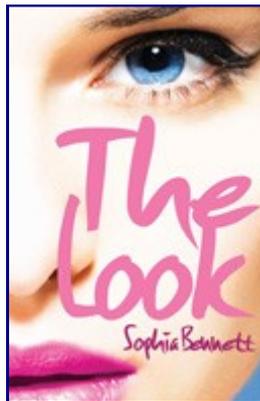
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## **The Look**

By Sophia Bennett  
ISBN 9781906427917  
\$17.99

Ted is fifteen, and ... oh yes... tall. When she's spotted by a model agency, she can't believe it. At the same time, Ted's fashionista sister, Ava, is diagnosed with cancer. With her world turned upside down, Ted has a lot of growing up to do, some of it in five-inch platforms. Should she be the model sister for Ava? Life in front of the camera is harder than it looks. And will they still be smiling when it's over?

Publishers Blurb



This is a true 'girls only' book with wonderful themes throughout. The main characters are two sisters, Ted and Ava, who you will thoroughly relate to, and how they deal with Ava being diagnosed with cancer, and Ted being signed by a modelling agency.

This story is about family bonds, friendship, romance and finding out what is really important in times of difficulties. Teenage cancer is always a hard subject to deal with, but Sophia Bennett does a fantastic job and all your Year 9 girls and up will love this book.

Reviewed by Michelle.