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SECONDARY TITLES

Insignia

By S.J. Kincaid

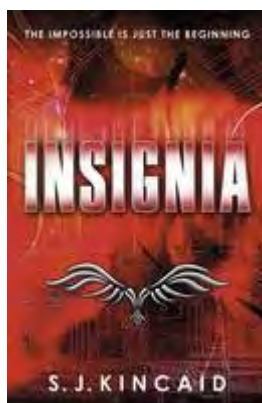
ISBN 9781471400001

\$19.95

More than anything, Tom Raines wants to be important, though his shadowy life is anything but that. For years, Tom's drifted from casino to casino with his unlucky gambler of a dad, gaming for their survival. Keeping a roof over their heads depends on a careful combination of skill, luck, con artistry, and staying invisible.

Then one day, Tom stops being invisible. Someone's been watching his virtual-reality prowess, and he's offered the incredible—a place at the Pentagonal Spire, an elite military academy. There, Tom's instincts for combat will be put to the test and if he passes, he'll become a member of the Intrasolar Forces, helping to lead his country to victory in World War III. Finally, he'll be someone important: a superhuman war machine with the tech skills that every virtual-reality warrior dreams of. Life at the Spire holds everything that Tom's always wanted—friends, the possibility of a girlfriend, and a life where his every action matters—but what will it cost him?

Publishers Blurb.



This is the first book in a trilogy that will leave your readers eagerly awaiting the next instalment. Set in the future, but thoroughly realistic, this book is funny, exciting and your students who love their PlayStation or Xbox will enjoy the sims woven throughout the story.

The central theme is friendship, but there is nothing predictable about Tom Raines, the main character. This is his story, as he is thrust into the world of the Pentagon Spire Military Academy where not everything is as it appears.

Suitable for Year 7 and up. Both boys and girls will relate to this book.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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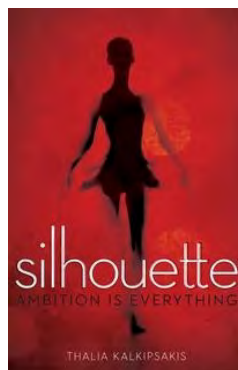
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Silhouette

By **Thalia Kalkipsakis**
ISBN 9781921759659
\$22.95

Scarlett Stirling is hardworking and fiercely ambitious. She loves the blisters and the strict regime of her dance classes at the National Academy of Performing Arts. Her life is measured and balanced. Perfect. But when Scarlett meets charismatic musician Moss, she enters another world - a world without restrictions - and is swept up in a heady whirlwind of sex, drugs and celebrity. Spread thin between her commitments and her desire to be with Moss, Scarlett pushes herself to the limit, unaware she's playing a dark game.

Silhouette is not just another dance book. This gritty young adult novel follows the strong and determined Scarlett as she navigates her way from the safe, structured Academy into the adult world of commercial dance. Thalia Kalkipsakis (*Go Girl*, *Girlfriend Fiction*) explores a cut-throat industry, where talent and ambition are paramount, and one mis-step can cost you everything.



Thalia Kalkipsakis is known to us as an author of many books in the *Go Girl* series. She has graduated to writing for the YA audience and has hit the mark brilliantly with *Silhouette*.

While there was a time that I was afraid that the sex, drugs and rock & roll may all become too much, it was soon reigned in and in the end, showed us how some super, high achieving individuals can quickly have their perfect lives derailed. This happened to our star Scarlett Stirling and she suffered the consequences with a light still being present at the end that the optimist in me found comforting.

A wonderful gritty novel that will best appeal to girls 15+.

Reviewed by Rob.

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Shadows: The Rephaim Book 1

By Paula Weston
ISBN 9781921922503
\$19.99

It's been almost a year since Gaby Winters was in the car crash that killed her twin brother, Jude. Her body has healed in the sunshine of Pandanus Beach, but her grief is raw and constant. It doesn't help that every night in her dreams she kills demons and other hell-spawn. And then Rafa comes to town. Not only does he look exactly like the guy who's been appearing in Gaby's dreams, he claims a history with her brother that makes no sense. Gaby is forced to accept that what she thought she knew about herself and her life is only a shadow of the truth - and that the truth is more likely to be found in the shadows of her nightmares. Who is Rafa? Who are the Rephaim? And most importantly - who can she trust?

Publishers Blurb.



On a recent family holiday I read this book first and then chose the two most likely other fans of this genre, my wife Michelle and my sons girlfriend, to also read this book. We all agreed that Text have uncovered a fantastic new talent in Paula Weston.

Shadows is the first in a series that must contain quite a few books as we seem to have barely scratched the surface.

Fallen Angels and supernatural are not normally my choice of reading, however, the incredible character and plot development make this a wonderful read. The fact that I am keen to read the rest of the series tells me that it is really good.

I won't tell you about the story, as Text have adequately reviewed it above. I will only reiterate that it is a brilliant book that will best appeal to a similar audience to the *Twilight* series.

Reviewed by Rob.

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The Colour of Trouble

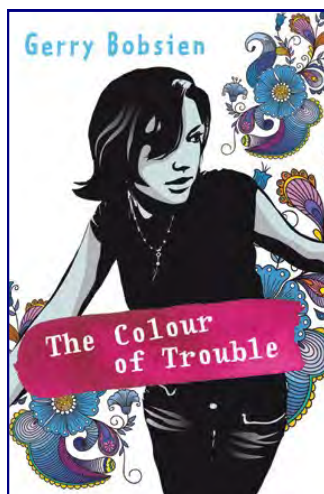
By Gerry Bobsien

ISBN 9781921720840

\$18.95

Maddy can't stop making things: art, fashion and, most of all, TROUBLE. A new art project could give her the notoriety she desires, but that's not all she's dealing with. Her bestie, Darcy, is acting weird and starts dating a girl he's never mentioned before. Her mum is living and working hundreds of kilometres away, and a new mystery boy keeps popping up at the most inconvenient times ... Will the fallout from her latest project push away all the people she loves? Does Maddy really want to be this NOTORIOUS?

Publishers Blurb.



Artistic fifteen-year-old Maddy's world is changing quickly. Her Mum, who is a doctor, is working in Dubbo. Her forever best friend and business partner Darcy dates another girl. What will happen to their 'Make-Do' business that makes and sells recycled trendy clothes?

Then Maddy, who has recently gained infamy for a city wide art project, decides to really get noticed by creating a fake persona and entering the cities art show with a copied painting. Is this forgery a criminal act?

How will she cope when the world uncovers her con? Will she be able to mend the bridges of those she has hurt and deceived?

A thought provoking look into the art world through young and impressionable eyes, where making your mark in the world is all important.

Well told with fantastic characters, it will appeal to middle secondary students.

Reviewed by Rob.

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Caesar The War Dog

By Stephen Dando-Collins

ISBN 9781742756318

\$16.95

At the kennels, Caesar the chocolate labrador doesn't look special. But Corporal Ben Fulton sees something different - an intelligent dog whose curiosity will make him an excellent sniffer dog in the Australian Army. On operations in Afghanistan with Ben, Caesar proves his worth, finding hidden explosives and saving the lives of the soldiers. Then, during a Taliban ambush, Caesar is separated from his master. Ben and his best mate Charlie are seriously wounded and evacuated to hospital. But where is Caesar? From their home in Australia, Ben and his family search for clues that might reveal whether their beloved dog is still alive and surviving Afghanistan's bitter winter cold and capture by the Taliban. It will be a long road home, and Caesar will face many hardships along the way, but for this brave and loyal dog, anything is possible.

Caesar the War Dog is based on the true story of Australian military dog Sarbi and its experiences in Afghanistan, combined with the factual experiences of Endal, the devoted British dog who cared for his wheelchair-bound ex-serviceman master and became the most decorated dog in history.

Publishers Blurb.



Based on true stories of military and service dogs, this book is a wonderful tribute to the heroic job these brave dogs do in protecting our service men and women.

I loved this book and shed a tear or two following Caesar's adventures and his handlers efforts to get him back.

This would make a great book for group reading and suits everyone from 9 to 99.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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Moonlight & Ashes

By Sophie Masson
ISBN 9781742753799
\$17.95

A girl whose fortunes have plummeted from wealthy aristocrat to servant-girl. A magic hazel twig. A prince. A desperate escape from danger. This is not the story of a girl whose fairy godmother arranges her future for her. This is the story of Selena, who will take charge of her own destiny, and learn that her magic is not to be feared but celebrated. Pure fairytale - with all the romance, magic and adventure that goes along with it.

Publishers Blurb.



This is a true fairytale, complete with evil stepmother and two evil stepsisters, a handsome prince and his best friend. This is Selena's story — brave, strong and determined to be true to her mother's memory.

A wonderful tale full of adventure, treachery, fun, laughter, danger, magic and of course romance. Perfect for all your girls who like their heroines with a bit of fight in them.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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SECONDARY TITLES

Battle of Britain: Duty Calls

By James Holland
ISBN: 9780141332208
\$16.95

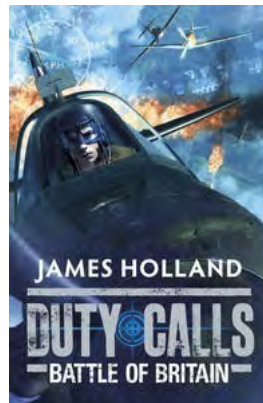
Pilot officer Archie Jackson, 19, is in control of the RAF's newest fighter aircraft, a Supermarine Spitfire.

Now he has the Luftwaffe in his sights and only one thing matters: defending Britain. Suddenly planes are falling from the sky, exploding and spiralling into the English Channel.

France has fallen and the swastika flies over Occupied Europe. Only these young pilots - barely out of boyhood - stand between Britain and a Nazi invasion . . .

***Duty Calls: Battle of Britain*, throws you deep into the heart - and horror - of Britain's darkest, and finest, hour.**

Publishers Blurb



This book not only gives a fabulous insight into the air battle of WWII, but it highlights the courage and bravery of all that served.

Archie Jackson is only nineteen-years-old. He is an inexperienced young pilot who finds himself in the thick of the most intense battles of the war, culminating in "The Battle of Britain".

We are also shown the other side of life during war - the strong friendships that are formed, the experience of new love, and dealing with the loss of life. This all makes for a compelling read.

It is full of historical facts and information, and the glossary at the front is very useful for those not familiar with military talk—like myself!

The descriptions are quite graphic. Boys in particular will enjoy it.

You may like to visit www.dutycallsbooks.com for a comprehensive activity pack about the book.

Reviewed by Sam.

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The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf: The Tribe Book 1

By Ambelin Kwaymullina

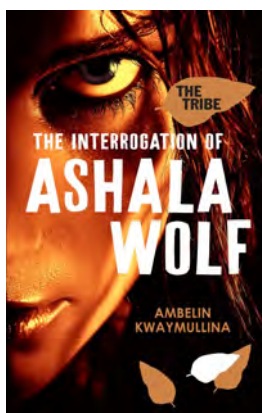
ISBN 9781921720086

\$19.95

Will the Tribe survive the interrogation of Ashala Wolf?

"There will come a day when a thousand Illegals descend on your detention centres. Boomers will breach the walls. Skychangers will send lightning to strike you all down from above, and Rumlbers will open the earth to swallow you up from below ... And when that day comes, Justin Connor, think of me." Ashala Wolf has been captured by Chief Administrator Neville Rose. A man who is intent on destroying Ashala's Tribe - the runaway Illegals hiding in the Firstwood. Injured and vulnerable and with her Sleepwalker ability blocked, Ashala is forced to succumb to the machine that will pull secrets from her mind. And right beside her is Justin Connor, her betrayer, watching her every move. Will the Tribe survive the interrogation of Ashala Wolf?

Publishers Blurb



This book will appeal to many of your students as it is a psychological thriller with adventure and romance thrown in for good measure. It is set in the future, three hundred years after 'The Reckoning' when the world was almost destroyed by an environmental disaster.

The world now has no hunger, no war and no freedom. But what if you are different from everyone else, what if you have special powers? Then the government calls you an illegal.

This is Ashala's story - an illegal who believes there is more to life than being told what you can and can't do.

I found this book very hard to put down and the themes interwoven in the story leave a lasting impression. I'm really looking forward to the rest of the series. Suit all students Year 9 and up.

Reviewed by Michelle.