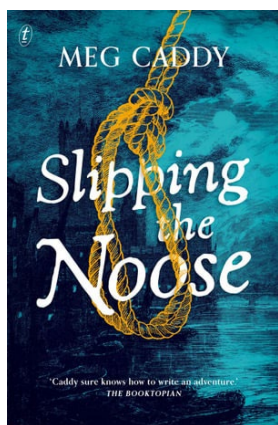


NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Slipping The Noose / Meg Caddy

13-16 years

The infamous pirate Anne Bonny is chained up in the hold of a prison ship. Her only friend is baby Molly - whose father, the swaggering Captain Calico Jack, was last seen hanging from a gibbet. Then armed men storm the hold and rip the child from her grasp, and Molly seems lost. But Bonny always has a plan. Now her plan is to escape captivity and rescue her daughter. After which, she intends to track down the ragtag remnants of Calico Jack's crew and break them out of jail too. Alone on the unfamiliar streets of London with a corrupt lawman on her tail and Jacobite rebels rioting on every corner, the odds are against her. How can she possibly fail?



Along for the Ride / Sarah Dessen

14+ years old

Includes playlist for 'Along for the ride'.

Nights have always been Auden's time, her chance to escape everything that's going on around her. Then she meets Eli, a fellow insomniac, and he becomes her nocturnal tour guide. Now, with an endless supply of summer nights between them, almost anything can happen. . .



Bravely / Maggie Stiefvater

12-18 years old

What if you had one year to save everything you loved? One Princess. Merida of DunBroch needs a change. She loves her family - jovial King Fergus, proper Queen Elinor, the mischievous triplets - and her peaceful kingdom. But she's frustrated by its sluggishness; each day, the same. Merida longs for adventure, purpose, challenge - maybe even, someday, love. Two Gods. But the fiery Princess never expects her disquiet to manifest by way of Feradach, an uncanny supernatural being tasked with rooting out rot and stagnation, who appears in DunBroch on Christmas Eve with the intent to demolish the realm and everyone within. Only the intervention of the Cailleach, an ancient entity of creation, gives Merida a shred of hope: convince her family to change within the year or suffer the eternal consequences. Three voyages. Under the watchful eyes of the gods, Merida leads a series of epic journeys to kingdoms near and far in an attempt to inspire revolution within her family. But in her efforts to save those she loves from ruin, has Merida lost sight of the Clan member grown most stagnant of all - herself? Four seasons to save Dunbrochâ or see it destroyed, forever.



The Cult of Romance / Sarah Ayoub

14 + years

Natalie is living proof that love is a scam. She's traumatised by her parents' failed marriage and overwhelmed by her grandmother's expectations of good Lebanese girls - marriage, motherhood and exceptional tabouli-making skills. When her best friend decides to get hitched to a guy in the motherland, Nat's not exactly thrilled by the mammoth task before her: juggling cultural traditions, extra bridesmaid dresses and super-judgemental relatives. And to top it off there's the annoyingly good-looking best man and his constant need to mansplain all of the things. Natalie is in for the trip of her life. But can she save her friend from the cult of romance, without falling in love herself?