

# Apple And Rain Sarah Crossan

Debut author Jenny McLachlan weaves a warm and hilarious story of friendship and dance starring the refreshing and plucky Bea Hogg in *Flirty Dancing*, the first book in the *Ladybirds* series! Bea Hogg is shy, but she has a fiery core that she doesn't let many see. When the national dance competition *Starwars* comes to her school looking for talent, she wants to sign up. It's just her luck that her best friend Kat ditches her and agrees to enter with school super-witch Pearl Harris (and Bea's former best friend). Bea is determined to fight back! But when the school hottie, Ollie Matthews, who also happens to be Pearl's boyfriend, decides to enter the competition with Bea to jive dance, she will have more than a fight on her hands.

From Geoff Herbach, the award-winning author of the hit young adult novels *Stupid Fast* and *Nothing Special*, comes the ultimate underdog story, which will resonate with anyone who has suffered from teasing and bullying at the hands of the high school social hierarchy—and decided to do something about it. (Previously titled *Fat Boy vs The Cheerleaders*.) Gabe is having a tough week. Normally the funny kid at the lunch table, he's on edge from trying to kick his soda addiction. So when news breaks that his beloved marching band camp has been cancelled due to lack of funding, he's furious. What makes him even madder? The school's vending machine money—which had previously been collected by the band—is now sponsoring the new cheer squad. The war is ON. And Gabe is leading the charge. No one will be safe from the Geekers' odd brand of wrath: not the principal, the band teacher, the local newspaper, and certainly not the cheerleaders and their jock boyfriends. Get ready: Life at Minnekota Lake Area High School is about to

change. Gabe Johnson is taking over. "A funny, uplifting, and rousing book that'll make readers think. In other words, it's a real gem." —K. M. Walton, author of *Cracked and Empty*

Following the revelation that Ebony is an angel, and Nathaneal's narrow victory in battle with Prince Luca, the two are enjoying their newfound love. But Ebony's friend Jordan is bitterly angry that he has lost the girl of his dreams. Then suddenly Prince Michael arrives to arrest Nathaneal for breaking Avena's law when he revealed his powers on Earth in his bid to save Ebony from Luca. Nathaneal is forced to return to Avena without Ebony to stand trial. Jordan seizes the opportunity to plant doubt in Ebony's mind about Nathaneal and her own angelic nature. Desperate to find out what has happened to her adoptive parents, Ebony is persuaded by Jordan to believe that new teacher Mr Xavier, who claims to be her uncle, can introduce her to her real father. Disaster inevitably follows and Ebony finds herself at the centre of another epic battle in the realm of Avena itself. Fantastical and powerfully emotional, this angelic romance series is rapidly winning enthusiastic fans.

Sequel to the brilliant and compelling *Breathe* (Mad Max for the eco-generation, it's a superlative dystopian thriller' - *Lovereading4kids*) by an extraordinary writing talent

*Searching for Sky*

Gabe Johnson Takes Over

*Breathe*

The Year of The Rat

**Sometimes it's hard to find the right words. This poetry anthology provides the antidote, offering calm, hope and peace to all. Focusing on positivity, this is the perfect collection to dip**

into whenever you need a boost.

Containing a selection of classic poems from Langston Hughes, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson and Christina Rossetti, as well as contemporary poems chosen by Sarah Crossan - the go-to verse novelist in the UK - this beautiful book will lift your spirits time and time again. An essential read and the perfect gift for anyone in need of comfort, joy and hope. For fans of *The Poetry Pharmacy* and *Poems to Live Your Life By*

In 1999-2000, Grace Nichols was the first Writer-in-Residence at the Tate. During this time she worked with children from London schools, helping them respond to art by writing poetry. She herself was inspired to write over 25 new poems, which are collected in this text.

Winner of the Carnegie Medal \* Winner of the YA Book Prize \* Winner of the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Award  
Tippi and Grace share everything—clothes, friends . . . even their body. Writing in free verse, Sarah Crossan tells the sensitive and moving story of conjoined twin sisters,

which will find fans in readers of Gayle Forman, Jodi Picoult, and Jandy Nelson. Tippi and Grace. Grace and Tippi. For them, it's normal to step into the same skirt. To hook their arms around each other for balance. To fall asleep listening to the other breathing. To share. And to keep some things private. Each of the sixteen-year-old girls has her own head, heart, and two arms, but at the belly, they join. And they are happy, never wanting to risk the dangerous separation surgery. But the girls' body is beginning to fight against them. And Grace doesn't want to admit it. Not even to Tippi. How long can they hide from the truth—how long before they must face the most impossible choice of their lives? Carnegie Medal-winning author Sarah Crossan gives us a story about unbreakable bonds, hope, loss, and the lengths we will go to for the person we love most.

A stunning new novel from Carnegie-shortlisted author Sarah Crossan; moving, and beautifully crafted it explores the bond between daughters and mothers, forgiveness, and the healing

**power of words**

**One**

**Toffee**

**An Island of Our Own**

**Apple und Rain**

**Apple and Rain**

YA rising stars Sarah Crossan and Brian Conaghan join forces to break readers' hearts in this contemporary story of star-cross'd lovers. Jess would never have looked twice at Nicu if her friends hadn't left her in the lurch. Nicu is all big eyes and ill-fitting clothes, eager as a puppy, even when they're picking up litter in the park for community service. He's so not her type. Appearances matter to Jess. She's got a lot to hide. Nicu thinks Jess is beautiful. His dad brought Nicu and his mum here for a better life, but now all they talk about is going back home to find Nicu a wife. The last thing Nicu wants is to get married. He wants to get educated, do better, stay here in England. But his dad's fists are the most powerful force in Nicu's life, and in the end, he'll have to do what his dad wants. As Nicu and Jess get closer, their secrets come to the surface like bruises. The only safe place they have is with each other. But they can't be together, forever, and stay safe – can they? An extraordinary, high-impact, high-emotion collaboration between two Carnegie honoured rising stars of YA. Perfect for fans of Patrick Ness, Malorie Blackman, Rainbow Rowell and John Green. Sarah Crossan received the 2016 CILIP Carnegie Medal for her astonishing novel One, which also won the YA Book Prize, CBI Book of the Year Award and the CliPPA Poetry Award. Brian Conaghan's powerful debut, When Mr Dog Bites, was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, Peters Book of the Year and CBI Book of the Year Award.

From Carnegie Award-winning author Sarah Crossan comes

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a poignant and thought-provoking novel that explores life, sibling bonds, and forgiveness as a teen tries to reconnect with his brother on death row for a crime he may not have committed. Seventeen-year-old Joe hasn't seen his brother in ten years. Ed didn't walk out on the family, not exactly. It's something more brutal. Ed's locked up -- on death row. Now his execution date has been set, and the clock is ticking. Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with his brother, no matter what other people think ... and no matter whether Ed committed the crime. But did he? And does it matter, in the end? This poignant, timely, heartbreaking novel asks big questions: What value do you place on life? What can you forgive? And just how do you say goodbye? Acclaim for Sarah Crossan 2016 Carnegie Award winner, One Shortlisted for the 2016 FCBG Book Award, Apple and Rain Shortlisted for the 2015 Carnegie Award, Apple and Rain Shortlisted for the 2013 Carnegie Award, The Weight of Water

A young refugee crosses continents in this timely, heartbreaking, and ultimately uplifting novel of survival. Shif has a happy life, unfamiliar with the horrors of his country's regime. He is one of the smartest boys in school, and feels safe and loved in the home he shares with his mother and little sister, right next door to his best friend. But the day that soldiers arrive at his door, Shif knows that he will never be safe again--his only choice is to run. Facing both unthinkable cruelty and boundless kindness, Shif bravely makes his way towards a future he can barely imagine. Based on real experiences and written in spare, powerful prose, this gripping debut illustrates the realities faced by countless young refugees across the world today. Refugee 87 is a story of friendship, kindness, hardship, survival, and -- above all -- hope.

When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels whole again. She will have an answer to her

burning question – why did you go? And she will have someone who understands what it means to be a teenager – unlike Nana. But just like the stormy Christmas Eve when she left, her mother's homecoming is bitter sweet, and Apple wonders who is really looking after whom. It's only when Apple meets someone more lost than she is, that she begins to see things as they really are. Like a brilliant hybrid of Cathy Cassidy and Jacqueline Wilson, Sarah Crossan entices you into her world, then tells a moving, perceptive and beautifully crafted, Carnegie Shortlisted story which has the power to make you laugh and cry. Shortlisted for The CILIP Carnegie Medal in 2015.

Book 1 of The Ladybirds

Here is the Beehive

Millicent Min, Girl Genius (The Millicent Min Trilogy, Book 1)

Swan Boy

New Poems Inspired by Art in the Tate

***The epic conclusion to Lauren James's debut *The Next Together* about true love and reincarnation. Sixteen years ago, after a scandal that rocked the world, teenagers Katherine and Matthew vanished without a trace. Now Clove Sutcliffe is determined to find her long lost relatives. But where do you start looking for a couple who seem to have been reincarnated at every key moment in history? Who were Kate and Matt? Why were they born again and again? And who is the mysterious Ella, who keeps appearing at every turn in Clove's investigation? For Clove, there is a mystery to solve in the past and a love to find in the future, and failure could cost the world everything.***

***The third zippy and zany tale by Pamela Butchart sees Izzy and her friends plunged into more primary-school craziness. This time, they decide that their new head teacher is a vampire rat, based on his being slightly scary, having the blinds drawn in his office during the day and the fact he's banned garlic bread at lunchtimes. Now they just have to come up with a plan to vanquish him...***

**SHORTLISTED FOR THE AN POST IRISH BOOK AWARD** ***What would you do if you lost someone the world never knew was yours? For three years, Ana has been consumed by an affair with Connor, a client at her law firm. Their love has been consigned to hotel rooms and dark corners of pubs, their relationship kept hidden from the world. So the morning that Ana's company receives a call to say that Connor is dead, her secret grief has nowhere to go. Desperate for an outlet, Ana seeks out the shadowy figure who has always stood just beyond her reach - Connor's wife Rebecca... 'Utterly gripping'*** **RODDY DOYLE** ***'A triumph - crackling with psychological and sexual ambiguity'*** **JULIE MYERSON, OBSERVER** ***'This book is just sublime... I loved every page'*** **CAITRIONA BALFE** ***'Unmissable ... Incredible'*** **STYLIST** ***'Amazing ... I read it in one sitting, completely swept up in Ana's fragmented narrative'*** **EMMA HEALEY** ***'Dark, riveting, powerful'*** **ELIZABETH DAY** ***A powerful poetry collection full of the drama,***



**musicality and lyricism that Jackie Kay is famed for. Exploring the themes of identity and age, this collection includes poems about the old days and the new days, and the places associated with an older generation, who often live dreamlike, isolated existences - not only geographically, but also in the memory. Nature and the elements play a big role too: trees, the moon, the sea, fire. Jackie Kay's style is one moment witty, the next melancholic, or gently surreal - and in this brilliant reissued collection, her poems are infused with warmth and colour: in particular, the colour RED. Perfect for fans of *The Gift* by Carol Ann Duffy and Rob Ryan, this gorgeous new gift edition is a must-have for any poetry fan.**

**Fizzy and Bandit: A Bloomsbury Young Reader  
Paint Me a Poem**

**My Head Teacher is a Vampire Rat**

**White Book Band**

**Stories to Celebrate the Magic of Reading and  
Writing YA**

Dear Mr. S. Harris, Ignore the blob of red in the top left corner. It's jam, not blood, though I don't think I need to tell you the difference. It wasn't your wife's jam the police found on your shoe. . . . I know what it's like. Mine wasn't a woman. Mine was a boy. And I killed him exactly three months

ago. Zoe has an unconventional pen pal--Mr. Stuart Harris, a Texas Death Row inmate and convicted murderer. But then again, Zoe has an unconventional story to tell. A story about how she fell for two boys, betrayed one of them, and killed the other. Hidden away in her backyard shed in the middle of the night with a jam sandwich in one hand and a pen in the other, Zoe gives a voice to her heart and her fears after months of silence. Mr. Harris may never respond to Zoe's letters, but at least somebody will know her story--somebody who knows what it's like to kill a person you love. Only through her unusual confession can Zoe hope to atone for her mistakes that have torn lives apart, and work to put her own life back together again.

Rising literary star Annabel Pitcher pens a captivating second novel, rich with her distinctive balance between humor and heart. Annabel explores the themes of first love, guilt, and grief, introducing a character with a witty voice and true emotional resonance.

Una de las autoras literarias de novela juvenil más galardonadas. Finalista del

Premio Carnegie, del Irish Book Award 2015 y del Guardian's Children's Book 2016. Una novela que cura corazones destrozados.

It is the year 5012 and the Milky Way galaxy is under attack. After the Universal War, a war that almost brought about the destruction of every known universe, the planets in the Milky Way banded together to create the Intergalactic Force - an elite fighting team sworn to protect and defend the galaxy. Only the brightest and most promising students are accepted into the Intergalactic Force Academy, and only the very best cadets reach the highest of their ranks and become . . . STAR FIGHTERS! Deadly Mission To avenge the attack on earth, Peri and Diesel, have sided with the Meigworians in the new intergalactic conflict. They agree to rescue a Meigworian Prince, held captive by the Xions. But as they leave, the Meigwor insist that Otto, a gigantic Meigworian bounty hunter must accompany them, and Selene should stay behind to help fix the Phoenix. Our heroes capture the Prince and narrowly escape Xion, but the book ends with a

twist - the prince says he is in fact the prince of Xion, not Meigwor, and they've just kidnapped him.

I always thought you'd know, somehow, if something terrible was going to happen. I thought you'd sense it, like when the air goes damp and heavy before a storm and you know you'd better hide yourself away somewhere safe until it all blows over. But it turns out it's not like that at all. There's no scary music playing in the background like in films. No warning signs. Not even a lonely magpie. One for sorrow, Mum used to say. Quick, look for another. The world can tip at any moment ... a fact that fifteen-year-old Pearl is all too aware of when her mum dies after giving birth to her baby sister. Told across the year following her mother's death, Pearl's story is full of bittersweet humour and heartbreaking honesty about how you deal with grief that cuts you to the bone, as she tries not only to come to terms with losing her mum, but also the fact that her sister - The Rat - is a constant reminder of why her mum is no longer around... From the author of *How Not to Disappear* comes a stunning

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novel about love and loss, and how to carry on when your whole world is turned upside down. Praise for *The Year of the Rat*: 'Beautifully written with a dry sense of humour.' *The Stylist* 'I cried, I laughed, I cried some more... a moving must-read that'll stay with you long after the last page is turned.' *Bliss* 'The Year of the Rat is already a strong contender for best YA debut of 2014... I never wanted it to end.' *Wondrous Reads* 'This novel will stay with me for a very long time. A must-read.' *The Mile Long Bookshelf* 'An assured debut...Furniss describes Pearl's journey with sensitivity and humour' *The Bookseller* - editors pick section

Red, Cherry Red

Moonrise

Flirty Dancing

The Land of Forgotten Girls

Song of the Current

**A poetic, gifty offering that combines first love, friendship, and persistent courage in this lyrical immigration story told in verse. Carrying just a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother are immigrating to England from Poland. Kasienska isn't the happiest girl in the world. At home, her mother is suffering from a broken heart as she searches for Kasienska's father. And at school,**

Kasienka is having trouble being the new girl and making friends. The only time she feels comforted is when she's swimming at the pool. But she can't quite shake the feeling that she's sinking. Until a new boy swims into her life, and she learns that there might be more than one way to stay afloat. *The Weight of Water* is a coming-of-age story that deftly handles issues of immigration, alienation, and first love. Moving and poetically rendered, this novel-in-verse is the story of a young girl whose determination to find out who she is prevails.

Millicent Min is having a bad summer. Her fellow high school students hate her for setting the curve. Her fellow 11-year-olds hate her for going to high school. And her mother has arranged for her to tutor Stanford Wong, the poster boy for Chinese geekdom. But then Millie meets Emily. Emily doesn't know Millicent's IQ score. She actually thinks Millie is cool. And if Millie can hide her awards, ignore her grandmother's advice, swear her parents to silence, blackmail Stanford, and keep all her lies straight, she just might make her first friend. What's it going to take? Sheer genius.

Real life is messier than the movies. A bold, thought-provoking novel from the exceptionally talented, Steven Camden.

Caroline Oresteia is destined for the river. Her father is a wherryman, as was her grandmother. All Caro needs is for the river god to whisper her name, and her fate is sealed. But at seventeen, Caro may be too late. So when pirates burn ships and her father is arrested, Caro volunteers to transport mysterious cargo in exchange for his release. Secretly, Caro hopes that by piloting her own wherry, the river god will finally speak her name. But when the cargo becomes more than Caro expected, she finds herself caught in a web of politics and lies. With much more than her

father's life at stake, Caro must choose between the future she knows, and the one she could have never imagined.

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We Come Apart

Tomorrow Is Beautiful

Foreshadow

Broken

*A tale of marital intrigue. The protagonist is a woman photographer sent to investigate an old murder on an island. She takes along her husband, the husband's brother and the brother's girlfriend. Problems arise when the husband develops an interest in the other woman. By the author of Resistance.*

*When oxygen levels plunge in a treeless world, a state lottery decides which lucky few will live inside the Pod. Everyone else will slowly suffocate. Be left breathless by this gripping, zeitgeist dystopian thriller*

*In this acclaimed novel from Newbery Medalist Erin Entrada Kelly, two sisters from the Philippines, abandoned by their father and living in impoverished circumstances in Louisiana, fight to make their lives better. School Library Journal called *The Land of Forgotten Girls* "A charming and affecting novel about sisterhood, the magic of imagination, and perseverance." For readers of Pam Muñoz Ryan, Rita Williams-Garcia, and anyone searching for the true meaning of family. Winner of a Parents' Choice Gold Award. Soledad has always been able to escape into the stories she creates. Just like her mother always could. And Soledad has needed that escape more than ever in the five years since*

*her mother and sister died, and her father moved Sol and her youngest sister from the Philippines to Louisiana. After her father leaves, all Sol and Ming have is their evil stepmother, Vea. Sol has protected Ming all this time, but then Ming begins to believe that Auntie Jove—their mythical, world-traveling aunt—is really going to come rescue them. Can Sol protect Ming from this impossible hope? Acclaimed and award-winning author Erin Entrada Kelly writes masterfully about the challenges of finding hope in impossible circumstances, in this novel that will appeal to fans of Cynthia Kadohata and Thanhha Lai. Booklist said, “Kelly’s sophomore novel is both hopeful and heartfelt, but strong emotions are only part of the successful equation here. Told in Sol’s true voice, the direct dialogue brings the diverse characters to vivid life.”*

*'Utterly sublime' Cecelia Ahern'Impossible not to read it in a single gulp' The Times'Undoubtedly one of the best books of the year' Irish Times'Compelling and beautifully wrought' The Sunday Times'A book that changes its reader for the better' Guardian'One of our most original writers' John Boyne*When Allison runs away from home she doesn't expect to be taken in by Marla, an elderly woman with dementia, who mistakes her for an old friend called Toffee. Allison is used to hiding who she really is, and trying to be what other people want her to be. And so, Toffee is who she becomes. But as her bond with Marla grows, Allison begins to ask herself -where is home? What is a family? And most importantly, who am I, really?



*Where the Heart Should Be*

*The Summer of Broken Rules*

*Marvelous Cornelius*

*The Last Beginning*

*It's About Love*

*Thirteen Short Stories from Bold New YA*

*Voices & Writing Advice from YA Icons*

*Created by New York Times bestselling*

*authors Emily X. R. Pan and Nova Ren Suma,*

*Foreshadow is so much more than a short*

*story collection. A trove of unforgettable*

*fiction makes up the beating heart of this*

*book, and the accompanying essays offer an*

*ode to young adult literature, as well as*

*practical advice to writers. Featured in print*

*for the first time, the thirteen stories*

*anthologized here were originally released*

*via the buzzed-about online platform*

*Foreshadow. Ranging from contemporary*

*romance to mind-bending fantasy, the*

*Foreshadow stories showcase*

*underrepresented voices and highlight the*

*beauty and power of YA fiction. Each piece is*

*selected and introduced by a YA luminary,*

*among them Gayle Forman, Laurie Halse*

*Anderson, Jason Reynolds, and Sabaa Tahir.*

*What makes these memorable stories tick?*

*What sparked them? How do authors build a*

*world or refine a voice or weave in that*

*deliciously creepy atmosphere to bring their writing to the next level? Addressing these questions and many more are essays and discussions on craft and process by Nova Ren Suma and Emily X. R. Pan. This unique compilation reveals and celebrates the magic of reading and writing for young adults. Apple and Rain Bloomsbury Publishing USA*

*A fun, heartwarming and humorous story, ideal for children practising their reading at home or in school. Fizzy wants a dog. Not just any dog though – a golden dog with a black nose and very curly hair. So when a dog called Bandit who looks just like this appears in her neighbour's garden, Fizzy will stop at nothing to keep him – even if it means hiding poor Bandit in the laundry basket... This delightful comedy from Ireland's Children's Laureate Sarah Crossan is perfect for children who are learning to read by themselves and for Key Stage 1. It features illustrations from Nicola Colton and a feisty heroine children will love. Bloomsbury Young Readers are the perfect way to get children reading, with book-banded stories by brilliant authors like Julia Donaldson. They are packed with gorgeous colour illustrations and include inside cover notes to help adults reading with children, as well as ideas for activities related*

*to the stories. 'Every child needs a Bloomsbury Young Reader. Fun, stretching, just the right length, full of adventurous vocabulary and punctuation.'* (Julie-Ann McCulloch, Teacher) Book Band: White Ideal for ages 6+

*Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Katie Cotugno, this is a story of loss, romance, and the time it takes to become who you really want to be. It's all just fun and games...until someone loses their heart. When Meredith Fox lost her sister, Claire, eighteen months ago, she shut everyone out. But this summer she's determined to join the world again. The annual family vacation to Martha's Vineyard seems like the perfect place to reconnect. Her entire extended family is gathering for a big summer wedding, and although Meredith is dateless after being unexpectedly dumped, she's excited to participate in the traditional Fox family game of assassin that will take place during the week of wedding festivities. Claire always loved the game, and Meredith is determined to honor her legacy. But when Meredith forms an assassin alliance with a cute groomsman, she finds herself getting distracted. Meredith tries to focus on the game and win it for her sister, but she can't help falling for him. And as the week*

*progresses, she realizes she's not only at risk of losing the game, but also her heart.*

*Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans*

*A Swift Pure Cry*

*Shortlisted for Popular Fiction Book of the Year in the AN Post Irish Book Awards*

*Ketchup Clouds*

*The Weight of Water*

Una novela que cura corazones destrozados. Un relato precioso y esperanzador sobre la soledad de una nina de trece anos abandonada por su madre. Una historia sobre el poder redentor del amor. Maravillosamente escrita, hara llorar y reir a los lectores. Cuando la madre de Apple regresa despues de once anos de ausencia, Apple se siente feliz de nuevo, y por fin puede tener respuesta a la pregunta que la ha acompanado durante tanto tiempo: por que te fuiste? Ahora tendra a alguien que entiende de verdad que significa ser adolescente, a diferencia de Nana, quien parece no comprenderla. Pero del mismo modo que la noche en la que su madre la abandono, el regreso a casa de esta se acaba convirtiendo en algo agridulce, y Apple se preguntara de nuevo quien esta realmente cuidando de quien. Apple se encuentra con alguien mas perdido que ella y empieza a comprender como son las cosas realmente. Una historia llena de emociones, que te hara reir y llorar. Coolbar, Ireland, is a village of secrets and Shell, caretaker to her younger brother and sister after the death of their mother and in the absence of their father, is not about to reveal hers until suspicion falls on the wrong person.

River means everything to Sky. They have lived alone together on Island for as long as they can remember. The two of them hunt for food, wash in Falls and curl up together in Shelter. Their life is simple and safe. Until River sees a boat . . . Across Ocean is California, a place where nothing makes sense to Sky. She is separated from River and taken to live with a grandmother she doesn't know. Lost and heartbroken, Sky searches for him so they can return to Island, only to find out that their paradise wasn't as perfect as she thought, and everything she's ever known and loved may have been a lie. A gripping and beautifully told story of love and survival in a hostile world ? ours.

From one of the brightest talents in teen fiction and the winner of the Waterstones Children's Book prize comes a new novel about family and friendship.

Resist

Refugee 87

A Novel Tag - Author of Resistance and Strange Fits of Passion

STAR FIGHTERS 2: Deadly Mission

***When Johnny moves house and starts a new school he has to deal with a bully who can't leave him alone. But help comes from an unexpected and surprising source and Johnny's growing power soon puts him in a very special place. A chance encounter with a swan sparks a series of events that result in Johnny playing the lead in a school ballet. His teacher wants him to live the role, and when feathers start sprouting on his chest, Johnny begins to understand his true potential. But will he be strong or brave***

***enough to beat his bullies, take care of his brother, support his mother and find a place for himself amongst all the chaos that is prevailing in his life. A man known as the "Trashcan Wizard" sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina's devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.***

***When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels almost whole again. In order to heal completely, her mother will have to answer one burning question: Why did she abandon her? But just like the stormy Christmas Eve when she left, her mother's homecoming is bittersweet. It's only when Apple meets her younger sister, Rain-someone more lost than she is- that she begins to see things for how they really are, allowing Apple to discover something that might help her to feel truly whole again. From the author of the acclaimed *The Weight of Water* comes a beautifully-crafted, moving novel about family, betrayal, and the ultimate path to healing.***