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**Pride and Prejudice** Jane Austen 2021-03-02 Gems of literature in a luxurious and unique design by Marjolein Bastin. The Marjolein Bastin Classics Series is a chance to rediscover classic literature in collectible, luxuriously illustrated volumes. For the first time ever, the internationally celebrated artwork of Marjolein Bastin graces the pages of a timeless classic, *Pride and Prejudice*, the enduring story of the Bennet sisters and their quest for suitable marriages. Beyond bringing these stories to life, Bastin's series adds elaborately designed ephemera, such as four-color maps, letters, family trees, and sheet music. Whether an ideal gift for an Austen or Brontë devotee or a treat for yourself, The Marjolein Bastin Classics Series, as a set or individually purchased, is perfect for anyone who feels a connection to these enduring literary gems.

*Pride and Prejudice* Jane Austen 1882

**The Making of Pride and Prejudice** Susie Conklin 2003-08-26 *The Making of Pride and Prejudice* reveals in compelling detail how Jane Austen's classic novel was transformed into the stunning television drama starring Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle. It vividly brings to life every stage of production of this sumptuous series.

**Persuasion** Jane Austen 2016-07-14 Jane Austen's most mature and wickedly satirical final novel with gorgeous illustrations. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition features gorgeous illustrations by Hugh Thomson and an afterword by author and critic Henry Hitchings. *Persuasion* follows the story of Anne Elliott, who as a teenager was engaged to a seemingly ideal man, Frederick Wentworth. But after being persuaded by her friend Lady Russell that he is too poor to be a suitable match, Anne ends their engagement. When they are reacquainted eight years later, their circumstances are transformed: Frederick is returning triumphantly from the Napoleonic War, while Anne's fortunes are floundering. Will their past regrets prevent them from finding future happiness?

**The Master and Margarita** Mikhail Bulgakov 1967 Introduction by Simon Franklin; Translation by Michael Glenny "From the Hardcover edition."

**Our Place in Nature** Zachary Seager 2022-10-11 A treat for nature lovers, this timely anthology explores our relationship with the natural world through inspiring, classic writing.

**Pride and Prejudice** Jane Austen 2016-07-14 One of BBC's 100 Novels That Shaped Our World. Jane Austen's best-loved novel is an unforgettable story about the inaccuracy of first impressions, the power of reason, and above all the strange dynamics of human relationships and emotions. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition is illustrated by Hugh Thomson and features an afterword by author and critic, Henry Hitchings. A tour de force of wit and sparkling dialogue, *Pride and Prejudice* shows how the headstrong Elizabeth Bennet and the aristocratic Mr Darcy must have their pride humbled and their prejudices dissolved before they can acknowledge their love for each other.

**Macbeth** William Shakespeare 1872

**The Children's Classics Collection** Various Authors 2018-09-10 Abridged and retold in modern English by respected children's authors, this collection of sixteen classic stories makes them accessible to readers as young as six, while retaining all the charm, atmosphere, and sense of adventure that made the original tales world-famous. These dramatic, easy-to-follow stories, charmingly illustrated with verve and humour by specially commissioned artists, deserve to find a home on every child's bookshelf. Included in this boxed set: 1. Alice in Wonderland 2. Treasure Island 3. The Wizard of Oz 4. The Jungle Book 5. The Secret Garden 6. Robin Hood 7. Peter Pan 8. Heidi 9. Anne of Green Gables 10. Little Women 11. Black Beauty 12. The Call of the Wild 13. Robinson Crusoe 14. Wind in the Willows 15. Tom Sawyer 16. Oliver Twist

*The Other Bennet Sister* Janice Hadlow 2020-03-31 A NPR CONCIERGE BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR "Jane fans rejoice! . . . Exceptional storytelling and a true delight." —Helen Simonson, author of the New York Times bestselling novels *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* and *The Summer Before the War* Mary, the bookish ugly duckling of *Pride and Prejudice*'s five Bennet sisters, emerges from the shadows and transforms into a desired woman with choices of her own. What if Mary Bennet's life took a different path from that laid out for her in *Pride and Prejudice*? What if the frustrated intellectual of the Bennet family, the marginalized middle daughter, the plain girl who takes refuge in her books, eventually found the fulfillment enjoyed by her prettier, more confident sisters? This is the plot of Janice Hadlow's *The Other Bennet Sister*, a debut novel with exactly the affection and authority to satisfy Jane Austen fans. Ultimately, Mary's journey is like that taken by every Austen heroine. She learns that she can only expect joy when she has accepted who she really is. She must throw off the false expectations and wrong ideas that have combined to obscure her true nature and prevented her from what makes her happy. Only when she undergoes this evolution does she have a chance at finding fulfillment; only then does she have the clarity to recognize her partner when he presents himself—and only at that moment is she genuinely worthy of love. Mary's destiny diverges from that of her sisters. It does not involve broad acres or landed gentry. But it does include a man; and, as in all Austen novels, Mary must decide whether he is the truly the one for her. In *The Other Bennet Sister*, Mary is a fully rounded character—complex,

conflicted, and often uncertain; but also vulnerable, supremely sympathetic, and ultimately the protagonist of an uncommonly satisfying debut novel.

The Secret Life of Words Henry Hitchings 2009-09-29 Words are essential to our everyday lives. An average person spends his or her day enveloped in conversations, e-mails, phone calls, text messages, directions, headlines, and more. But how often do we stop to think about the origins of the words we use? Have you ever thought about which words in English have been borrowed from Arabic, Dutch, or Portuguese? Try admiral, landscape, and marmalade, just for starters. The Secret Life of Words is a wide-ranging account not only of the history of English language and vocabulary, but also of how words witness history, reflect social change, and remind us of our past. Henry Hitchings delves into the insatiable, ever-changing English language and reveals how and why it has absorbed words from more than 350 other languages—many originating from the most unlikely of places, such as shampoo from Hindi and kiosk from Turkish. From the Norman Conquest to the present day, Hitchings narrates the story of English as a living archive of our human experience. He uncovers the secrets behind everyday words and explores the surprising origins of our most commonplace expressions. The Secret Life of Words is a rich, lively celebration of the language and vocabulary that we too often take for granted.

The Language Wars Henry Hitchings 2011-10-25 The English language is a battlefield. Since the age of Shakespeare, arguments over correct usage have been bitter, and have always really been about contesting values-morality, politics, and class. The Language Wars examines the present state of the conflict, its history, and its future. Above all, it uses the past as a way of illuminating the present. Moving chronologically, the book explores the most persistent issues to do with English and unpacks the history of "proper" usage. Where did these ideas spring from? Who has been on the front lines in the language wars? The Language Wars examines grammar rules, regional accents, swearing, spelling, dictionaries, political correctness, and the role of electronic media in reshaping language. It also takes a look at such details as the split infinitive, elocution, and text messaging. Peopled with intriguing characters such as Jonathan Swift, Lewis Carroll, and Lenny Bruce, The Language Wars is an essential volume for anyone interested in the state of the English language today or its future.

*The Jane Austen Collection* Jane Austen 2017-09-21 Whether in the electrically charged chemistry of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy, or the simmering romance of Emma Woodhouse and Mr Knightley, no one writes love and relationships like the incomparable Jane Austen. This gorgeous, limited edition boxed set of all of her classic romantic novels includes *Pride & Prejudice*, *Emma*, *Sense & Sensibility*, *Mansfield Park*, *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey*, and each individual volume is beautifully designed and features a bespoke jacket, introduction or afterword, and Hugh Thomson's timeless, evocative illustrations.

**Romeo and Juliet** William Shakespeare 1899

*Pride and Prejudice (Seasons Edition -- Winter)* Jane Austen 2019-12-10 "You and Papa, and my sisters, must come down and see us. We shall be at Newcastle all the winter, and I dare say there will be some balls, and I will take care to get good partners for them all." - *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited. Darcy finds himself indifferent to Elizabeth Bennet's good looks and lively mind. And later when Elizabeth discovers that Darcy has involved himself

in the troubled relationship between his friend Bingley and her beloved sister Jane, she dislikes him more than ever. In the comedy of misdirected manners that follows, Jane Austen shows readers the error of judging by first impressions. This e-book edition includes select, highly designed pages that highlight quotes about the winter season. The Seasons Edition - Winter collection includes Little Women, Wuthering Heights, A Tale of Two Cities, and Pride and Prejudice.

The Tiny Book of Jane Austen (Tiny Book) Insight Editions 2019-08-27 Keep Jane Austen's signature wit right in your pocket with The Tiny Book of Jane Austen. In this delightfully tiny book, discover literary icon Jane Austen's famous wit and wisdom. Whether delivering powerful dialogue through characters like Elizabeth Bennet and Emma Woodhouse or powerful sociopolitical commentary in her letters, Jane Austen has been dazzling readers with exceptional intelligence and humor for more than two centuries. The Tiny Book of Jane Austen is packed with memorable quotes from one of the most influential writers of all time and is perfect for every Jane Austen fan.

**Sense and sensibility, and Persuasion** Jane Austen 1857

**A is for Alice: An Alphabet Book** Lewis Carroll 2017-02-09 A is for Alice: An Alphabet Book is a delightful introduction to the alphabet, using characters and objects from Lewis Carroll's iconic Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass. A is for Alice, E is for Egg (Humpty Dumpty of course), Q is for the Queen, not forgetting R for the Rabbit who started off the whole adventure. With charming, traditional colour illustrations by Sir John Tenniel and beautiful Victorian-style decorations and backgrounds, this is a really special book for young children and, together with One White Rabbit: A Counting Book, forms a classy introduction to the classic Macmillan Alice.

**Pride and Prejudice** Jane Austen 2016-07-19 When Elizabeth Bennet meets Mr. Darcy she is repelled by his overbearing pride, and prejudice towards her family. But the Bennet girls are in need of financial security in the shape of husbands, so when Darcy's friend, the affable Mr. Bingley, forms an attachment to Jane, Darcy becomes increasingly hard to avoid.

**Portrait of a Novel: Henry James and the Making of an American Masterpiece** Michael Gorra 2012-08-27 A revelatory biography of the American master as told through the lens of his greatest novel. Henry James (1843–1916) has had many biographers, but Michael Gorra has taken an original approach to this great American progenitor of the modern novel, combining elements of biography, criticism, and travelogue in re-creating the dramatic backstory of James's masterpiece, Portrait of a Lady (1881). Gorra, an eminent literary critic, shows how this novel—the scandalous story of the expatriate American heiress Isabel Archer—came to be written in the first place. Traveling to Florence, Rome, Paris, and England, Gorra sheds new light on James's family, the European literary circles—George Eliot, Flaubert, Turgenev—in which James made his name, and the psychological forces that enabled him to create this most memorable of female protagonists. Appealing to readers of Menand's The Metaphysical Club and McCullough's The Greater Journey, Portrait of a Novel provides a brilliant account of the greatest American novel of expatriate life ever written. It becomes a piercing detective story on its own.

The Last Bookshop in London Madeline Martin 2021-04-06 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER “An irresistible tale which showcases the transformative power of literacy, reminding us of the hope and sanctuary our neighborhood bookstores offer during the perilous trials of war and unrest.” —KIM MICHELE RICHARDSON, author of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* August 1939: London prepares for war as Hitler’s forces sweep across Europe. Grace Bennett has always dreamed of moving to the city, but the bunkers and blackout curtains that she finds on her arrival were not what she expected. And she certainly never imagined she’d wind up working at Primrose Hill, a dusty old bookshop nestled in the heart of London. Through blackouts and air raids as the Blitz intensifies, Grace discovers the power of storytelling to unite her community in ways she never dreamed—a force that triumphs over even the darkest nights of the war. “A gorgeously written story of love, friendship, and survival set against the backdrop of WWII-era London.” —JILLIAN CANTOR, author of *In Another Time and Half Life* “A love letter to the power of books to unite us, to hold the world together when it’s falling apart around our ears. This fresh take on what London endured during WWII should catapult Madeline Martin to the top tier of historical fiction novelists.” —KAREN ROBARDS, author of *The Black Swan of Paris*

Poetry of the First World War Marcus Clapham 2017-10-19 The First World War was one of the deadliest conflicts in modern history and produced horrors undreamed of by the young men who cheerfully volunteered for a war that was supposed to be over by Christmas. Whether in the patriotic enthusiasm of Rupert Brooke, the disillusionment of Charles Hamilton Sorley, or the bitter denunciations of Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen, the war produced an astonishing outpouring of powerful poetry. Edited by author and editor Marcus Clapham, the major poets are all represented in this beautiful Macmillan Collector’s Library anthology, *Poetry of the First World War*, alongside many others whose voices are less well known, and their verse is accompanied by contemporary motifs. Designed to appeal to the booklover, the Macmillan Collector's Library is a series of beautiful gift editions of much loved classic titles. Macmillan Collector's Library are books to love and treasure.

The Wicked Wit of Jane Austen Dominique Enright 2011-06-30 Lauded for her eloquence, observation and wry humour, Jane Austen was a novelist who was highly regarded and greatly celebrated in her own time. However, her appeal is as great as ever, and her insights remain as fresh and relevant today as when they were first published. This delightful volume offers thematic extracts from fiction and correspondence; featuring quotes from such novels as *Emma*, *Northanger Abbey*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park* and *Persuasion*, alongside extracts from Austen's letters to her sister and confidante, Cassandra. It contains a host of quotations displaying Austen's sharp - indeed, often wicked - social observation and satirical wit, which will be enjoyed by fans of the author as well as readers who are new to her writing. *The Wicked Wit of Jane Austen* is a charming tribute to a writer whose work will resonate for centuries to come. Also available in the series are collections from Shakespeare, *To Be or Not To Be*, and Oscar Wilde, *I Can Resist Everything Except Temptation*.

**Empire of the Vampire** Jay Kristoff 2021-09-14 THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES, USA TODAY, AND WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER From New York Times bestselling author Jay Kristoff comes *Empire of the Vampire*, the first illustrated volume of an astonishing new dark fantasy saga. From holy cup comes holy light; The faithful hand sets world aright. And in the Seven Martyrs’ sight, Mere man shall end this endless night. It has been twenty-seven long years since the last sunrise. For nearly three decades, vampires have waged war against humanity; building their eternal empire even as they tear down our own. Now, only a few tiny sparks of

light endure in a sea of darkness. Gabriel de León is a silversaint: a member of a holy brotherhood dedicated to defending realm and church from the creatures of the night. But even the Silver Order could not stem the tide once daylight failed us, and now, only Gabriel remains. Imprisoned by the very monsters he vowed to destroy, the last silversaint is forced to tell his story. A story of legendary battles and forbidden love, of faith lost and friendships won, of the Wars of the Blood and the Forever King and the quest for humanity's last remaining hope: The Holy Grail.

Sense and Sensibility Jane Austen 2016-07-14 Two sisters of opposing temperament but who share the pangs of tragic love provide the subjects for Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. Gorgeously illustrated by the celebrated Hugh Thomson, this Macmillan Collector's Library edition also includes an afterword by author and critic Henry Hitchings. Elinor, practical and conventional, the epitome of sense, desires a man who is promised to another woman. Marianne, emotional and sentimental, the epitome of sensibility, loses her heart to a scoundrel who jilts her. A powerful drama of family life and growing up, *Sense and Sensibility* is at once a subtle comedy of manners and a striking critique of early nineteenth-century society.

### **The Return of Sherlock Holmes and His Last Bow** Arthur Conan Doyle 2005

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Mansfield Park Jane Austen 2016-07-14 With psychological insight and sparkling wit, Jane Austen paints an irresistibly lifelike portrait of shifting values and split loyalties in *Mansfield Park*. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition is gorgeously illustrated by Hugh Thomson and includes an afterword by historian and author Nigel Cliff. Aged ten, Fanny Price is sent to live with her wealthier relations, the Bertrams, at *Mansfield Park*. However, life there is not as she imagined. Treated with disdain by three of her cousins, she finds her only comfort in the kindness of the fourth, Edmund. As they grow, their friendship develops into romantic love - until the arrival of Henry Crawford and his charming sister Mary causes an emotional upheaval that no one in the family expects.

### **Novels: Pride and prejudice** Jane Austen 1911

**Finding Colin Firth** Mia March 2013-07-09 From the author of *The Meryl Streep Movie Club*, “a heartwarming, spirit-lifting read just in time for beach season” (Kirkus Reviews), comes a new novel about three women, connected in secret and surprising ways, who are in for a life-changing summer when rumor has it that actor Colin Firth is coming to their Maine town to film a movie. After losing her job and leaving her beloved husband, journalist Gemma Hendricks is sure that scoring an interview with Colin Firth will save her career and marriage. Yet a heart-tugging local story about women, family ties, love, and loss captures her heart— and changes everything. The story concerns Bea Crane, a floundering twenty-two-year-old who learns in a deathbed confession letter that she was adopted at birth. Bea is in Boothbay Harbor to surreptitiously observe her biological mother, Veronica Russo—something of a legend in town—who Bea might not be ready to meet after all. Veronica, a thirty-eight-year-old diner waitress famous for her “healing” pies, has come home to Maine to face her past. But when she’s hired as an extra on the bustling movie set, she wonders if she is hiding from the truth . . . and perhaps the opportunity of a real-life Mr. Darcy. These three women will discover more than they ever imagined in this coastal Maine town, buzzing with hopes of Colin Firth. Even the conjecture of his arrival inspires daydreams, amplifies complicated lives, and gives incentive to find their own romantic endings.

**Best Fairy Stories of the World** Marcus Clapham 2016-10-06 Folk tales and fairy stories from all over the world are collected together in this gorgeous international anthology which brings together 'The Frog Who Became an Emperor' from China, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' from Norway, and 'Pinocchio' from Italy as well as the classic stories of Aesop, Andersen, the Grimm Brothers, Charles Perrault and Oscar Wilde, among many others. Illustrated by various artists, this beautiful Macmillan Collector's Library edition of *Best Fairy Stories of the World*, edited by Marcus Clapham, features illustrations including Arthur Rackham, Charles Robinson, Walter Crane and Howard Pyle and many other masters of the genre, which will appeal to both adults and children. Designed to appeal to the booklover, the Macmillan Collector's Library is a series of beautiful gift editions of much loved classic titles. Macmillan Collector's Library are books to love and treasure.

**The Little Prince** Antoine de Saint-Exupéry 2021-08-31 *The Little Prince* and (French: *Le Petit Prince*) is a novella by French aristocrat, writer, and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. It was first published in English and French in the US by Reynal and Hitchcock in April 1943, and posthumously in France following the liberation of France as Saint-Exupéry's works had been banned by the Vichy Regime. The story follows a young prince who visits various planets in space, including Earth, and addresses themes of loneliness, friendship, love, and loss. Despite its style as a children's book, *The Little Prince* makes observations about life, adults and human nature. *The Little Prince* became Saint-Exupéry's most successful work, selling an estimated 140 million copies worldwide, which makes it one of the best-selling and most translated books ever published. It has been translated into 301 languages and dialects. *The Little Prince* has been adapted to numerous art forms and media, including audio recordings, radio plays, live stage, film, television, ballet, and opera.

**Pride and Prejudice (Vintage Classics Austen Series)** Jane Austen 2014-07-03 \*\*One of the BBC's 100 Novels That Shaped Our World\*\* Discover Jane Austen's most beloved classic. When Elizabeth Bennet meets Mr Darcy, she is repelled by his overbearing pride and prejudice

towards her family. But the Bennet girls are in need of financial security in the shape of husbands, so when Darcy's friend, the affable Mr Bingley, forms an attachment to Jane, Darcy becomes increasingly hard to avoid. Polite society will be turned upside down in this witty drama of friendship, rivalry and love - Jane Austen's classic romance novel. WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH VINTAGE CLASSICS AUSTEN SERIES - all six of Jane Austen's major novels, beautifully designed and introduced by our finest contemporary writers.

**Persuasion** Jane Austen 2011-06-28 Jane Austen's last completed novel, a brilliantly insightful story of regret, second chances, and the courage to follow our hearts Anne Elliot is twenty-seven and unmarried—by all accounts a spinster in her time—seemingly doomed to spend the rest of her life waiting on her image-obsessed father and extravagant older sister; attempting to maintain their once lavish, now dwindling family estate; and occasionally babysitting the children of her married younger sister. It wasn't always this way, though. When Anne was nineteen, she was in love with and engaged to Frederick Wentworth, a man with no money and few prospects. Anne's well-meaning family and friends convinced her that a young heiress like herself could do better, so she broke off the engagement. But when chance brings Wentworth and Anne together again eight years later, he is now an accomplished naval captain with an impressive fortune, and Anne must face her feelings for him that remain and consider how different her life could have been if only she hadn't been so easily persuaded by others.

**Aesop's Fables** Aesop 1800

**The Novels of Jane Austen: Persuasion** Jane Austen 1901

*Leaves of Grass* Walt Whitman 2019-02-07 *Leaves of Grass* is Walt Whitman's glorious poetry collection, first published in 1855, which he revised and expanded throughout his lifetime. It was ground-breaking in its subject matter and in its direct, unembellished style. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition is edited and introduced by Professor Bridget Bennett. Whitman wrote about the United States and its people, its revolutionary spirit and about democracy. He wrote openly about the body and about desire in a way that completely broke with convention and which paved the way for a completely new kind of poetry. This new collection is taken from the final version, the Deathbed edition, and it includes his most famous poems such as 'Song of Myself' and 'I Sing the Body Electric'.

*Diary of a Provincial Lady* E. M. Delafield 2016-09-08 E. M. Delafield's largely autobiographical novel takes the form of a journal written by an upper-middle-class lady living in a Devonshire village. Written with humour, this charming novel is full of the peculiarities of daily life. The Provincial Lady of the title attempts to avoid disaster and prevent chaos from descending upon her household. But with a husband reluctant to do anything but doze behind *The Times*, mischievous children and trying servants, it's a challenge keeping up appearances on an inadequate income, particularly in front of the infuriating and haughty Lady Boxe. As witty and delightful today as when it was first published in 1930, *Diary of a Provincial Lady* is a brilliantly observed comic novel and an acknowledged classic. This beautiful Macmillan Collector's Library edition features an introduction by author and journalist Christina Hardyment.

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**Collected Poems** W B Yeats 2016-07-14 As well as being one of the major literary figures of the twentieth century and the recipient of the 1923 Nobel Prize for Literature, William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) is the greatest lyric poet that Ireland has produced. Part of the Macmillan Collector's Library; a series of stunning, clothbound, pocket sized classics with gold foiled edges and ribbon markers. These beautiful books make perfect gifts or a treat for any book lover. This edition features an illuminating introduction by author and academic Dr Robert Mighall. Yeats' early work includes the beguiling 'When You are Old', 'The Cloths of Heaven' and 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' but, unusually for a poet, Yeats's later works, including 'Parnell's Funeral', surpass even those of his youth. All are present in this volume, which reproduces the 1933 edition of W. B. Yeats's Collected Poems.

**The Machine Gunners** Robert Westall 1992 It's 1940, and Britain is at war. Young Chas McGill has the second-best collection of war souvenirs in town, but desperately wants it to be the best. Amidst the bombs and air raids, Chas and his friends plan their own war effort in their newly built bunker. Friendships are forged and loyalties tested, in the adventure of a lifetime. Robert Westall's "The Machine Gunners" has been read, studied - and loved - by successive generations of younger readers. It won the Carnegie Medal and was voted one of the most important children's novels of the past seventy years. This thrilling stage adaptation comes from the award-winning playwright Ali Taylor, and premiered at the Polka Theatre, London. It provides rich opportunities for discussion in the classroom, and for staging by schools, youth theatres and amateur companies.