

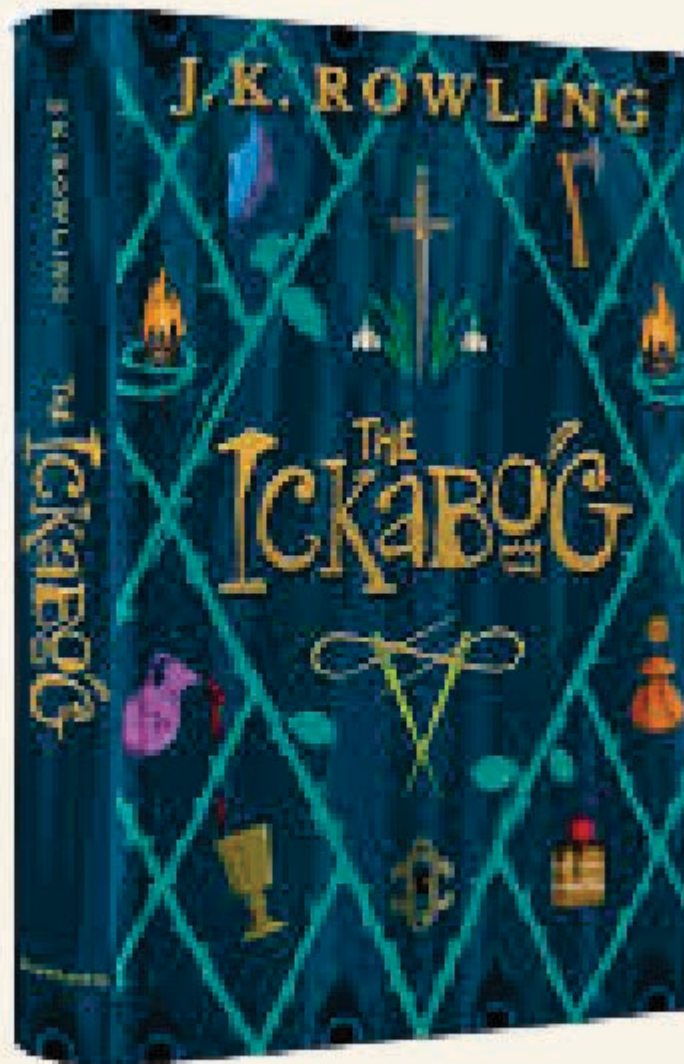


# BOOKS OF THE YEAR 2020



THE ICKABOG

-JK ROWLING



A warm, fast-paced, funny fairy tale of a fearsome monster, thrilling adventure, and hope against all odds.

Recommendation by  
Veda Kalra



# DAVID WALLIAMS - RECENT RELEASES

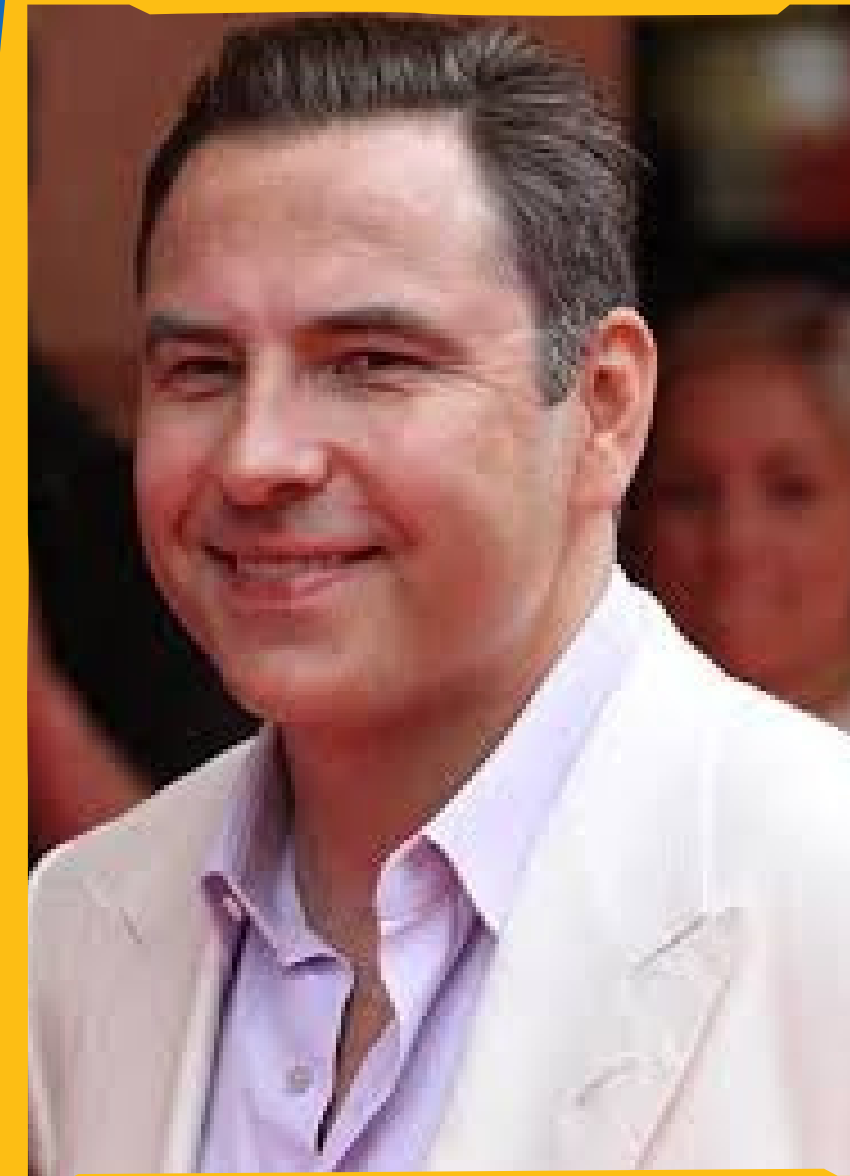
## SLIME:

Get lost in the extraordinary world of Ned. Battling terrifying adults with Slime on his side! Get in for a hilariously enrapturing read.

## BLOB:

A funny and heartwarming story of a very unusual friendship- and very queer animals.

Recommendation by Miheeka Bagla



# YOU PEOPLE

Going behind the scenes of a London pizza restaurant, “You People” centers around Tulu, the pizzeria’s proprietor. A Robin Hood character, he aims to help anyone in need, but when his guidance leads into dangerous territory, the characters are faced with a difficult moral choice. This is a moving, authentic, humane novel, which raises fundamental questions about what it means to be kind in an unkind world.



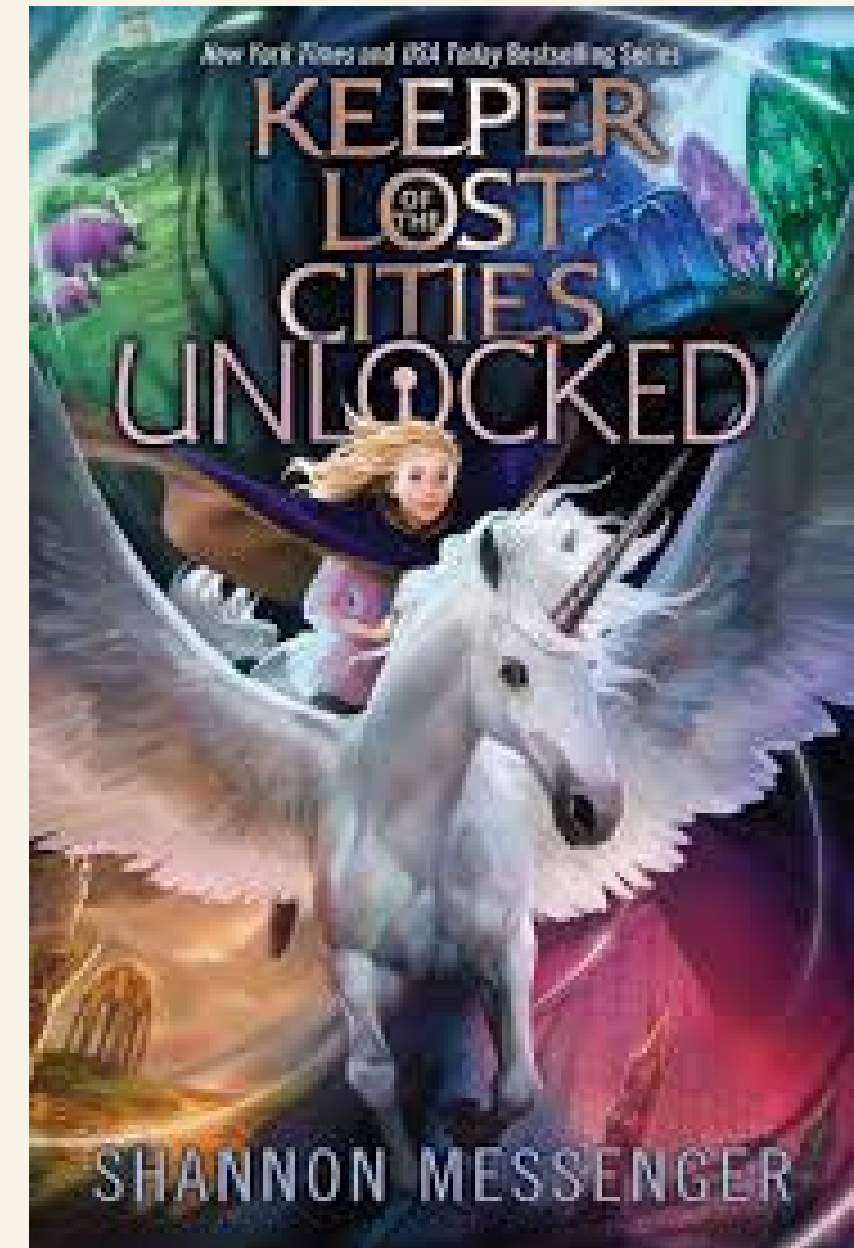


# KEEPER OF THE LOST CITIES: UNLOCKED

## BOOK 8

A book by Shannon Messenger where chapters alternate between Sophie and Keefe's perspectives. New powers will be discovered. Hard truths from the past will come to light.

Recommendation by Aditi Aggarwal



# WHAT STARS ARE MADE OF



In her stunning debut middle grade novel, Allen, who was also born with Turner syndrome, explores themes of family loyalty and personal resilience and resolve, wrapping them up in a clever story of science, how the universe works and how stars can truly guide the way.

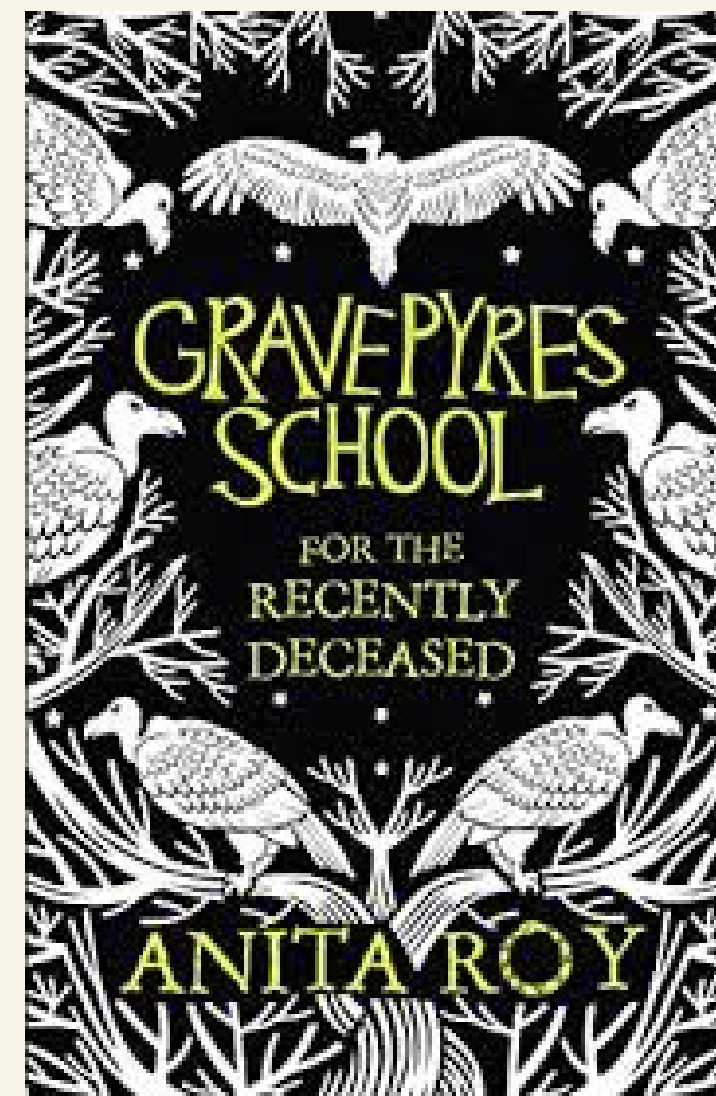


# GRAVEPYRES SCHOOL FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

As the latest transitioner at Gravepyres, Joseph Srinivas has a lot on his plate but the only thing he really wants to learn is how to get home, back to his parents and little sister. When he stumbles upon the secret of the Eternal Spring and the majestic vultures who are the custodians of an ancient knowledge, Jose thinks he might have found a way out. Will he find the source of the River of Time? Will Jose ever make it back to the Land of Living?

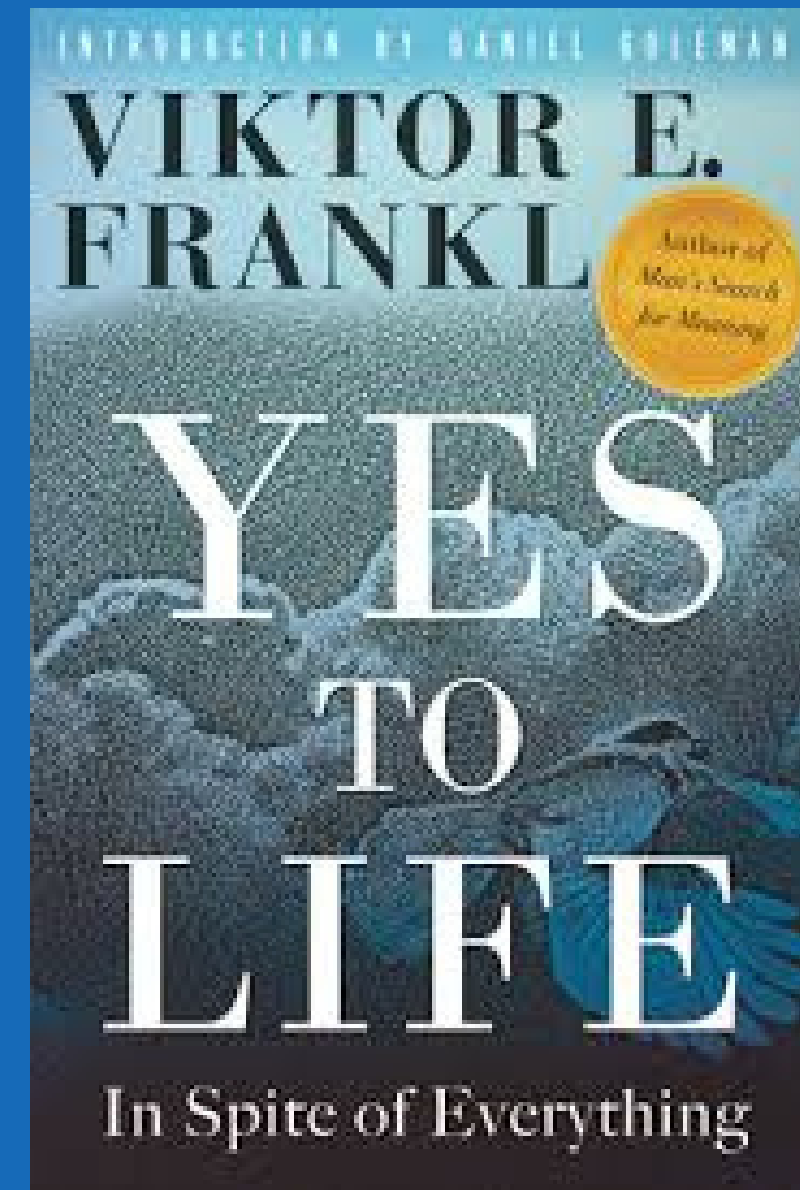
I really like this book because it covers very abstract topics like death and also the theme of the ecological crisis in our world. Apart from that the author has written it very well. She is very witty and has many made up words in it like the title itself. I love this book and would highly recommend it.

Recommendation by Norah Paumier



# YES TO LIFE

Published for the very first time in English, Frankl's words resonate as strongly today—as the world faces a coronavirus pandemic, social isolation, and great economic uncertainty—as they did in 1946. He offers an insightful exploration of the maxim “Live as if you were living for the second time,” and he unfolds his basic conviction that every crisis contains opportunity. Despite the unspeakable horrors of the camps, Frankl learned from the strength of his fellow inmates that it is always possible to “say yes to life”—a profound and timeless lesson for us all.





# NOMAD'S LAND

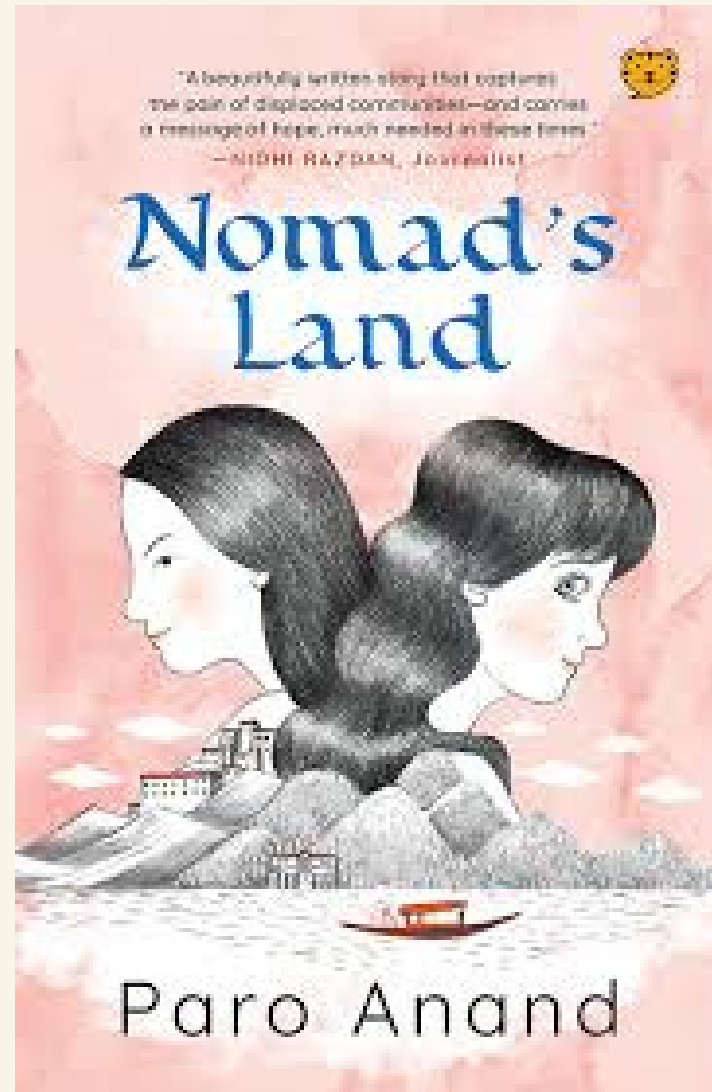


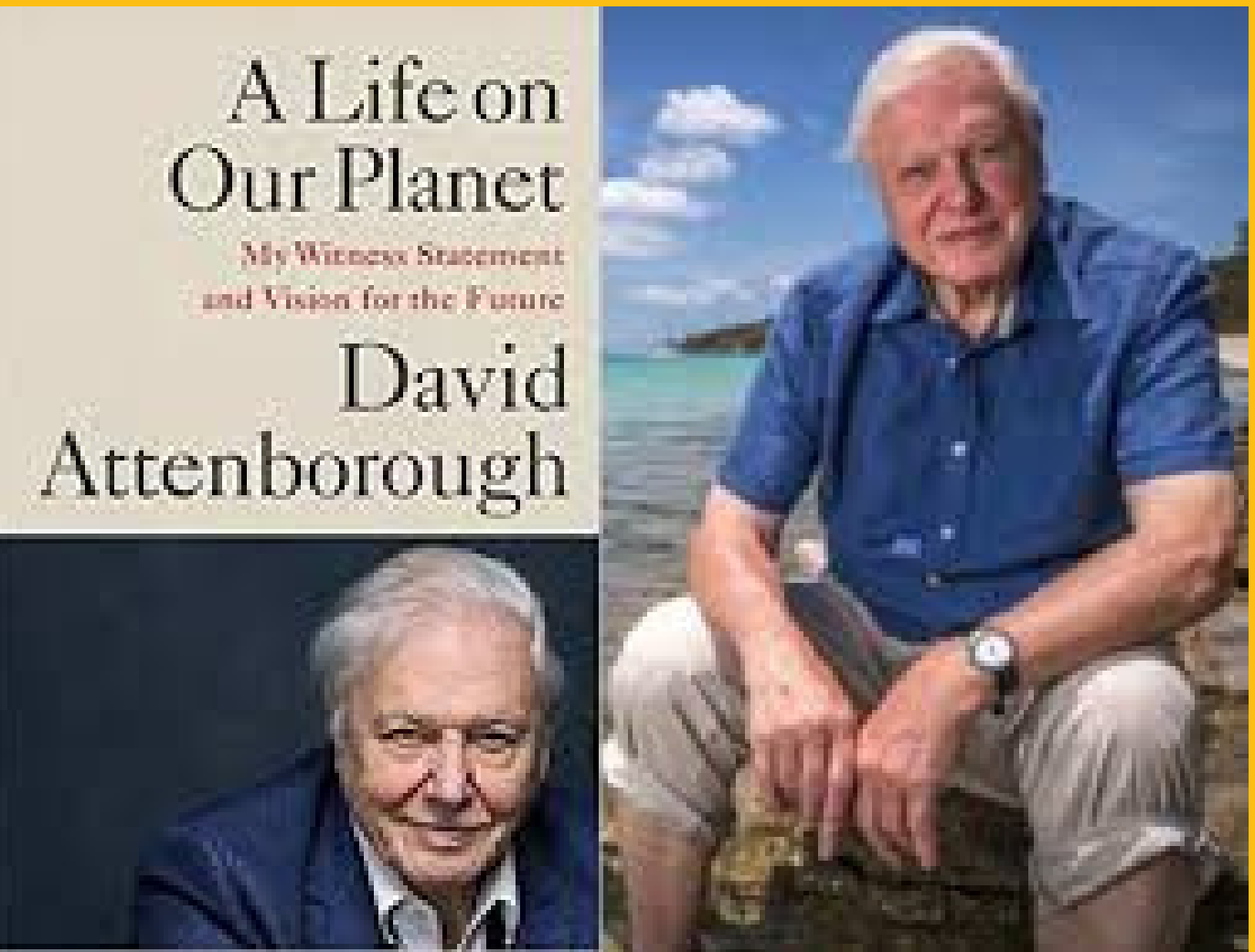
Shanna and Pema, two girls growing up in a big city, meet at their new school. They come from displaced communities—people who had to flee their land to escape persecution. Shanna is a Kashmiri Pandit, and Pema comes from a nomadic tribe whose people called the high mountains beyond India their home.

Shanna is dealing with the aftermath of a violent act that has forever changed her life. Pema was born in the city, but all around her are people who cling to the old customs.

As Shanna and Pema become friends, they get to understand their own and each other's stories. They discover new wells of strength within themselves and start to deal with the sadness and confusion of the adults around them. But when they embark on a plan that is as brave as it is audacious, will the forces of history allow them to succeed?

Recommendation by Param Mahajan





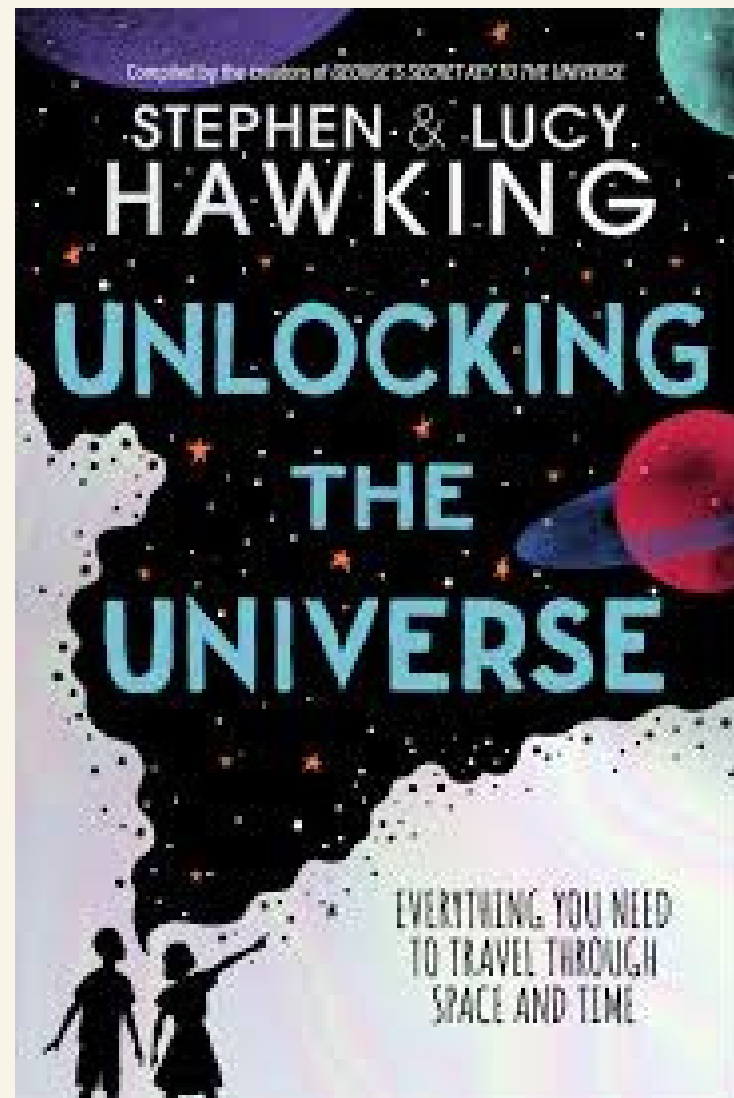
# A LIFE ON OUR PLANET

In this moving documentary, the famed naturalist, David Attenborough, maps how steeply the planet's biodiversity has diminished over his lifetime.

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# UNLOCKING THE UNIVERSE

-STEPHEN AND LUCY HAWKING



What would it have been like to walk the lava-filled earth four and a half billion years ago? Or take your first step on the surface of the moon? And what would you do if robots took over the world?

Recommendation by  
Aarush Kapur

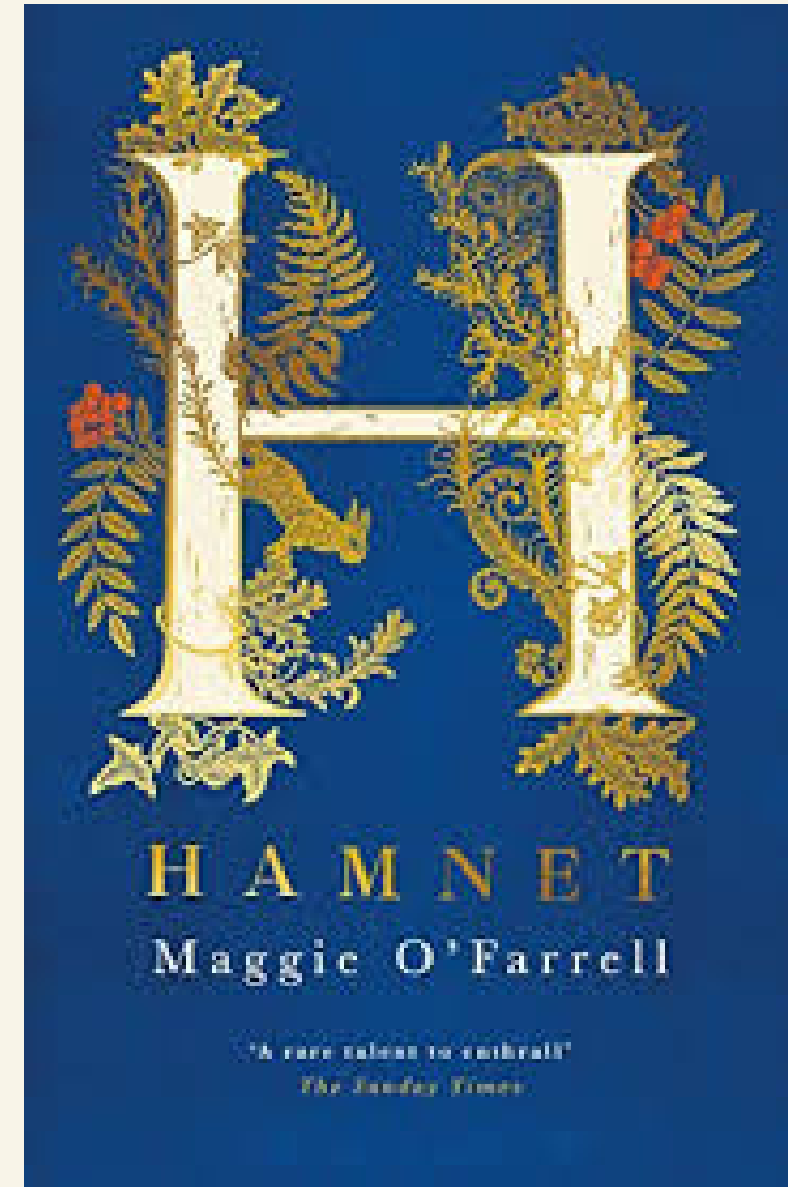




# HAMNET

## MAGGIE O' FARRELL

Hamnet is a 2020 novel by Maggie O'Farrell. It is a fictional account of Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, who died at age 11 in 1596. It won the Women's Prize for Fiction.

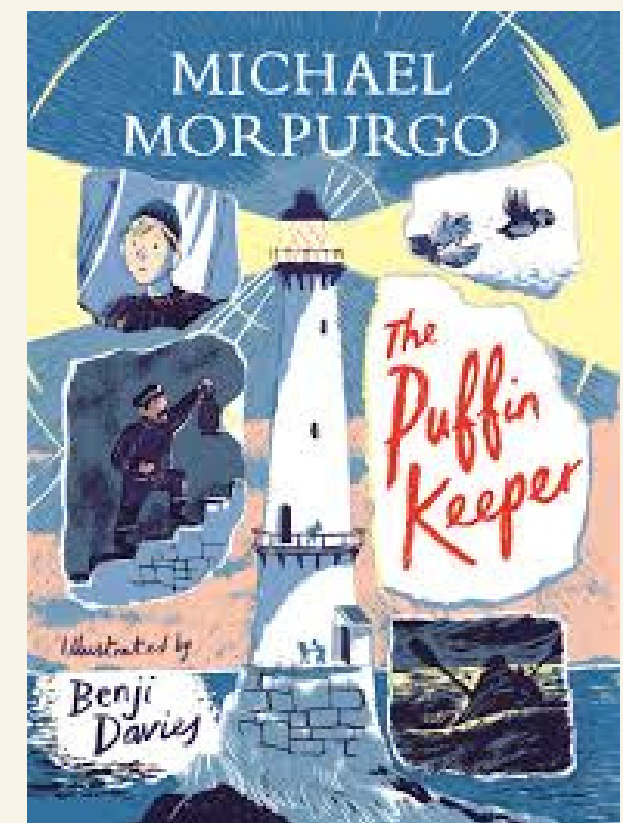


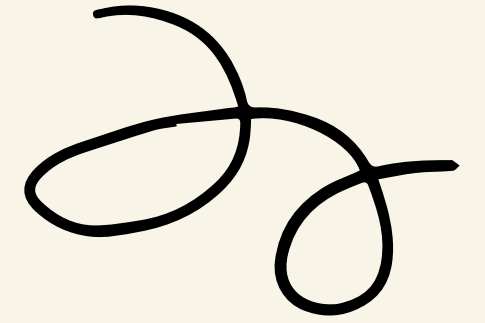
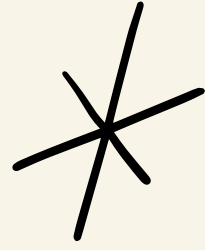
# THE PUFFIN KEEPER



This is a story of a life-changing friendship, a lost puffin, and a lonely artist. It's the story of an entire lifetime, and how one event can change a life forever.

Recommendation by  
Amyra Pasricha

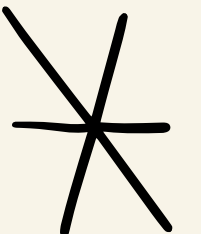
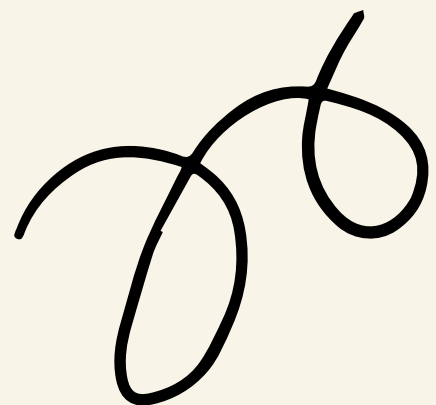
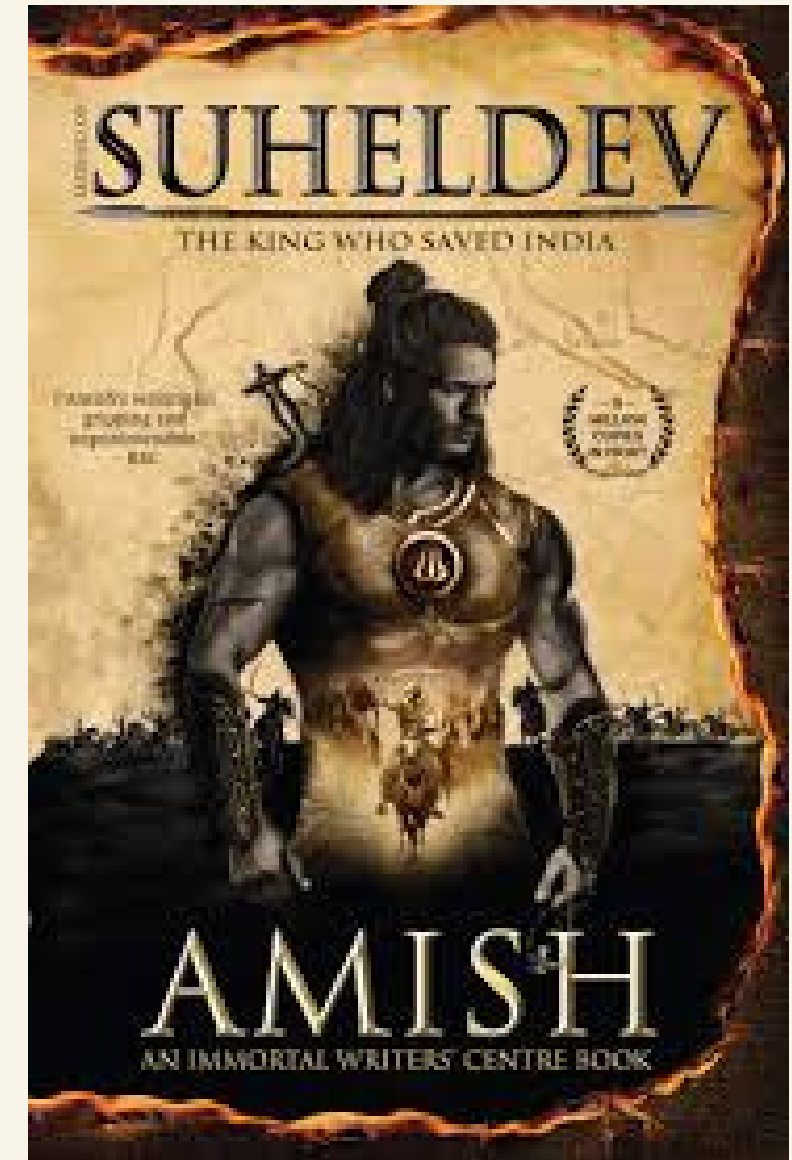




# SUHELDEV



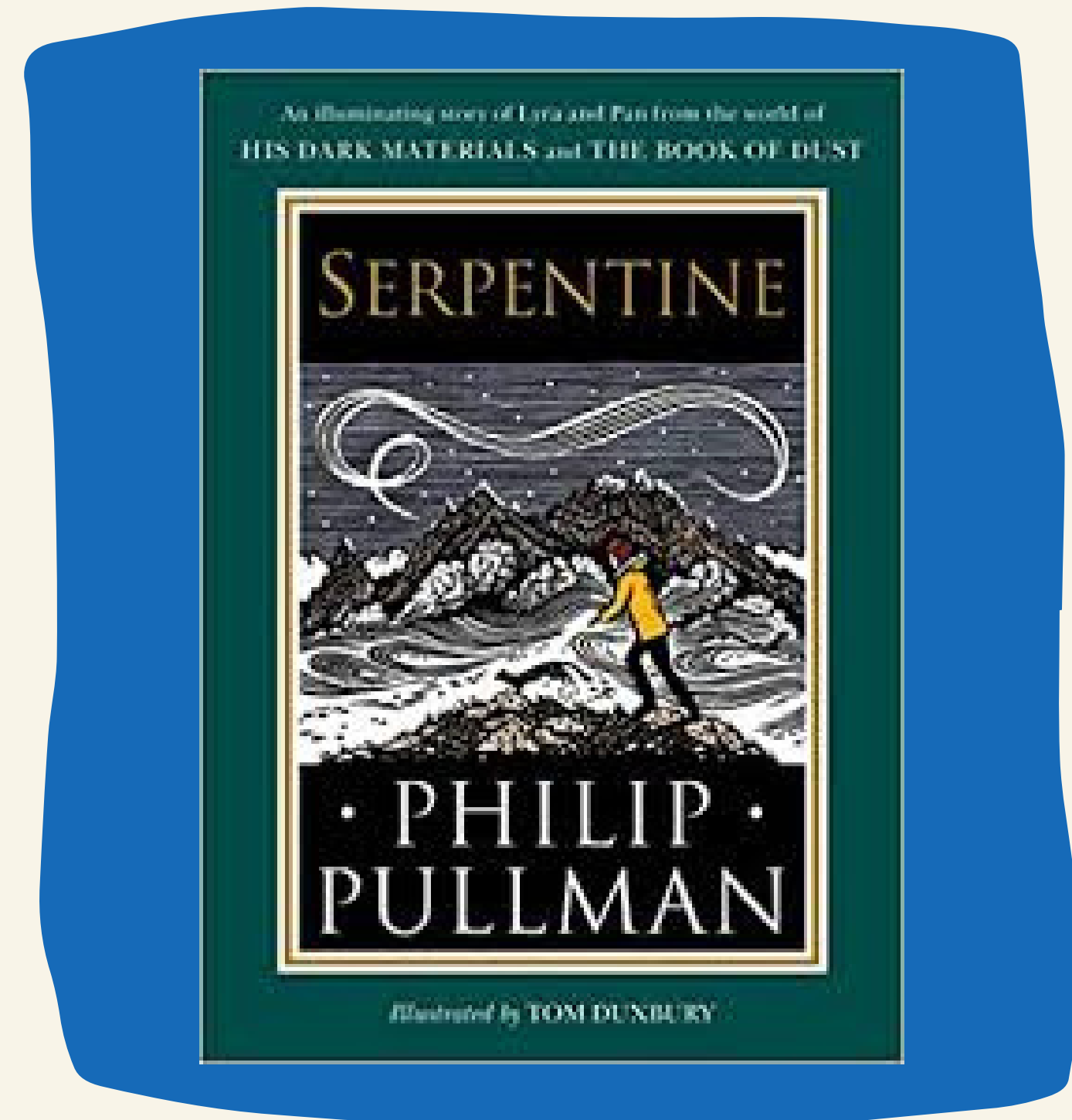
The story is about unfolding the legendary battle of Bahraich that took place between the heroic Suhel Dev and Salar Maqsud the fearsome Turkish commander of Muhammad Ghazni.



# SERPENTINE

A brand new short story set in the world of His Dark Materials and The Book of Dust by master storyteller, Philip Pullman. A sweet story about Lyra and Pan, set after the events of The Amber Spyglass. It's very short, but a nice read.

Recommendation by Amaera Kher



# A PROMISED LAND

Obama's vivid, novelistic writing brings to life his fairytale political career from state legislator to America's first Black president.

Recommendation by Khushi Juneja

