

Action, Dystopia and Horror:

- **'Alex Rider' series by Anthony Horowitz** (*Adapted to a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



14-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

- **'Skulduggery Pleasant' series by Derek Landy** (*Available on Audible*)



Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction.

- **'The Maze Runner' series by James Dashner** (*Adapted to a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's not alone. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade - a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze. Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there - or what's happened to the world outside. All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back, they will risk everything

- **'The Hunger Games' series by Suzanne Collins** (*Adapted to a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by 12 outlying districts. The Capitol keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV.

- **The Giver – Lois Lowry** (*Available on Youtube*)



Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear of pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. When Jonas turns 12 he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now, it is time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.

- **'Mortal Engines' series by Philip Reeve** (*Adapted to a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Welcome to the astounding world of Predator Cities! Emerging from its hiding place in the hills, the great Traction City is chasing a terrified little town across the wastelands. Soon, London will feed. In the attack, Tom Natsworthy is flung from the speeding city with a murderous scar-faced girl. They must run for their lives through the wreckage - and face a terrifying new weapon that threatens the future of the world.

- **'Cogheart' series by Peter Bunzl** (*Available on Audible*)



Cogheart Adventures series, where mayhem, murder and mystery meet in a gripping Victorian world of fantastical imagination. When 13-year-old Lily's inventor father vanishes on a routine Zeppelin flight, Lily's determined to find out the truth behind his disappearance. But she's not the only one searching for her father; there are silver-eyed men in the shadows who will stop at nothing to find him.

- **'Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' – Arthur Conan Doyle** (*Available on Audible*)



In these 12 stories, Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson investigate a compromising photograph, a murder case with Australian connections, a disreputable opium den, a Christmas goose, a ruined ancestral estate, a disastrous wedding day, a house with frightening secrets and several other baffling circumstances.

- **'Alpha Force' series by Chris Ryan** (*Available on Audible*)



Five kids: Alex, Li, Paulo, Hex and Amber, are marooned on a desert island where they must face the ultimate test: survival! Killer komodo dragons, sharks, and modern day pirates are amongst the dangers they face. Can the five bond as a team, and stay alive?

- **Different seasons – Stephen King** (*Shawshank Redemption, Apt Pupil and Stand by Me adapted as films*) (*Available on Audible*)



In this classic collection of four novellas, the grand master takes you on irresistible journeys into the far reaches of horror, heartache and hope.

'Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption' is the story of two men convicted of murder - one guilty, one innocent - who form the perfect partnership as they dream up a scheme to escape from prison.

In 'Apt Pupil' a golden schoolboy entices an old man with a past to join in a dreadful union.

'The Body' sees four young boys venture into the woods and find life, death...and the end of innocence.

'The Breathing Method' is the tale of a doctor who goes to his club and discovers a woman determined to give birth - no matter what.

- **Shadow over Innsmouth – H.P. Lovecraft** (*Available on Spotify*)



Innsmouth is a dilapidated seaside town with secrets as a hybrid race of half-human and half-amphibian creatures worship the gods of Cthulhu and Dagon in one of Lovecraft's best creepy, horror stories.

- **V for Vendetta – Alan Moore** (*Adapted to a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Imagine a Britain stripped of democracy, a world of the not-too-distant future in which freedom has been surrendered willingly to a totalitarian regime which rose to power by exploiting the people's worst fears and most damning weaknesses. This is the setting for the parable of Evey, a young woman saved from death by a masked man calling himself V. Beguiling and dangerous, V ignites the fuse of revolution when he urges his fellow citizens to shed the blanket of tyranny and oppression that they have permitted themselves to be cloaked in. While those in power take steps to neutralize the threat, police pursue the mystery of V, unaware of the terrible truth that awaits them. But it is Evey who, with V as her enigmatic guide, sets out on the painful path of deception and self-discovery, deconstruction and re-creation, vindication and vengeance.