

Word Up

Welcome back to this the first issue of 2007! In this edition we bring you a round up of some of the hottest teenage titles around at the moment including 'The Spook's Secret' by Joseph Delaney, 'Operation Typhoon Shore' by Joshua Mowll, and 'Sebastian Darke- Prince of Fools' by Philip Caveney.

Word Up on **'Sebastian Darke - Prince of Fools'** by **Philip Caveney**

This is Philip Caveney's first book for a younger audience and he has hit the ground running!

Sebastian wants to be a jester in the palace at Keladon, but there's one problem - he's not funny! This book tells the story of his journey to Keladon and what happens once he gets there and meets King Septimus. We meet the miserable buffalo Max and the 4-foot high warrior-with-attitude Cornelius, and there's even romance with Princess Kerin, who also has problems with King Septimus.

This is a light-hearted adventure and could be one of the big hits of 2007.

Word Up on ~ **'The Spook's Secret'** by **Joseph Delaney**

The third book in 'The Wardstone Chronicles', a popular series from a local author. It's atmospheric storytelling along with the boggarts, spooks and witches draw you in and if you want to know what the Spook's Secret is, then you'll have to read it to find out!!!

Other titles by Joseph Delaney

The Spook's Apprentice
The Spook's Curse

Word Up on **'Jimmy Coates: Revenge'** by **Joe Craig**

Hold on to your seats, Joe Craig is back with the third Jimmy Coates book. This book carries on from 'Jimmy Coates: Target' with Jimmy still on the run from NJ7. Jimmy is only 38% human and with plans to use him as the ultimate assassin, he heads to America to escape capture, but now he's having visions. What do they mean, where are they from and will NJ7 manage to get their hands on Jimmy Coates?

Joe has delivered another high-octane thriller that will appeal to fans of Anthony Horowitz, Robert Muchamore and Charlie Higson. For more information on the author visit www.joecraig.co.uk.

Other titles by Joe Craig

Jimmy Coates: Killer

Jimmy Coates: Target



Word Up on **'Operation Typhoon Shore'** by **Joshua Mowll**



Maps, blueprints, photographs and line drawings are just some of the things that pull you into this, the follow-up to 'Operation Red Jericho'. In this book you learn more about The Honourable Guild of Specialists as you follow the adventures of Doug and Becca. Will they find their parents, will they survive their encounter with the Kalaxx and will they escape from the island where they are shipwrecked?

It's an adventure story that would make Indiana Jones proud! A riveting adventure, but I would suggest reading 'Operation Red Jericho' first.

Other titles by Joshua Mowll

Operation Red Jericho

Word Up Competition

Word up has got its hands on 2 books signed by Joe Craig. If you'd like to be entered in a draw to win one, email us the answer of the following question.

Q. What is the emblem of NJ7?

Answers to Lancaster.junior@lcl.lancscc.gov.uk. Good luck.

Word Up on
**'Hothouse
Flowers'** by **Rose
Impey**

This is the story of 11-year-old Chloe Wells. Chloe is home tutored and has very few friends. She lives with her mum Marian and her dad Daniel. The book starts with an accident; Chloe is hit by a four-wheel drive car whilst stepping out in front of a bus. Whilst in hospital Chloe starts thinking about her life and why she has been shielded from many everyday things.

This is the first Rose Impey book I've read and I have to say I would never refer to it as a favourite. It is a very easy and quick read, but for me it was a little too slow giving out the story. What do you think? Email us and let us know.



Word Up on **'Beast'** by
Ally Kennen

Why does Stephen want a £130 pig? Is it really for his dad? And what do you do when your pet gets too big and escapes from its cage?

This debut novel from Ally Kennen introduces an interesting cast of characters and a story that has a bit of everything from romance to adventure. Well worth a look.

For more information on the author have a look at www.allykennen.com.



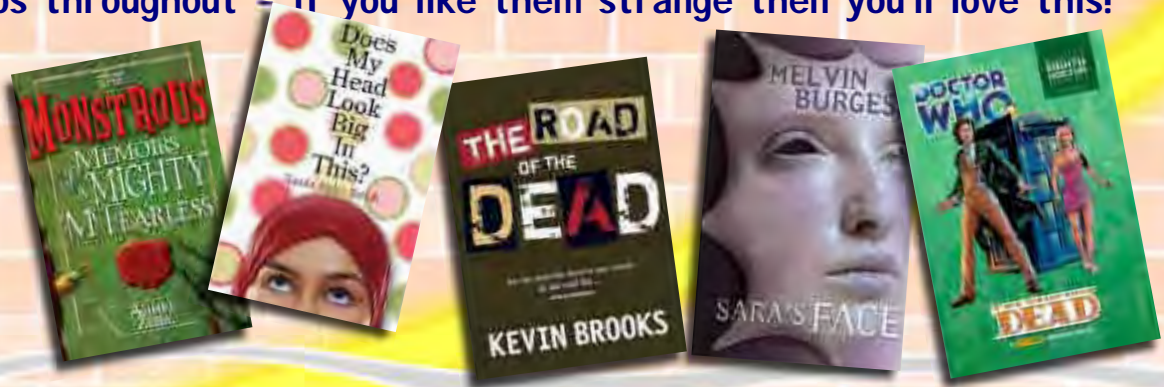
Word Up on **'Maximum Ride:
Schools Out Forever'** by
James Patterson

The second novel in this exciting series. Max Ride and her companions - 98% human, 2% bird - have escaped from the New York Institute with information that might lead them to their parents. But their enemies, the fearsome Erasers, have also learnt to fly - and are close behind them.

Other titles by James Patterson
Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

Word Up Quick Picks

- ✓ **'Sara's Face'** by **Melvin Burgess** Another gripping story from the king of teenage fiction! Sara wants to be famous - but is changing her face the way to do it?
- ✓ **'The Road of the Dead'** by **Kevin Brooks** The story of two brothers' journeys to find their sister's killer in a remote Dartmoor village. Another powerful and emotional story from this acclaimed author.
- ✓ **'Does my head look big in this?'** by **Randa Abdel-Fattah** This is a topical story about Amal who decides to wear a hijab full-time. A funny and thought provoking book, and a good read.
- ✓ **'Dr Who: The Glorious Dead'** A collection of 8 adventures in graphic novel format. Something to keep fans of The Doctor on the edge of their seats until Series 3 arrives!
- ✓ **'The Monstrous Memoirs of a Mighty McFearless'** by **Ahmet Zappa** Minerva's family has been hunting down monsters for generations; but now the dreaded Zarmaglort, the king of evil himself has kidnapped her dad. Fantastically weird with odd illustrations and photos throughout - if you like them strange then you'll love this!



Your Word Up on **'The Clash of the Sky Galleons'** by **Paul Stewart** and **Chris Riddell**

This is the penultimate book in the Edge Chronicles series and the last in the Quint Trilogy. It is set before 'Beyond the Deepwoods' and after 'The Winter Knights'. The plot has more action and pace and features some of the original inventive creatures as well as some new additions. The main feature of the plot is a hunt for Wind Jackal's treacherous ex-quartermaster Turbot Smeal and is carried out all over The Edge. Excellent reading and highly recommended.

Review by Tom, aged 14.



W **'Lil' Chris'** by **Lil' Chris**

This is the debut album from the star of 'Rock School'. It contains the catchy 'Checkin' it Out' and 11 other rocky offerings including a song about Rachel Stevens!



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'Showgirl: Homecoming Live in Sydney' by **Kylie Minogue**

Kylie's first live album brings us her return to form after successfully beating cancer. Spread over 2 discs this is a collection of greatest hits including 'Slow' and 'Can't get you out of my head'.

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'Smallville Season 5' Certificate 15

This 6 disc set of Season 5 carries on the story of Clark Kent's youth. His and Lana's relationship reaches its conclusion but where will Lana turn next? With the death of one of the regulars, Lionel Luthor up to his old tricks, Chloe working at the Daily Planet and the arrival of Brainiac, "Season 5" shows no slowing down for this superhero story.

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Congratulations

Go to Alex on winning the Robert Muchamore competition in issue 1, well done.

That's the lot for this edition, its over to you! What do you have to say on the latest books, music and DVDs - incredible and out of this world, or dull and boring? Give us your thoughts and send your reviews of the best that's about to the following email address - lancaster.junior@lcl.lancscc.gov.uk.

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