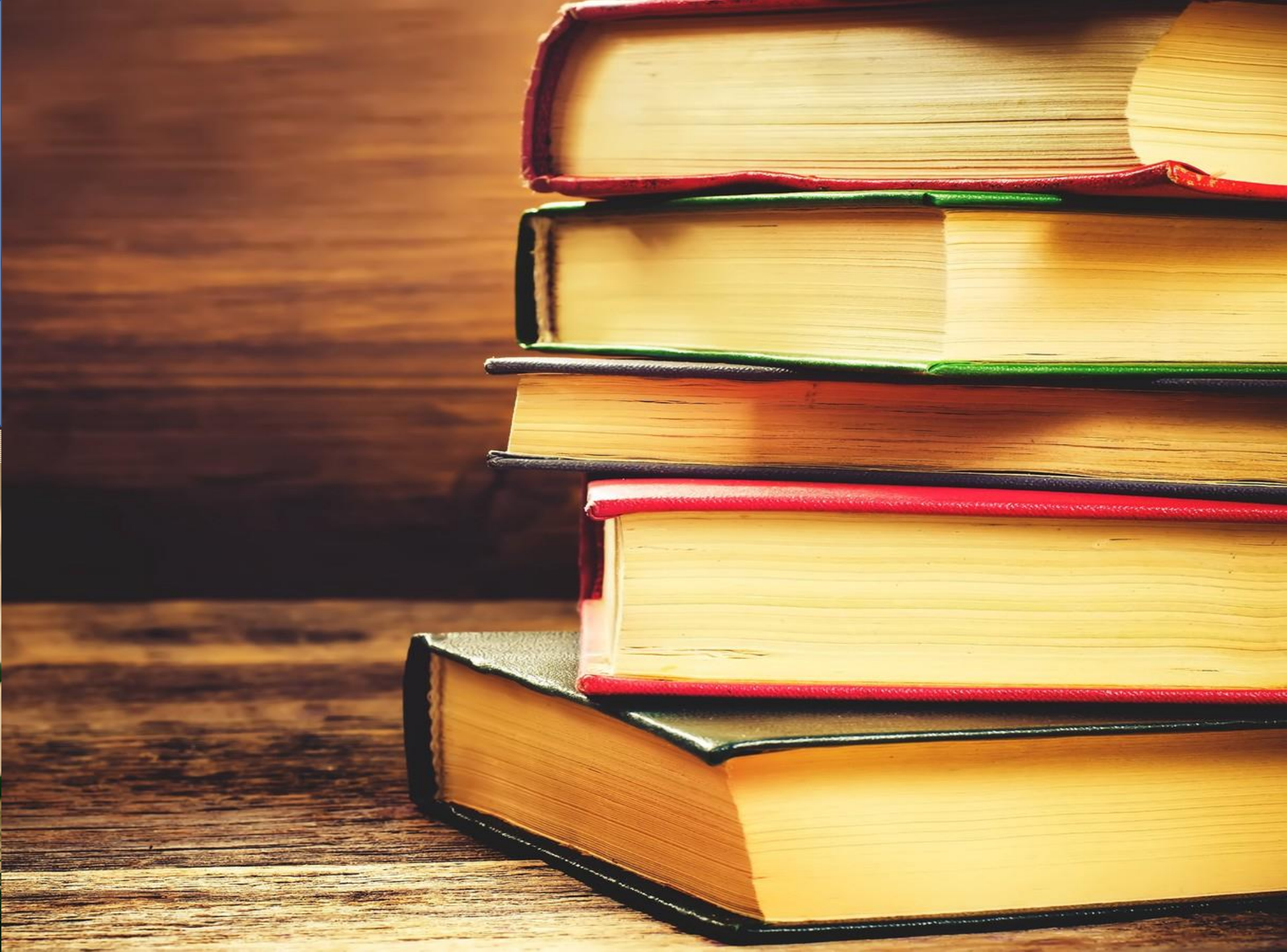
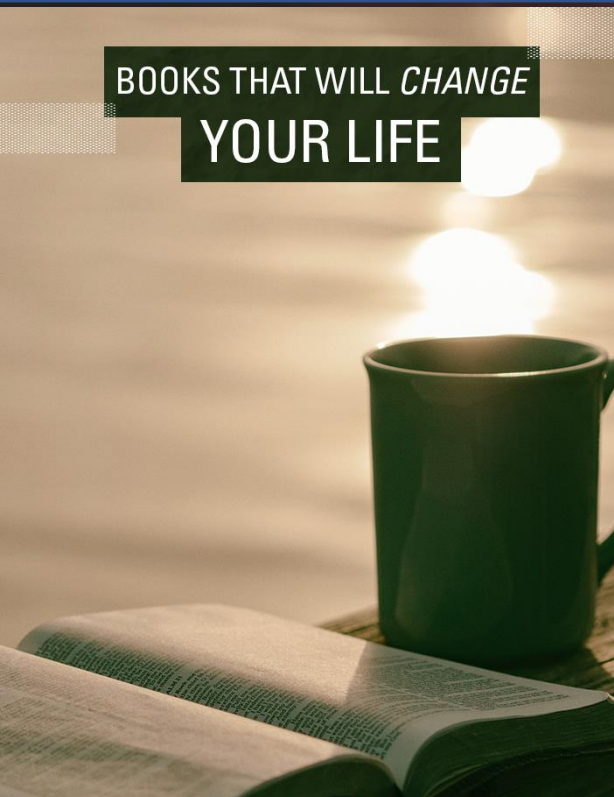
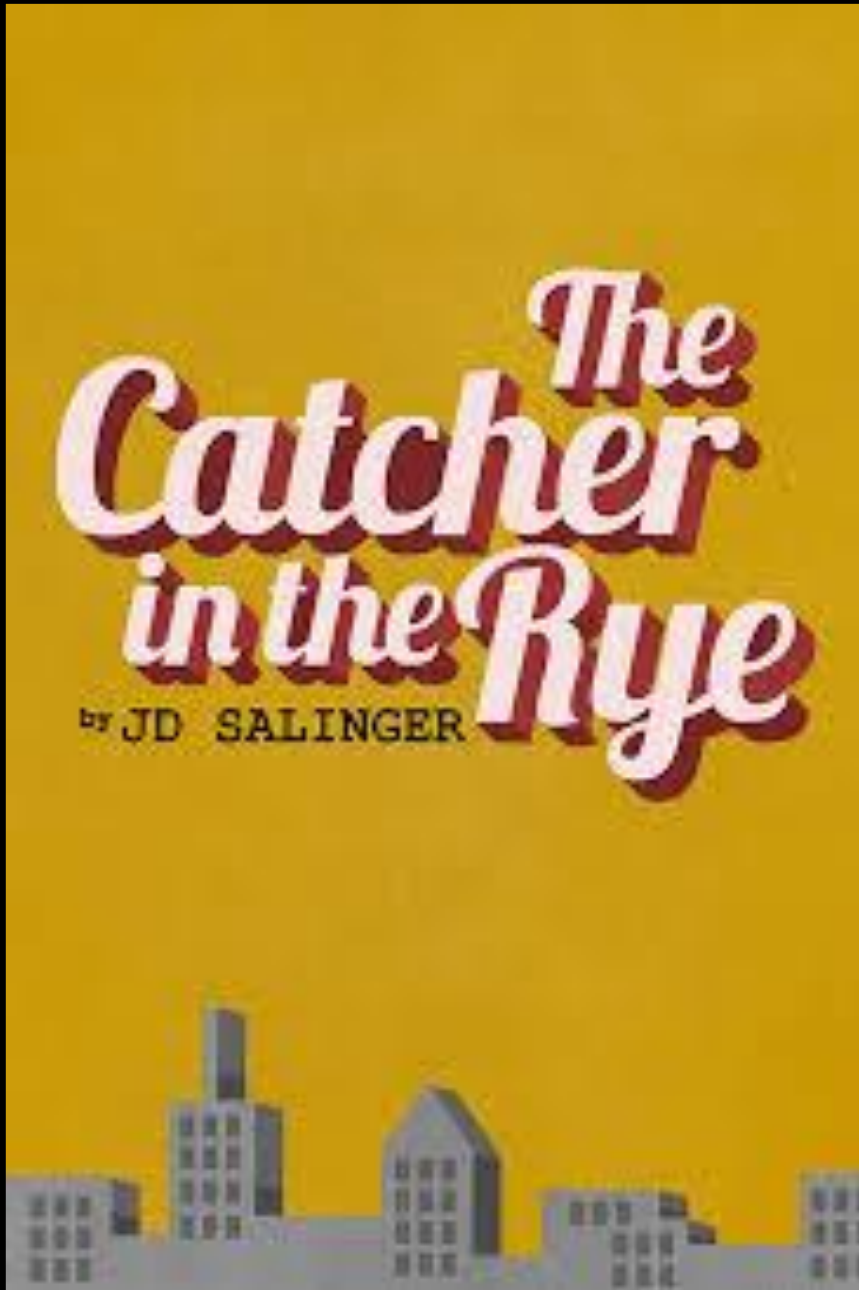


Ms Prior's Top Picks

BOOKS THAT WILL *CHANGE*
YOUR LIFE





The Catcher in the Rye

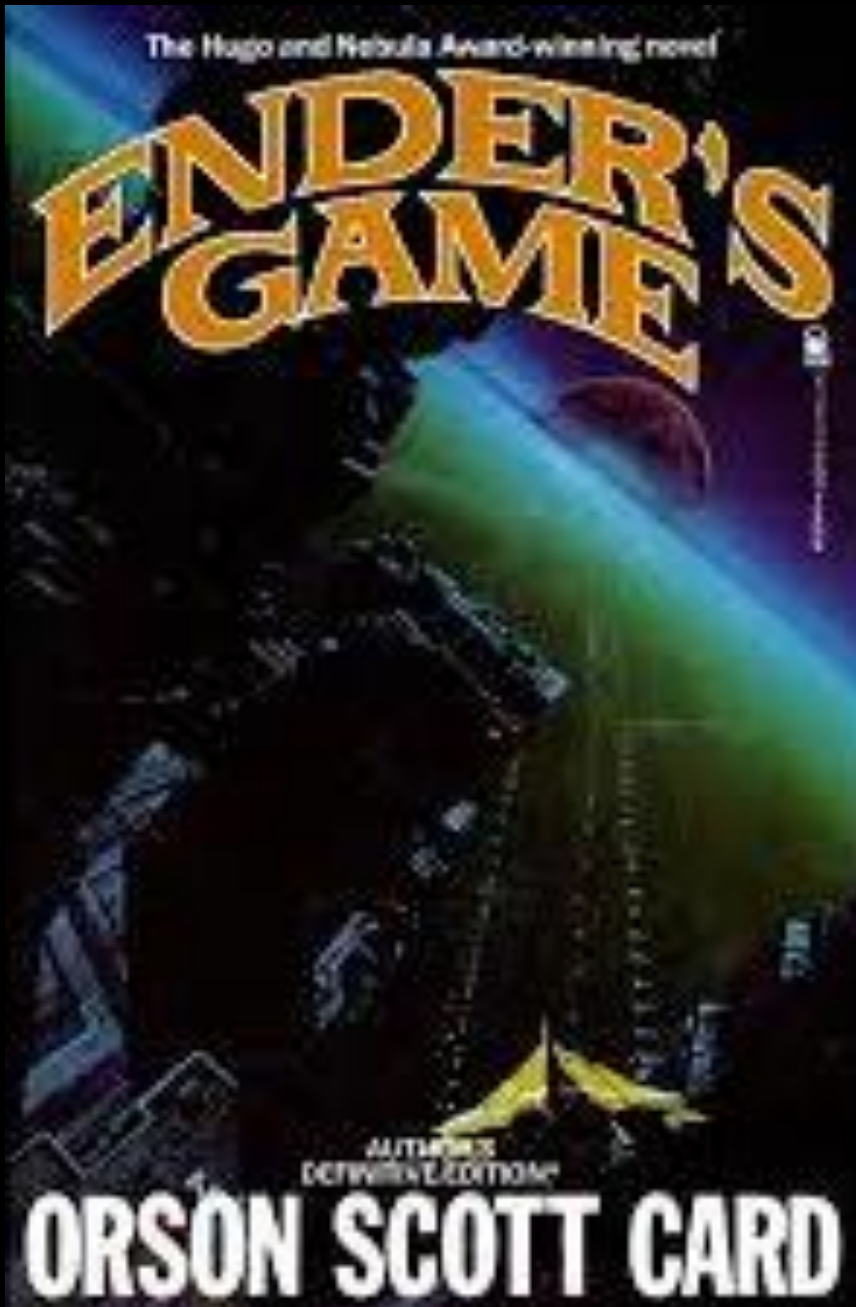
- JD Salinger

What is it about?

After discovering he is being expelled from his private boarding school, Holden Caulfield embarks on an adventure into the world of adulthood. He gets himself in some mature situations.

Why I love it:

It's the original "teen angst" novel.
Deals with mental health.



Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card

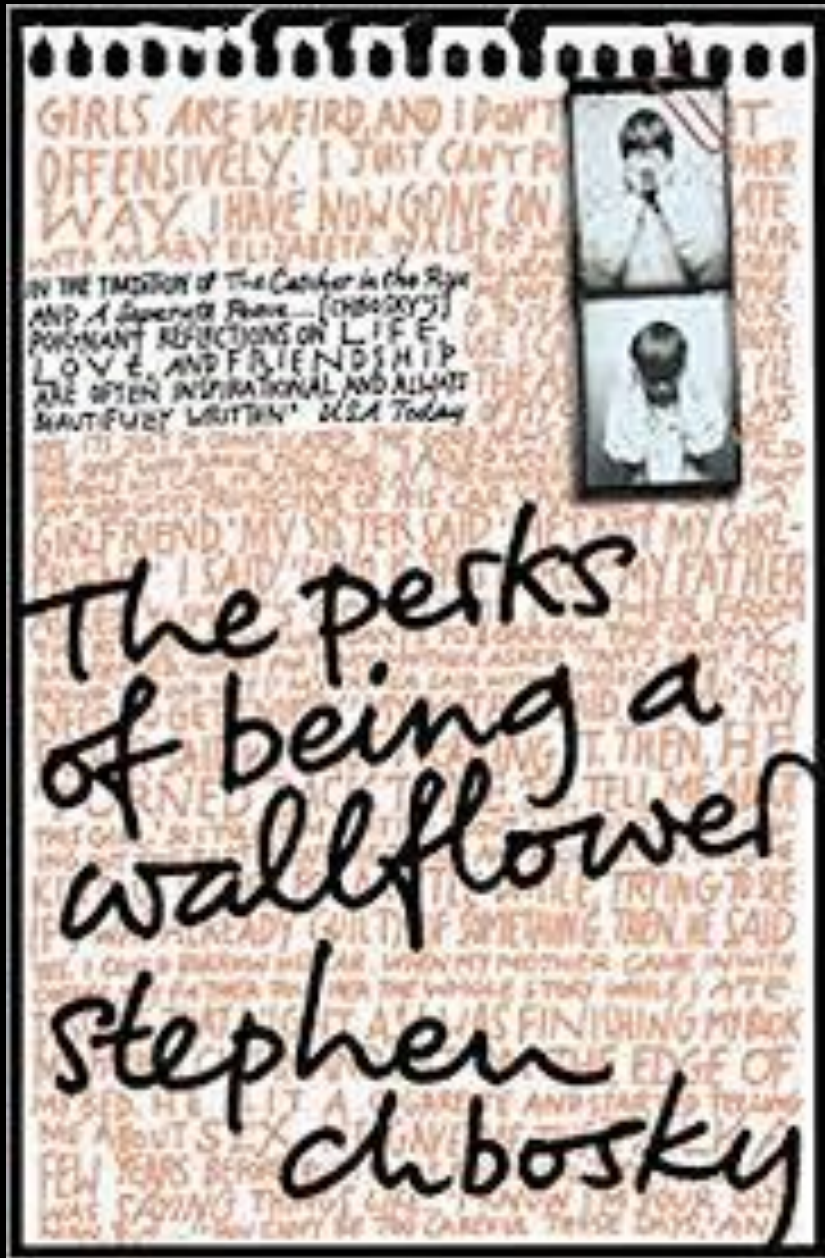
Also recommended:
The Ender Saga

What is it about?

A young boy is chosen to lead an computer-simulated army fleet in space.

Why I love it

The characters are so vibrant. You will want to be their best friend!
It's an excellent book for transitioning from young adult, to adult fiction.



The Perks of being a Wallflower

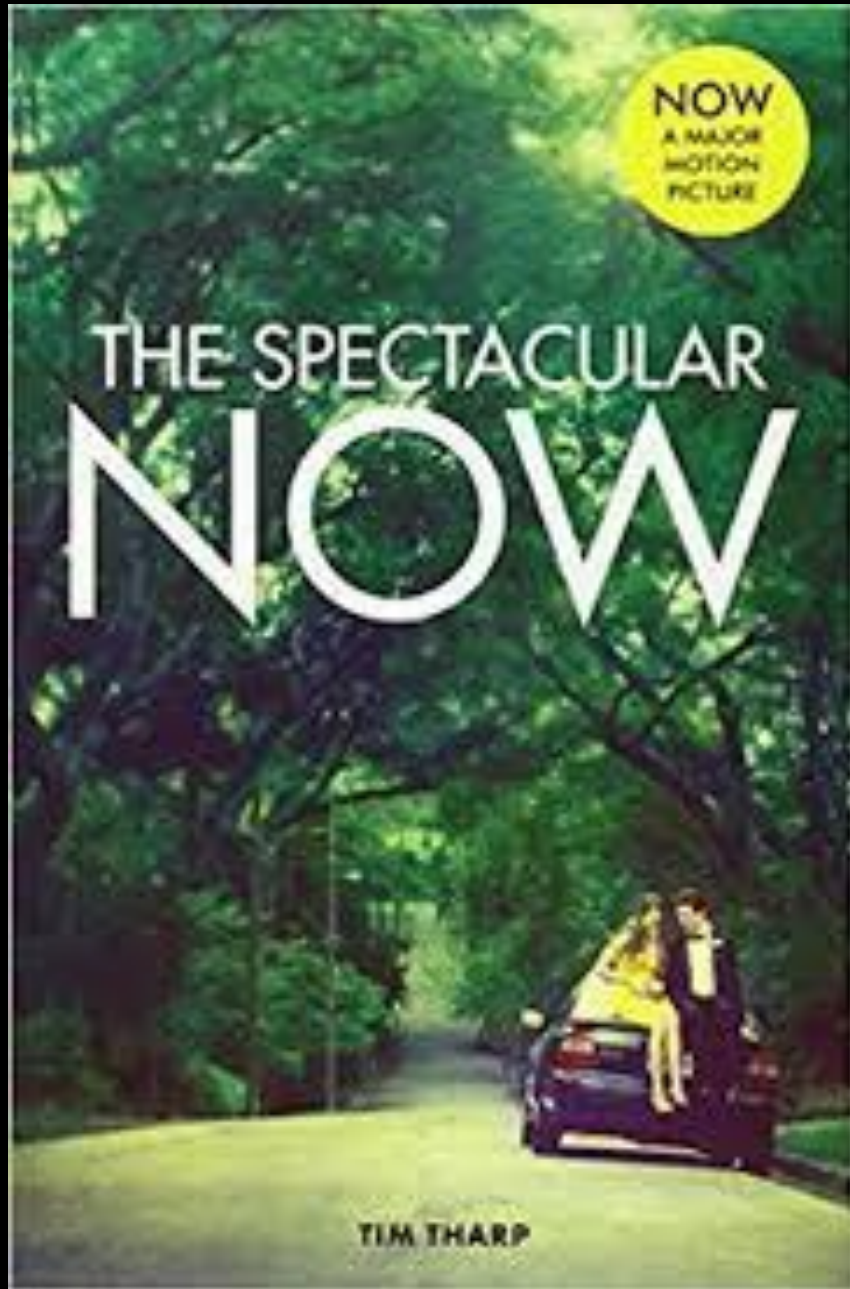
- Stephen Chbosky

What is it about?

A socially awkward teen, Charlie, makes friends after a tragic event. We see him at his best, and at his worst.

Why I love it

An extremely powerful novel, normalising mental illness and celebrating the power of friendship.



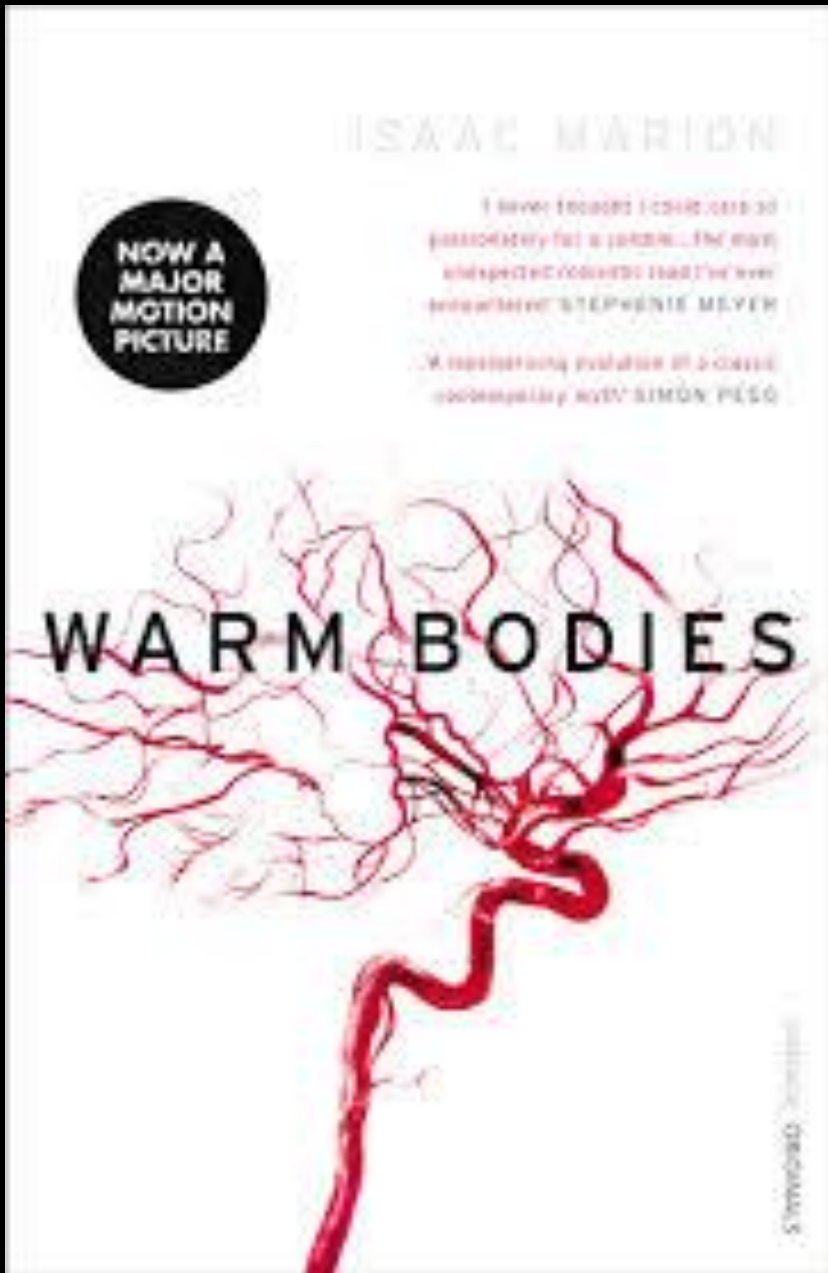
The Spectacular Now - Tim Tharp

What is it about?

Sutter is a popular teen who hides from his troubled life by partying. He meets a girl and learns to love himself.

Why I love it

Sutter is basically a modern Holden Caulfield!
A real tear-jerker.



Warm Bodies - Isaac Marion

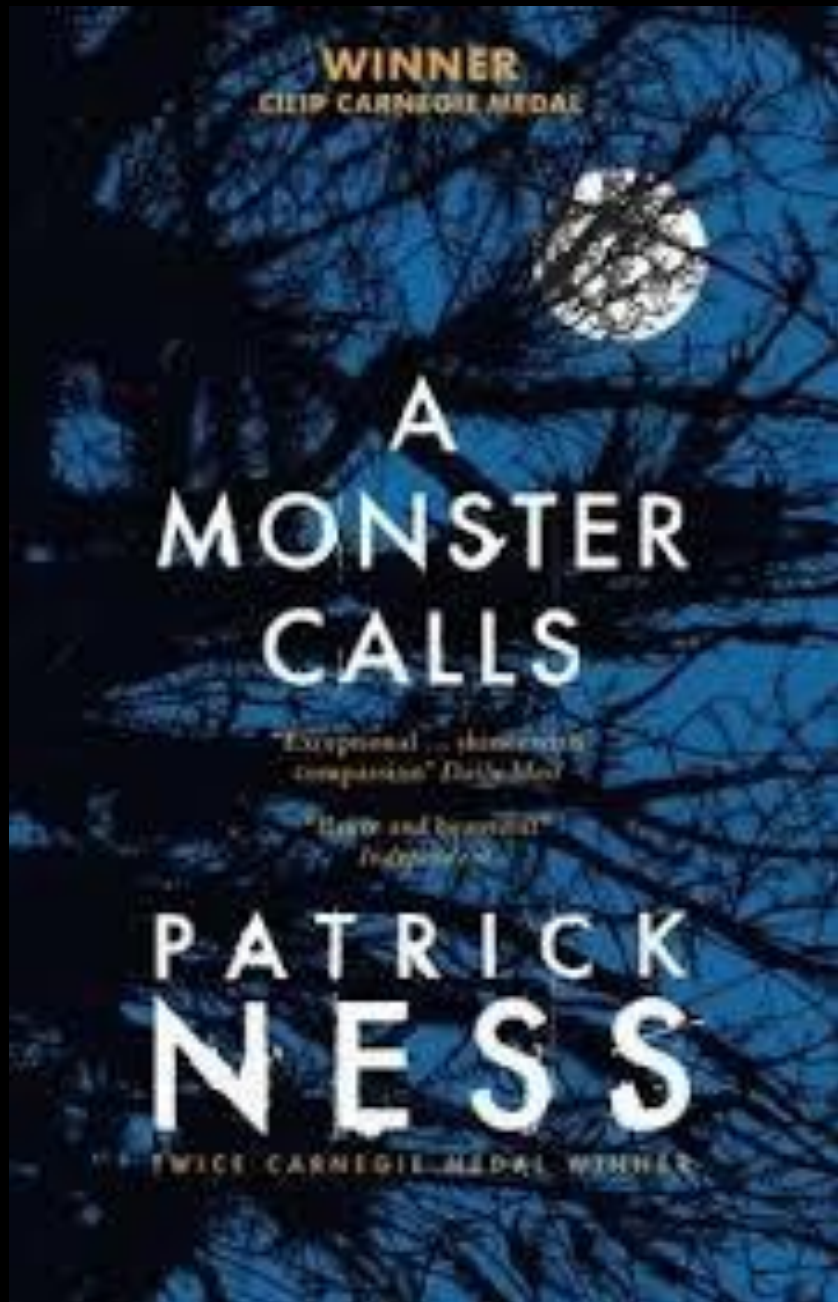
Also recommended:
The New Hunger
(the prequel)

What is it about?

Think Romeo and Juliet, but zombies and humans! R can't remember who he was before he became a zombie... but now, he's falling for a human!

Why I love it

Stunning narrative, funny bits, sensitive bits... a really entertaining read.



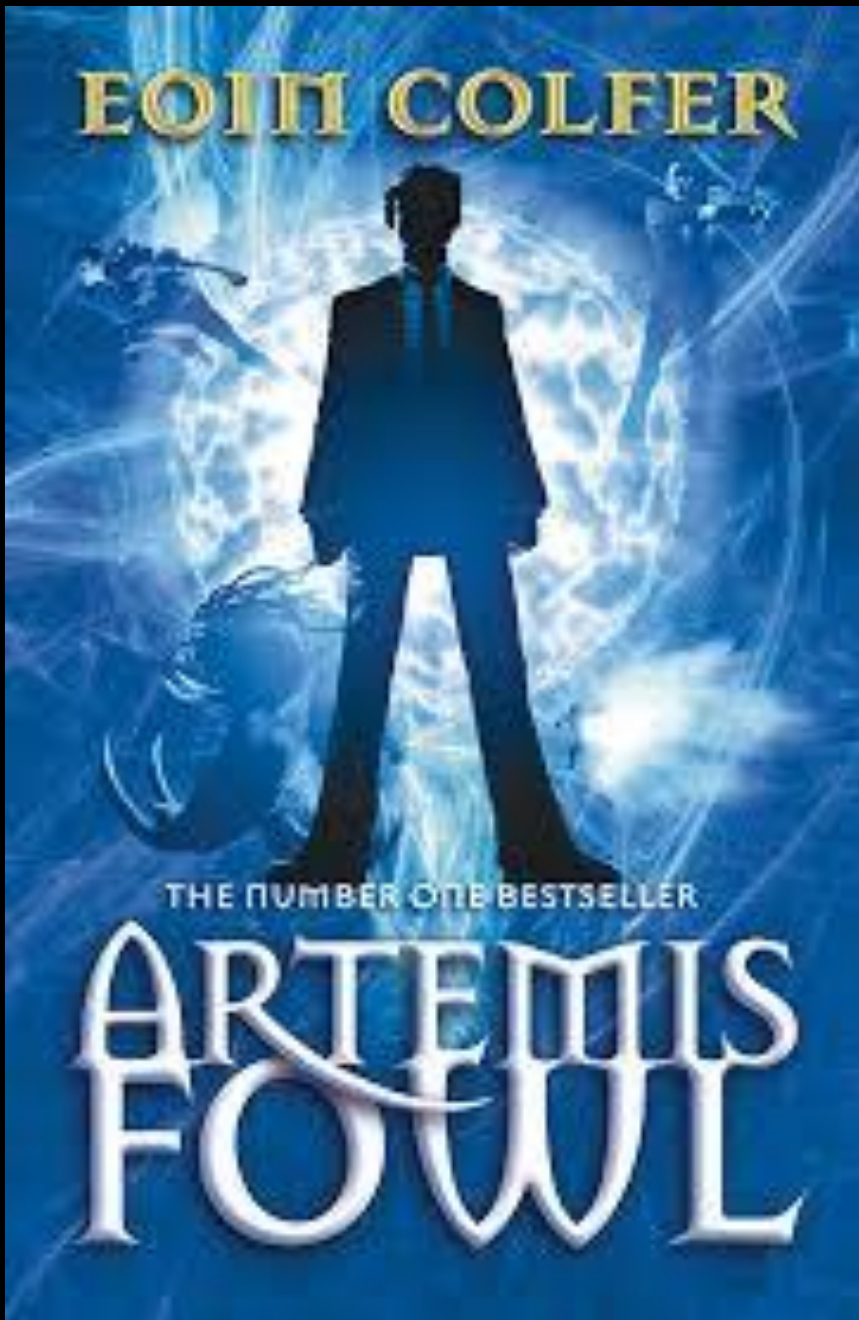
A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness

What is it about?

A young boy named Conor is accosted each night by a tree-like monster, but what is really happening is much closer to home.

Why I love it

It made me cry happy and sad tears.



Artemis Fowl -Eoin Colfer

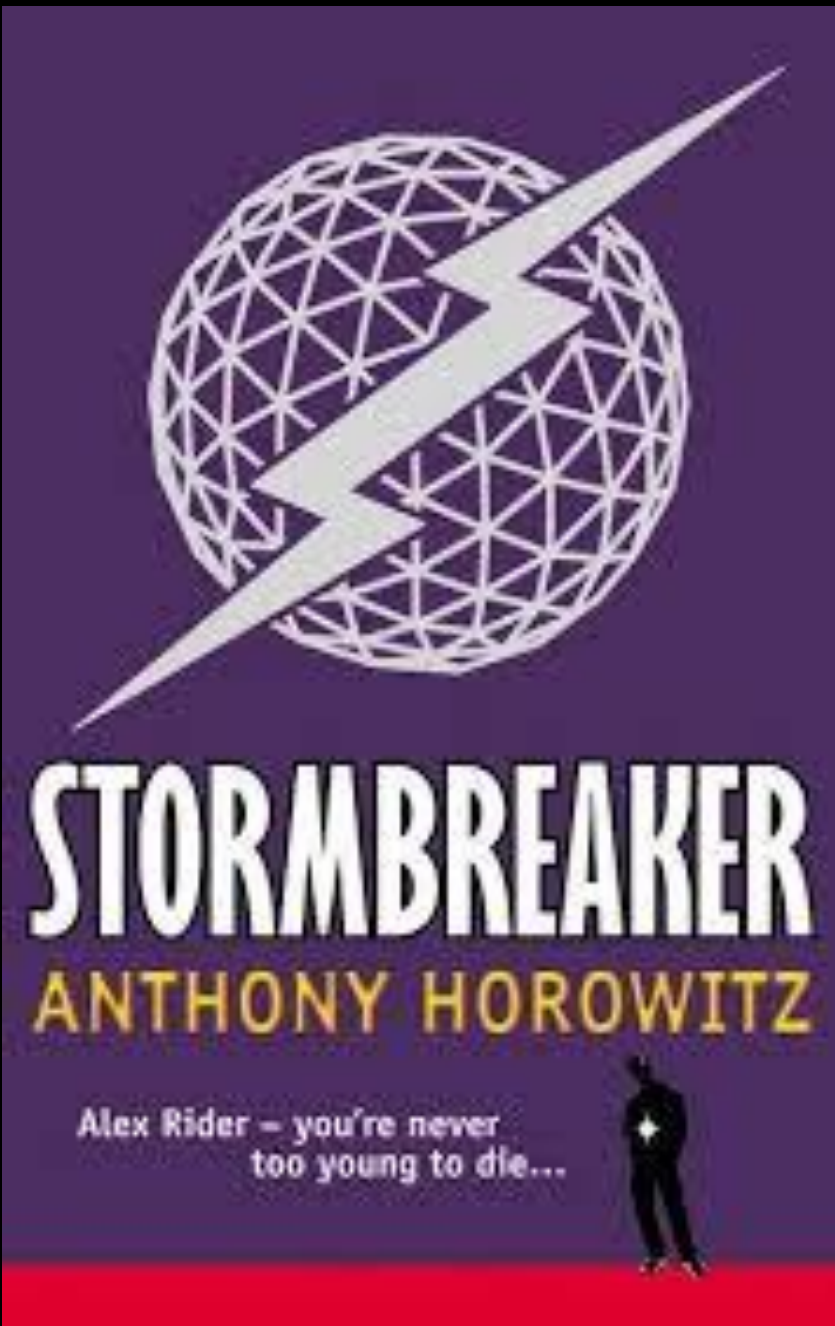
Also recommended:
The whole Artemis
Fowl series

What is it about?

Artemis is the head of his families criminal empire. He discovers the existence of fairies and makes enemies along the way.

Why I love it

Brilliant fantasy writing.
Really funny!



Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz

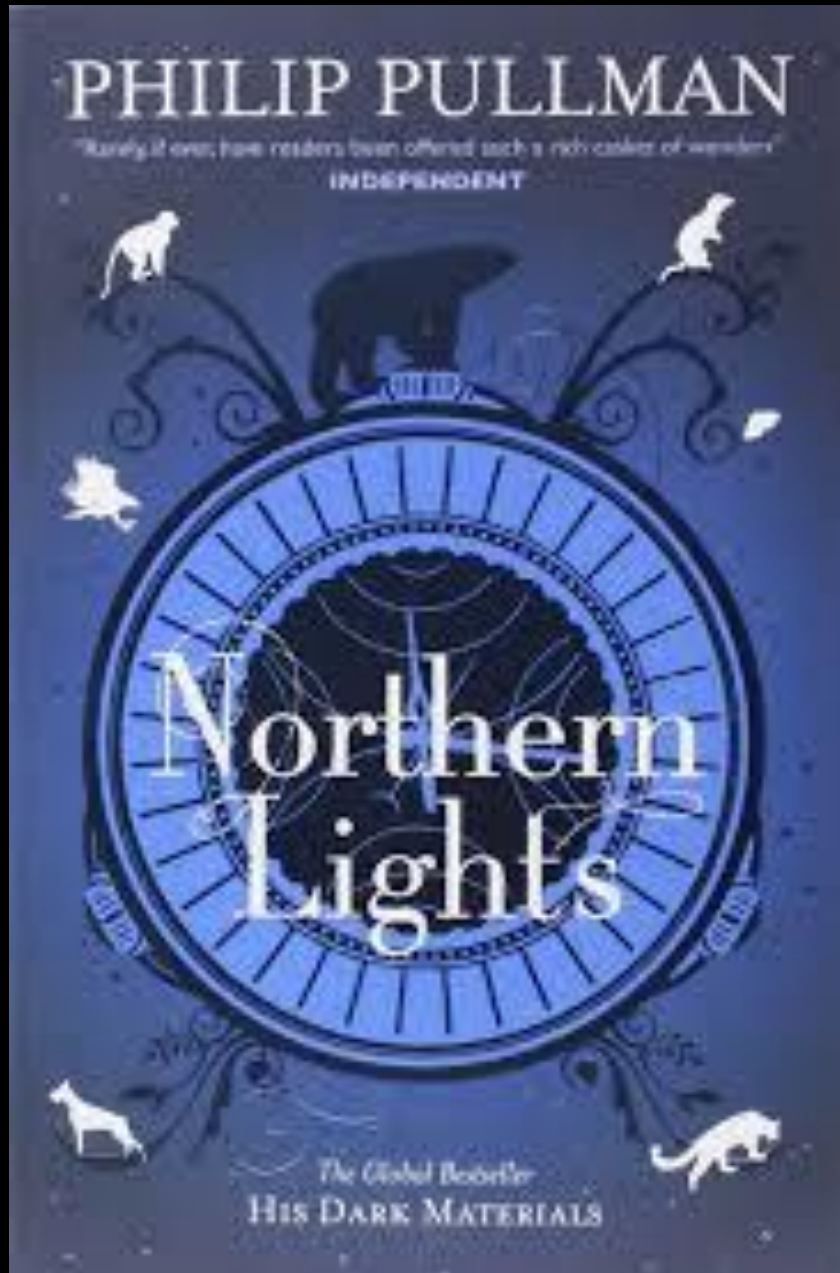
Also recommended:
The whole Alex
Rider series

What is it about?

A young teen named Alex Rider is recruited as a spy. He faces dangerous situations beyond his control.

Why I love it

Exciting, action-packed, and tense.



Northern Lights - Philip Pullman

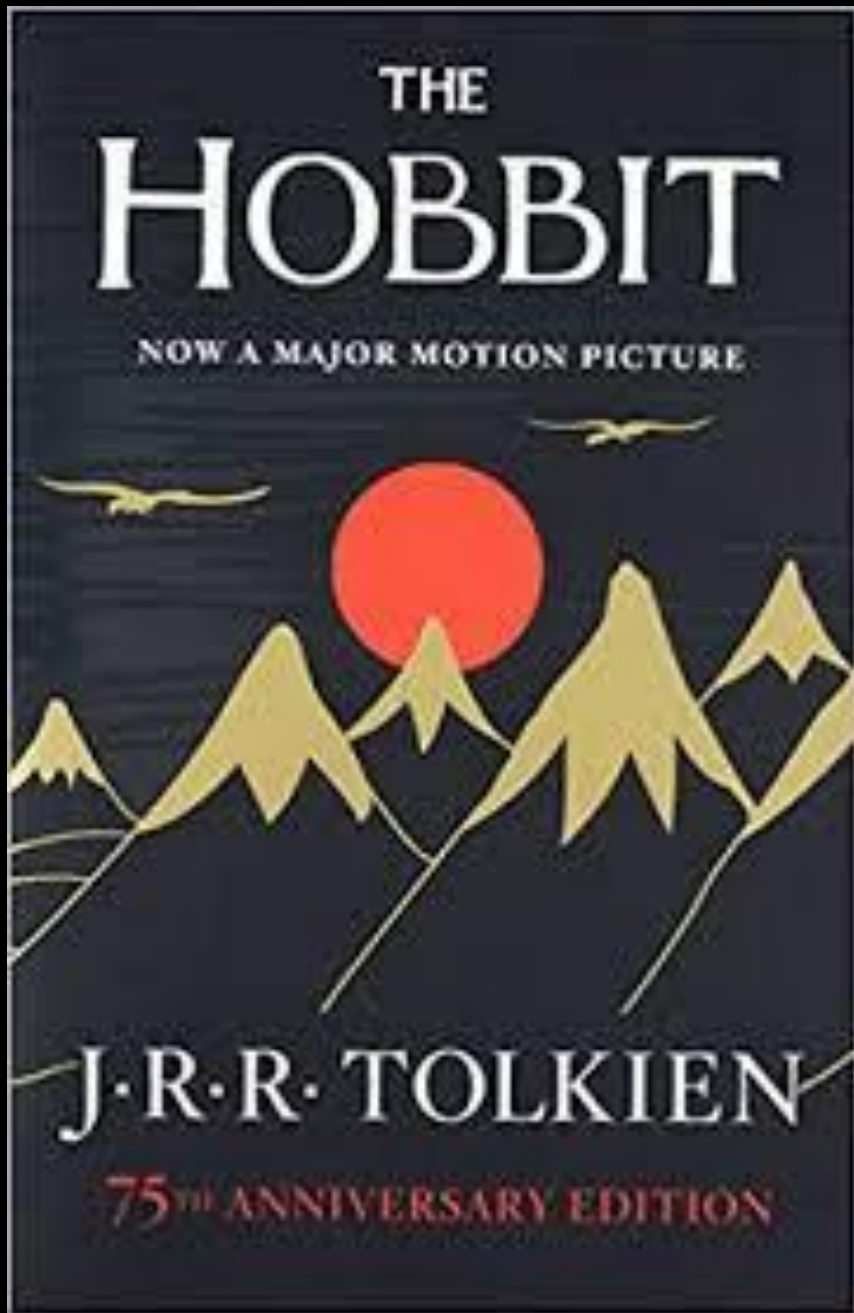
Also recommended:
The His Dark
Materials trilogy

What is it about?

In a parallel dimension where people's souls are living, breathing animal companions, a young girl called Lyra finds herself in the midst of a political agenda to separate people from their souls.

Why I love it

Raw, beautiful, and honest.
Incredibly visual. A great work of fantasy.



The Hobbit - J. R. R. Tolkien

Also recommended:
The Lord Of The
Rings

What is it about?

A hobbit named Bilbo is unwillingly employed as a thief. He travels with a group of dwarfs and they fight a dragon.

Why I love it

Full of adventures and experiences.
A whole other world is created.
It's funny, scary, and will also make you cry!