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The covers of these books, with their banner headings and bristling weaponry, promise a feast of uncomplicated excitement, and, if one overlooks a dollop or two of lukewarm stodge, the reader will not be disappointed. The stories are all incisive, recent works by skilled writers (Robert Westall, Malorie Blackman, Mary Hoffman, Nicholas Fisk are all featured) with vivid illustrations and largely contemporary or futuristic settings.

In the first book, a couple of stories touch upon issues like hostage-taking, risking trivialisation but managing to avoid it. Brian Morse's deeply ambivalent story about a boy's brush with a terrorist while on a family holiday is excellent in this respect. In the second book, Helen Dunmore's 'Alien's Don't Eat Bacon Sandwiches' deserves an honourable mention for its enthralling blend of the mundane and the outlandish.

With ten sound to stunning stories in each book, neatly tailored to fit your average read-aloud session, these reasonably priced collections are an outstandingly valuable resource.

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