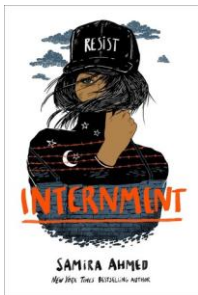
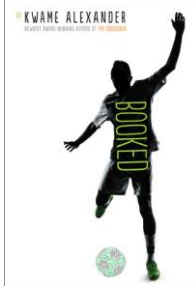
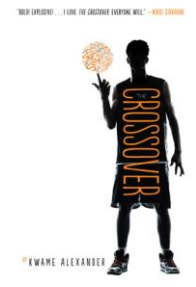
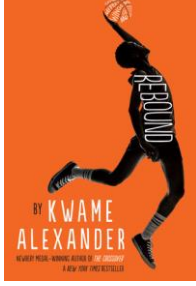
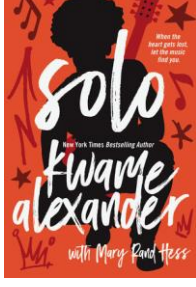
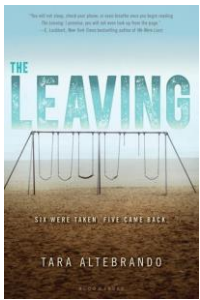
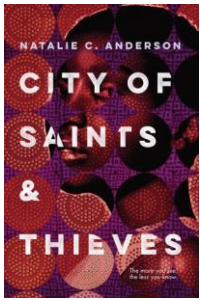


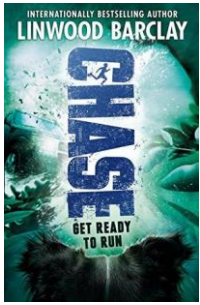
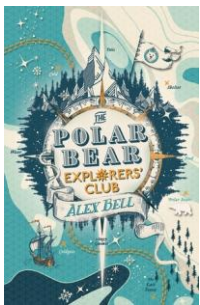
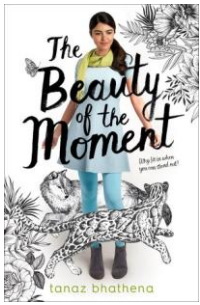
100 Books (And Counting!) to Read Before You Leave SSA!

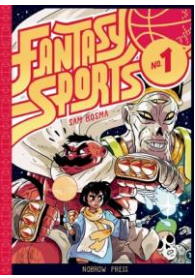
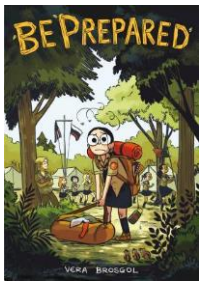
Unless otherwise noted, all books are recommended for Years 7 (Age 11) and up.

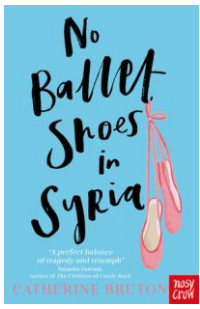
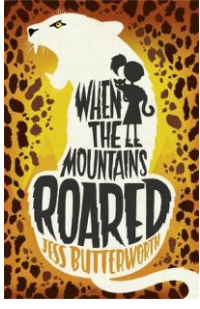
	Book Title	Author	Genre	Summary
	The Poet X	Elizabeth Acevedo	Poetry / High School / Relationships / Strict Parents / BAME	Teenager Xiomara must content with her strictly religious mother while trying to discover who she really is. When she falls in love with a boy and slam poetry, her relationship with her traditional family is stressed to the limits. Perfect for ages 15 and up!
	Ade's Amazing Ade-Ventures: Battle of the Cyborg Cat	Ade Adepitan	Real Life / Disability / Polio / Football / Bullying / BAME	When Ade comes to the UK in the 1980s, he experiences racism and hatred that he didn't expect. Not only that, Ade wears a caliper on his leg to help him walk. After meeting some friends on his street, Ade's life begins to improve, but can he prove to himself and others that he's able to withstand bullying and a new school? Great read about overcoming fears for all ages.
	Children of Blood and Bone	Tomi Adeyemi	Fantasy / Magic / LGBTQ / Abuse / BAME	A teen named Zélie witnesses her mother's murder at hand of a brutal king. Labelled a "maggot" for having magical abilities, Zélie and others like her are treated subhuman by the king and his guards. With some unlikely allies, Zélie starts an uprising to face the king and his evil underlings once and for all. Great read for ages 12+
	Internment	Samira Ahmed	Dystopia / Islamophobia / BAME / YA /	Terrifying near future dystopia that focuses on Layla, a Muslim American who is thrown into an internment camp for Muslims. Once inside, she begins hatching a rebellion with other teens. Perfect read for ages 14 and up.

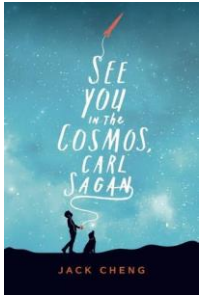
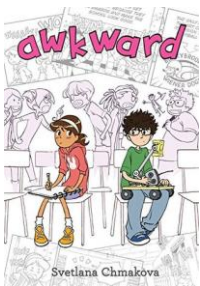
	What If It's Us?	Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera	New York / LGBTQ+ / Romance / Relationships / Breakups	A funny, sweet story about a chance meeting and a sad breakup. Lots of laugh out loud moments & pages of dissecting complicated relationships but in a very thoughtful and engaging way. Great read for ages 15+
	Booked	Kwame Alexander	Real Life / Sports / Football / Poetry / BAME	Nick is a football star but can't help but get into trouble with bullies, girls and his parents. Told in verse, this is a powerful story about belonging and fighting for what you believe in.
	The Crossover (The Crossover #1)	Kwame Alexander	Real Life / Sports / Basketball / Poetry / BAME	Josh and Jordan are 12 year old twins who are amazing on the basketball court. They learn some tough lessons about sports and life in this novel, great read for anyone who loves basketball and stories about friendship!
	Rebound (The Crossover 0.5)	Kwame Alexander	Real Life / Sports / Basketball / Poetry / Death in the Family / BAME	Prequel to the hugely popular Crossover. It tells the story of Chuck Bell, who discovers a love of basketball after getting into trouble with the police. Lots of basketball and real life drama, awesome stuff!
	Solo	Kwame Alexander	Real Life / Poetry / BAME	Blade's family might have a lot of money, but that doesn't mean things are going well for him. His mother has died and his father is a mess. Blade decides to take a journey to discover the truth behind his mother's past. Recommend for Year 9 and up.

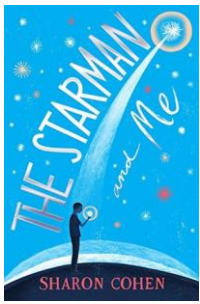
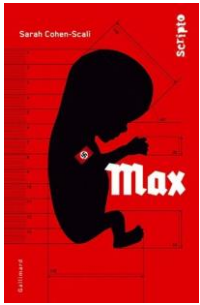
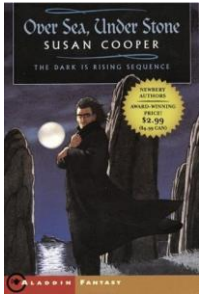
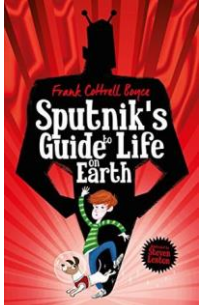
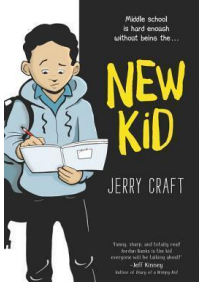
	The Leaving	Tara Altebrando	Mystery / Real Life / Thriller	Six children go missing without a trace. Eleven years later, five of them return. What happened to the sixth is a mystery that will keep you guessing until the end! Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	Landscape with Invisible Hand	M.T. Anderson	Sci-Fi / Satire / Relationships	Aliens land, but it's not what you think. They give us all of their technology and advanced medicine, but it costs a lot of money. For the rich, it's no problem, but for the poor who have just lost their job from alien automation, the world becomes a very dangerous place. Recommended for Years 10 and up!
	City of Saints & Thieves	Natalie C. Anderson	Real Life / Mystery / Action / Thriller	Tina's mother is a maid working in the city of Sangu. When she's murdered, Tina has to team up with a misfit group of hackers, con artists and thieves in order to uncover the truth. Recommended for Years 9 and up
	Posted	John David Anderson	Real Life / Bullying / LGBTQ	When mobile phones are banned from Branton Middle School, Frost and his friends start communicating via post-it notes. Then Rose comes to the school and disrupts Frost's circle of friends to a point where they aren't sure they can recover. Great story about friendship and bullies.
	The Girl Who Speaks Bear	Sophie Anderson	Fantasy / Adventure / Animals	When 12 year old Yank wakes up one morning with bear (not bare!) legs, she embarks on an adventure to discover her secret. On the way she meets ferocious wolves, deadly dragons, ghosts and much more. A beautiful story to get lost in full of traditional folklore, not to be missed.

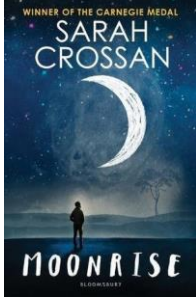
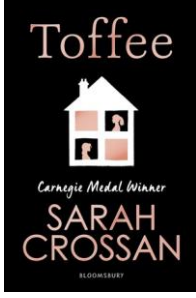
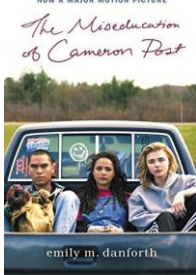
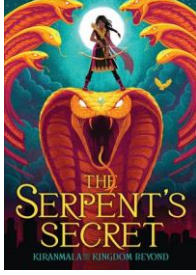
	The House With Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson	Russian folklore / myths / folktales / magic / death in the family /	Marinka's house has chicken legs. Her and her grandmother are guardians of the dead, they usher them through from this world to the next and the house goes where the dead spirits roam. Marinka yearns for a real friend and in finding one she breaks sacred rules that put her and her loved ones in danger. Amazing read!
	Chase (Chase #1)	Linwood Barclay	Action / Adventure / Animals	Chipper is a dog with a super-computer in his brain. Labelled as a troublemaker, he is destined to be destroyed by The Institute, the government organisation in charge of him. Chipper escapes and finds his way to 12 year old Jeff. They both find themselves on the run from the dangerous Institute in a desperate attempt to uncover their corrupt means.
	Wonder Woman: Warbringer	Leigh Bardugo	Action / Adventure / Superheroes	Princess Diana is determined to prove herself to her warrior sisters. However, when a human finds a way to her mystical island, she has to put everything she knows at risk in order to save her. Loads of action, humour and adventure. Recommend for Years 9 and up.
	The Polar Bear Explorers' Club	Alex Bell	Fantasy	Join Stella & her fellow explorers as they trek across the snowy Icelands and come face-to-face with frost fairies, snow queens, outlaw hideouts, unicorns, pygmy dinosaurs and carnivorous cabbages . .
	The Beauty of the Moment	Tanaz Bhathena	Real Life / High School / Breakups / Romance / BAME	Susan is new to Canada and finds the freedoms overwhelming. Then she meets Malcolm, a boy who has his troubles but is trying to set things right,. Both have families that seem to be falling apart but in each other they find something worth holding in to. A very well written look at teen love and high school.

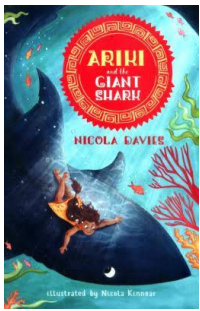
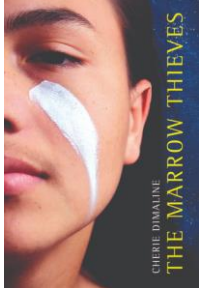
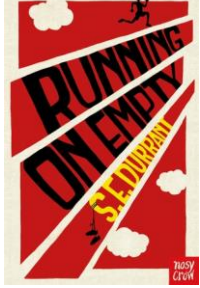
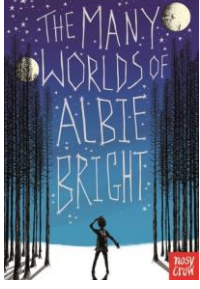
	Fantasy Sports (Fantasy Sports #1)	Sam Bosma	Action / Adventure / Graphic Novels / Basketball / Comedy	An explorer and his friend search for treasure in an ancient tomb, only to find it filled with demons and other creatures. There's also an epic basketball showdown between a mummy and the explorers!
	Are We All Lemmings & Snowflakes ?	Holly Bourne	Real Life / Suicide / Depression / Kindness / Friendship	After a traumatic episode, Olive is sent to Camp Reset to "settle" her mind and meet new friends. At first she's hesitant, then Olive embarks on a mission to infect the world with kindness. Is it a genius plan, or her mind playing tricks on her? A really great story covering mental illness and hope for ages 15 and up!
	Worry Angels	Sita Brahmachari	Divorce, Anxiety / Refugees / Art / Real Life / BAME	Amy-May has anxiety after her parent's divorce and can't face going to school. Her mother enrolls her in an art therapy class that prepares students for entering school. It's there that she meets Rima, a refugee who has a heartbreaking life story. Together they try to put the pieces of their lives back together.
	Ink (Skin Books #1)	Alice Broadway	Fantasy	Imagine if every action you made was tattooed on your skin forever. This is the world of Ink. When Leora's father dies, she wants to remove his tattoos and make a Skin Book to remember him by. What she discovers about her father will send her on a dangerous journey. Recommended for Years 9 and up.
	Be Prepared	Vera Brosgol	Graphic Novels / Comedy / Summer camp / Russian culture / bullying / siblings / friendships	Warm and funny comic memoir about Vera's sometimes disastrous yet comedic adventure at a US summer camp for Russian children and teens. Vera is not prepared for the cliques, the bullying and the disgusting bathrooms. For fans of Raina Telgemeier, great stuff!

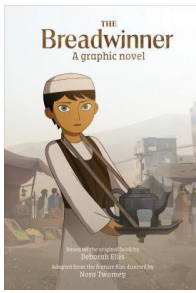
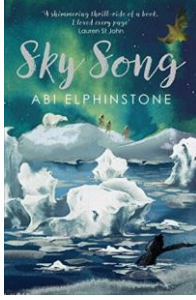
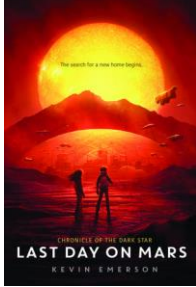
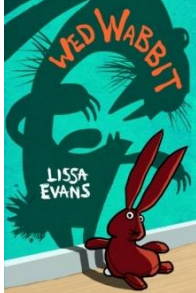
	No Ballet Shoes in Syria	Catherine Bruton	Real Life / Syria / Ballet / Refugees	Aya is 11 and has just arrived in the UK with her mother and baby brother. Her mum struggles with coping in her new surroundings and Aya is faced with organising their immigration ordeal. When she stumbles upon a ballet class, she ends up joining and changes her life forever. A deeply moving story worth reading twice.
	A Change is Gonna Come	Alisha Bushby et al.	Real Life / Depression / OCD / Terrorism / Racism / LGBTQ / BAME	A series of short stories from BAME (Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic) authors covering a wide range of topics including racism, terrorism, depression, anxiety and more. Recommend for Years 9 and up .
	Running on the Roof of the World	Jess Butterworth	Real Life / Tibet / Adventure / Animals / Politics	A thrilling adventure about a 12 year old girl whose parents are arrested under a cruel dictatorship in Tibet. With the help of her best friend and a two yaks, they set off across the mountains to India to find help.
	When the Mountains Roared	Jess Butterworth	Animals, Poaching, India, Australia / Adventure / Death in the Family	When Ruby's mum dies, her father moves her from Australia to India with her grandmother to start a hotel. While getting the abandoned and probably cursed hotel started up, Ruby stumbles upon a sinister ring of poachers that are living nearby...
	Last Bus to Everland	Sophie Cameron	Magical Realism / LGBTQ / Edinburgh / high school	Dreamy YA about a teen named Brody who feels lost and alone until he finds Nico, who introduces him to Everland. Everland is a magical parallel universe in Edinburgh where you can forget your troubles. The catch is, you can't stay in Everland forever... Great novel tackling loads of teen issues, recommended for ages 15 and up!

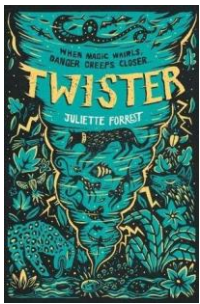
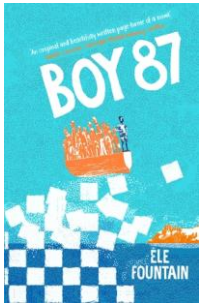
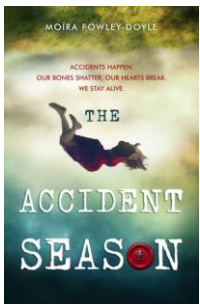
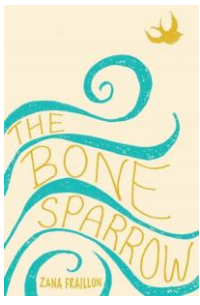
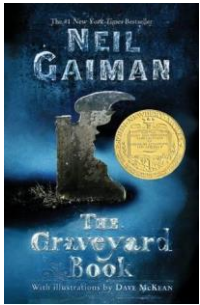
	Out of the Blue	Sophie Cameron	Magical Realism / Angels / LGBTQ	Angels start falling from the sky, dying upon impact. Jaya, grieving over the recent death of her mother, travels to Edinburgh with her father on a quest to discover more about the angels. When one falls at her feet, and lives, Jaya must recruit some unlikely friends to hide the angel and keep it safe. Recommended for Year 9 and up .
	See You in the Cosmos	Jack Cheng	Real Life / Abuse / Depression / Anxiety	Alex Petroski is on a mission. He and his dog are headed to the biggest science and rocket festival around. The problem is, Alex is only 11 and he's headed out on his own. His mom isn't aware that he's left, not that she'd care, anyway. Sweet and hard-hitting at the same time, I know fans of My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece and We Are All Made of Molecules will really sink their teeth into this story!
	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky	Real Life / Depression / Abuse / OCD	It follows observant "wallflower" Charlie as he charts a course through the strange world between adolescence and adulthood. First dates, family drama, and new friends. Devastating loss, young love, and life on the fringes. Recommended for Years 10 and up .
	Awkward	Svetlana Chmakova	Graphic novels / art / science / bullying / middle school	At her new school, Peppi finds kindred spirits in the art club. When they find themselves at war with the science club, Peppi must decide what's important, friends or winning at all costs. Funny and sweet with great illustrations.
	Follow Me Back	Nicci Cloke	Mystery / Thriller / Real Life	For fans of Gone Girl - Lizzie goes missing, her friend Aiden is a suspect because they had a falling out. As Aiden pieces together the truth, his life takes a very strange turn. Mystery fans will love this. Recommended for Years 9 and up .

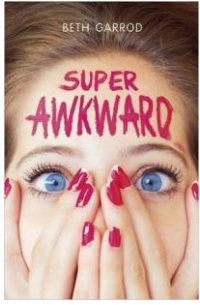
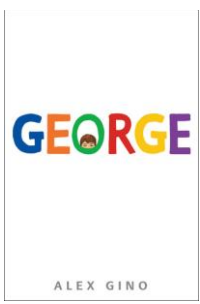
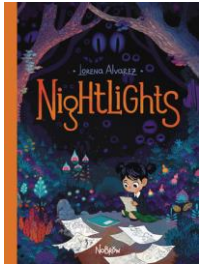
	The Starman & Me	Sharon Cohen	Real Life / Sci-Fi / Adventure	Kofi finds what he thinks is an alien in a roundabout near Tesco. He is small and furry and calls himself Rorty. Rorty has extraordinary powers, he can make things vanish with his mind. Kofi soon finds out that people are out there looking for Rorty, people that will do anything to keep him secret. Fans of E.T. and sci-fi will love this.
	Max	Sarah Cohen-Scali	WW2 / Nazis / Real Life / Abuse	Raised under Nazi rule, Max is the poster boy for the Hitler Youth. When he meets a young Jewish boy, his views slowly begin to crumble. Not for the faint of heart. Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	Over Sea, Under Stone (The Dark is Rising #1)	Susan Cooper	Fantasy / Horror / Adventure	On holiday in Cornwall, the three Drew children discover an ancient map in the attic of the house that they are staying in. They know immediately that it is special. It is even more than that -- the key to finding a grail, a source of power to fight the forces of evil known as the Dark. And in searching for it themselves, the Drews put their very lives in peril.
	Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Sci-Fi / Adventure / Real Life / Comedy	A funny and touching story about a boy who tries to convince an alien not to destroy Earth by showing him everything the planet has to offer.
	New Kid	Jerry Craft	Graphic Novel / BAME / Real Life / Middle School / Racism / Bullying	Jordan Banks is going into 7th Grade at a prestigious private school. The problem is Jordan wants to go to art school and this new school has very few kids of colour, making him stand out when he'd rather blend in. Jordan struggles to fit in to his new world, where he experiences casual racism on a daily basis. It's a great comic for anyone who has felt like they didn't belong.

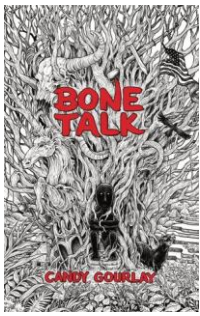
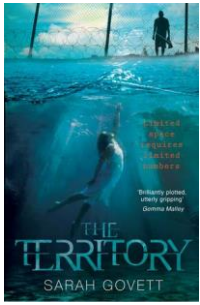
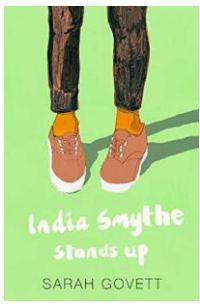
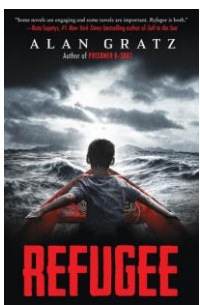
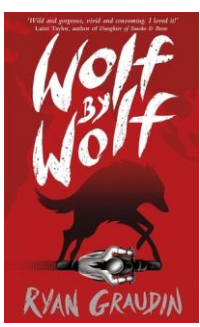
	Moonrise	Sarah Crossan	Real Life / Poetry / Death in the family / death penalty	A heartbreaking story told in short poems about a teen who travels to help his brother who is awaiting the death penalty. One of my favourite reads of 2017, very sad tale about forgiveness and redemption. Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	Toffee	Sarah Crossan	Real Life / Alzheimer's / abuse / runaways / death in the family	Heart wrenching story of a teen who runs away from her abusive father, only to take refuge with a woman with Alzheimer's who mistakes her for her long lost friend, Toffee. One you won't forget soon. Great for years 9 and up .
	We Come Apart	Sarah Crossan and Brian Conaghan	Real Life / Poetry / Abuse	Two teens with horrible home lives meet while serving a community service sentence for shoplifting. When together, they can almost forget about their tragic lives, almost. Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	The Miseducation of Cameron Post	Emily M. Danforth	Real Life / LGBTQ / Death in the Family	Powerful novel about a girl sent to a Christian camp to have her homosexuality "fixed." Amazing story that will stay with you long after you read it. Should be required reading for anyone who endured small town life. Get it into the hands of your teens ages 15 and up asap.
	The Serpent's Secret	Sayantani Dasgutta	Fantasy / Fiction / Folklore / India / demons / magic / bame	On her 12th birthday, Kiranmala finds herself thrust into an inter-dimensional battle for good and evil in order to save her foster parents. This novel contains a lot of humour and witty dialogue. Tons of action and a lot of great chracters. For fans of Percy Jackson!

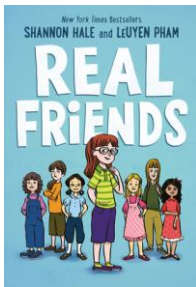
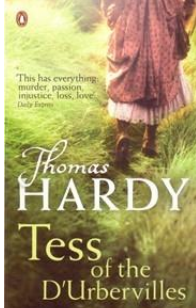
	Ariki and the Great Shark	Nicola Davies	Sharks / Magic / Adventure / Animals / Swimming / tropical island	Ariki feels she belongs to the sea, and when she's saved by a giant shark, she must convince the people of her island that the sharks aren't to be feared. It's a great story about friendship and treating animals with respect. I recommend this for reluctant and struggling readers ages 9 and up!
	The Marrow Thieves	Cherie Dimaline	Dystopia / Canada / First Nations / Indigenous / BAME	Dystopian near future in which people have lost the ability to dream, leading to widespread madness. Canada's indigenous population are still able to dream and are therefore hunted by the remaining population for their bone marrow as it is thought to reverse the illness. Haunting and very original.
	A Place Called Perfect	Helena Duggan	Mystery / Fantasy	When Violet moves to the town of Perfect with her family, she soon learns that not everything is as it seems. First of all, everyone in Perfect is blind, with the help of a special pair of glasses, this can be fixed. However Violet is convinced there is a dark underbelly lurking somewhere, and she's determined to find it. Great for mystery lovers!
	Running on Empty	S.E. Durrant	Real Life / Sport	When AJ's grandfather dies, his life begins to quickly fall apart. Filled with anxiety, his only relief comes when he runs. It doesn't take long however for reality to catch up. Sad, funny and heartwarming.
	The Many Worlds of Albie Bright	Christopher Edge	Sci-Fi / Death in the family / Adventure	When Albie's mother dies, he builds a machine that can travel between dimensions in order to see if she's still alive. Sad yet funny story about keeping faith.

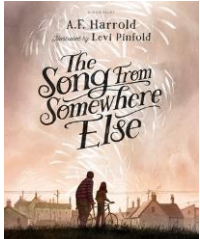
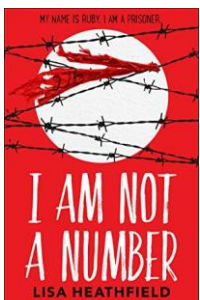
	The Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis	Afghanistan / Taliban / Kabul / History / Historical fiction / graphic novel	Stunning graphic novel about Parvana, a girl living in poverty with her family in a shelled out Kabul. When her father is arrested for no reason by the Taliban, Parvana must disguise herself as a boy in order to simply enter the streets and sell wares to keep the family from starving to death. Powerful story full of tragedy and hope.
	Sky Song	Abi Elphinstone	Fantasy	Eska & her friends must defeat the evil Ice Queen before she destroys their home of Erkenwald.
	Last Day On Mars	Kevin Emerson	Sci-Fi / Action / Adventure / explosions	The year is 2213 and the Earth is dead, swallowed by the sun as it goes supernova. Earth's population has gone to Mars, but Mars isn't safe from the sun's wrath either, so everyone is forced to leave. As the hour approaches, Liam becomes convinced that humans are not alone on Mars. Soon, he make a series of discoveries that seem to prove his theory. These discoveries will also put Liam and his friends and family in great danger.
	The Castle in the Mist	Amy Ephron	Fantasy	When Tess & Max are sent to the English countryside for the summer to stay with their aunt Evie, the last thing they expect to find is a magical castle tucked away behind a series of hedges. But that's exactly what happens! Full of adventure and mystery, for fans of Harry Potter!
	Wed Wabbit	Lissa Evans	Fantasy / Adventure / Stuffed Animals / Magic	A young girl gets sucked into her sister's fantasy world which is ruled by a tyrannical stuffed rabbit. Hilarious and action-packed, it's for fans of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the Twilight Zone.

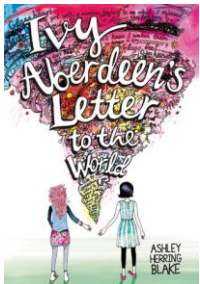
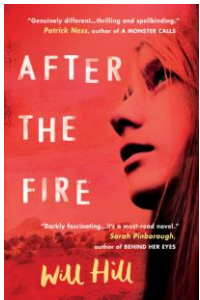
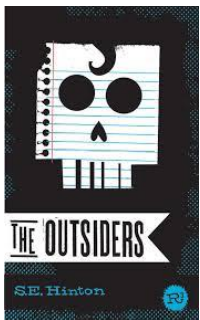
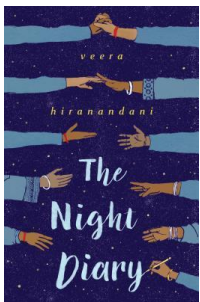
	Twister	Juliette Forrest	Fantasy / Animals / Magic	A young girl named Twister goes in search of her missing father. On the way she meets a strange witch, a ghost and a dangerous bully.
	Boy 87	Ele Fountain	Refugees / Adventure / Death in the Family / Prison Escape	Shif is a regular boy who loves playing chess and having fun with his friends. When soldiers take over his town and take him to be conscripted into the army, Shif discovers that the army is just a form of imprisonment for those with family members who speak out against the government. Trapped in a metal shipping container with his friend and a group of strangers, Shif must decide to try and make a run for it or potentially face torture at the hands of the soldiers. (Still great for Year 7s)
	The Accident Season	Moira Fowley-Doyle	Fantasy / real Life	A dark story about a young girl trying to break a family curse which causes those around her to suffer horrible accidents.
	The Bone Sparrow	Zana Fraillon	Real Life / Abuse / Refugees	Subhi was born in an Australian detention centre and knows nothing but fences and guards and hunger. Subhi's only hope is that his father will someday return for them. One night, his life changes forever when he's visited from someone on the other side of the fence...
	The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	Horror / Fantasy / Mystery	Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts. There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that real danger lurks for it is there that the man Jack lives and he has already killed Bod's family.

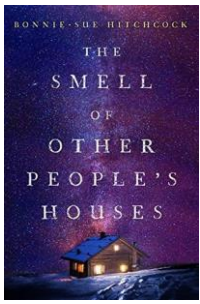
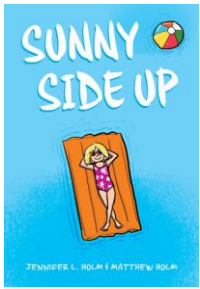
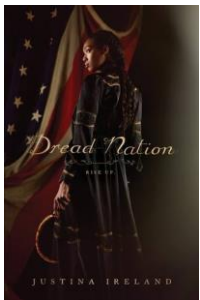
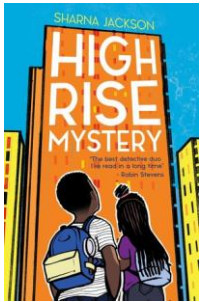
	Fake Blood	Whitney Gardner	Graphic Novels / Vampire / Comedy	Hilarious graphic novel about a boy named AJ who wants to impress his crush by delving into vampire lit culture. He gets way more than he bargained for in the process, funny stuff.
	Super Awkward	Beth Garrod	Real Life / Comedy	Hilarious story about a girl who can't stop getting in her own way when it comes to school, parents and relationships.
	The Edge of Everything	Jeff Giles	Fantasy	When a huge blizzard hits her hometown and her mother is trapped in a grocery store, Zoe sets off to find her brother Jonah and their two dogs who've gotten lost in the woods. Desperate, they are saved by what Zoe thinks is an angel. The boy is called X. Well, that's what Zoe calls him at least, and he's no angel. In fact, he's from Hell. For fans of Twilight! Recommend for Years 9 and up.
	George	Alex Gino	LGBTQ / real Life / Bullying	George knows she's a girl even though when everyone else looks at her they see a boy. When he tries to audition for Charlotte in the school production of Charlotte's Web, she's bullied, threatened and faced with some very tough decision. Sad but uplifting story.
	Nightlights	Lorena Alvarez Gomez	Graphic novel / fantasy / art / ghosts	Creepy and beautiful graphic novel about a girl named Sandy who loves to draw. When a mysterious new girl asks her to be her friend, she can't resist. But something isn't right about the new girl...

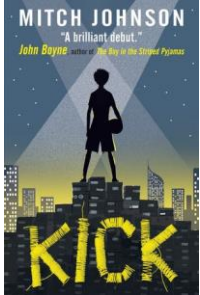
	Bone Talk	Candy Gourlay	Historical Fiction / Adventure / Philippines	Samkad wants to be a warrior like his father, but his people don't think he's ready. Then the Americans come and invade, and he's not given a choice. Set in 1899, this fascinating and thrilling tale will really sink its teeth into you.
	The Territory (The Territory #1)	Sarah Govett	Dystopia / Action / Adventure / Sci-Fi	In 2059, rich students can download all information directly to their brains and forgo studying. Those not so rich have to work hard to survive. To make matters worse, if you fail your exams you're sent to the Wetlands, a disease ridden place where people only go to die. A thrilling series that is hugely popular, don't miss it.
	India Smythe Stands Up	Sarah Govett	Comedy / Real Life / Friendships / High School / Relationships	A hilarious novel about 14 year old India Smythe, a girl who has caught the eye of the most popular boy at school. What follows is a tragically funny story about a girl who can't get out of her own way. Lots of laughs and some really heartfelt moments, a huge hit at our school, loved it!
	Refugee	Alan Gratz	Real Life / Ww2 / Refugees / Terrorism	The story of three children from different eras all trying to escape cruel dictatorships. German, Cuban & Syrian conflicts are examined in this harrowing tale of survival.
	Wolf by Wolf (Wolf by Wolf #1)	Ryan Graudin	WW2 / Action / Adventure / Magic	It's 1956, the Nazis have won WW2. To celebrate, Hitler holds an annual motorcycle race across several continents. 18 year old Yael has a mission, disguise herself as a boy, win the race and assassinate Hitler. If she fails, all of her friends and family will be in grave danger.

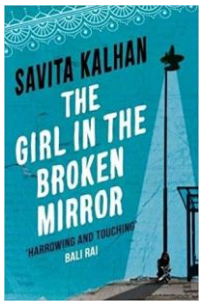
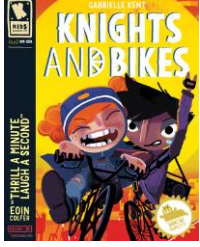
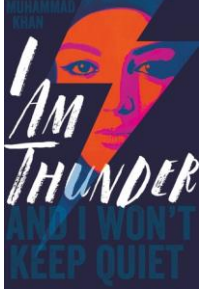
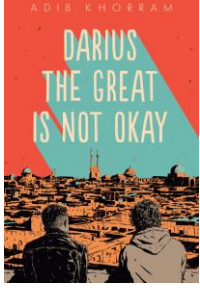
	Real Friends	Shannon Hale	Graphic Novel / Real Life	Shannon's best friend decides to join a new circle of friends that Shannon isn't welcome to. Suffering from OCD and cruel older sister, Shannon has to confront her fears and stand up for herself in order to survive middle school.
	The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Meets World	Shannon Hale	Comedy / Action / Superheroes	Doreen Green has super powers, they're just not your typical ones. She has a large squirrel's tail, can jump really high and can talk to and understand squirrels. When an evil genius called The Micro Manager begins to wreak havoc in her town, she must amass an army to defeat him! Hilarious and heart warming.
	The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Wood	Samuel J. Halpin	Mystery / Magic / Death in the family /	Children are going missing in the sleepy town of Suds. Poppy & her new friend Erasmus have been inadvertently put on the case. There's a lot more to the town than meets the eye though, and Poppy & Erasmus soon find themselves in grave danger.
	Flight	Vanessa Harbour	WW2 / Nazis / Holocaust / Horses / Adventure / Fighting / War	It's 1944 and Jakob is on the run from the Nazis. He and his guardian are trying to transport their beloved horses and themselves to safety in Austria. Along the way they meet Kizzy, a Roma also on the run from the Germans. It's a harrowing tale full of adventure and heart, sad at times. Contains mild language and mild threat but ages 11 and up can enjoy this novel immensely.
	Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Classic / Real Life / Abuse / Murder	The story of doomed Tess, a woman who goes from one misfortune to another until the inevitable happens.

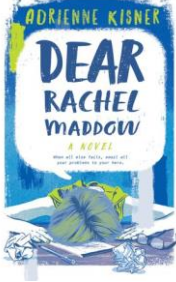
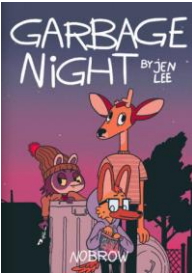
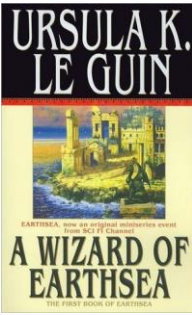
	A Skinful of Shadows	Frances Hardinge	Fantasy / Horror / Historical Fiction	Dark, beautiful fantasy about a 12 year old girl who can "inherit" the spirits of the recently departed. After being forced to live with her father's ancestors, she discovers their sinister plot to use her for an ancient and terrifying purpose. Loads of adventure, mystery and danger, loved it.
	The Big Dig	Lisa Harrington	Real Life / Summer / Nova Scotia / Family Secrets / Divorce / Death in the Family	Lucy is 14 and has recently lost her mother. Her father sends her to spend the summer with her eccentric great aunt Josie. Next door there is a boy who appears obsessed with digging a giant hole in his backyard. As the two become friends, they begin to investigate the mysteries that surround their family, with shocking results. A great read for ages 11 and up!
	Greta Zargo and the Death Robots from Outer Space	A.F. Harrold	Sci-Fi / Action / Adventure / Comedy	Greta Zargo is the only person who can save the world. The problem is she doesn't know it! She's too busy investigating who stole all the cakes from her neighbourhood. Funny, sweet and charming story.
	The Song From Somewhere Else	A.F. Harrold	Real Life / Fantasy	When Nick & Frank escape to Nick's house to avoid bullies, Frank finds a bizarre secret hiding in Nick's basement. Dreamy, odd and full of surprises, a great read for Y7 and up.
	I Am Not A Number	Lisa Heathfield	Dystopia / Imprisonment / rebellion	Gut-wrenching dystopian story about a teen and her family who are put in a concentration camp because they belong to the opposite political party. Suspense, action and tears, this is a really amazing novel, perfect for ages 14+

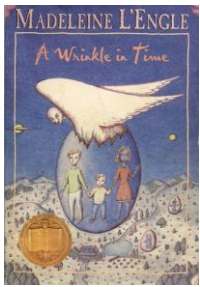
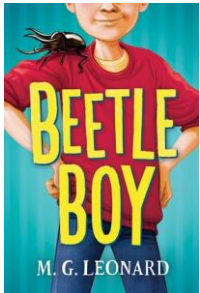
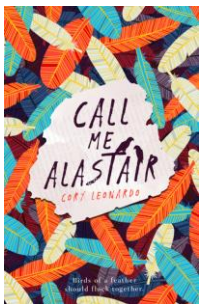
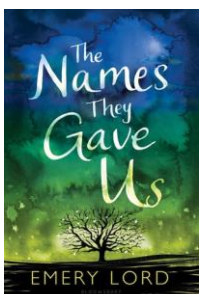
	Paper Butterflies	Lisa Heathfield	Real Life / Abuse	June's step mother is abusive, but she can't convince her father about what's happening. When she meets Blister, a boy who lives nearby, she finds some hope, but will it be too late?
	Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World	Ashley Herring-Blake	Real Life / Tornadoes / LGBTQ /	When Ivy's house is destroyed in a tornado, she not only loses her home, she loses her most prized possession: her art notebook containing her deepest secrets. When pages from her notebook began to mysteriously turn up, Ivy must work out who has it and what they are going to do with the secrets hidden in it!
	After the Fire	Will Hill	Real Life / Cults / Death in the family	Moonbeam is a teenager on the edge. At 17, she's just survived a deadly invasion from the FBI & the ATF as they stormed her home - the Lord's Legion in Texas. Now she finds herself in between the hospital and an interrogation room as the shrinks and the police try to piece together what exactly went on behind the barbed-wire fences of the strange religious compound in the desert. Recommended for Years 10 and up .
	The Outsiders	S.E. Hinton	Gangs / Fighting / Classics	Classic story of Ponyboy and misfit Greaser gang as they take on the Socs and life itself. Sad and exhilarating, it's one of the best YA novels ever written. Great for ages 12 and up.
	The Night Diary	Veera Hiranandani	India / Pakistan / Historical Fiction / Hindu / Muslim / Diary / Death in the family	It's 1947 & India has been freed from British rule. Pakistan has been formed and Hindus & Muslims are at war with each other. Nisha is 12 and her father takes her and her brother and grandmother on a life or death trek to Pakistan to escape the violence. On the way Nisha writes a diary to her deceased mother. Heartbreaking and important, don't miss this amazing novel.

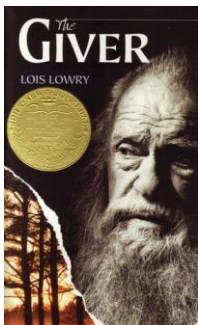
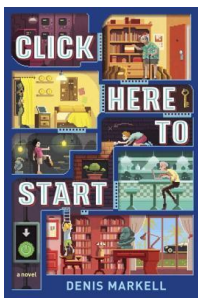
	The Smell of Other People's Houses	Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock	Real Life / Death in the family	A tale of four different teenagers whose lives intertwine in the stark yet beautiful backdrop of Fairbanks, Alaska. Each teen has struggles of their own and their story will bring a tear to your eye! Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	Sunny Side Up	Jennifer L. Holm	Graphic Novel / Real Life	Sunny gets an unexpected holiday when she's sent to Florida for the summer to stay with her grandfather. She's forced to spend her time wandering the retirement community looking for something fun to do. When she meets Buzz, she learns about comic books and alligators and other cool things. Buzz helps Sunny forget her family's troubling secret.
	Dread Nation	Justina Ireland	Zombies / LGBTQ / Civil War / BAME	Zombies, known as shamblers, are roaming the USA during the Civil War of the late 19th century. Jane trains at a combat school but soon stumbles upon a conspiracy that will take her across the country in a fight for her life.
	High Rise Mystery	Sharna Jackson	Mystery / London / BAME	Great whodunit starring a new detective duo. When their fav tenant gets murdered, Nik & Norva are on the case! Perfect for young mystery fans!
	Pages & Co	Anna James	Bookshops / Classics / Magic / Fantasy / Alice in Wonderland / Anne of Green Gables / Treasure Island / Adventure	Eleven year old Tilly spends all of her time in her grandparents' bookshop. One day she discovers that her favourite book characters have come to life. Even stranger, she's able to "wander" into her favourite books and explore. With her newfound power, Tilly sets out to find out the truth behind her mother's disappearance. A great fantasy adventure story for ages 10 and up!

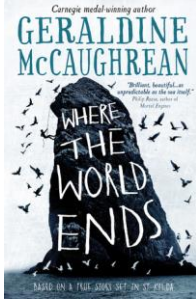
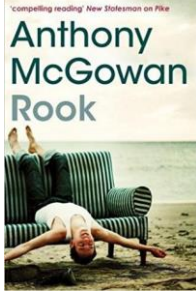
	The Next Together	Lauren James	Fantasy / Time travel / real life / history	A powerful and epic debut novel for teenagers about time-travel, fate and the timelessness of first love. The Next Together is told through a mixture of regular prose, diary entries, letters, "original" historical documents, news reports and internet articles.
	All's Faire in Middle School	Victoria Jamieson	Renaissance Faire / Middle School / Real Life / Siblings / Bullies	Imogen and 11 and about to go to middle school after being homeschooled most of her life. At the same time she's a huge part of her family's Renaissance faire where she's become a squire to her father's character. In her new school she struggles to fit in, makes mistakes, gets bullied and tries to do the right thing. Very sweet story, another great read from Jamieson.
	Roller Girl	Victoria Jamieson	Real Life / Sports / Roller Skating / graphic novels	For fans of Smile by Raina Telgemeir. A heartwarming story about surviving high school through roller derby. Lots of laughs and a lot of heart.
	Kick	Mitch Johnson	Real Life / football / sweatshops / gangs	Budi's dream is to be a football star. For the time being he's stuck in a sweatshop making trainers in horrible conditions. When he accidentally angers a dangerous gangster, it's not just Budi's dreams that are in danger.
	Girl in the Window	Penny Joelson	Mystery / Illness / Abduction / Chronic fatigue syndrome	Kasia suffers from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and must spend all of her time inside. One evening she's convinced she witnesses an abduction near her neighbours' house. Is it real, or her mind on overdrive? Kasia sets out to discover the truth behind what's going on across the street...

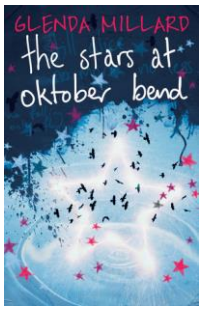
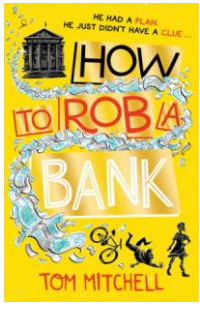
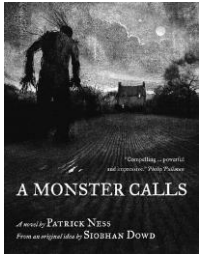
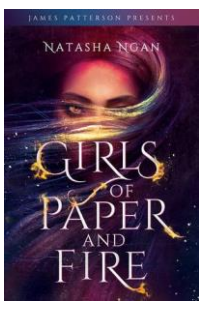
	The Girl in the Broken Mirror	Savita Kalhan	Real Life / Rape/ Death in the Family	When Jay moves into her aunt's house with her mother, she's less than thrilled. Her aunt is traditional and is displeased with Jay having certain friends and dressing certain ways. After her uncle's birthday party, Jay experiences a horrific trauma that drives her to the brink of suicide. Harrowing and gut-wrenching story of survival, not to be missed. Years 9 and up.
	Knights and Bikes	Gabriella Kent	1980s / Fantasy / Comedy / Adventure	Demelza and her new friend Nessa embark on an epic quest to save Demelza's home. To do this, they must enter a dangerous castle and try to vanquish an ancient curse that destroyed a band of knights centuries before. An amazing tale filled with humour and heart, students will love it, recommended for ages 9 and up.
	I Am Thunder	Muhammad Khan	Real Life / High School / Relationships / Terrorism / Extremism / Radicalisation	Harrowing, intense story about a young Muslim high school student who gets caught up in a web of lies and deceit by a boy at her school. Current topics, great story and memorable characters, don't miss! Years 9 and up!
	Kick the Moon	Muhammad Khan	Real Life / Gangs / Bullies / Toxic Masculinity	Hard hitting story about a boy named Ilyas who gets caught up with the wrong crowd. Peer pressure, outright bullying and dangerous individuals make his life a living hell. It's a fascinating read and one that will be popular with teens.
	Darius the Great is Not Okay	Adib Khorram	Real Life / LGBTQ / Iran / Depression / Anxiety / BAME	Beautiful story about a teen named Darius who suffers from depression. As he travels to Iran with his family to meet his grandparents for the first time, he meets a boy that makes him think that maybe he's not alone after all. Great story, honest, funny and touching. Recommended for ages 14+.

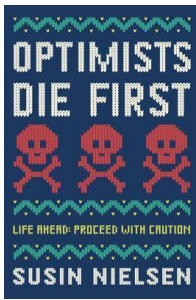
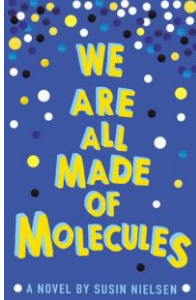
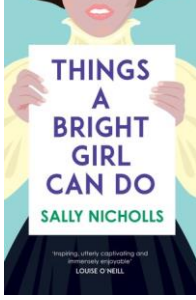
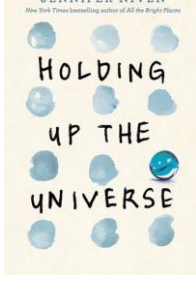
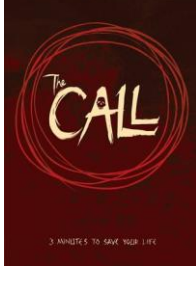
	Dear Rachel Maddow	Adrienne Kisner	Real Life / High School / LGBTQ / Abuse / Stepfather / School Politics	Brynn Haper writes unsent emails to her hero, TV personality Rachel Maddow. Her emails describe in detail her failed relationships, her abusive stepfather, her suspicions about her classmates and her bid to get involved in high school politics. Very sharp and funny read, years 10 and up!
	We Are Okay	Nina LaCour	Real Life / Death in the family / LGBTQ	Marin is New York and feels completely alone. After fleeing her life in California, nobody knows why she decided to travel east to attend university. Now, with the Christmas holidays approaching, Marin decides to stay in the university rather than return home. As the snow piles up, so does the grief, regret and anger. A simple yet powerful novel for fans of The Fault in Our Stars. For Years 9 and up.
	The Strange and Deadly Portraits of Bryony Gray	E. Latimer	Horror / Classic	A great spin on The Portrait of Dorian Gray. Bryony's portraits come to life and terrorise early 20th century London!
	Garbage Night	Jen Lee	Graphic Novel, Dystopia / End of the World / Action / Adventure / Animals	The apocalypse has happened, humans are gone and only animals survive. Simon lives with his best friends, a deer and a racoon. Together they scrounge for food. When they meet another dog named Barnaby, he tells them of a place where humans still exist. Together they set out to try and find it, but they aren't the only ones looking for food and paradise...
	A Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K. Le Guin	Fantasy	Ged the mighty wizard faces dragons, evil spirits and treacherous landscapes in order to prove his worth. A classic fantasy tale not to be missed!

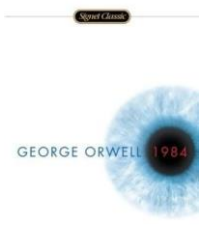
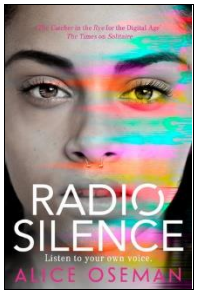
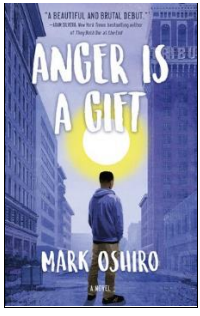
	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	Fantasy / Adventure / Classic	Meg's father had been experimenting with the fifth dimension of time travel when he mysteriously disappeared. Now the time has come for Meg, her friend Calvin, and Charles Wallace to rescue him. But can they outwit the forces of evil they will encounter on their heart-stopping journey through space?
	Beetle Boy (Battle of the Beetles #1)	M.G. Leonard	Comedy / Action / Adventure	When Darkus' dad vanishes out of thin air while working at the Natural History Museum, everyone is perplexed as to what happened. Filled with action, comedy and suspense, Beetle Boy is a great read for fans of The Last Wild or of course Roald Dahl.
	Call Me Alastair	Cory Leonardo	Animals / Parrots / Divorce / Friendship / Death in the Family / Real Life / Middle grade	Really great novel about a parrot desperate to be reunited with his sister. Alastair also maps out a plan for both of them to escape and be free of their owners. We also have the story of the owners which is fascinating in itself. Great read for ages 10+
	It Wasn't Me	Dana Alison Levy	Bullying / High School / Photography / Divorce / Friends / Real Life	A really sweet story for fans of Posted by John David Anderson. Theo's photographs are brutally vandalized & there are 5 main suspects. All students must spend their holiday in school talking about their lives and working out which one of them committed the crime. Theo thinks he has them all worked out however as the week goes on, he learns that there's much more under the surface than he could possibly imagine.
	The Names They Gave Us	Emery Lord	Real Life / Illness / Death in the family	When Lucy' mum finds out her cancer has come back, she's on the verge of a breakdown. To make a clean start, she dumps her boyfriend and becomes a counselor at a camp for troubled children. Her experience at the camp will change her life forever as she learns a dark family secret. Recommend for Years 9 and up.

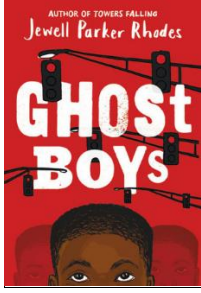
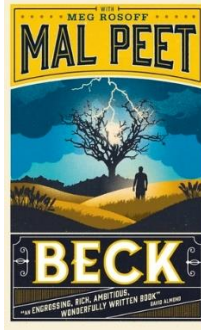
	Monstrous Devices	Damien Love	Robots / Prague / Magic / Horror / Jewish Folklore / Adventure / Bullying	12 year old Alex receives a mysterious toy robot from his grandfather. This gift will send him on an adventure that will change his life forever. Ales & his granddad find themselves caught up in an ancient battle that takes them to Prague where an epic showdown is about to take place. Filled with suspense and genuinely scary scene, it's a great novel for fans of mystery and horror.
	The Giver	Lois Lowry	Dystopian / Fantasy	This haunting story centres on Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colourless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he's given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.
	Embassy of the Dead	Will Mabbitt	Comedy / Horror / Ghosts / Jokes	When Jake is given a box by a mysterious stranger, he's horrified to find out that it contains a severed finger. Not only that, by opening the box, Jake has unleashed a death warrant against him by a grim reaper! Now he's on the run with the help of a few friendly ghosts to help him escape certain death! Fun, fast paced read for ages 11 and up!
	Click Here to Start	Denis Markell	Video Games / Mystery / Action / Puzzles	Ted inherits his great uncle's flat and realises it's set up like an escape the room puzzle! With his friends, he deciphers the clues and realises the reward might be long lost treasure from WW2! Great for lovers of video games!
	The Game Masters of Garden Place	Denis Markell	Dungeons and Dragons / Comic Con / Adventure / Comedy	Imagine if your favourite role playing characters came to life! This is what happens to five gaming friends one eventful evening. Now they must try their best to hide their fantasy friends from the modern world, not easy when you live in New York city! A hilarious fantasy adventure that ages 10 and up will love.

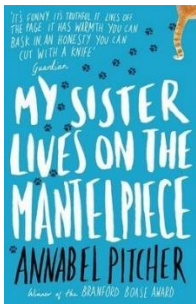
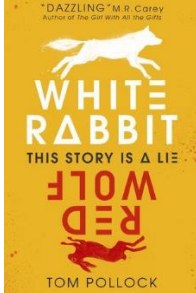
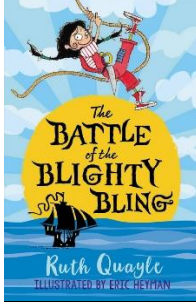
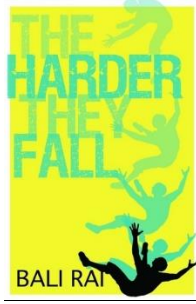
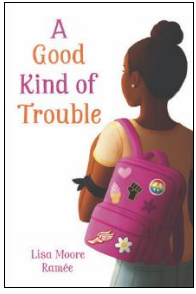
	Where the World Ends	Geraldine McCaughrean	Real Life / Carnegie 2018 / Scotland / Adventure / Survival	It's 1727 and a group of boys are dropped off on a remote island off the coast of Scotland to learn to fish and survive off the land. Their parents tell them they will be picked up in 2 weeks, but nobody comes to pick them up. Based on true events, harrowing story.
	Rook	Anthony McGowan	Real Life / Divorce / Abuse / Animals / Bullying / First Love / Learning Disabilities	Nick & Kenny are brothers and best friends. When they discover an injured rook, Kenny is determined to nurse it back to health. Meanwhile, Nick is dealing with a horrible bully at school and the sinking feeling that he's falling in love with the bully's sister. A raw and poignant look at family and friendship.
	Stargazing for Beginners	Jenny McLachlan	Real Life / NASA / teen issues	When Meg's mum jets off on an unannounced holiday, leaving her to take care of her 1 year old step-sister, she has to think on her feet to make it through each day. She's got homework, housework and a looming competition to make her dreams come true all hanging over her.
	One of Us is Lying	Karen M. McManus	Mystery / Thriller / Real Life	Five students walk into detention, only four come out alive. A classic mystery formula with a modern twist. Everyone is a suspect, everyone is scared for their own life. The teens must try and trust each other in order to discover the shocking truth! Recommended for Years 9 and up.
	People Like Us	Dana Mele	Murder / Mystery / Private School / Bullying / Mean girls	Tense murder mystery about a girl who is found dead in a lake. There are many suspects & you follow Kay as she tries to solve the mystery before she is thrown in jail for a crime she didn't commit. For ages 14+

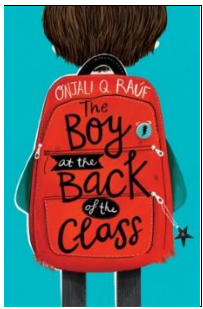
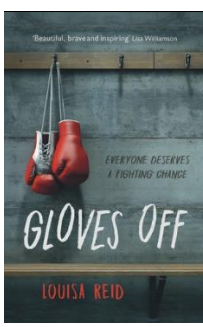
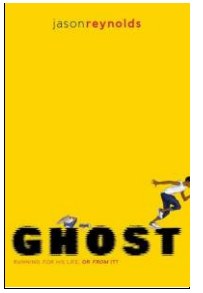
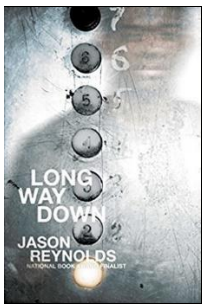
	The Stars at Oktober Bend	Glenda Millard	Real Life / Depression / Bullying / Abuse	After an unspeakable tragedy, Alice is left with a brain injury. Unable to express herself vocally, she uses her art and her writing to express how she feels. When a boy named Manny comes to their town, he is instantly taken by the beautiful and mysterious Alice. A sad story about love and friendship and standing up for what you believe in. For Years 9 and up.
	How to Rob a Bank	Tom Mitchell	Comedy / Heist / Bank Robbery	Hilarious caper about a 15 year old boy who accidentally burns down the house of the girl he's trying to impress, he does the only thing he can do to make up for it: rob a bank to pay her back. Great comedy for young teens!
	A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	Horror / Fantasy / Death in the family	As his mother slowly dies from cancer, Conor is visited by a monster every night at the same time. The monster wants things from Conor, specifically something Conor doesn't want to give it - the truth. Heart breaking and touching story about grief and loss.
	Girls of Paper & Fire	Natasha Ngan	Fantasy / Slavery / Demons / Aristocracy / Revenge / Abuse	Lei is part of the Paper Caste, the lowest of the low. She's chosen by the Demon King to become one of her concubines and must obey otherwise her family will be put on the chopping block. Forced into a life of slavery, Lei begins to hatch a plan to escape with those around her, the cost will be deadly but it's better than living under the King's rule. Thrilling read for Years 10 and up
	No Fixed Address	Susin Nielsen	Real Life / Homelessness / Trivia / Vancouver / High School / Friends	A very funny and moving story about a 12 year old boy who lives with his mother in a VW van. He's desperate to keep this fact from his friends at school and wants to become a contestant on a game show so he can win \$25,000 and get them a place to live. Don't miss this one if you love real life stories.

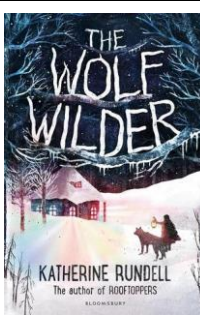
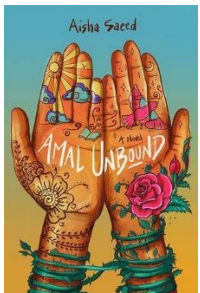
	Optimists Die First	Susin Nielsen	Real Life / OCD / Death in the family	Petula is wracked with anxiety and ocd after a family tragedy that she blames herself for. She's forced to take an art therapy class to help deal with the stress. There she meets a misfit crew of people also struggling with their own demons. When Jacob joins the gang, everything changes. Recommend for Years 9 and up.
	We Are All made of Molecules	Susin Nielsen	Real Life / Death in the family / LGBTQ / bullying	After Stuart's mother dies from cancer, his father eventually meets someone new and moves them in with her. Stuart suddenly has a new step sister who is popular and has lots of friends, the complete opposite of Stuart. A sad and funny tale about bullying, loss and friendship.
	Things a Bright Girl Can Do	Sally Nicholls	Historical Fiction / WWI / Suffragettes / Real Life / LGBTQ	Three girls, Nell, Evelyn and May, all have different experiences in the UK during WWI. However, as the war and the suffragette movement amps up, their lives will collide. Great, informative read about love, war and loss. Recommended for Years 9 and up.
	Holding Up the Universe	Jennifer Niven	Real Life / Bullying	A story about two teens who make an unlikely bond. Lizzie is obese and bullied, Jack is popular but hiding a secret. Together they get embroiled in a cruel game at their school. Fans of the Fault in Our Stars will love this! Recommended for Years 9 and up.
	The Call	Peadar O'Guilin	Horror / Fantasy	A world in which every teenager mysteriously disappears for 3 minutes and 4 seconds. 9 out of 10 return dead. Nessa must attend a training school to help her prepare for this event, known as The Call, when teens are taken to The Grey Land. Nessa and her friends are determined to survive, but it won't be easy. Gruesome and action packed, great read for horror fans. Recommend for Years 9 and up.

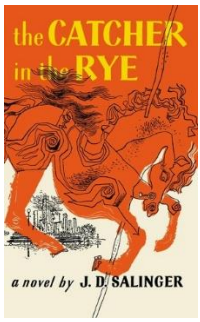
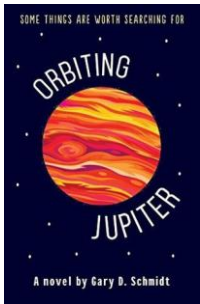
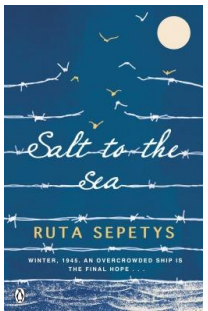
	The Eye of the North	Sinéad O'Hart	Adventure / Fantasy	Emmeline's parents have disappeared and it's up to her to save them. While investigating the mystery of their disappearance, she's kidnapped by an evil scientist whose plan is to summon an ancient creature from the icy waters off Greenland. Fast paced action adventure for ages 10+!
	1984	George Orwell	Dystopian / Classic	Classic novel about a brutal totalitarian government that sees all and dishes out punishments without mercy. A bleak look into the future, disturbing and compelling read.
	Radio Silence	Alice Oseman	Real Life / Podcasts / Romance	Frances discovers the creator of her favourite podcast is a boy at her school. As she gets to know him, everything she thought she knew changes, including her plans for the future. Great writing and a superb story about knowing what you want out of life. Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	Anger is a Gift	Mark Oshiro	Real Life / LGBTQ / Police brutality / high school	A story about oppression and grief and processing trauma. Very powerful novel about a teen named Moss who loses his father to police brutality and then experiences it himself in his own school. Recommended for Years 10 and up!
	Defender of the Real (Defender of the Realm #1)	Nick Ostler	Fantasy / Comedy / Action / Adventure	Fourteen year old Alfie discovers he's the new King of England! To make matters even more strange, there are super villains and blood hungry monsters coming forward to destroy the country! A fun, fast paced romp with lots of action.

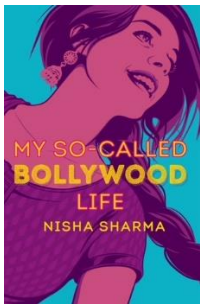
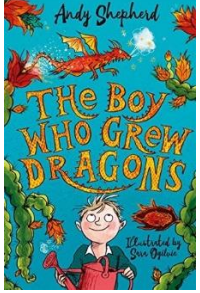
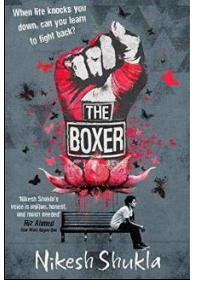
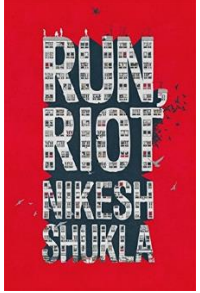
	Ghost Boys	Jewell Parker Rhodes	Real Life / History / Emmett Till / Police Brutality / Black Lives Matter	When 12 year old Jerome is shot and killed by police for having a toy gun, his ghost watches helplessly as his family struggles to piece their lives back together. At the same time, he's visited by the ghost of Emmett Till, who helps him navigate the world he now inhabits. Jerome also can be seen by one living person: The daughter of the policeman who shot him. Not to be missed!
	Hilda and the Troll (Hilda #1)	Luke Pearson	Graphic Novels / Fantasy / Adventure	Hilda loves adventure, so when she finds a mountain troll near her home, she's fascinated. Her adventure in this fun, short story takes her to see the Wooden Man, a lost giant and more.
	Beck	Mal Peet	Real Life / Abuse	Beck is the product of a loveless and brief encounter between his poor mother and an African sailor in Liverpool in the early 1900s. After his mother dies Beck is sent to Canada to a group called The Catholic Brothers where he is horribly abused. He flees and embarks on a cross country trip to find love, evil, freedom and redemption. An amazing read. Recommended for Years 10 and up .
	Pax	Sara Pennypacker	War / Real Life / Animals	When Peter's father forces him to abandon his pet fox Pax on the side of the road, he's heartbroken. Peter soon decides to run away and try to find him. With a war looming and 300 miles to go before he reaches Pax's location, the odds seem stacked against Peter. A tearful story about hope and courage.
	There's Someone Inside Your House	Stephanie Perkins	Mystery / Horror	Someone is murdering the teens at Osborne High School. It's up to Makani and her friends to find out who it is and stop the grisly crimes. Recommended for Years 10 and up .

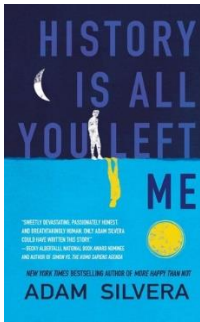
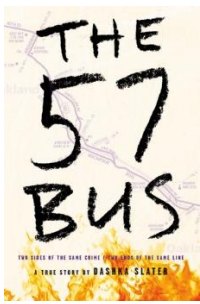
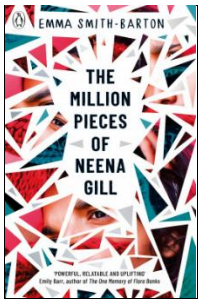
	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	Annabel Pitcher	Real Life / Death in the family / Terrorism	Jamie has lost his sister to a terrorist attack. His father turns to alcohol and his mother decides to abandon the family. He makes friends with a girl named Sunya but his dad doesn't approve. Jamie tries to audition for a talent show on TV in the hopes that it will bring his family back together.
	White Rabbit / Red Wolf	Tom Pollock	Maths / Conspiracy / Thriller / Government Agencies / Spies / Jason Bourne	Peter is a teen who suffers from severe panic attacks and OCD. As a maths prodigy, his brain is constantly working in numbers, finding connections and codes that may or may not exist. However, when his mother is attacked and his sister kidnapped, he is thrown into a world of espionage and conspiracy theories far beyond anything he'd ever imagined. Years 10 and up!
	The Battle of the Blighty Bling	Ruth Quayle	Pirates / Adventure / Adventure / Ships / Sailing	A family of pirates set out to get their stolen treasure back. Good read for reluctant readers, contains tons of fart / booger / poo jokes and would be a good read for a Year 7 who wants a fun, silly adventure.
	The Harder They Fall	Bali Rai	Food banks / High School / bullying / Barrington Stoke	Jacob is the new kid at school and doesn't want to be messed with. Cal's mother makes him work in a food bank in his spare time, this is where Cal learns about Jacob's secret. Hard hitting book for ages 12 and up.
	A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramee	Real Life / Bullying / protest / BAME / Black Lives Matter	Powerful story about 12 year old Shay who normally avoids trouble but gets caught up in a protest after her activist sister introduces her to the world outside the walls of her home. It's wonderfully told and full of great lessons. Strong characters, not one to miss.

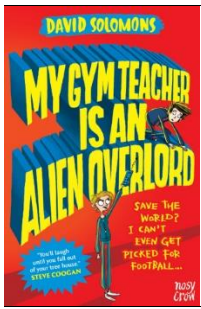
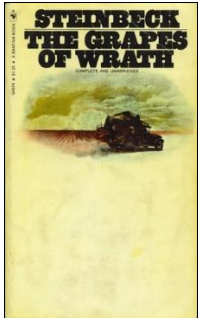
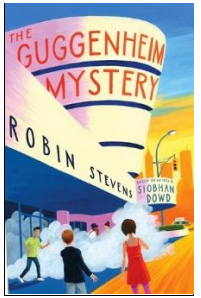
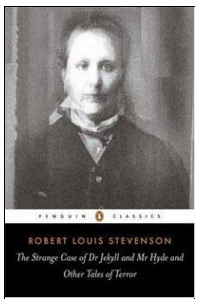
	The Boy at the Back of the Class	Onjali Q. Rauf	Refugee / Syria / Primary School / Quen / Trafalgar Square	When Ahmet joins the class, everyone thinks he's strange because he doesn't speak. The truth is he's a refugee from Syria who has been separated from his family. Four friends decide to embark on a mission to reunite him with his family. Touching, sad and sweet story about hope.
	Railhead (Railhead #1)	Philip Reeve	Sci-Fi	Zen Starling is a thief in a rundown area of the galaxy known as Cleave. One dreary evening, Zen is summoned by a Motorik called Nova. she works for a mysterious and legendary being called Raven. Raven has a job offer for Zen, not that he has a choice in the matter. What follows is furious ride through a dangerous galaxy that you will not want to leave.
	Gloves Off	Louisa Reid	Poetry / Abuse, Fat Shaming / Boxing	Powerful story about a girl who is bullied horribly & takes up boxing to defend herself. Told in verse, it will stick with you for a long time. Great for ages 14 and up!
	Ghost (Track #1)	Jason Reynolds	Real Life / Sport	Ghost has always been picked on for growing up on the wrong side of the tracks. When he inadvertently catches the eye of a track and field coach, his life begins to change, but will his old habits prevent him from succeeding?
	Long Way Down	Jason Reynolds	Real Life / Poetry / Death in the family	Powerful story about a boy who decides to get revenge for his murdered brother.

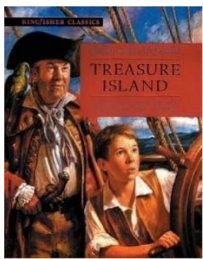
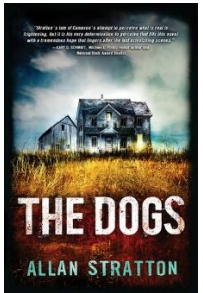
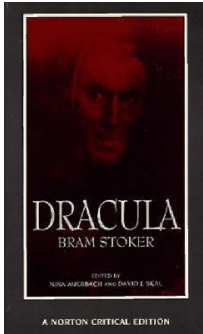
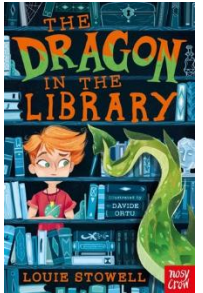
	Slam!	Pamela Ribon	Graphic Novel / Real Life / Roller Derby	A great story about friendship. Two friends get on competing roller derby teams and their bond is pushed to its limits. Recommended for Years 9 and up!
	Knights of the Borrowed Dark (Knights of the Borrowed Dark #1)	Dave Rudden	Fantasy / Horror	For fans of Harry Potter! Denizen is an orphan who discovers he has secret powers that will help a team of legendary knights destroy a growing evil in the world. Magic, horror and lots of action!
	The Explorer	Katherine Rundell	Adventure / Action	Four children are stranded in the Amazon rainforest after a tragic plane crash. To survive, they must rely on each other and follow a mysterious map that appears to show the location of a secret treasure. Any fan of adventure stories will not want to miss this!
	The Wolf Wilder	Katherine Rundell	Adventure / Action / Animals	Feodora and her mother help abandoned wolves fend for themselves in the wilds of Russia. When soldiers come and take her mother away, Feodora must use the wolves' help to rescue her.
	Amal Unbound	Aisha Saeed	Pakistan / bame / gangsters / poverty / real life /	Amal lives in a quiet village in Pakistan. One day sh accidentally angers a notorious gangster and is forced to be his wife's live-in servant. Desperate to go back home, she hatches a plan to save herself and others who are bound to live under the gangster's thumb forever. A really great story about hope and courage. For fans of I Am Malala.

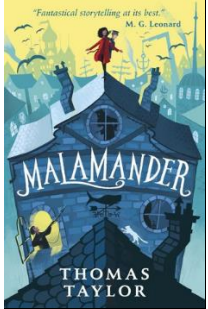
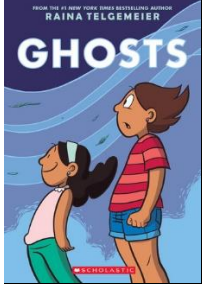
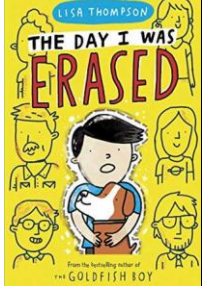
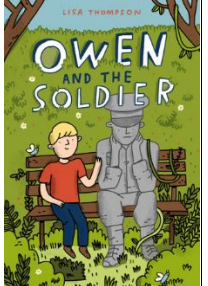
	The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	Classic / Real Life / Depression / Anxiety	One of the first books to chronicle teen angst, apathy, depression and displacement. It's a classic story about a teen who doesn't know where he belongs and isn't even sure if he wants to.
	The Land of Neverendings	Kate Saunders	Fantasy / Real Life / Death in the family	When Emily's sister Holly dies, she begins to be visited by Holly's favourite stuffed bear, Bluey. Bluey tells her of a magical world that exists through a portal in her bedroom called Smockeroom. Bluey & the other toys need Emily to help save Smockeroom from a terrible menace.
	Orbiting Jupiter	Gary D. Schmidt	Real life / Death in the family	Joseph is 14 and just got out of prison. He's taken in by a loving foster family but they don't know his secret - that he has a baby daughter out there that he's not allowed to see. With his new step brother's help, Joseph sets off to find her. Very sad and heartbreaking but by far my favourite book of 2017.
	The Cardboard Kingdom	Chad Sell	Graphic novels / super hero / friendships / bullying	Great graphic novel about a group of friends who use cardboard to transform themselves and their neighbourhood into a fantasy realm. Lots of laughs and great messages throughout.
	Salt to the Sea	Ruta Sepetys	Historical Fiction / Real Life / WW2	It's 1945 and the Nazi army is crumbling. Four teenagers are on the run from the advancing Soviet army. Tales of their brutality have preceded their arrival. Each teenager is from a different country but their lives have all been shattered by the war. Together, they travel across a frozen wasteland towards the only thing that gives them hope: a ship that is evacuating refugees, but will they make it in time?

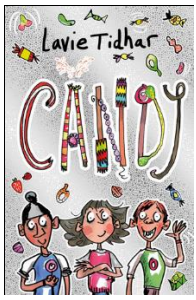
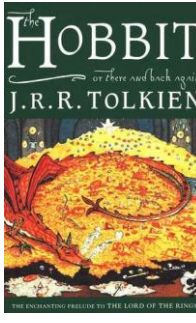
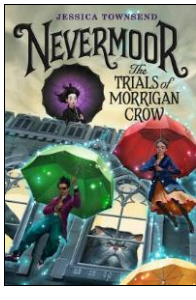
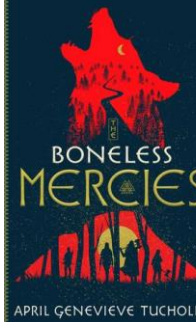
	My So Called Bollywood Life	Nisha Sharma	Real Life / High School / Bollywood / Romance / Film Club	Winnie is suffering from a bad breakup and the fact that her ex is now running the school film festival, something she always wanted to do. Winnie is an expert on Bollywood films and always has the perfect ending in her mind, but her life simply doesn't want to follow the script. When she meets Dev, a fellow film geek, she starts to rethink the cosmic signs telling her to reunite with her ex boyfriend. Funny, thoughtful and interesting look at high school life and relationships. Ages 15 +
	The Boy Who Grew Dragons	Andy Shepherd	Dragons / Illness / Bullies / Gardening / flowers	A boy named Thomas discovers a strange tree in his grandfather's garden, when the fruit of the tree grows a dragon emerges. He names the dragon Flicker, chaos and mayhem ensues. Funny, sad and touching story about friendship.
	Oh My Gods	Alexandra Sheppard	Comedy / Greek Gods / Magic / High School / Relationships	Helen Thomas is a half mortal whose father is the Greek God Zeus. Her half sister, Aphrodite has a zillion Instagram followers & her half brother Eros is a musical superstar. They are told to keep their powers on the down low but they can't help it, and soon they get themselves in serious trouble. A funny, lighthearted story with magical elements.
	The Boxer	Nikesh Shukla	Boxing / Racism / UKYA / Real Life / LGBTQ / BAME	Fast paced story about a teen named Sunny who joins a boxing gym after a racist attack. Tensions in the city mount, culminating in a boxing match between Sunny and his former friend Keir. Loads of discussion can be found around this amazing story, highly recommended for ages 14+.
	Run, Riot	Nikesh Shukla	Thriller / Gentrification / Police Brutality / Murder / Mystery	When teens witness a murder, they find themselves on the run from corrupt policemen. This novel tackles gentrification in London, police brutality and it's also a good thriller. A perfect read for ages 15 and up, contains violence and language.

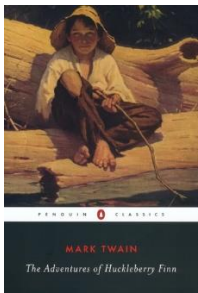
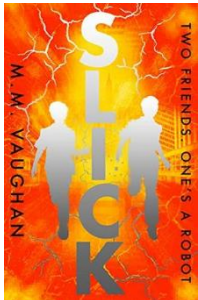
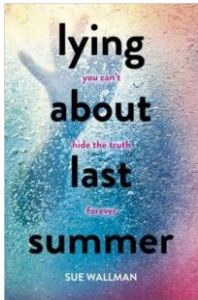
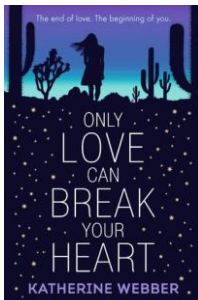
	Scythe (Arc of a Scythe #1)	Neal Shusterman	Dystopia / Death in the family	In a world without death or disease, people are hired to become grim reapers, randomly dealing out death to keep the population at bay. It's an amazing story about two teens being trained to be the grim reaper, one of my favourites!
	History is All You Left Me	Adam Silvera	Real Life / LGBTQ / Death in the family / OCD	When Griffin's ex boyfriend drowns, Griffin is inconsolable. The only person that he feels he can turn to is Jackson, the boy Theo started dating after he left Griffin. If Griffin is ever going to move on, he's going to have to confront his past. Recommended for Years 10 and up .
	The 57 Bus	Dashka Slater	Non-Fiction / LGBTQ / Hate Crimes / Jail / Real Life / Oakland / USA / High School	Two people take the same bus every day and although they don't know each other, their lives are thrown together when a tragic accident changes their lives forever. A true story that's one of the best YA books I've read in the past few years. For Years 9 and up
	The Million Pieces of Neena Gill	Emma Smith-Barton	Real life / YA / BAME / Mental Health / Anxiety / Depression / Mystery	Harrowing story about teenage Neena Gill whose brother Akash has gone missing. Desperate to find him, Neena's own mental health begins to deteriorate and the line between truth and lies becomes blurred. An honest read about teen mental health, an important book, perfect for teens in Years 10 and up.
	Thornhill	Pam Smy	Horror / Graphic Novels / Death in the Family / Orphanages	Ella has moved to a new house with her father. Her backyard overlooks an abandoned orphanage. Curious and bored, she decides to sneak under the No Trespassing signs and investigate it. What she finds will make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end.

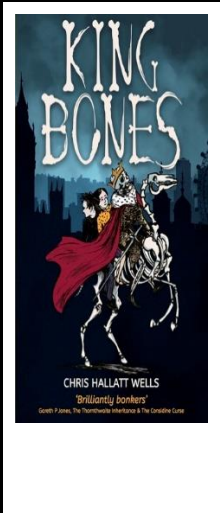
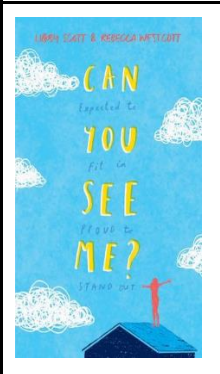
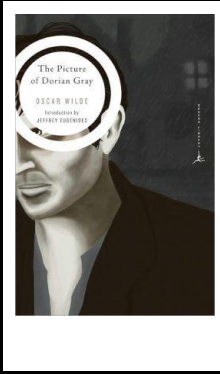
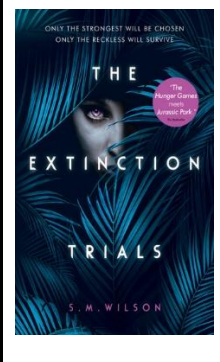
	My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord (My Brother is a Superhero #2)	David Solomons	Sci-Fi / Comedy / Action / Superheroes	Zack and Lara have superpowers. Luke has new school shoes and a burning sense of resentment. He KNOWS that aliens disguised as gym teachers are about to attack Earth but will anyone listen? No. So one dodgy pact with a self-styled supervillain later, and Luke is ready to save the world. He just needs to find his trainers...
	Kat Wolfe Investigates	Lauren St. John	Mystery / Adventure / Animals / Dorset / Spies / Veterinarian	When Kat and her veterinarian mum move to an idyllic seaside village in Dorset, they think they've landed in paradise. However, when Kat starts a pet-sitting service, she gets involved in an international mystery with danger around every turn. Fun, amazing mystery novel that any fan of animals or puzzle solving will love!
	The Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck	Classic / Death in the family	Harrowing story of the effects of the Great Depression on the American population, specifically farmers moving west to California. It follows a family as they struggle to survive in the middle of a national crisis that devastated millions of people.
	The Guggenheim Mystery (London Eye Mystery #2)	Robin Stevens	Mystery	When Ted's aunt is accused of stealing a priceless piece of art from the Guggenheim, it's up to him and his friends to prove she's innocent!
	The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	Horror / Mystery / Thriller / Classic	Respectable Dr. Jekyll has a dark relationship with the dreadful Mr. Hyde. As a killer roams London, Jekyll & Hyde's fate are finally revealed in a shocking twist!

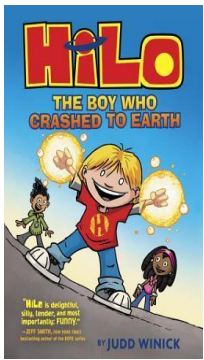
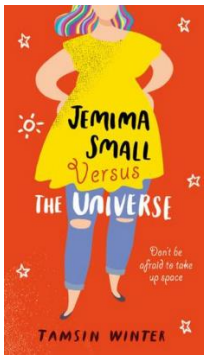
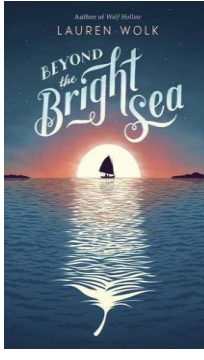
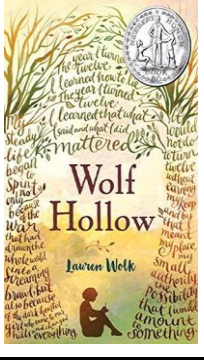
	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	Action / Adventure	Classic adventure tale full of pirates, shipwrecks, lost treasure and danger!
	The Dogs	Allan Stratton	Horror / Mystery / Thriller / Real Life	Cameron and his mum are on the run from his abusive father. They seek shelter in an abandoned farmhouse, but something's not right with the house... A scary read for fans of Darren Shan and other Stephen King!
	Dracula	Bram Stoker	Horror / Classic	Jonathan Harker travels to Castle Dracula on business. What he finds there is a living nightmare. Dracula feeds off of the living to keep himself and his hoard alive. Harker must plan to destroy Dracula before he loses everyone he loves.
	The Dragon in the Library	Louie Stowell	Fantasy / Comedy / Adventure / Library	Great fantasy adventure about a girl named Kit who hates reading, only to discover that her local Library has magical properties that sends her and friends on a desperate mission to save the world. A love letter to Libraries and reading, not to be missed, great for ages 9 and up.
	We See Everything	William Sutcliffe	Dystopia / War / Terrorism / Real Life	London is in ruins. Lex lives on a small strip of land that's still habitable. Above him, the government drones fly constantly, looking for terrorists. Alan is a drone pilot, his job is to remove the threat to the city's safety. These two teens will meet with deadly consequences. Recommend for Years 9 and up.

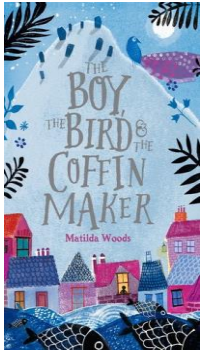
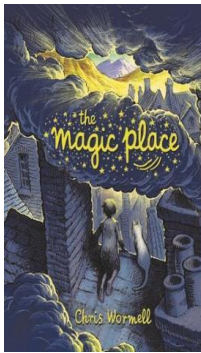
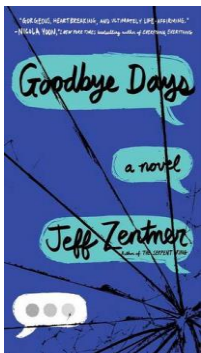
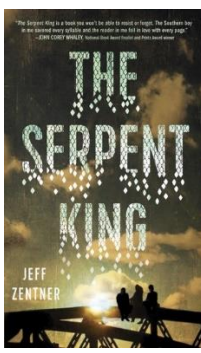
	Malamander	Thomas Taylor	Mystery / Small town / fishing village	Amazing mystery set around a strange fishing village with really great characters. The Malamander is a legendary half fish half monster that terrorises locals, two young detectives try to crack the case. Thrilling adventure, great story!
	Ghosts	Raina Telgemeier	Real Life / Illnesses / Supernatural / Graphic novel	Catrina and her family move to a new town because her sister Maya is sick. What they discover is that the town is full of ghosts! Sad but gentle story about siblings and dealing with illness and grief.
	The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Real Life / Black Lives Matter	A harrowing tale about police brutality and the consequence of growing up black in America. Starr lives in a tough neighbourhood but attends an upscale mostly white prep school. When her best friend dies at the hands of the police, she has to find a way to survive the onslaught that follows. Recommended for Years 11 and up.
	The Day I Was Erased	Lisa Thompson	Magical Realism / Comedy / dogs	Maxwell is a boy who is always in trouble, when a prank goes too far he knows he's really in for it. After a chance encounter with a mysterious cabinet of curiosities, Maxwell finds himself erased from his own life. Nobody knows who he is, Maxwell decides to try and set things right in order to get back to the real world where everyone knows him. Great read for fans of Lisa's other work like The Goldfish Boy!
	Owen and the Soldier	Lisa Thompson	Real Life	Owen is a boy who is struggling to cope with the realities at home. His mother is not well, his only friend is a crumbling stone soldier in the park. When the council decides to take the soldier away, he decides to make a stand in an effort to save it. Very moving story for readers of all ages.

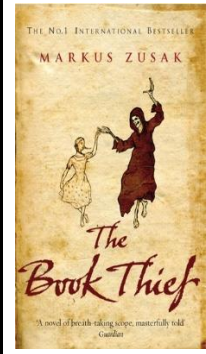
	Candy	Lavie Tidhar	Mystery / Detective / Roald Dahl / Candy / Chocolate / Gangs	Nelle is a private eye in a world where candy is banned by the police. When a prized teddy bear goes missing, she slowly unravels a case involving the mysterious owner of an abandoned chocolate factor on the edges of town. Great read for fans of Dahl or of mysteries in general.
	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	Classic / Fantasy / Adventure	Classic adventure story not to be missed follows the adventures of a reluctant hero, a powerful and dangerous ring, and the cruel dragon Smaug the Magnificent.
	Nevermoor : The Trials of Morrigan Crow	Jessica Townsend	Fantasy	Morrigan Crow is cursed and believes that she will die on her eleventh birthday. However, when a mysterious stranger arrives at her door and whisks her to the land of Nevermoor, she realises that she might have a fighting chance after all. Fans of Harry Potter will love this!
	Enchantée	Gita Trelease	French Revolution / Magic / Card games / romance / air balloons / Marie Antoinette	A teen girl discovers she has magic powers and uses them to cheat at card games in order to keep her and her sister from starving to death on the cusp of the French Revolution. The magic gets out of hand, there is a lot of danger involved and lots of romance thrown in as well, great read.
	The Boneless Mercies	April Genevieve Tucholke	Fantasy / Beowulf / Magic / Supernatural	One of the best YA fantasy stories out there. A band of female Mercies (women who kill people on their deathbeds or who are suffering greatly) take on a quest to destroy a legendary beast. To do this, they must embark on a journey that will test them to their limits. Don't miss this great novel, amazing read for ages 12 and up!

	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Real Life / History / Racism / Classic	The story of Huck and Jim, a runaway slave as they travel down the endless Mississippi River to free Jim from slavery. A classic masterpiece.
	Slick	M.M. Vaughan	Sci/Fi / Real Life / Divorce / Thriller / MMORPG	Thrilling story about Eric, the first child android and the friends he makes in school. When they discover Eric's secret, they set out on a mission together to find out who made him and why, don't miss this amazing sci fi thriller, perfect for Years 7 and up!
	Encounters	Jason Wallace	Sci-Fi / Real Life / Abuse	Based on the Ruwa, Zimbabwe UFO incident when dozens of school children claimed to have seen silver discs land behind their school, Encounters follows the journey of six children that have their lives changed forever because of the alleged alien encounter. Recommended for Years 9 and up .
	Lying About Last Summer	Sue Wallman	Mystery / Thriller / Real Life	The story centres around a girl called Skye, who is sent to a camp for troubled teenagers after her sister dies in an accident. However, once she is at the camp she starts receiving text messages from someone pretending to be her dead sister.
	Only Love Can Break Your Heart	Katherine Webber	High School / Relationships / Love / Death in the Family / California	Heartfelt story about a teen named Reiko who is dealing with the drowning of her sister. When she meets Seth, a boy in her school, things start to look up but Seth isn't all that he seems and things start to fall apart by the end of the summer. A great read for older teens!

	Wing Jones	Katherine Webber	Real life / accidents / death in the family / sports	15 year old Wing finds solace in running after a horrible family tragedy. Caught between supporting her family and the pressure from the outside world, Wing has to cope any way she can. Recommended for Years 9 and up.
	King Bones	Chris Hallatt Wells	Comedy / Ghosts / If you like Roald Dahl / If you like David Walliams	When Danny's parents are arrested for stealing the crown jewels, he's sent to live with his horrible aunt Ratbag in the city of Greezy. Ratbag beats him, feeds him only frozen broccoli soup and forces him to sleep in the shed with rats and snakes. His teacher, M.r Phlegm, is even worse so when Danny stumbles upon an ancient dead king who still walks and talks and needs his help in retrieving a precious item, Danny accepts the mission! Funny, heartfelt and with tons of gross-out laughs, great stuff for year 7 and up!
	Can You See Me?	Rebecca Westcott & Libby Scott	Autism / Real Life / Bullying / High School	Beautiful story about 11 year old Tally who has autism and is about to start Year 7. It provides valuable insight into the world of autism and is a powerful story focusing on friendship and believing in yourself.
	The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde	Horror / Mystery / Thriller / Classic	Dark tale about a vain man who sells his soul for eternal youth, only to pay a terrible price.
	The Extinction Trials	S.M. Wilson	Dystopian / Action	This is the Hunger Games crossed with Jurassic Park. Teens must compete for food and healthcare in a land filled with living dinosaurs. Pedal to the metal action!

	The Boy Who Crashed to Earth (HiLo #1)	Judd Winick	Sci-Fi / Action / Adventure / Comedy / Graphic Novel / Aliens	D.J. and his friend Gina are totally normal kids. But Hilo isn't! Hilo doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. (Or why going to school in only your underwear is a BAD idea!)... But UH-OH, what if Hilo wasn't the only thing to fall to our planet? Can the trio unlock the secrets of Hilo's past? Can Hilo SURVIVE a day at school? Find out!
	Jemima Small vs the Universe	Tasmin Winter	Real Life / Bullying / Quiz Shows / Body Image /	Amazing story of a 12 year old girl who is bullied for her appearance. When the chance to get on a nationally televised quiz show arises, Jemima puts her mind to the test, the question is can she endure the competition with so many things on her mind? A really beautiful story with a body-positive message, great for ages 11 +.
	Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	Real Life / Historical Fiction	Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny island off the east coast of the U.S. When she starts to investigate the circumstances around her parents' demise, she gets herself into more trouble than she's ready for.
	Wolf Hollow	Lauren Wolk	Real Life / WW2 / Mystery	Eleven year old Annabelle lives on an American farm with her family and has a peaceful life. When Betty, a new girl comes to her school, her life is thrown upside down. Betty is a terrible bully, Annabelle feels helpless to stop her. Then Betty goes missing and everyone seems to have a motive to harm her. A great mystery thriller for ages 11 and up!
	The Mysterious Howling (The Incurable Children of Ashton Place #1)	Maryrose Wood	Feral Children / School / Hunting / Mystery	Fifteen year old Penelope Lumley has just been put in charge of three feral children who have most definitely been raised by wolves. She has her work cut out for her as the Lady of the manor wants them prim and proper for her upcoming Christmas party. Then there's the mysterious people who lurk around the estate, what are they up to? Penelope decides to find out but is it too late?

	Vote For Effie	Laura Woods	Elections / Middle School / Comedy / Funny / Politics / Crushes / Friendship / Feel good stories	Effie Kostas has joined a new school and wants to make a great first impression. When she decides to run for Student Council President, she discovers the campaign won't be as easy as she thought. Filled with humour, heartbreak and a lot of grit, it's the perfect read for someone looking for a Middle grade book with an amazing female protagonist.
	The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker	Matilda Woods	Magical Realism, Death in the Family, Animals,	When Alberto loses his family to a plague, he doesn't feel he has much to live for. Then a mysterious boy and his pet bird sneak into his house to steal food and his life is changed forever. The boy is running from a past that he can't avoid, and it's up to Alberto to try and help him!
	The Magic Place	Chris Wormell	Adventure / Abuse / Funny / Animals /	Beautiful and heart wrenching story of a young girl trying to escape the clutches of two evil villains. A combination of Roald Dahl and Harry Potter, a great story for ages 8 and up.
	Goodbye Days	Jeff Zentner	Real Life / Death in the family	Carver Briggs is being eaten up inside because his three best friends, Mars, Eli & Blake were killed in a car accident at the same time that Carver was texting Mars, who happened to be driving. Now there's a chance Carver could be sent to prison for his actions. A taught drama with real emotion for fans of The Fault in Our Stars!
	The Serpent King	Jeff Zentner	Real Life / Death in the family	Sad story about three teens trying to escape the confines of their small town. Each teen struggles to find themselves in this gripping novel. Recommended for Years 9 and up.



The Book Thief

Markus Zusak

WW2 / Nazis
/ Death in
the family /
Holocaust

Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with her foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.