Reading for Pleasure – Class Novels Year 5						
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Book Title	The Wizards of Once	Cogheart Cogheart	The Boy at the Back of the Class	Journey to Jo'burg	Tom's Midnight Garden	Rooftoppers
Blurb	This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide. Once there was magic, and the magic lived in the dark forests. Until the Warriors came Xar is a wizard boy who has no magic, and will do anything to get it. Wish is a Warrior girl, but she owns a banned magical object, and she will do anything to conceal it. In this whirlwind adventure, Xar and Wish must forget their differences if they're going to make it to the dungeons at Warrior Fort, where something that has been sleeping for hundreds of years is stirring	Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends, Robert, the clockworker's son and Malkin, the mechanical fox – Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realises that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.	There used to be an empty chair at the back of Mrs Khan's classroom, but on the third Tuesday of the school year a new kid fills it: nine year old Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. The whole class is curious about this new boy – he doesn't seem to smile, and he doesn't talk very much. But after learning that Ahmet fled a 'Very Real War' and was separated from his family along the way, a determined group of his classmates band together to concoct the Greatest Idea in the world – a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his loved ones.	Mma lives and works in Johannesburg, far from the village, thirteen year old Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro, call home. When their baby sister suddenly becomes very sick, Naledi and Tiro know, deep down that only one person can save her. Bravely, alone, they set off on a journey to find Mma and bring her back.	Tom is sent away to live with his aunt and uncle for the summer holidays. With no garden or children to play with, he feels lonely and unhappy, until one night he hears the clock striking thirteen and discovers a secret garden where he meets a new friend, Hatty. Yet it soon becomes clear that his new- found friend is living in a different time altogether, and to her, Tom is a sort of ghost. Each time he visits the garden, Hatty has grown older. Finally, on a skating trip up the frozen river in the garden, Hatty and Tom begin to fade and become invisible to each other once more.	Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means still possible. You should never ignore a possible. So when the Welfare agency writes to her guardian threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands and flees to Paris to look for her mother, starting with the only clue she has – the address of the cello maker.
Themes	 Friendship Resilience Loyalty Family relationships 	 Loss Loyalty Family bonds Female lead 	 Refugees Bullying Friendship Kindness Empathy 	 Apartheid Equality Family Courage Bravery 	 Friendship Loss Aging Loneliness 	 Hope Possibilities Friendship Family