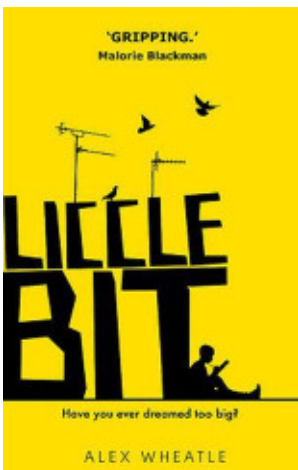
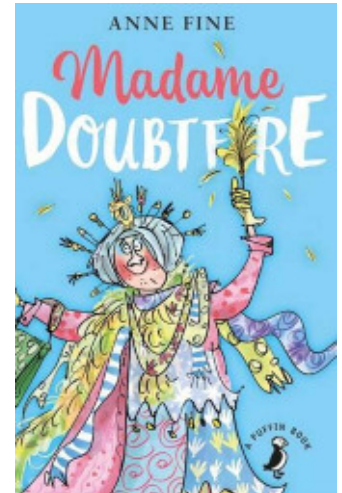


Wink by Rob Harrell

Based on the author's own experiences, the reader follows the life of Ross, a boy dealing with a devastating diagnosis of eye cancer. While he strives to maintain normality and his dignity, Ross finds imaginative and inspirational ways to get through life at school and at home.

Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine

Lydia, Christopher and Natalie's parents have divorced. When their mum looks to hire a nanny, their Dad, Daniel gets the job – using a cunning disguise. An easier read for Year 8 pupils.

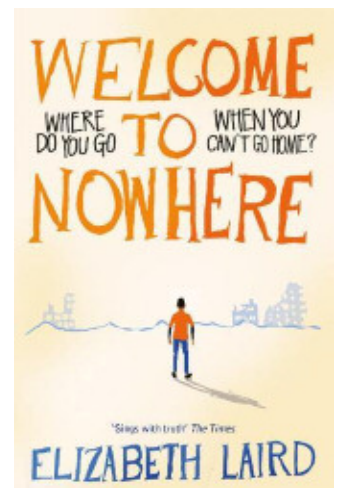


Liddle Bit by Alex Wheatle

Lemar is desperate to catch the eye of Venetia. But he thinks that being short is holding him back and he believes his so-called friends when they dismiss his chances and call him 'Liddle Bit'. Suddenly someone is interested in him – a local crime lord – and Lemar is **forced down a path that he might not be able to control.**

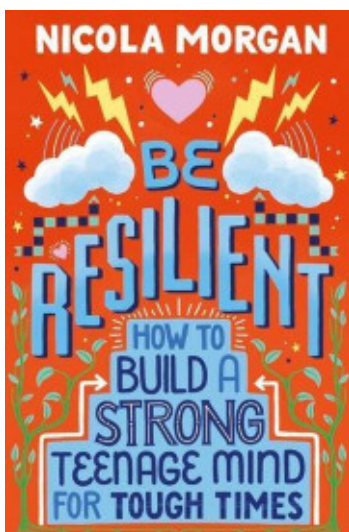
Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

Omar dreams of being a successful businessman and ruling the world. But living in Syria, this 12-year-old's dreams are set in a time and place where things can change rapidly – especially when his older brother finds himself in a dangerous situation and the whole family has to flee to safety.



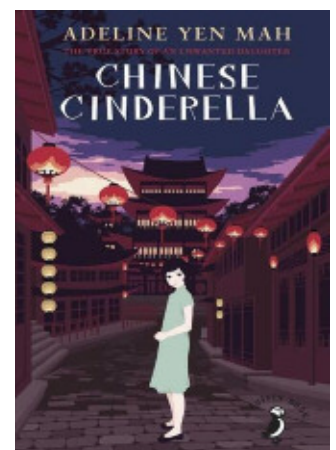
Be Resilient by Nicola Morgan

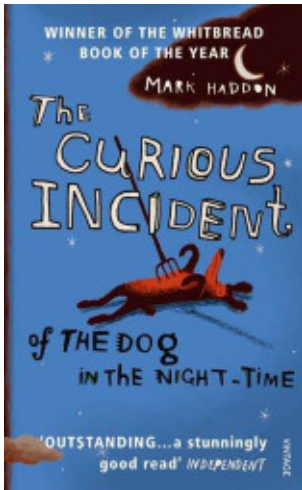
Ideal for teens in KS3 and KS4, this book provides clear and practical advice on how to develop strategies, mental toughness and life-long skills to deal with what school and life throws at them. Situations such as COVID 19, who to trust, and keeping healthy are explored, and practical activities such as breathing techniques, visualising success and rationalising worries are detailed. Highly recommended for secondary school libraries.



Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

The unforgettable story of a young Chinese girl's struggle to find acceptance within her own family and her survival amongst siblings and parents who think she represents bad luck. She finds writing a form of release. Based on the author's own life.



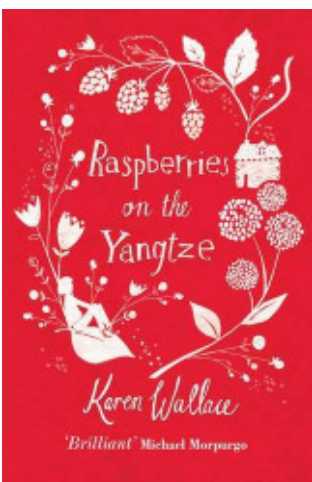
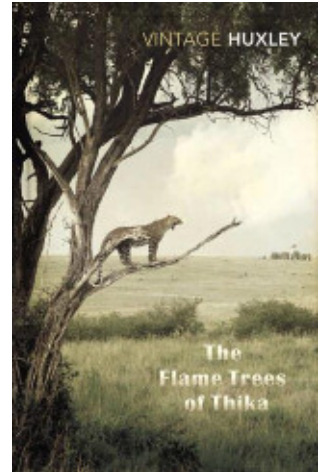


The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Christopher isn't like other teenagers. He finds it difficult to talk to other people, hates being touched and reacts badly to certain colours. When the neighbour's dog is murdered he causes chaos trying to find out who did it.

The Flame Trees of Thika by Elspeth Huxley

Elspeth Huxley's autobiographical story of her life in Africa with her parent settlers – living among the Kikuya in Kenya in a traditional grass house and working the land.

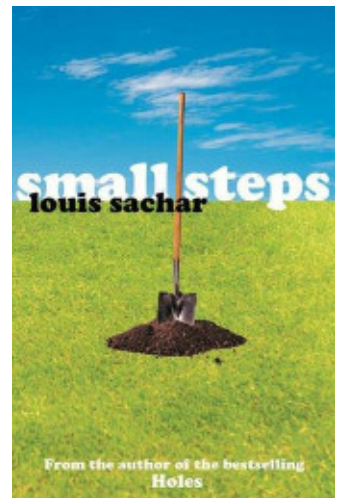


Raspberries on the Yangtze by Karen Wallace

It began, said Nancy, 'the day my brother and I decided to poison our mother.' A memorable story about friendships and growing up from a child's point of view. An easier, yet poignant and thought-provoking, read for year 8 pupils.

Small Steps by Louis Sachar

The sequel to 'Holes'. Armpit is now a gardener living in Texas and trying to stay out of trouble by making the right choices. But things never seem to go his way.



The Tulip Touch by Anne Fine

No one wants anything to do with Tulip, who is avoided by children and teachers alike. But Natalie is drawn to her and finds her dangerous and interesting. When things go too far, Natalie isn't able to stop events spinning out of control, leading to a stunning and unexpected ending.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Jess creates the world of Terabithia to escape from his annoying family. Reached only by a rope swing, he and his friend Leslie live out their adventures, until an earth-shattering tragedy strikes.

