

# Debenham High School



## **SUMMER READING LIST 2016**

Welcome to the Debenham High School's Summer Reading List for 2016. This year we asked a collection of students and teachers across the school to recommend a favourite book they have read recently. The results are varied and sometimes surprising, from comedy to today's hard hitting issues, there is something for everyone. Many of these titles are available to borrow from the Learning Resources Centre over the summer holidays.

In addition, we asked Peter Baron at Halesworth Bookshop to recommend books published in the last twelve months that have proved popular with young adult readers. His recommendations can be found at the back of this booklet.

We hope that the varied selection of book recommendations within this reading list will inspire students to pick up a book (or two) this summer. I would love to hear your opinion on those you have read and perhaps make some recommendations of your own.

Happy Summer Reading!

Mrs C Foord-Johnson  
Learning Resources Coordinator



**Andrew Driver 8E**

**The book I would recommend is...**

And Then There Were None

**Author:** Agatha Christie

**Genre:** Murder Mystery

**What the book's about...** Ten people have been invited to stay on an island by a mysterious person that none of the guests have ever heard of or know. During their stay the guests are dying one by one, killed by an elusive person. Their deaths seem to be foretold by an old nursery rhyme which is written all over the island. The guests have to find out who their killer is, and stop them, before they are killed.

**Why I like it...** It is captivating and there is always something interesting going on. The mystery is perplexing and there are very good plot twists which are shocking and surprising. The characters personalities are deep and they show lots of emotion. It was a very gripping read and I couldn't put it down.

**Why I would recommend it...** The plot is easy to understand, yet very suspenseful and not boring at all. Although about murder, it is not extremely graphic so suitable for younger readers. It is also not that long a book, so it doesn't take too long to read.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

The Diamond Brothers series by Anthony Horowitz



**Ewan Green 8C**

**The book I would recommend is...**  
The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

**Author:** Douglas Adams

**Genre:** Sci-Fi/Comedy

**What the book's about...** The Earth has been destroyed and Arthur Dent is one of two humans still alive. He and his friend, Ford Prefect, find their way onto the 'Heart of Gold' Spaceship. Using its revolutionary Improbability Drive they find their way onto the planet Magrathea, where they discover the earth was actually a huge computer tasked with finding out the ultimate question whose answer is 42.

**Why I like it...** I like science fiction and this book is a very fun book to read and it isn't boring.

**Why I would recommend it...** It's a good introduction to science-fiction writing, because it is easy to read.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

2001 - A Space Odyssey by Arthur C Clarke

The Martian by Andy Weir (suitable for Years 9 and 10)



**The book I would recommend is...**

Half Bad

**Author:** Sally Green

**Genre:** Dystopian Novel

**Ella Bedford 7F**

**What the book's about...** Nathan Burn, a half white and half black witch who has been kept in a cage and abused. He tries to escape before his 17th birthday when he will receive three gifts from his father and his magical ability. Otherwise he will die.

**Why I like it...** I like this book because, especially at the beginning, it has a very interesting style of writing that I have only seen once...and that was in this book!

**Why I would recommend it...** I would recommend it to everyone in Years 7—10 because it is exciting and thrilling. However because of the bad language it may be more suitable for the upper years. Also if you are a boy there are some feelings you may be able to relate to.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

The Chaos Walking Trilogy (The Knife of Never Letting Go; The Ask and The Answer ) all by Patrick Ness

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness

The Divergent Trilogy (Divergent, Insurgent, Allegiant) by Veronica Roth



**Polly Cox**

**7C**

**The book I would recommend is...**

**A Room Full of Chocolate**

**Author:** Jane Elson

**Genre:** Modern Drama/Every day issues and dilemmas

**What the book's about...** Grace's Mum found a lump on her arm and a few weeks later she is sent for regular check-ups - What's going on? Grace wants to know. But Mum's situation is getting worse and Grace is sent to live with her Grandpa. Will Grace ever be re-united with her Mum?

**Why I like it...** The ending is heart warming and makes you feel good inside.

**Why I would recommend it...** I think it would appeal to all ages because it can be read and understood in different ways. For example to a Year 10 it would be more of an emotional read.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Dandelion Clocks by Rebecca Westcott

My Sister Jodie and Illustrated Mum both by Jacqueline Wilson

Violet Ink by Rebecca Westcott



**Tom Potter 9D**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Three

**Author:** Sarah Lotz

**Genre:** Thriller/Mystery

**What the book's about...** The world is stunned when four airplanes crash within hours of each other on different continents. With terror attacks and environmental factors ruled out there doesn't appear to be a correlation between the crashes, except that in three of the four crashes a child survivor is found in the wreckage. As the survivors behaviour changes the truth behind the crashes begins to reveal itself.

**Why I like it...** I liked the mystery and suspense of the story that made it hard to put the book down.

**Why I would recommend it...** It is gripping and there is never a dull moment. This is true in both the plot of the story and the style of writing. It includes a book within the book, text messages and voice recording transcripts. This makes it particularly appealing to teenagers. However, due to some mature themes it is more suitable for Years 9 and 10.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Russian Roulette by Anthony Horowitz

The Girl With All The Gifts by Mike Carey

Silverfin by Charlie Higson

**The book I would recommend is...**

Wonder

**Author:** R J Palacio

**Genre:** Fictional Autobiography



**Loryn Bosworth 9F**

**What the book's about...** The main character, August, was born with what the doctors called "small anomalies". As he grew up more problems were discovered which meant he had a lot of operations. Up until 5th Grade he was home-schooled until he decided to join a proper school. This book takes you through the problems of his first year at school, alongside his older Sister, Via's story. Despite all the disasters the story ends happily for everyone.

**Why I like it...** I like the message of the story which was that everyone can find a way to fit in, no matter who they are.

**Why I would recommend it...** It is about people in our age group starting a new school (in August's case) or making new relationships (in Via's case). It has a side of the story for everyone.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher

Amy and Matthew by Cammie McGovern



**Charlie Williamson 8F**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Valley of Secrets

**Author:** Charmaine Hussey

**Genre:** Mystery/Adventure

**What the book's about...** The main character, an orphan Stephen, receives an unexpected letter which entitles him to a mysterious manor in Cornwall. There he discovers journals that his grandfather wrote when he travelled to the Amazon. But a description in the book matches the strange creature Stephen rescued on one of his explorations of the land. And who do the strange glowing eyes that Stephen sees in the dark night belong to?

**Why I like it...** I liked how the mysteries all added up to one thing through the journals of Stephen's grandfather. I like how Stephen shows his kindness towards the strange animal. I also like that Stephen and I feel the same about the rainforest.

**Why I would recommend it...** It's a very enjoyable book with all of its twists and turns. Even though it is set in the late 1800, early 1900 it is easy to understand.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Listen to the Moon by Michael Morpurgo  
Frozen in Time by Ali Sparkes

Soundless by Richelle Mead  
Fire Spell by Laura Amy Schlitz



**Izzy Woodhouse 9C**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Angels and Demons

**Author:** Dan Brown

**Genre:** Mystery/Thriller

**What the book's about...** Following the murder of scientist Leonardo Vetra, Robert Langdon must decipher strange symbols brandished into Vetra's chest. These symbols, Langdon discovers, belong to the Illuminati cult—an organisation presumed long dead. With Vittoria Vetra, scientist and daughter of Leonardo Vetra, Langdon finds himself in Rome where the Illuminati once again oppose their sworn enemy, the Catholic Church!

**Why I like it...** This captivating novel is full of danger and excitement. Surprises are flung upon the reader at every turn. This is a very different book to my usual preferences, however it is very interesting.

**Why I would recommend it...** Very different novel that keeps you on the edge of your seat. Not only does the story itself inspire, the overall mystery of whether this can be linked to true events is always exciting. Due to graphic descriptions this book is not suitable for Years 7 and 8.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown (sequel to Angels and Demons) (Age 14+)



**Nerys Feeney-Howells 9C**

**The book I would recommend is...**  
The 100

**Author:** Kass Morgan

**Genre:** Sci-Fi/Dystopian

**What the book's about...** A nuclear war caused the surviving humans to flee to space aboard the ark stations but oxygen is running low. The council decide to send down 100 criminals to earth to test whether earth is now survivable. But can they survive the harsh conditions? And are they the only people down there?

**Why I like it...** It has a very gripping plotline, unlike anything I have read before. It has a great back story for characters with complicated problems to solve.

**Why I would recommend it...** It is a fantastic book that keeps you on the edge of your seat and is very interesting.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**  
The 100 - Homecoming by Kass Morgan  
The 100 - Day 21 by Kass Morgan



**Jess Culley 8C**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Sky is Everywhere

**Author:** Jandy Nelson

**Genre:** Romance/Loss

**What the book's about...** Lennie Walker lost her sister four weeks ago and she leaves poems scattered around the town in an attempt to cope with the loss. Then Joe Fontaine returns from Paris with his family and can sense the overwhelming sadness coming from Lennie and her Gran and Uncle Big. He makes it his personal mission to make Lennie smile, but in the process of getting to know her he finds and collects Lennie's poems, causing him to fall for her then trying to convince Lennie that she is still capable of love.

**Why I like it...** I loved the poems Lennie writes and how they are written. Even though her sister Bailey is dead before the book even begins, it feels as though you get to know Bailey through Lennie's poems.

**Why I would recommend it...** I would recommend this as it shows not only how others deal with loss but how they can, with the help of friends and family, pick themselves back up and fall in love even after losing the one they loved the most.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Looking for Alaska by John Green



**Nathan Rooney 8C**

**The book I would recommend is...**  
Higher Institute of Villainous Education  
(H.I.V.E.)

**Author:** Mark Walden

**Genre:** Action/Mystery

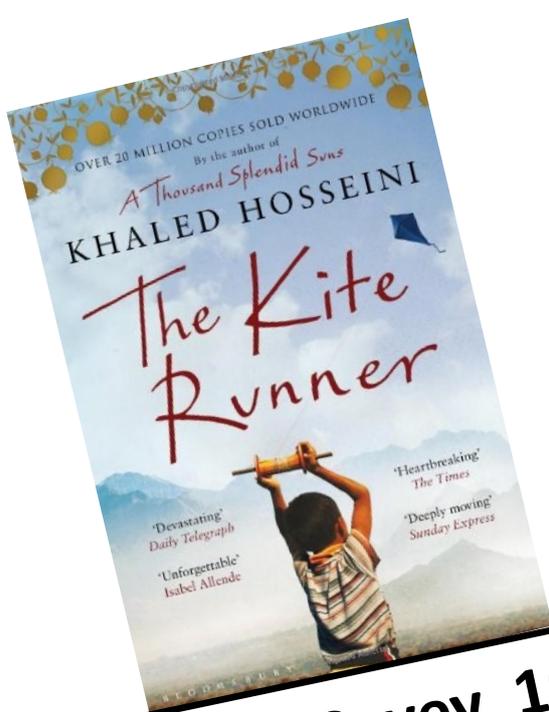
**What the book's about...** The book is very exciting with mystery right from the start. This book is the first in the series of H.I.V.E. books. In this book you find out about the characters past and get to know the first four main characters. As well as getting to know people there is also excitement as they try to escape from the school.

**Why I like it...** I liked the excitement in the book especially toward the end. I also enjoyed the mystery throughout which made me want to keep on turning the pages.

**Why I would recommend it...** Many students like to read action stories and this is a good mix of both action and mystery. This book would most appeal to lower school students in Years 7 - 9.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...** The other books in the H.I.V.E. series. As the series progresses the amount of action increases as you get further into the life at H.I.V.E.

*The Overlord Protocol*      *Escape Velocity*      *Dreadnought*  
*Rogue*                      *Zero Hour*                      *Aftershock*                      *Deadlock*



**Leanne Covey 10C**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Kite Runner

**Author:** Khaled Hosseini

**Genre:** Mystery/Non Fiction

**What the book's about...** There are two boys who grow up with each other in Afghanistan. One of them is a HAZRA - a different race - and he gets mocked for it. They have a kite tournament and this boy gets beaten up. His friend runs away because he is a coward. Then the war comes and only the boy who is not a HAZRA goes to America with his Dad to rebuild his life. But he will have to come back because his past will haunt him.

**Why I like it...** I think you can really connect to the characters over the book. It is very touching on many levels.

**Why I would recommend it...** Its probably a little hard hitting for Years 7 and 8, so would recommend more to Years 9 and 10.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

The Raven Cycle by Maggie Stiefvater

Permanent Rose and Indigo Star by Hilary McKay



**Ellie Billington 10G**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Eragon

**Author:** Christopher Paolini

**Genre:** Fantasy

**What the book's about...** 'Eragon' tells the story of a farm boy called Eragon who finds a mysterious stone in the mountains. The stone turns out to be a dragon's egg, from which a blue dragon (who becomes Saphira) hatches: this makes Eragon a dragon rider who goes on to challenge villains and the tyrannical king Galbatorix as well as rebuilding the empire of the great Dragon Riders. The story continues throughout the other remaining three books in the series.

**Why I like it...** Although it was fantasy/fiction, every detail was precise and thought out. It was very well-written with a captivating storyline.

**Why I would recommend it...** Because it is a fantastic story. It may be a challenging read for Years 7 and 8 because the writing style and language can be complicated.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Eragon is the first of a series of four books within The Inheritance Cycle - the other three being Eldest, Brisingr and Inheritance - all by Christopher Paolini.

Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness) by Michelle Paver



**William Culley 7F**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Redwall—Rakkety Tam

**Author:** Brian Jacques

**Genre:** Action/Adventure

**What the book's about...** The story focuses on Rakkety Tam a roguish Highlander squirrel and his battle with Gulo the Savage: a vicious beast-eating wolverine who descends upon the Redwall Abbey in search of a relic called the Walking Stone. This book is one of a series of Redwall books by Brian Jacques.

**Why I like it...** It is very adventurous and exciting with lots of riddles that need to be solved along the way.

**Why I would recommend it...** Because its very detailed and fast paced, but at the same time, not difficult to read.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Truckers, Diggers, Wings - three books within the Nome Trilogy by Terry Pratchett  
Discworld by Terry Pratchett



**Nathan Austin 10G**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Book Thief

**Author:** Markus Zusak

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

**What the book's about...** 'Death' introduced himself as the narrator. The main protagonist, Liesel, is on a train to Munich in Nazi Germany when her brother dies. Liesel's parents are taken to a concentration camp and Liesel ends up living with a foster family. There she is bored yet adventurous and she has an opportunity to repossess some books. Together with her friend Rudy they cause lots of mischief until the bombs start to fall.

**Why I like it...** The second person narrative is different and unusual, making the book an interesting read. I personally enjoy realistic fiction and this book's plot line, historical realism and accuracy I found enticing.

**Why I would recommend it...** Its an interesting and engaging read for anyone that has a liking of WWII. The book is probably more suitable for Years 9—10 due to strong language in parts.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne - (suitable for Year 9 +)

The Pacific by Hugh Ambrose (Year 10+) - requires a large attention span and basic knowledge of Pacific War to enjoy.

Warhorse by Michael Morpurgo



**The book I would recommend is...**

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

**Author:** Agatha Christie

**Genre:** Murder Mystery

**Phoebe Frampton 10E**

**What the book's about...** A powerful rich man is found stabbed on a very important evening - the night he was finally going to find out who was blackmailing his wife, which led to her suicide. The town's doctor and the quietly ingenious detective team up to investigate this baffling murder. They must locate the whereabouts of Ackroyd's son and the identity of the blackmailer. The sinister tune of this murder shows Ackroyd was a man who knew too much.

**Why I like it...** I love the fact that this book gets your mind working. If you like solving puzzles this book is definitely for you. Furthermore the parts of mystery intrigued me as well as the characters.

**Why I would recommend it...** The book was an easy read and extremely addictive. It is a fabulous holiday read particularly for long plane journeys! Moreover the components have a grown up tone but were still easy to understand.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

I would definitely recommend other Agatha Christie books. My top three are:  
And Then There Were None, A Caribbean Mystery, Murder on the Orient Express



**Rory Coe 9D**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Knife of Never Letting Go

**Author:** Patrick Ness

**Genre:** Science Fiction

**What the book's about...** Set in the future on a planet similar to Earth, every man's thoughts can be heard by everyone (also animals can talk). A young boy named Todd living in a male only town called Prentisstown is forced to run away, with only a map of the "New World", a message and unanswered questions. He finds a girl and is chased by an army of Prentisstown. The two must hurry to warn an incoming ship of settlers as Mayor Prentiss prepares an army for war.

**Why I like it...** I like the story and I enjoy seeing how life would be with small things changed like being able to hear peoples thoughts.

**Why I would recommend it...** Although it's a long read it is an interesting story. You have to be interested in learning about the world and committed to reading the book/s to find out about the story.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

The Knife of Never Letting Go is part of the Chaos Walking Trilogy. The other books in that series are:

The Ask and the Answer

Monsters of Men

**The book we would recommend is...**

The Weight of Water

**Author:** Sarah Crossan

**Genre:** Poetic Drama



**The Year 8 Book Group**

**What the book's about...** When Kasienska's father leaves the family home in Poland in search of a new life, her broken-hearted mother resolves to follow him to England. Kasienska, who is reluctant to leave Poland, finds their shabby new home in Coventry damp and depressing. To make matters worse, Kasienska is constantly made to feel like an outsider in her new school: she is ostracised by the other girls and finds no solace at home, as her mother spends all her free time determinedly searching the streets of Coventry for her missing husband. The only release Kasienska finds from her problems is through swimming and an important friendship she makes at the pool with a boy called William.

**Why we like it...** The story is written in free verse, a narrative poem, so it is easy to read despite the author handling some pretty heavy topics - abandonment, bullying, peer pressure and adjustment to a life in a new country. The characters are very realistic and likeable.

**Why we would recommend it...** We feel this is an important read in today's society, tackling the subject of immigration and the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Due to the ease of reading, the book would appeal to all age groups. It's a moving, unsentimental coming of age story.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Shine by Candy Gourlay

Smart by Kim Slater



**Mrs Johnson**  
**Learning Resources Coordinator**

**The book I would recommend is...**

**We Were Liars**

**Author: E. Lockhart**

**Genre: Mystery**

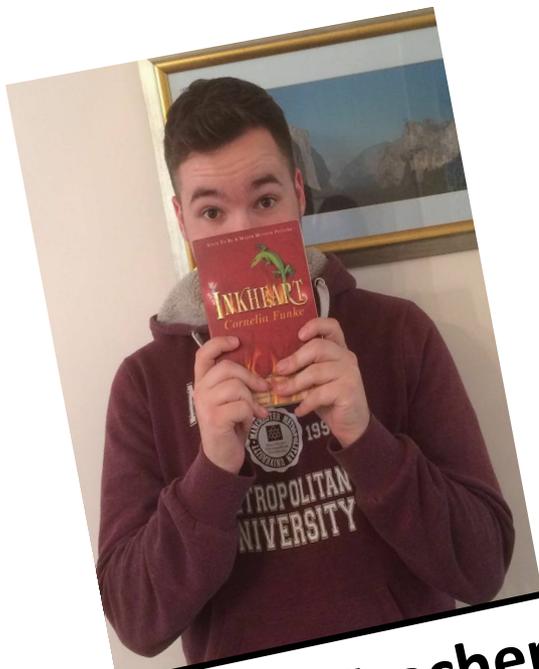
**What the book's about...** Cadence Sinclair Eastman is a member of the beautiful, rich Sinclair family where everything, to an outsider, appears perfect. Every summer Cadence and her cousins spend idyllic holidays on their private island off the east coast of America. The problem is things aren't idyllic anymore and Cadence can't remember why. She is a shadow of her former self, suffering from terrible headaches and depression which her mother tells her are due to an accident on the island the previous summer. But Cadence can't remember and everyone is hiding the truth.

**Why I like it...** The book is incredibly well written, with an easy flowing style. It is easy to feel a part of the story and empathise with Cadence frustration at her lack of memory. Cadence leads us on a journey to discover the truth behind what really happened. The ending will leave you stunned.

**Why I would recommend it...** It is a totally gripping read. You won't want to put the book down as the story gradually unravels. And when you get to the end you will want to start again from the beginning because NOTHING is what you thought it was. (Maybe not be suitable for Years 7 and 8 due to bad language)

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

I Am The Messenger by Markus Zusak (suitable for Years 9 and 10)



**Mr Vyse, Teacher**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Inkheart

**Author:** Cornelia Funke

**Genre:** Fantasy

**What the book's about...** Meggie discovers that her father can literally read characters out of books and make them come to life. Unfortunately this means villains can come out of the stories as well. And because they come out, something or someone else from the real world must swap back into the story. Meggie's Dad read aloud from a book called Inkheart and several characters came out... and Meggie's Mum went in. This begins a thrilling adventure.

**Why I like it...** I really loved the 'story within a story' aspect. I love the idea of bringing characters to life and the consequences this can have both in the real life and within the book world they are taken from.

**Why I would recommend it...** I first read this book when I was in year 9 and I couldn't put it down. The book is part of a trilogy and they all fantastic. It has action, humour, horror, fantasy and romance. What more could you want!

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Inkspell and Inkdeath (parts 2 and 3 of the Inkheart trilogy) by Cornelia Funke

The Artemis Fowl books by Erin Colfer

The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman



**Mrs Cane, English Teacher**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Penguin Lessons

**Author:** Tom Michell

**Genre:** Non Fiction/  
Autobiography

**What the book's about...** Tom is on holiday when he comes across a beach full of oil covered penguins. From this tragic scene he spots one penguin who is still alive and who follows Tom home. The penguin and man form a very special bond in a story about love and acceptance.

**Why I like it...** I love a good true story - the remarkable happening in the ordinary person's life. And the penguin - one of the best characters I have ever read about.

**Why I would recommend it...** It's very simple in terms of the story-telling - one man's journey with a penguin by his side. But it has many lessons to teach anyone of any age.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Animal Books:

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Ring of Bright Water by Gavin Maxwell

Autobiographical books

Wild Swans by Jung Chang

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt



**Amelia Adams 7C**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Ratburger

**Author:** David Walliams

**Genre:** Humour

**What the book's about...** This story is about a girl called Zoe who lives with her Dad and Stepmother. Zoe loves animals and when her hamster dies she discovers a rat living in her bedroom. The rat is discovered by her Stepmother who alerts Pest Control man Burt. Burt threatens to turn the rat into a "rat burger" along with thousands of other rats and sell them to members of the public.

**Why I like it...** It's a funny, exciting and thrilling read.

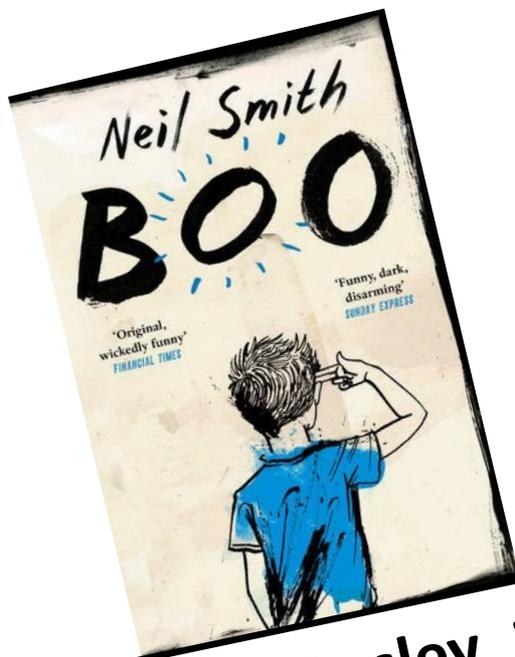
**Why I would recommend it...** because Zoe, the main character, is of a similar age to me and I found the book very enjoyable and funny.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Any other David Walliams books, but especially:

Demon Dentist, Mr Stink and Awful Auntie

Also Ribblestrop by Andy Mulligan



**William Bosley 10C**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Boo

**Author:** Neil Smith

**Genre:** Adventure/Comedy

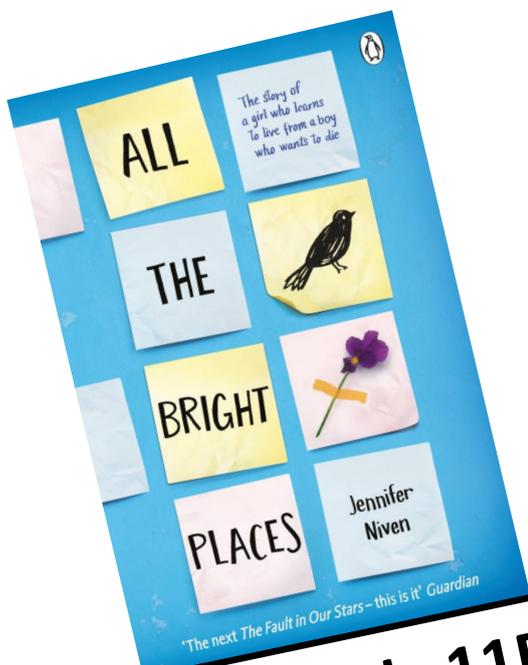
**What the book's about...** When Oliver "Boo" Dalrymple wakes up in heaven, he thinks he died of a heart defect at his school. But soon Boo discovers he was murdered. And his killer may also be in heaven. With help from the volatile Johnny, a classmate killed at the same school, Boo sets out to track down the boy who cut short both their lives. This story, written to his parents, relates Boo's heavenly adventures as he tests the limits of friendship, learns about forgiveness and, finally, makes peace with the boy he once was and the boy he can now be.

**Why I like it...** The book shows a funny representation of the afterlife with a host of unique characters and lots of twists and turns in the plot.

**Why I would recommend it...** It is an interesting story and not too dark considering the subject matter.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs



**Beth Ford 11D**

**The book I would recommend is...**

All the Bright Places

**Author:** Jennifer Niven

**Genre:** YA Contemporary

**What the book's about...** It is a beautiful story about a girl who learns to live from a boy who wants to die. It follows two teenagers, a boy called Finch and a girl called Violet, as they teach each other how to live. It shows the raw truth of mental illness and how much of a problem it is, especially amongst teenagers.

**Why I like it...** I liked how it showed the effects of mental illness from both the sufferer and their loved ones. It is also very truthful and doesn't try to cover up or romanticise the harsh truth about mental health and how serious of a problem it is. I believe it can show someone an insight into the difficulties of living with mental illnesses and highlights how it is a real problem that is not helped enough.

**Why I would recommend it...** I believe that it may be too hard hitting for the lower years and would recommend it to years 9 and above.

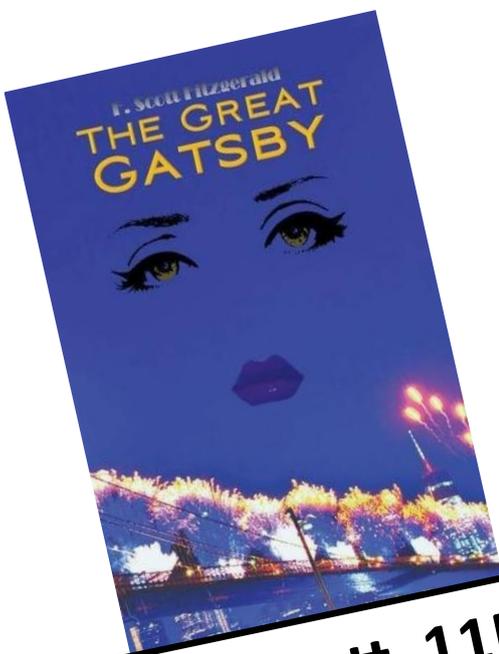
**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

We were liars by E. Lockhart

Before I Die by Jenny Downham

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher

Looking for Alaska by John Green



**Harry Trott 11E**

**The book I would recommend is...**

The Great Gatsby

**Author:** F Scott Fitzgerald

**Genre:** Fictional Modernism

**What the book's about...** A rich entrepreneur has dedicated his life to becoming a man of statue in an attempt to gain recognition from his life-long love now a wedded women. Set in the cultural revolution of the 1920's, the hope, based on the green light of the American dream is shown to end in heartache and tragedy.

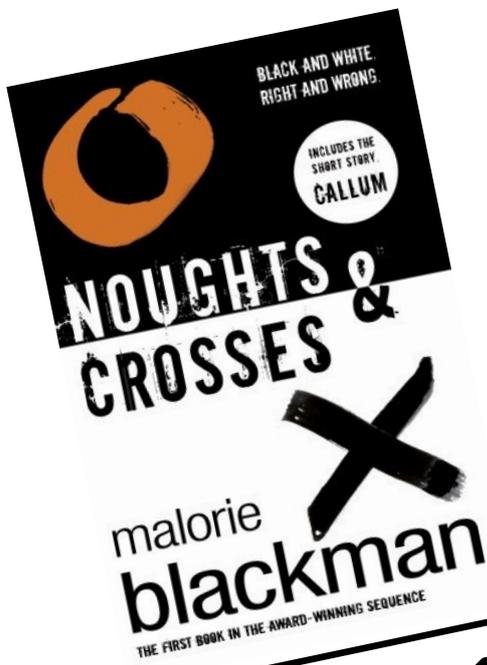
**Why I like it...** The on-looking narration provides a clear continuous summary of the dramatic happenings in the book.

**Why I would recommend it...** It's a classic novel that has two film adaptation, one in which stars the incredible Leonardo Di Caprio!

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

On the Road by Jack Kerovac

Any Arthur Miller Play: The Crucible, Death of Salesman, All my sons, A View from a Bridge



Ellen Heath 11E

**The book I would recommend is...**

Noughts and Crosses

**Author:** Malorie Blackman

**Genre:** Dystopian

**What the book's about...** The novel is set in a world where there is extreme prejudice against white people. White people are noughts and black people are crosses. The book follows two teenagers - Callum, a nought and Sephy a cross - who grow up together and fall in love despite the world around them.

**Why I like it...** I particularly like this book as it has lots of twists and is very exciting, but it also makes you think about issues in life.

**Why I would recommend it...** It's a great book. It keeps you hooked the whole way through and deals with lots of interesting and real-life issues in an imaginative way.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

To Kill a Mocking Bird by Harper Lee

Eve and Adam by Michael Grant

The Universe Versus Alex Woods by Gavin Extence



**Luca Iannelli 7D**

**The book I would recommend is...**

Stormbreaker - Alex Rider Series

**Author: Anthony Horwitz**

**Genre: Action/Adventure**

**What the book's about...** Alex Rider was told his uncle died in an accident but when he finds his uncle's windscreen riddled with bullet holes, he knows it wasn't an accident. He later learns his uncle was killed while on a top-secret mission and from then there is no turning back. Finding himself in the middle of terrorists, Alex must outsmart the people who want him dead. The government has given him the technology, but only he can provide the courage. Should he fail, every child in England will be murdered in cold blood.

**Why I like it...** There is lots of fast paced action and it never gets boring.

**Why I would recommend it...** A lot of people in years 7+ will enjoy the fight scenes and action.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

Stormbreaker is the first book in the Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horwitz. Other books in the series are: Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eaglestrike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snakehead, Crocodile Tears, Scorpia Rising, Russian Roulette



**Mr Andrews, Teacher**

**The book I would recommend is...**

**Oliver Twist**

**Author: Charles Dickens**

**Genre: Classic Fiction**

**What the book's about...** This is the story of an orphan, Oliver Twist, who endures a miserable existence in a workhouse and then is placed with an undertaker. He escapes and travels to London where he meets the Artful Dodger, leader of a gang of juvenile pickpockets. Naïvely unaware of their unlawful activities, Oliver is led to the lair of their elderly criminal trainer Fagin. There he is exposed to the criminal world and forced into committing crimes against his will.

**Why I like it...** The way Dickens draws the reader in with his emotive descriptions. You become part of the story.

**Why I would recommend it...** Dickens style of writing engages the reader. It is a perfect introduction to 20th century literature.

**Other books in the same genre that I have enjoyed...**

I really enjoy Charles Dickens, so I would recommend anything by him, but particular favourites are Great Expectations and A Christmas Carol.

## Want more ideas for a good read....

Here is a list of Teenage/Young Adult books that have been published in the last twelve months that received positive reviews and recommendations. The list has been compiled by Halesworth Bookstore:

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness

Monster by C J Scuse

Queen of Shadows by Sarah J Mass

The Wild Beyond by Piers Today

Angel Diaries by Joss Stirling

Tinder by Sally Gardner

Soundless by Richelle Mead

Testing Times for Tabitha Baird by Arabella Weir

What We Left Behind by Robin Talley

Egg and Spoon by Gregory Maguire

The Box of Demons by Daniel Whelan

Moth Girls by Anne Cassidy

The Darkest Part of the Forest by Holly Black

Front Lines by Michael Grant

How Hard Can Love Be? By Holly Bourne

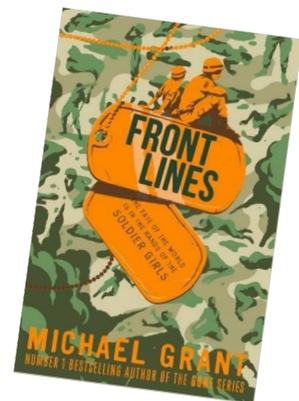
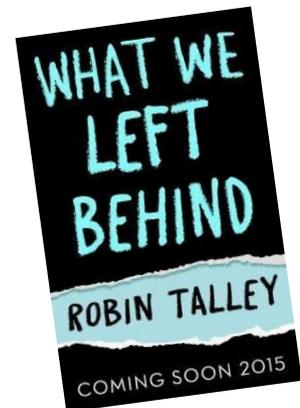
Off the Page by Jody Picoult and Samantha Van Leer

The Double Axe by Philip Womack

Burning Midnight by Will McIntosh

Demon Road by Derek Landy

Rebel of the Sands by Alwyn Hamilton



Broken Sky by L A Weatherly

The Honeymoon Sisters by Gwyneth Rees

The Secret Series 1: Bad Luck by Pseudonymous Bosch

Vanishing Girls by Laurent Oliver

Beetle Boy by M G Leonard

Connor's Brain by Malcom Rose

The Island by Olvia Levez

Star Stuck by Jenny McLachlan

Endgame by Chris Ryan

The Art of Not Breathing by Sarah Alexander

The Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

The Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J Maas

End Game by Alan Gibbons

Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella

Lying About Last Summer by Sue Wallman

The Monstrous Child by Francesca Simon

The Shepherd's Crown by Terry Pratchett

Concentr8 by William Sutcliffe

Nightwanderers by C J Flood

One by Sarah Crossan

The Other Alice by Michelle Harrision

Re-made by Alex Scarrow

Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence

Listen to the Moon by Michael Morpurgo

