

Year 8 Recommended Reads

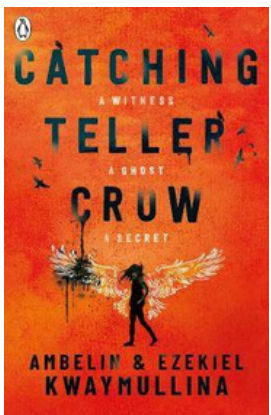
Adventure:



Yuki and Taka must come to terms with the loss of their life as they knew it, and try to emerge from a tragedy with optimism for the future.



CHERUB agents are aged between 10 and 17. They live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals to jail.



Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since she died. Her dad, a detective, is the only one who can see her and hear her, and he's drowning in grief.



Old Babagoo has always looked after Landfill. The most important rule he follows is NEVER go beyond the wall. But Landfill longs to venture Outside.

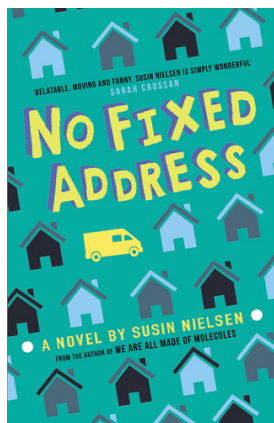


Adam was born at midnight in on the 1st January 2020. A cult that believes boys born on the stroke of the new millennium must die before the end of their 13th year.

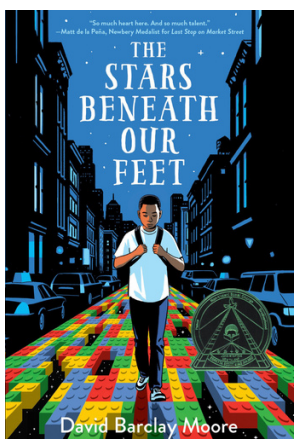
Realistic:



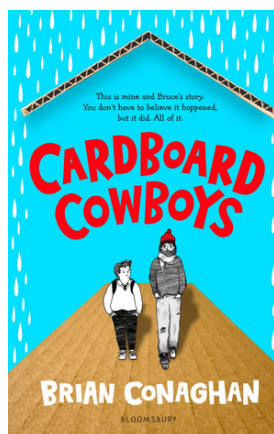
Sam is only 15 but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them.



Felix and his mom Astrid have a secret: they are living in a van. But Felix has a plan: he's going to go on a game show and win the cash prize.



A boy tries to steer a safe path in the wake of his brother's death. Building a fantastical Lego city at the community center provides Lolly with an escape

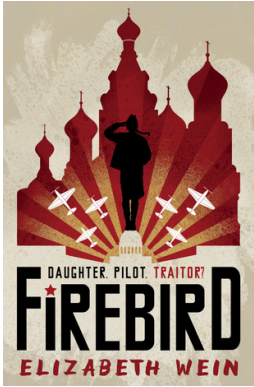


Optimistic Lenny meets Bruce, a homeless man. They strike up an unusual friendship that leads both of their lives to change for the better.

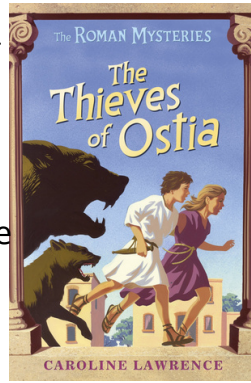


Amara wants to visit New York to meet her dad's family and see where he grew up. Her dad hasn't spoken her Grandpa Earl. What could make them so mad at each other?

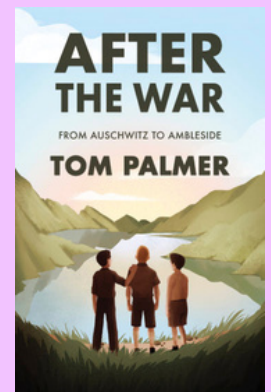
Historical:



Nastia is a daring pilot, the daughter of revolutionaries, and now, as WW2 descends on Russia, she must fight to save the glorious Motherland but all is not as it seems.



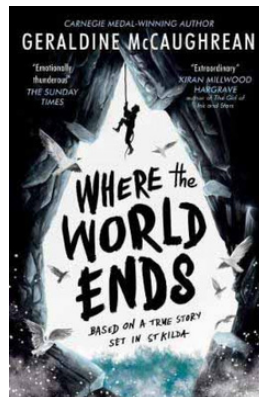
In AD79, Flavia and her three friends, Jonathan, Nubia and Lupus, must work together to discover who is beheading the watchdogs that guard people's homes, and why.



Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District having survived life in a concentration camp.



Heroism or cowardice? Following 24 hours in a young soldier's life at the front during WW1, and his memories as he looks back over his life.

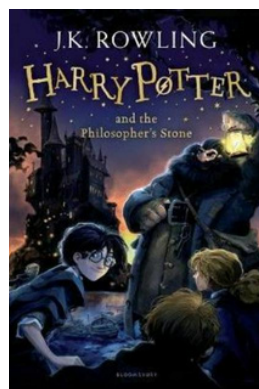


In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stack to harvest birds for food. This year no one returns to collect them...

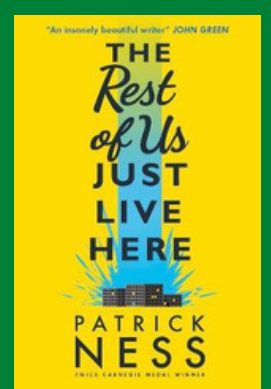
Fantasy:



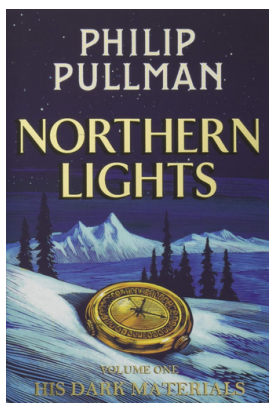
For years, the local Spook has been keeping the County safe from evil. Now his time is coming to an end, but who will take over? Many apprentices have tried. One boy is left.



On his 11th birthday Harry Potter finds out he's a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School. An incredible adventure is about to begin...



What if you weren't the Chosen One? What if you were like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate. Even if his best friend might just be the God of mountain lions...

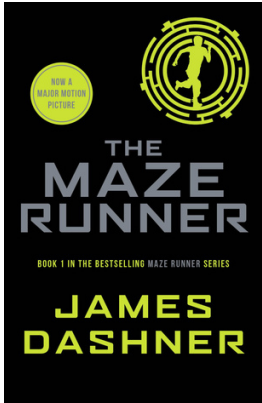


Lyra and her animal daemon have a destiny which will take her to lands where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. A journey which will impact far beyond her own world...



Most people only know one London; but what if there were several? Kell is one of the last Travelers magicians with a rare ability to travel between parallel Londons.

Science Fiction:



Thomas finds himself in a glade at the centre of a terrible stone maze along with other boys. All he remembers is his name...



Zen is a thief, hopping across the galaxy, hoping he won't get caught when he is approached by the mysterious Raven to infiltrate the Emperor's train.



Disease, war and crime have been eliminated. The only way to be killed is by scythes. Citra and Rowan are teenagers who have been selected to be scythes' against their will.

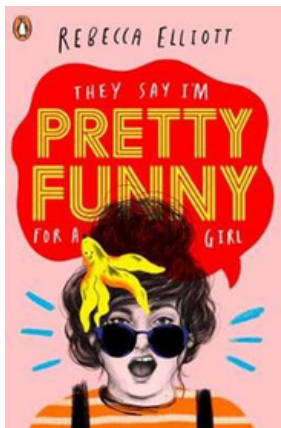


For Tris, the world changes in a heartbeat when she is forced to make a terrible choice. Tris ventures out, alone, determined to find out where she truly belongs.

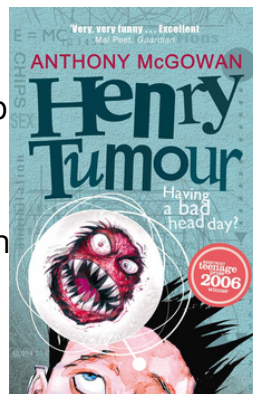


Two worlds. Two millennia. One love . . . A fearless Roman gladiator. A reckless twenty-first-century girl. A mysterious virus unites them.

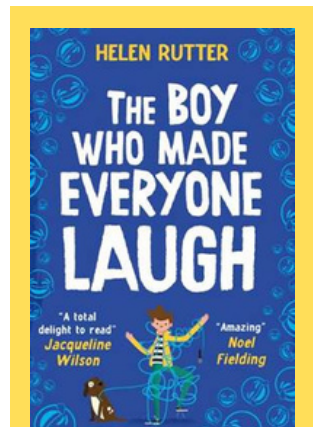
Funny:



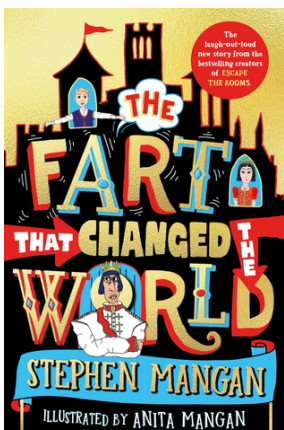
Haylah hates being teased but would love to be a stand-up comedian. How can she make it happen when everyone, even gorgeous Leo, just sees her weight when they look at her?



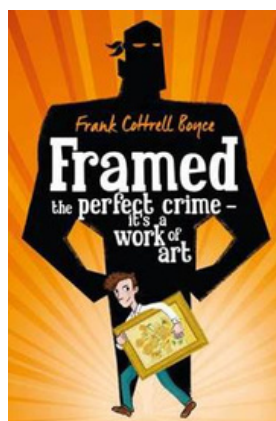
Hector has a problem: he has a brain tumour. Not only that, it starts to take control of Hector. Funny, shocking, and thought-provoking.



Billy Plimpton is a boy with a big dream. He wants to be a stand-up comedian. Delivering punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every word.



A series following Greg Heffley, a middle-schooler who illustrates his daily life in a diary. A funny and fantastic international best-seller.



When mysterious lorries appear in Dylan's tiny Welsh town he's confounded. Who are these people – and what have they got to hide?

Animal Stories:



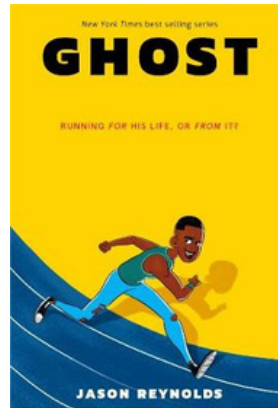
September 1939. The world is on the brink of war. As his dad marches off to fight, Noah makes him a promise, to keep their beloved family dog safe.



Deep in the heart of the African jungle, a baby gorilla is captured by a group of rebel soldiers. Imara and Bobo are two children also imprisoned in the rebels' camp.



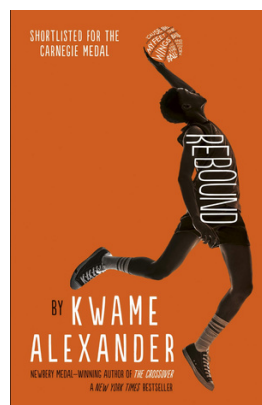
When Peter has to move in with his grandfather he has to leave Pax, a fox rescued, behind. Follow this moving story of their friendship and their epic journey to be reunited.



Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?



Sports journalist Paul Faustino interviews the man they call El Gato, legendary goal keeper. El Gato tells his incredible story – how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup-winning goalkeeper through a ghostly but very real mentor, the Keeper.

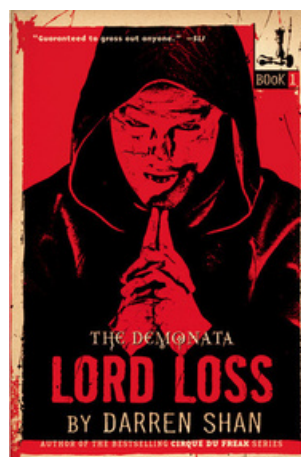


When Charlie Bell gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?

Horror:

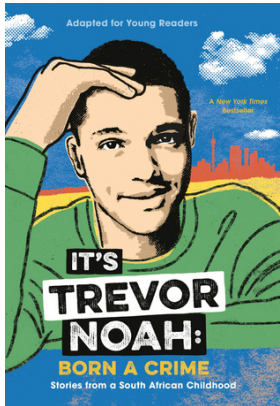


In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice.

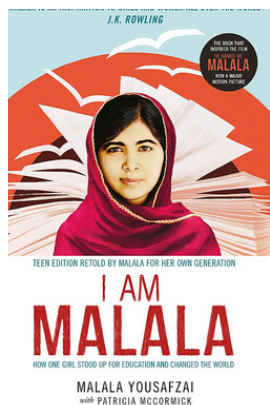


Magic. Demons. Curses. Werewolves. When Grubbs Grady comes home to find his family slaughtered by demons his world is turned upside down. Told from the perspectives of Bec, Grubbs and Kernel, follow our heroes over 10 books as they try to save the world.

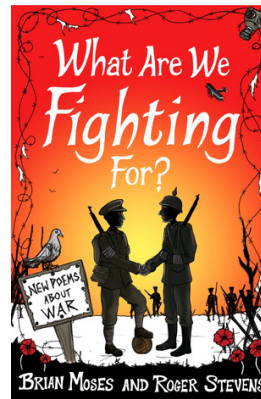
Biography:



Trevor Noah shares his remarkable story of growing up in South Africa with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child to exist.



When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. This book will make you believe in how one person's voice to inspire change.



Poetry:

Starting from 1914, this collection of poems explores individual as well as universal experiences of life, love, death and bereavement from the perspective of adults, children, soldiers and civilians.



A beautiful collection of poems about one week in a secondary school where everything happens all at once. From facing it, fitting in, finding friends and falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, worrying, and wearing it well.

Classics:



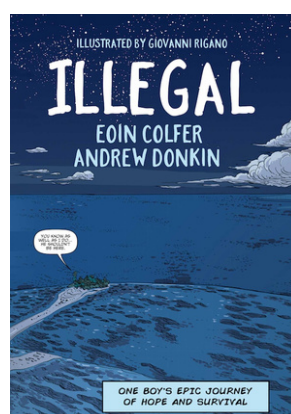
The Outsiders is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year-old boy. The novel tells the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider.



Falling down a well is bad enough, but Anya's normal life might actually be worse. She's embarrassed by her family and she's pretty much given up on fitting in at school. A new friend - even a ghost - is just what she needs.



The story follows the lives of the four March sisters; Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy. They girls live with their loving mother in a quiet town in Massachusetts, their father is away serving in the American Civil War.



Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.

Graphic Novels: