

# 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.



In the blink of an eye all the adults disappear in a small town in southern California and no one knows why. Chaos rules the streets. Sides are chosen.



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:



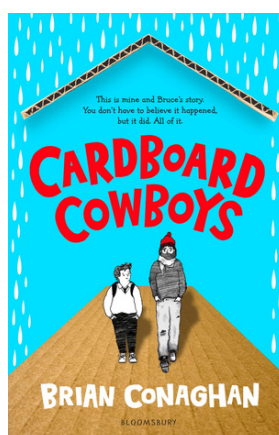
Sam is only 15 but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them.



It's easy to pick on someone who can't fight back. So she starts a blog; a place to speak up. But there's a problem... Is she becoming a bully herself?



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?



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



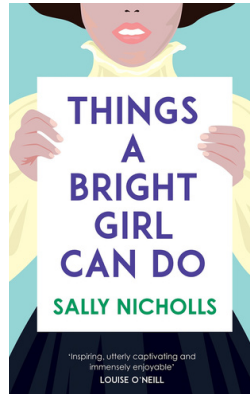
Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.



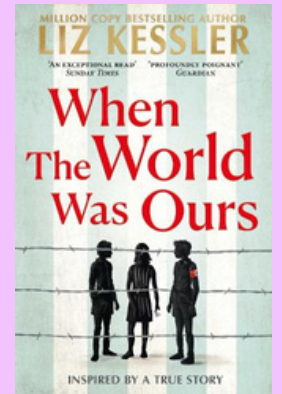
## Historical:



When the new Laird's cruelty becomes apparent, there's no more time for daydreams. Bridie needs to help the people she loves escape to the safety of the New World.



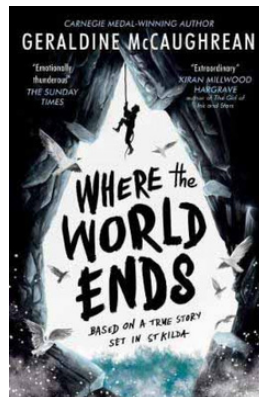
Through rallies and marches, in drawing rooms and prison cells and the slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote.



Elsa, Leo and Max have always been best friends, a special team of three. Then the Nazis come. Leo and Elsa flee while Max is drawn into the Hitler Youth.

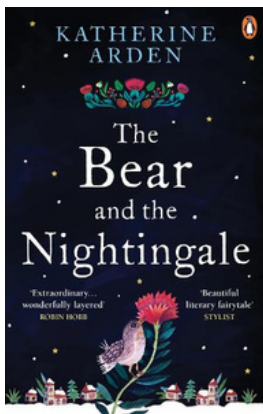


Heroism or cowardice? Following 24 hours in a young soldier's life at the front during WW1, and his memories as he looks back over his life.

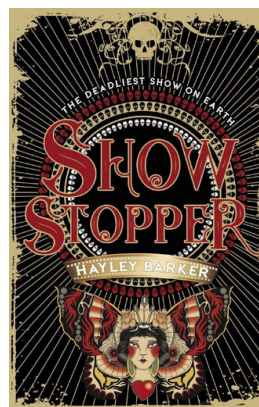


In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stack to harvest birds for food. This year no one returns to collect them...

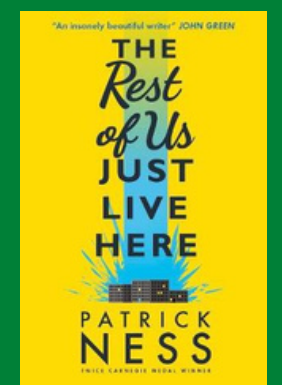
## Fantasy:



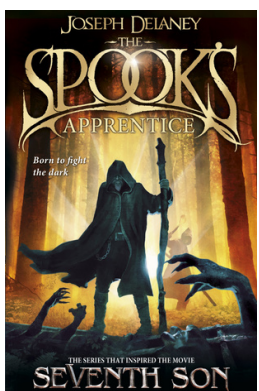
For wild Vasya stories are far more than just stories. She alone can see the house spirits that guard her home, and sense the growing forces of dark magic in the woods...



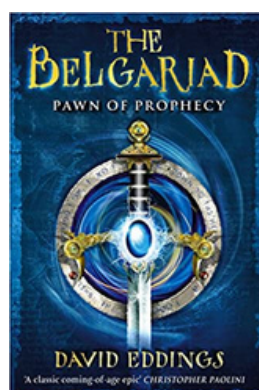
With death-defying acrobatics, circus crowds with an appetite for disaster, two forbidden teenage lovers try to escape the shackles of their different lives.



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...



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.



Garion, a young farm lad, loves the story when he first hears it from the old storyteller. But it has nothing to do with him. Or does it? Torak is stirring again...



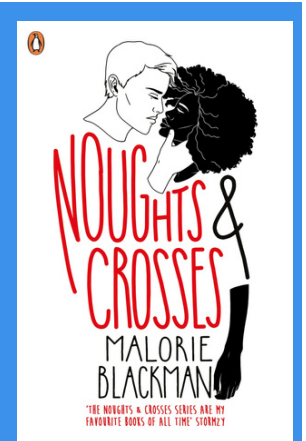
## Science Fiction:



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



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.



Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. Callum is a Nought: he's considered to be less than nothing. Love is out of the question.

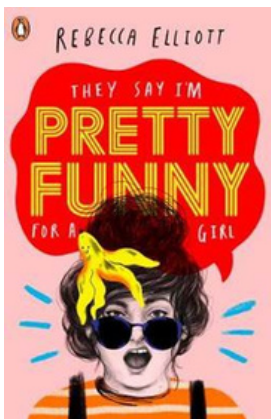


For Tris, the world changes in a heartbeat when she is forced to make a terrible choice. Tris ventures out, alone, determined to find out where she truly belongs.

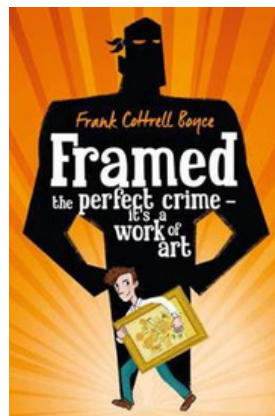


Two worlds. Two millennia. One love . . . A fearless Roman gladiator. A reckless twenty-first-century girl. A mysterious virus unites them.

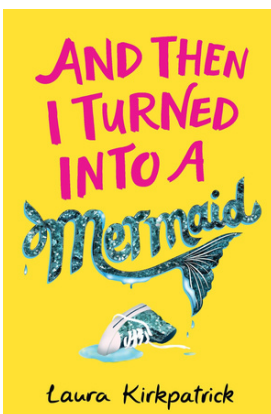
## Funny:



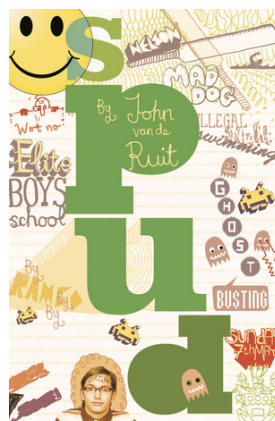
Haylah hates being teased but would love to be a stand-up comedian. How can she make it happen when everyone, even gorgeous Leo, just sees her weight when they look at her?



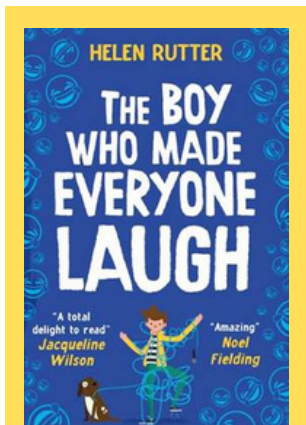
When mysterious lorries appear in Dylan's tiny Welsh town he's confounded. Who are these people – and what have they got to hide?



Molly's dull life is turned upside down when she's let in on the family secret. Molly isn't exactly thrilled. Growing up is hard enough without sprouting a fish tail!



With only his wits and his diary, Spud takes on illegal midnight swims, catastrophic cricket matches, ghostbusting escapades, girls and disastrous holidays.



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.



## Mystery:



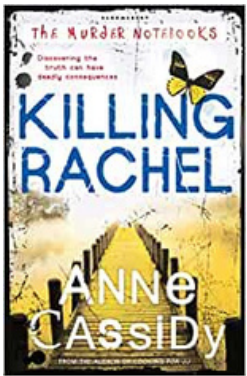
Sydney believes the crash that killed her dad wasn't an accident. Then the threatening texts begin. June Copeland - homecoming queen - has something to do with it, she's sure.



Beth Teller's on the road with her dad, a police detective who's just been assigned a new case in the rural outback. But Beth is a ghost.



Living with anxiety and OCD is complicated enough. But best friend Daisy drags Aza on a mission to find a fugitive billionaire and things about to get even more complex.

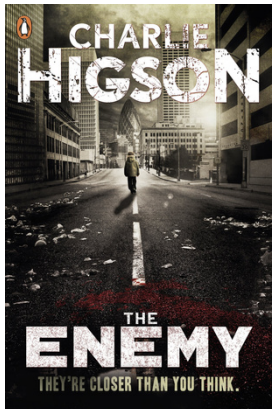


Rose's mother and Joshua's father have disappeared. Police inquiries have gone nowhere and the case, it seems, is closed.



There's a killer at Ruby's new school. It's Ruby. On her first day at school, Ruby finds a note in her locker saying "I KNOW YOU DID IT".

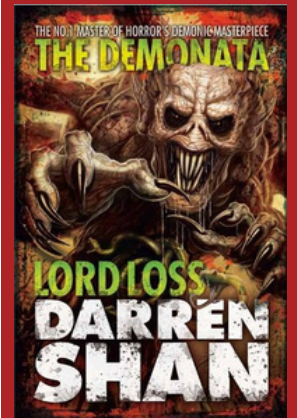
## Horror:



They'll chase you. They'll rip you open. They'll feed on you.... When the sickness came every adult fell ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry.



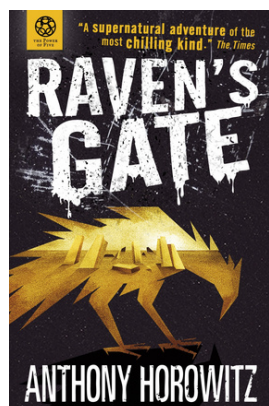
Billy is a street urchin. Mister Creecher is a monstrous man. Unlikely friends, they're both on the trail of their target, Victor Frankenstein.



Magic. Demons. Curses. Werewolves. When Grubbs Grady comes home to find his family slaughtered by demons his world is turned upside down.



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.



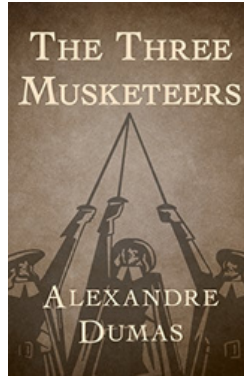
Matt uncovers a dark secret. Eight guardians are protecting the world from the Old Ones. But devil worshippers want to let the Old Ones back in....



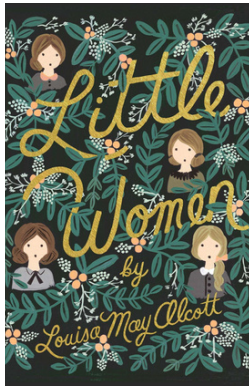
## Classics:



A plane crashes on a desert island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. It isn't long before their innocent games become a murderous hunt ...



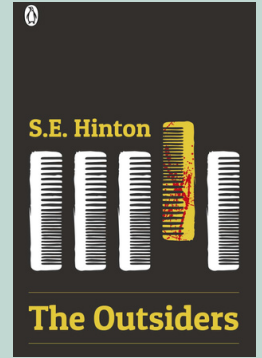
D'Artagnan arrives in Paris to join the King's elite guards, but almost immediately finds he is duelling with some of the very men he has come to swear allegiance to...



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.

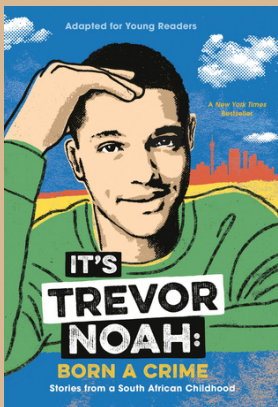


Father's gone and now they have to move to the countryside. Robert, Peter and Phyllis try to solve the mystery of their father's disappearance.

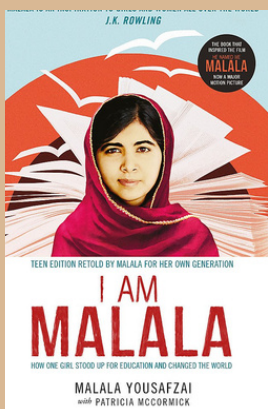


The Outsiders is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year-old boy. The novel tells the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider.

## 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.

## Graphic Novels:



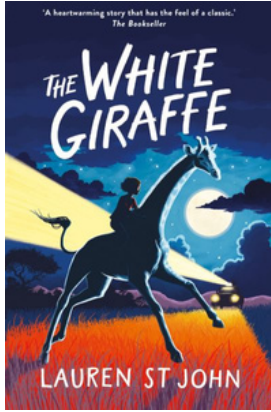
A first-hand account of John Lewis' struggle for civil rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.



Kiku suddenly finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her late grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to during World War II.



## Animal Stories:



Martine's new home is riddled with secrets, but she finds comfort in the legend of a white giraffe and in mysterious Grace, who believes Martine has a powerful gift.



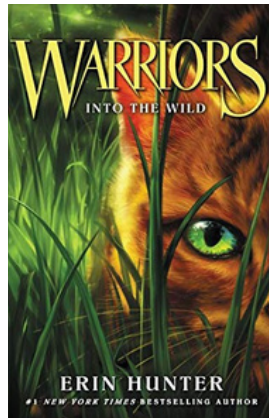
In an African jungle, a baby gorilla is captured by a group of rebel soldiers. Imara and Bobo are two children also imprisoned in the rebels' camp.



Nursed back to health by Aman, Shadow becomes a constant companion. But life in Afghanistan becomes more dangerous by the moment and they attempt the journey to the UK.

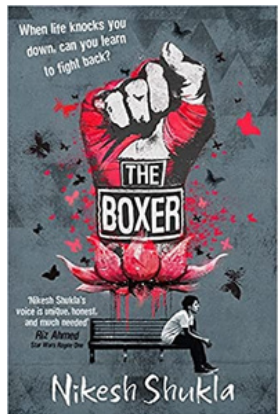


A deeply moving story of war horse Daisy and her 16-year-old owner Will, sent from the Australian outback to the gruelling Middle Eastern campaign of the First World War.

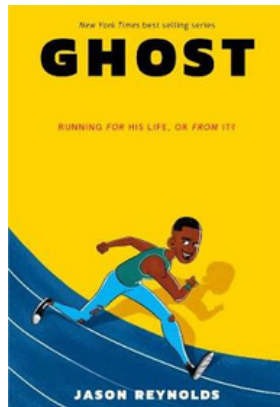


A series based on the adventures and drama of multiple Clans of feral cats. Thrilling fantasy adventures full of battles, action, treachery and cliff-hangers.

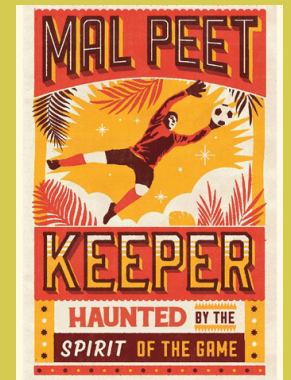
## Sports:



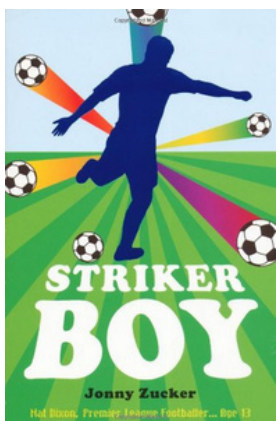
Told over the course of the ten rounds of his first fight, this is the story of amateur boxer Sunny who started the hobby after a racist attack.



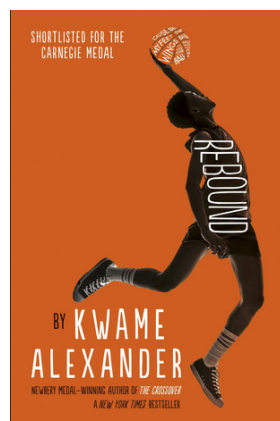
Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best. But will his past finally catch up to him?



A sports journalist interviews a legendary goal keeper who tells his incredible story of how learnt to be a World Cup-winning goalkeeper through a ghostly but very real mentor.



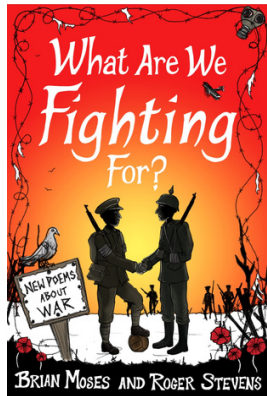
Nat is Hatton Rangers' mystery new signing - and their only chance of avoiding relegation, but what they don't know is that Nat is only thirteen.



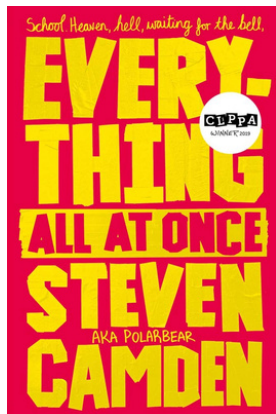
Charlie Bell is packed off to stay with his grandparents. There his cousin introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But then trouble comes knocking once again...



## 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.

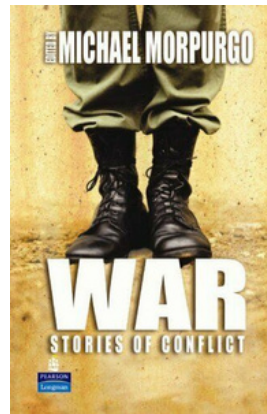


A beautiful collection of poems about one week in a secondary school where everything happens all at once. From facing it, fitting in, finding friends and falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, worrying, and wearing it well.



A girl travels the path to her future in this powerful coming-of-age collection. Exploring relationships, deep feelings and the comfort of words, we follow her as she grows up - determined to find the freedom to be herself.

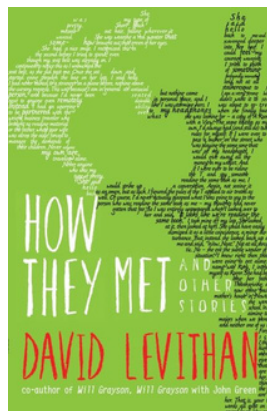
## Short Stories:



The drama, the cruelty, the courage and consequences of war feature in this collection of stories. From the Crusades to 1970s' Beirut to the Falklands, many aspects of war are explored in a collection of work that speaks powerfully to today's young readers.

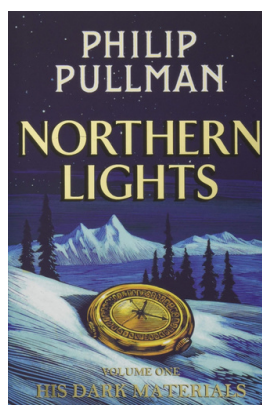
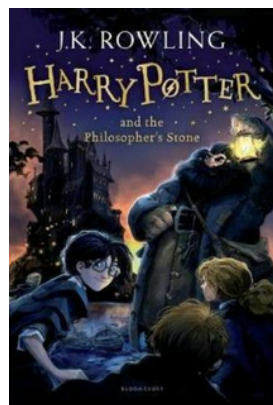
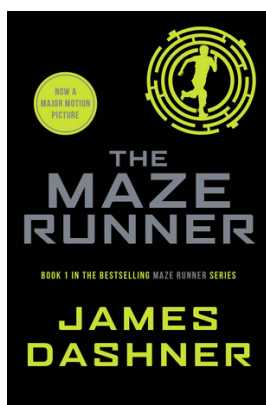


A stellar cast of acclaimed fantasy writers weave spellbinding tales that bring the world of witches to life. Boasting over 70 awards between them, authors including Neil Gaiman and Holly Black delve into the realms of magic to explore all things witchy.



Love is a complicated, addictive, volatile, scary, wonderful thing. From the happy-ever-after to the unrequited, author David Levithan explore the many aspects of the emotion turned most people inside out and upside down.

## Popular Series:



Dig into some tried and tested favourites. Run for your life from the Grievors in the Maze, travel to Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry, or discover a world of witches, daemons, and armoured bears. These series are famous for a reason!