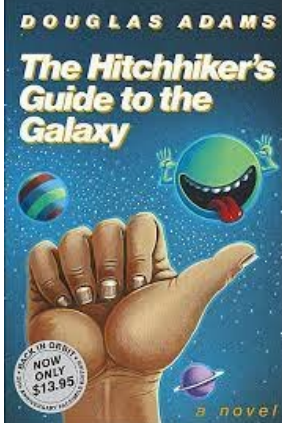
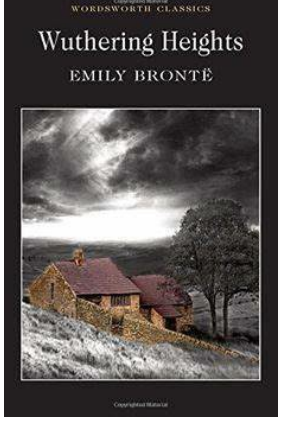
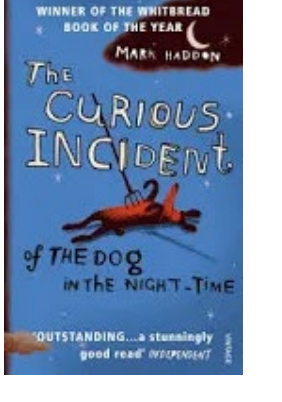
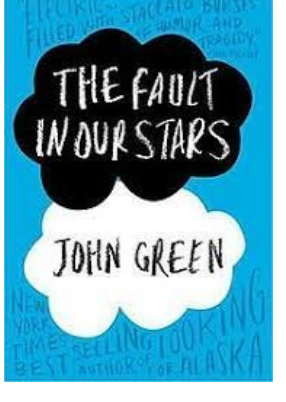

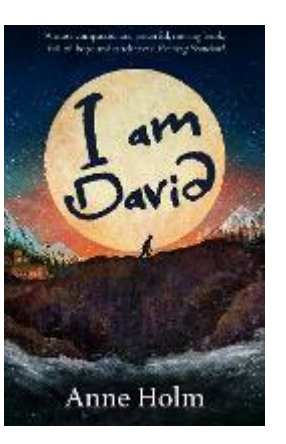
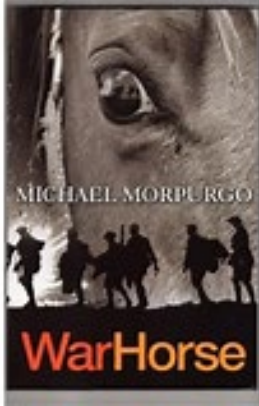


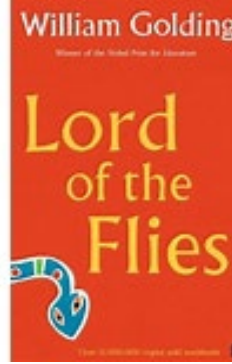
Year 8 'Must Reads'

	<p>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams</p> <p>Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Hilarious and irreverent, this is a modern classic.</p>		<p>Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë</p> <p>A wild, passionate story of the intense love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, a founding adopted by Catherine's father. After Mr Earnshaw's death, Heathcliff is bullied and humiliated by Catherine's brother Hindley. He proceeds to exact a terrible revenge for his former miseries.</p>
<p>Science Fiction/Humour</p>	<p>Classic</p>	<p>Classic</p>	<p>Classic</p>
	<p>The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon</p> <p>A murder mystery like no other, Christopher Boone is 15 and has Asperger's Syndrome. His investigation leads him to uncover a variety of family secrets and turns his world upside down.</p>		<p>The Fault In Our Stars by John Green</p> <p>Filled with dark humour, this raw and heartbreaking book addresses the big themes of love and the transience of life.</p>
<p>Diverse</p>	<p>Relationships</p>	<p>Relationships</p>	<p>Relationships</p>
	<p>The Tulip Touch by Anne Fine</p> <p>Nobody wants Tulip in their gang. She skives off school and makes herself unpopular with her classmates by telling awful lies. None of this matters to Natalie who finds Tulip exciting. However, increasingly Natalie realises that Tulip is going too far, much too far...</p>		<p>I am David by Anne Holm</p> <p>David escapes from the concentration camp where he has spent his entire life and flees across Europe. He is utterly alone – who can he trust? What will await him? And all the while, how can he be sure that they won't catch up with him...</p>
<p>Gothic</p>	<p>Gothic</p>	<p>Historical</p>	<p>Historical</p>



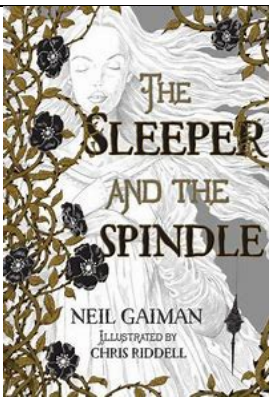
Historical

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
In the chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times.



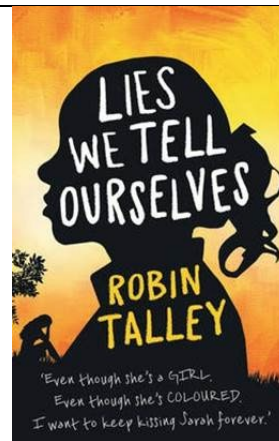
Classic

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
A group of British boys are stranded on an uninhabited island. They attempt to govern themselves, with disastrous results.



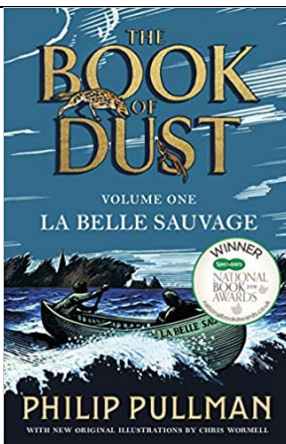
Illustrated/Fairy tale

The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman
This is a gripping fusion of familiar fairy tales told in a dark-hearted version, with spell-binding illustrations by Chris Riddell.



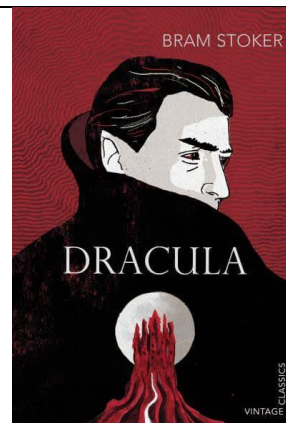
Racism/Relationships

The Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley
Sarah Dunbar is one of the first black students to attend Jefferson High School in Virginia. Popular Linda Hairston parrots her father's beliefs that integration goes against the natural order. When the two girls are thrown together, they delight in one another's company in spite of their differences.



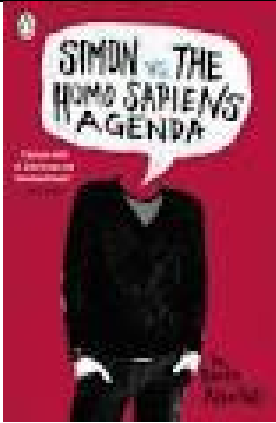
Fantasy

The Book Of Dust by Philip Pullman
Set 12 years before Northern Lights, La Belle Sauvage describes how the 11-year-old Malcolm Polstead and the 15-year-old Alice protect the infant Lyra. It introduces Dust as a mysterious subatomic particle, related to consciousness, and the origins of Lyra's alethiometer.



Gothic

Dracula by Bram Stoker
He is deathly pale. His fingernails are cut to points and his teeth are menacingly sharp. Yet even Count Dracula's appearance and the frightened locals are not enough to warn Jonathan Harker about his host. This is a land where babies are snatched and wolves howl menacingly, where reality is far more frightening than superstition.



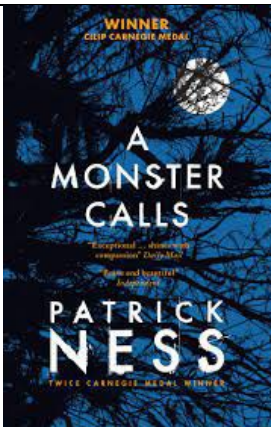
Relationships

Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli
Simon Spier is 16 and trying to work out who he is – and what he’s looking for. But when one of his emails to the very distracting Blue falls into the wrong hands, things get all kinds of complicated.



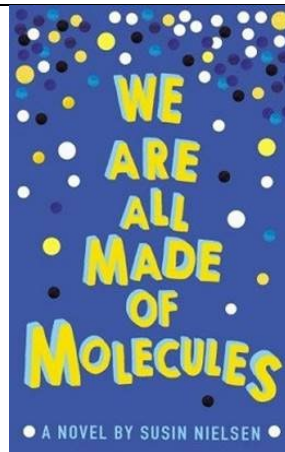
Mystery

The Lie Tree by Francis Hardinge
When Faith’s father is found dead under mysterious circumstances, she is determined to untangle the truth from the lies. Searching through his belongings for clues, she discovers a strange tree. A tree that feeds of whispered lies and bears fruit that reveals hidden secrets.



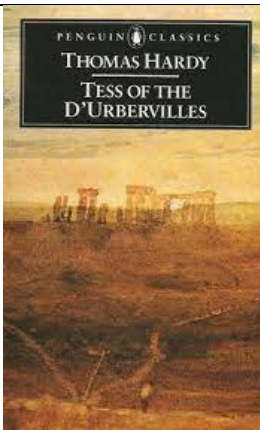
Fantasy/Grief

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. But tonight is different. Tonight when he wakes, there’s a visitor at his window. It’s ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.



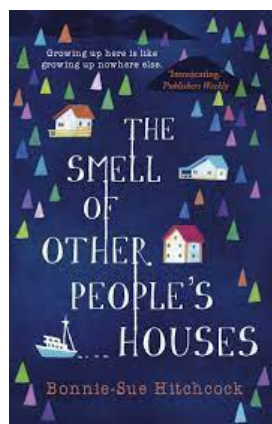
Relationships

We Are All Made Of Molecules by Susin Nielsen
Intellectually high-functioning, socially floundering Stewart; socially superior, insecure Ashley: their distinctive and compelling voices alternate as they negotiate painful, difficult relationships as two families forge themselves a new shape.



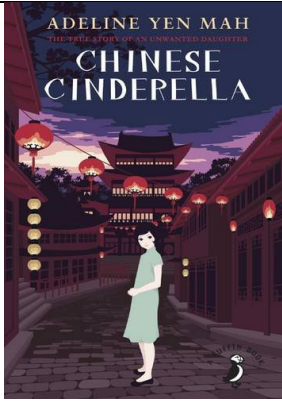
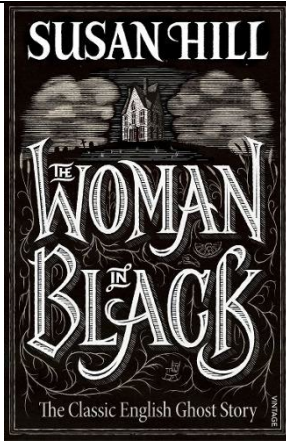

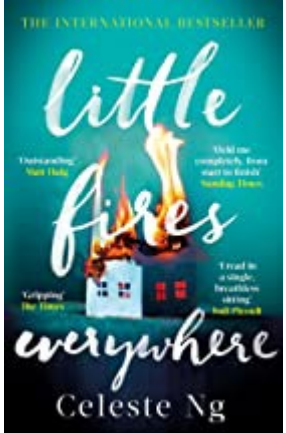
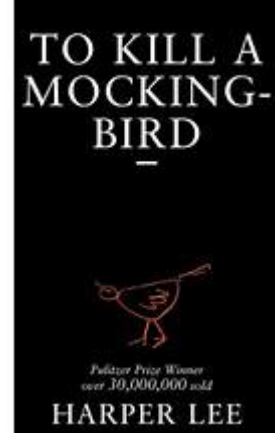

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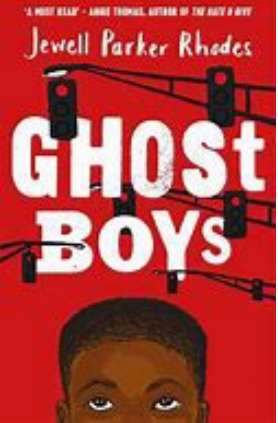
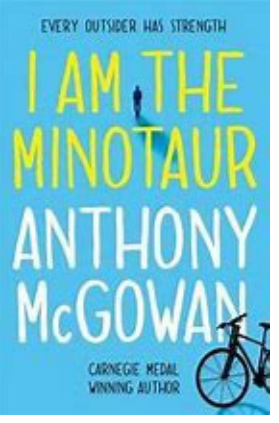

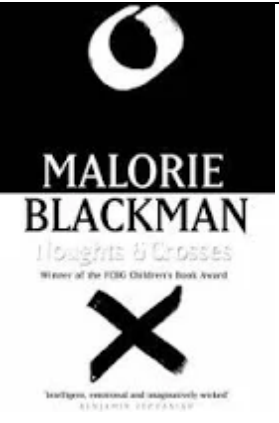
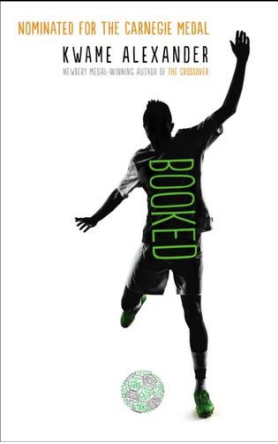
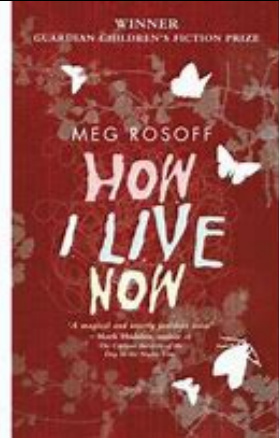
Tess Of The D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
Tess Durbeyfield is driven by poverty into the service of her wealthy 'relations'. Her lowly position leads her to become a victim of her cousin Alec. When she marries Angel Clare, she confesses her past with tragic consequences.



Mystery

The Smell Of Other People’s Houses by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock.
Alaska, 1970. Being a teenager here isn’t like being a teenager anywhere else. Ruth wants to be remembered. Dora wishes she was invisible. Alyce can’t bring herself to leave. Hank is running away. A thrilling novel, intertwining tragedy, wild luck and salvation.

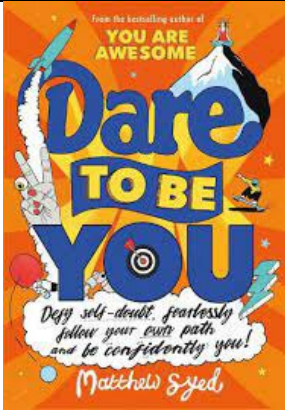
 <p>Biography</p>	<p>Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah The unforgettable story of a young Chinese girl's struggle to find acceptance within her own family and her survival amongst parents and siblings who think she represents bad luck. Based on a true story.</p>	 <p>Thriller</p>	<p>The Woman In Black by Susan Hill Arthur Kipps, a young lawyer, travels to a remote village to put the affairs of a recently deceased client in order. Masterfully atmospheric and chilling to the core, this is a pitch-perfect horror story.</p>
 <p>Mystery</p>	<p>Seven Ghosts by Chris Priestley A tour guide stirs up old ghosts in a stately home, and as Jake hears tales of the children who haunt these walls, he realises that something is very, very wrong.</p>	 <p>Contemporary</p>	<p>Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng The arrival of enigmatic artist Mia Warren and her teenaged daughter Pearl in Shaker Heights, Ohio, upends the Richardson family, who lead a seemingly idyllic life. When friends attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts, dividing the town - and putting Mia and Elena Richardson on opposing sides.</p>
 <p>Classic</p>	<p>To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee Set in the American Deep South in the 1930s, this classic novel explores the story of a black man charged with attacking a white woman. It addresses the terrible impact of racism in America through a young girl's point of view.</p>	 <p>Poetry</p>	<p>Everything All At Once by Steven Camden A poignant, funny, true-to-life, and punch-packing collection of poems about one week in a secondary school 'where everything happens all at once'.</p>

 <p>Contemporary</p>	<p>Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...</p>	 <p>Relationships</p>	<p>I Am The Minotaur by Anthony McGowan Fourteen-year-old Matthew struggles to look after his mum, himself, and to make friends. Everything is much easier if no one notices him, so he stays under the radar and watches life from the side-lines. Until one day he sees his chance to make a good impression for once.</p>
 <p>Classic</p>	<p>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson In seeking to discover his inner self, the brilliant Dr Jekyll discovers a monster. First published to critical acclaim in 1886, this mesmerising thriller is a terrifying study of the duality of human nature.</p>	 <p>Action/Racism & Prejudice</p>	<p>Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. Callum is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing: a blanker. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies. Then - in spite of a world that is fiercely against them - these star-crossed lovers choose each other.</p>
 <p>Sport</p>	<p>Booked by Kwame Alexander 'Like lightning/you strike/fast and free/legs zoom/down field/eyes fixed/on the checkered ball/on the goal.' 12-year-old Nick is football-mad who hates books. This energetic novel-inverse captures all the thrills and setbacks, the action and emotion of a World Cup match.</p>	 <p>Historical</p>	<p>How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff Daisy is sent from New York to England to spend a summer with cousins she has never met. She never met anyone quite like them before. But their lives are about to explode. War breaks out - a war none of them understands, or really cares about, until it lands on their doorstep.</p>



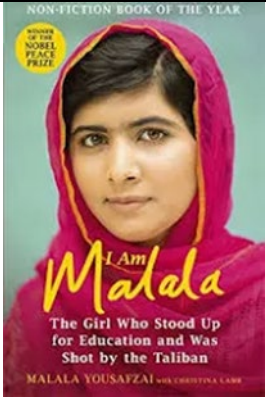
Mystery

Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy
 Alice Tully knows exactly what happened that spring day six years ago, though it's still hard for her to believe it's real. She's making a go of things, putting all that behind her. But Alice's past is dangerous and it's about to rip her new life apart.



Non-Fiction: Positive Thinking

Dare To Be You by Matthew Syed
 With a mix of hilarious text, stylish illustration, personal insights and inspiring real-life examples, including Greta Thunberg and Malala Yousafzai, Matthew Syed introduces children to the power of diverse thinking. He encourages them to celebrate what makes them different and question the world around them.



Biography

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
 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 education. In October 2012, when she was fifteen, she was shot at point-blank range. Few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey. She has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.