



Unless otherwise stated, these books are suitable from Year Nine and up, but please do research the books yourself before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.

Action and Adventure

Julie Bertagna	Exodus	On an island threatened by global warming, Mara must think of a way not only to save herself, but also to save the world.
Ian Fleming	The Spy Who Loved Me	A James Bond novel. Vivienne Michel is running away – from pain, from rejection, from humiliation. When she stumbles into a criminal plot, her life seems over.
Holly Jackson	A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	Five years ago, Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend. However, the body was never found. Pippa suspects it wasn't an open and shut case, and decides to study it for her final year project at school.
Muhammad Khan	Mark My Words	As part of her school newspaper enquiries, fifteen-year-old Dua digs up some things she shouldn't get involved in.
Richard Kurti	Maladapted	Cillian is the sole survivor of a devastating terrorist attack. How did he survive when everyone else was killed?
C. L. Taylor	The Treatment	All sixteen-year-old Drew Finch wants is to be left alone. When her brother gets expelled from school for the third time and sent to a residential academy, she is relieved. However, one day she is followed home by the mysterious Dr. Cobey who claims that there is something sinister about the school and the 'treatment' her brother is undergoing.
Terri Terry	Contagion	An epidemic is sweeping the country. You are among the infected. There is no cure, and you cannot be permitted to infect others. You are now under quarantine. The very few of the infected who survive are dangerous and will be taken into the custody of the army...
Chris Wooding	Retribution Falls Series	The adventures of the crew of a pirate space-ship.

Growing Up and Relationships

Michael Albon	The Five People You Meet in Heaven	An elderly amusement park maintenance worker named Eddie dies while operating a ride. Eddie goes to heaven, where he meets five people who were unexpectedly instrumental in some way in his life.
Laurie Anderson	Wintergirls	Cassie and Lia are best friends and united in their quest to be thin. But when Cassie is found dead in a motel room, Lia must question whether she continues to lose weight, or choose life instead.
Judy Blume	Are you there God? It's me, Margaret	Life isn't easy for Margaret. She's moved away from her childhood home and started a new school. She is also convinced that she is not normal. For a start, she hasn't got a clue whether she wants to be Jewish, like her father, or Christian, like her mother.
Elise Bryant	Happily Ever Afters	Tessa Johnson has never felt like the protagonist of her own life, and she rarely sees anyone pictured like herself in romance novels. The

		only place she feels at home is writing swoony romances she only shares with her best friend. However, when Tessa gets accepted into the creative writing program of a prestigious school, all of the words vanish!
Cecil Castellucci	Boy Proof	Meet Egg. Her real name is Victoria Jurgen, but she's renamed herself after the heroine of her favourite science fiction movie, <i>Terminal Earth</i> . Egg dresses in all white, colours her eyebrows and shaves her head.
Stephen Chbosky	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Charlie is a freshman. And while he's not the biggest geek in the school, he also is not very popular. Shy, introspective and intelligent beyond his years he is a wallflower: caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it.
John Green	Paper Towns	A dark American comedy about a popular school girl who goes off the rails and is helped by an old friend.
Simon James Green	Noah Can't Even	Noah's plans to be normal are derailed when Harry kisses him at a party.
Jenny Han	The Summer I Turned Pretty Series	Every year Isabel spends a perfect summer at the beach. But this summer is different. This is the summer she turns pretty – and the year two brothers will notice her for the first time.
Lisa Heathfield	Paper Butterflies	June's life at home with her stepmother and stepsister is a dark one – and a secret one. Not even her father knows about it. She's trapped like a butterfly in a jar. But then she meets Blister, a boy in the woods. In him, June recognises the tiniest glimmer of hope that perhaps she can find a way out. But freedom comes at a price...
David Levithan	Every Day	Each morning, 'A' wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but 'A' is used to that. And that's fine – until 'A' wakes up in the body of Justin, and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment on, the rules by which 'A' has been living, no longer apply.
Manjeet Mann	Run Rebel	Amber is trapped – by her father's rules, by his expectations and by her own fears. Now she is ready to fight. However, freedom always comes at a price. This is a verse novel.
Lauren Oliver	Before I Fall	The story of a young girl who has to live her death, over and over again until she fixes something in her life.
Annabel Pitcher	Ketchup Clouds	Fifteen-year-old Zoe has a secret. A dark and terrible secret that she can't confess to anyone she knows. One day, Zoe tells this secret – in letters to a man in prison in America, on death row.
James Scudamore	The Amnesia Clinic	A story about the friendship between two teenage boys in Ecuador.
Jennifer Smith	The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight	Hadley isn't sure if she believes in destiny or fate. However, on what is potentially the worst day of her life, she meets Oliver.
Dustin Thao	You've Reached Sam	Seventeen-year-old Julie has her future all planned out – move out of her small town with her boyfriend, Sam. But then Sam dies. And everything changes. Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls Sam's mobile, just to listen to his voicemail. However, Sam picks up the phone...
Laura Wood	Under a Dancing Star	In grey 1930s England, Bea has grown rebelling against the conventions of the time. However, she knows that one day she will have to marry someone her parents choose – someone rich enough

		to keep the family estate alive. But she longs for so much more – adventure, excitement, travel, and maybe even romance.
Marcus Zusak	Getting the Girl	A story about Cameron, who is deeply in love with Octavia.

Young Feminists

Melissa Bashardoust	Girl, Serpent, Thorn	This novel is “an alluring feminist fairytale” about a girl cursed to be poisonous to the touch, and who discovers what power might lie in such a curse.
Alechia Dow	The Sound of Stars	Two years ago, a misunderstanding between the leaders of Earth and the invading Illori resulted in the death of one-third of the world’s population. Today, seventeen-year-old Elli Baker survives in an Illori-controlled centre in New York City. All art, books and creative expression are illegal. However, Ellie breaks the rules by keeping a secret library.
Namina Forna	The Gilded Ones	Deka lives in fear and anticipation of the blood ceremony that will determine whether she will become a member of her village. She prays for red blood to feel like she belongs, but it runs gold. A mysterious woman gives her a choice: stay in the village and accept her fate, or join an army of girls just like her.
Camryn Garrett	Off the Record	This is a story about a teen journalist named Josie, who wins a chance to write a cover story about a famous actor. However, whilst writing the story she discovers a sexual assault scandal and must decide whether to report it. This is a moving testament to the #metoo movement.
Jamie Paction	The Life and Medieval Times of Kit Sweetly	Working as a ‘wench’ at a cheesy medieval-themed restaurant in the Chicago suburbs, Kit Sweetly dreams of being a knight like her brother. However, company policy only allows men to be knights...This is the story of Kit’s attempt to prove that gender restrictions should stay medieval! 14+
Tess Sharpe	The Girls I’ve Been	A feminist, suspenseful thriller where the daughter of a con artist is taken hostage in a bank heist and must use all her skills to survive. Soon to be a Netflix film starring Millie Bobby Brown. 14+

Classics

Douglas Adams	The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy	One Thursday lunchtime, Earth gets unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyperspace highway.
Jane Austen	Emma	The life of Emma Woodhouse – a beautiful, clever young woman.
Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice	Sisters look for love in early nineteenth-century England.
Alexandre Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo	Edmund Dantes is the victim of a miscarriage of justice and becomes fuelled with a desire for revenge.
Jostein Gaarder	Sophie’s World	A brilliant introduction to philosophy explored through the eyes of a teenage girl living in Norway.

Joseph Heller	Catch 22	It's the closing months of World War Two and Yossarian has never been closer to death. Stationed in an American bomber squadron, each flight mission introduces him to thousands of people determined to kill him.
Ernest Hemingway	The Old Man and the Sea	Set in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Havana, Hemingway's magnificent fable is the story of an old man, a young boy and a giant fish.
Susan Hill	The Woman in Black	Arthur Kipps is summoned to attend the funeral of Mrs Alice Drablow for work. At the funeral, he glimpses a wasted young woman, dressed all in black. A creeping sense of unease begins to take hold, which is exacerbated by the locals, who refuse to talk about her.
Aldous Huxley	Brave New World	A novel set far in the future. A dystopian tale of the World Controllers, who have created the ideal society.
Harper Lee	To Kill a Mockingbird	A black man is charged with the rape of a white girl. A classic look at childhood and growing up in the deep South of America in the 1950s.
William Shakespeare	Much Ado About Nothing	Proud and vivacious Beatrice, and high-spirited Benedick both claim that they will never get married. But when Don Pedro tricks them both into believing that they like each other, both begin to question their beliefs.
Bram Stoker	Dracula	When Jonathan Harker visits Transylvania to help Count Dracula purchase a London house, he makes horrifying discoveries in his client's castle.
Leo Tolstoy	Anna Karenina	A tale of love and adultery set against the backdrop of high society in Moscow and Saint Petersburg.
H. G. Wells	The Time Machine	A scientific novel which explores the consequences of time travel.

Fantasy

Alexandra Bracken	Lore	Every seven years, nine Greek gods are forced to walk the earth as mortals and are hunted by the descendants of ancient bloodlines, seeking divine power and immortality.
Rachel Burge	The Twisted Tree	Martha can tell things about a person just by touching their clothes, as if their emotions and memories have been absorbed into the material. It started the day she fell from the tree at her grandma's cabin and became blind in one eye.
Melvin Burgess	The Lost Witch	Bea has started to hear and see things that no one else can – creatures, voices, visions. Then strangers visit Bea and tell her she is different. Her parents think she is hallucinating and needs help. All Bea wants to do is get on with her life, and get to know Lars, the mysterious young man that she has met at the skate park.
Tanya Byrne	Afterlove	After Ash is killed in a car accident, she must choose between becoming a Reaper, gathering souls for the afterlife, or seeing her first love Poppy again. This is a lesbian supernatural romance.
Ian Doescher	William Shakespeare's Star Wars	Inspired by one of the greatest minds in the English language, here is an official re-telling of George Lucas' epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard.
Frances Hardinge	Unraveller	In a world where anyone can cast a life-destroying curse, only one person has the power to unravel them.

Julie Kagawa	The Iron Raven Series	Robin Goodfellow. Puck. Prankster, joker, raven, fool. He is King Oberon's right-hand jester from <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> . The legends are many, but the truth will now be known as Puck finally tells his own story and faces a threat unlike any before.
George R. R. Martin	A Game of Thrones	Sorcery, mystical creatures, politics and brutality. When you play the game of thrones, you win or you die. There is no middle ground.
Richard Matheson	I Am Legend	The last man on Earth finds he is not alone in this novel about vampires, survival and the end of the human race.
Patrick Ness	Monsters of Men	Three armies arrive on New Prentisstown, each one intent on destroying the others. Todd and Viola are caught in the middle, with no chance of escape. At the battles commence, how can they hope to stop the fighting?
Audrey Niffenegger	The Time Traveller's Wife	The extraordinary love story of Clare and Henry who met when Clare was six, and Henry was thirty-six. They were married when Clare was twenty-two, and Henry was thirty. Impossible, but true. Henry suffers from a rare condition, where his genetic clock periodically resets itself and he is pulled suddenly into his past or future.
Larry Niven	Footfall	Earth is invaded by creatures that resemble baby elephants.
Marcus Sedgwick	White Crow	A tale of two young girls who form a friendship over a long, hot summer. A seventeenth-century tale of experiments in the afterlife.

Horror

Lindsay Barraclough	Long Lankin	The terrifying tale of a house cursed by ancient evil and two children who visit with their great aunt.
Alex Bell	Frozen Charlotte (Red Eye)	Sophie's cousins live in an old schoolhouse. When she goes to visit them one summer, she finds a room full of antique dolls.
Alex Bell	The Haunting (Red Eye)	People say that all Cornish inns are haunted, but the Waterwitch's history is particularly chilling. Built from the salvaged timber of a cursed ship, the secrets go further back than anyone can remember.
Alex Bell	The Lighthouse (Red Eye)	On Bird Rock, gannets circle the mysterious lighthouse. Jess and Rosie know something is wrong and decide to investigate. However, soon Rosie disappears, and no one but Jess remembers her at all...
Kendare Blake	All These Bodies	Sixteen bloodless bodies are found in the Midwest. You read the right, all of the bodies have been completely drained of blood.
Tim Bowler	Buried Thunder	A gripping supernatural thriller about a family who buy a remote guest house in a sleepy village with dark secrets.
Simon Cheshire	Flesh and Blood (Red Eye)	Sam Hunter's neighbours are pillars of the community and the most influential people in town. But they are liars too. The Greenhills are hiding something, and Sam is determine to find out what it is.
Kathryn Foxfield	Good Girls Die First	How far would you go to survive the night? Blackmail lures sixteen-year-old Ava to the derelict carnival on Portgrave Pier. She is one of ten teenagers, all with secrets they intend to protect, whatever the cost.
Lily Herne	Deadlands Trilogy	Since the apocalypse, Cape Town's suburbs have become zombie-infested. Human survivors are protected from the living dead by sinister, shrouded figures – the Guardians.
Stephen King	The Long Walk	Against the wishes of his mother, sixteen-year-old Ray Garraty is about to compete in the annual gruelling match of stamina and wits

		known as The Long Walk. One hundred boys must keep a steady pace of four miles per hour, without ever stopping. The winner will be awarded 'The Prize' – anything he wants for the rest of his life.
Stephen King	The Mist	It is a hot, lazy day. Everything is fine, until you see those strange dark clouds. Suddenly a violent storm sweeps across the lake and ends as quickly as it began. Then comes the mist, creeping slowly into your town, where it settles and waits.
Jonathan Maberry	Dead of Night	An end of the world horror, in which an executed prisoner starts a zombie plague.
Michelle Paver	Dark Matter	A group of explorers encounter a dark presence when they visit a remote part of Norway.
Scott Westerfeld	The Midnighters Trilogy	Fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one of a group of people who have special abilities that help them fight ancient creatures.

Human Interest

Zana Fraillon	The Ones That Disappeared	A moving and poignant novel about child trafficking and the search for freedom.
Elizabeth Laird	A House Without Walls	Thirteen-year-old Safiya and her family must rebuild their lives after they are driven out of Syria by civil war.

Diversity

Elizabeth Acevedo	Clap When You Land	Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. However, this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of people who are crying...
Sherman Alexie	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	The story of Junior, a cartoonist, who leaves his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school.
Malorie Blackman	Chasing the Stars	Olivia and her twin brother, Aidan, are heading back to Earth following a virus that wiped out the rest of their crew and family. Nathan is part of a community heading in the opposite direction. This is a retelling of Shakespeare's <i>Othello</i> , with a futuristic setting.
Charlotte Nicole Davis	The Good Luck Girls	When the 'Good Luck Girls' are sold to a 'welcome house' and branded with markings, they become trapped in a life that they did not choose. When Clementine accidentally kills a man, the girls risk a dangerous escape and harrowing journey to find freedom, justice and revenge.
C. G. Drews	The Boy Who Steals Houses	Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known.
Malcolm Duffy	Sofa Surfer	Fifteen-year-old Tyler's family leave London for a new life in Yorkshire. He is angry with his parents and furious about losing his home. When he meets Spider, she leads him into a world he never knew existed.
J. Elle	Wings of Ebony	When Rue's mother is shot dead on her doorstep, she is taking by her father away from her little sister. He takes her to Ghizon – a hidden island of magic wielders – and she discovers that she is half-god, half-human. Miserable, Rue escapes to look for her little sister to discover Black kids are being forced into crime and violence.

Linni Ingemundsen	One in a Hundred Thousand	Fifteen-year-old Sander wishes he was like everyone else. But he has Russell-Silver Syndrome – a condition that affects one in a hundred thousand. It means that he is smaller than the other kids in school, a place where the biggest and loudest get all the attention.
Patrice Lawrence	Orangeboy	An exploration of gang culture centred around Marlon, who follows in his older brother's footsteps when an innocent date ends in tragedy.
Patrice Lawrence	Rose, Interrupted	Two siblings try to make sense of the world after they escape from a strict religious sect with their mum.
Manjeet Mann	Run, Rebel	Amber is trapped. She is trapped by her father's rules, by his expectations and by her own fears. Now she is ready to fight – for her mother, for her sister and for herself. However, freedom always comes at a price.
Maika Moulite	One of the Good Ones	When social activist and history buff Kezi Smith is killed under mysterious circumstances, her devastated sister Happi is left reeling. As Kezi becomes another immortalised victim of police brutality, Happi begins to question how her sister is idolised as 'one of the good ones' and if certain people are deemed unworthy to be missed.
Jason Reynolds	Long Way Down	When Will sees his older brother, Shawn, shot on the streets, he sets out to take revenge. Although he has never held a gun, he leaves his apartment with his brother's gun tucked into his waistband. As he travels down on the elevator, the door opens on certain floors, and Will is confronted with a different figure from his past, each one was a victim of gun violence and each one played an important role in his life.
Mary Ann Rodman	Yankee Girl	It is 1964 and Alice moves to Mississippi from Chicago with her family. Nicknamed 'Yankee Girl' she is taunted by the children in her school. However, she soon discovers that the other new girl – Valerie – has it much worse.
Angie Thomas	The Hate U Give	This novel follows the story of Starr Carter, who witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend at the hands of a police officer.
Angie Thomas	On the Come Up	Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend, who died right before he hit big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill. However, when her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, Bri finds herself at the centre of a controversy.
Benjamin Zephaniah	Gangsta Rap	The story of three boys who aren't easy and get into a lot of trouble.
Ibi Zoboi	American Street	Fabiola Toussaint thought that she would finally find a good life in America. However, when her mother is detained by US immigration, Fabiola must navigate a hectic world alone.

History

Laurie H. Anderson	Chains	The compelling story of a slave girl during the American civil war.
J. G. Ballard	Empire of the Sun	The heartrending story of a British boy's four year ordeal in a Japanese prison camp during World War Two.
Louis de Bernières	Captain Corelli's Mandolin	A story about love in wartime. Set on the Greek island of Cephalonia during the Italian and German occupation of the Second World War.

Elen Caldecott	The Short Knife	It is the year 454AD. The Roman Empire has withdrawn from Britain, throwing it into the chaos of the Dark Ages. Mai has been kept safe by her father and her sister, Haf. But when Saxon warriors arrive at their farm, the family is forced to flee to the hills where British warlords lie in wait.
Jennifer Donnelly	Revolution	A problem teenager goes on holiday to Paris and discovers the diary of a street musician from the time of the French Revolution.
Kerry Drewery	The Last Paper Crane	Mizuki can see something is deeply troubling her Grandfather Ichiro, but she cannot find its source, except it is somehow connected with an old book and Ichiro's need to create origami paper cranes from it. Mizuki's worries are expressed in verse, before the narrative jumps to prose – to a brutal description of the day the bomb fell on Hiroshima and beyond.
Sally Gardner	The Red Necklace	A romantic novel set during the French revolution.
Philippa Gregory	The Other Boleyn Girl	It is 1521. Henry VIII rules over a fashionable and happy court. When young Mary Boleyn arrives, she becomes his new mistress and an unwitting pawn in the ambitions of the Boleyn and Howard families.
Kazuo Ishiguro	The Remains of the Day	In the summer of 1956, Stevens, the ageing butler of Darlington Hall, embarks on a leisurely holiday that will take him deep into the English countryside and into his past.
Matt Killeen	Orphan, Monster, Spy	A story of a young girl at a special boarding school in Nazi Germany.
Catherine Johnson	Sawbones	It is 1792 and the illegal trade of dead bodies to doctors has never been more profitable.
Erich Maria-Remarque	All Quiet on the Western Front	A story about trench warfare during World War One, as told through the eyes of an anonymous German soldier.
James Riordan	When the Guns Fall Silent	A story of one boy's journey into the First World War and the horrors he faces there.

Our World, Other Worlds

Yaba Badoe	Lionheart Girl	Born into a family of West African witches, Sheba is terrified of her mother who is dangerous. However, Sheba soon discovers she has powers of her own.
Sally Gardner	I, Coriander	The story of Coriander, whose parents come from different worlds.
Nick Lake	Satellite	Leo has never set foot on Earth. Both and raised with twins Orion and Libra on the Moon 2 Space Station, they have grown up in the most extraordinary ways. Now, they are preparing to take their first journey to Earth.
Taran Matharu	Contender: The Chosen	In a world far from our own, where enemies come in many forms, the ultimate battle for survival is about to begin...
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Middle of Nowhere	When her mother dies from a snake bite, Comity's life in the Australian outback changes forever.
Louis Nowra	Into that Forest	A moving story of two girls who get lost in the Tasmanian bush and are subsequently raised by two Tasmanian tigers.

Sports

Alan Gibbons	Raining Fire	Ethan is selected for a football training programme in the US. This is his chance to escape the gangs that terrorise his neighbourhood. But Alex is drawn into an explosive feud.
Scott Sigler	The Rookie: Galactic Football League	A professional football league, 700 years in the future.

Non-Fiction

Frank Abagnale	Catch Me If You Can	The autobiography of a former con artist who cashed \$2.5 million worth of bad cheques.
Bill Bryson	Shakespeare: The World as a Stage	A compelling short biography of William Shakespeare.
Juno Dawson	What's the T?	Discover what it means to be a young transgender and/or non-binary person in the twenty-first century in this frank and funny guide for 14+ teens.
Susanne Kaysen	Girl Interrupted	Kaysen recounts experiences as a young woman in a psychiatric hospital in the late 1960s.
Nicola Morgan	Body Brilliant	This book addresses the body issues that nearly everyone worries about at some point in their lives and gives practical and mindful solutions to work through these.
Nicola Morgan	Positively Teenage	Simple strategies to develop a positive attitude, growth mindset, self-understanding, determination and resilience.
Hannah Witton	The Hormone Diaries	Periods and hormones affect every area of our lives. This book is your essential companion to the hormone rollercoaster.
Malala Yousafzai	I Am Malala	When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, 9 October 2010, she paid the ultimate price when she was shot for this.

Challenge Before GCSE

Virginia Andrews	Flowers in the Attic	A gripping story of four children hidden in an attic for moths in 1970s America.
Dan Brown	The Da Vinci Code	Symbologist Robert Langdon and cryptologist Sophie Neveu investigate a murder in The Louvre museum.
Emma Donoghue	Room	A tale told from the perspective of a five-year-old boy, who is trapped in a room with his mother.
Alex Garland	The Beach	A young traveller finds a hidden beach near Thailand, but his dream soon turns into a nightmare.
Jodi Picoult	Change of Heart	With one senseless act, Shay Bourne transformed the life of the Nealon family forever. Now, as he sits on death row, Shay has one final request: he wishes to donate his heart.
Jodi Picoult	House Rules	Emma Hunt has spent fifteen years raising Theo and Jacob on her own. She has created what she thinks is a happy life for them, despite the challenges of Jacob's Asperger's syndrome. Now, evidence is

		linking Jacob to a serious crime, but Emma is determined to prove that her son is innocent.
Jodi Picoult	The Storyteller	For seventy years, Josef Weber has been hiding in plain sight. He is a pillar of his local community. But, he is also a murderer.
Alice Sebold	The Lovely Bones	The spirit of a murdered girl, who watches over her family and her killer from heaven.