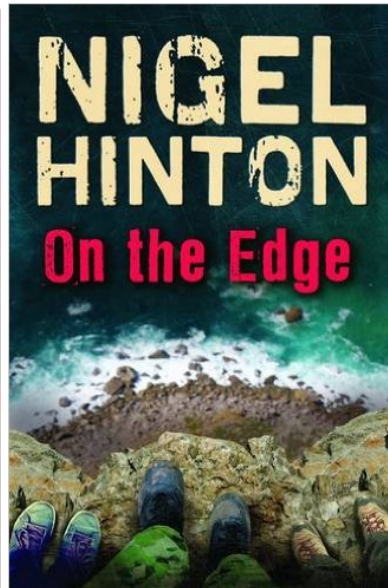
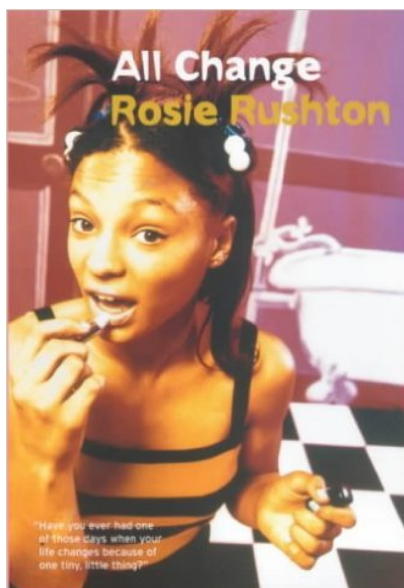
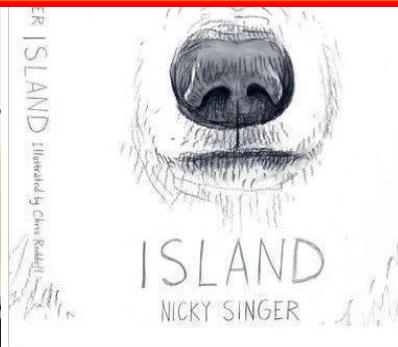
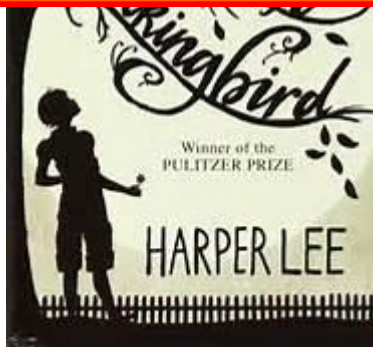


Suggested Reading
Year 8



BOOK	AUTHOR	COMMENT
<i>All Change (2001)</i>	<i>Rosie Rushton</i>	<i>Have you ever had one of those days where your whole life changes because of one tiny little thing? Excellent for reluctant readers and printed on cream paper with a font that makes it a smooth and easy read.</i>
<i>Zebra Crossing, Soul Song (2018)</i>	<i>Sita Brahmachari</i>	<i>This is a tender tale of memory and overcoming loss. Lenny has spent most of his life at the zebra crossing, and for many of those years Otis, the singing 'zebra man' has helped him on his way. But when Otis' sad past comes back to haunt him, Lenny must face his crossroads alone... Suitable for dyslexic students.</i>
<i>Fuzzy Mud (2016)</i>	<i>Louis Sachar</i>	<i>If you go down to the woods today ...Well, every child knows NOT to, don't they? Tamaya is on a scholarship to the prestigious Woodridge Academy and every day she and seventh-grader Marshall walk to school together. They never go through the woods until one day...</i>
<i>Once, Then, After, Now... Soon! (2016)</i>	<i>Morris Gleitzman</i>	<i>This series would really suit anyone who enjoyed 'Once' in Year 7. It's pretty shocking at times but there's lots of hope too. The latest book is just out: 'Soon'!</i>
<i>Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters (2013)</i>	<i>Rick Riordan</i>	<i>'It's not easy being a half-blood these days. Even a simple game of dodgeball becomes a death match against an ugly gang of cannibal giants - and that was only the beginning.'</i>
<i>Lark (2020)</i>	<i>Anthony McGowan</i>	<i>A short, accessible read about two brothers, Nicky and Kenny. To escape stress at home, they go for a walk in the moors, but things become dangerous when the weather suddenly changes. Nothing will ever be the same again...</i>
<i>On the Edge (2014)</i>	<i>Nigel Hinton</i>	<i>Dillon hasn't seen his dad in two years and last time he attacked his mum. Apparently he's changed and they're heading off on holiday. Suitable for dyslexic students.</i>
<i>The Infinite (2020)</i>	<i>Patience Agabi</i>	<i>Leaplings, children born on the 29th of February, are very rare. Rarer still are Leaplings with The Gift - the ability to leap through time. Elle B́ibi-Imbelé Ifiè has The Gift, but she's never used it. Until now...</i>
<i>Millions (2004)</i>	<i>Frank Cottrell Boyce</i>	<i>When brothers Damian and Anthony unwittingly come into possession of the proceeds of a train robbery, they find themselves with millions of pounds to spend in the next 17 days.</i>

Windrush Child (2020)	Benjamin Zephaniah	<i>Leonard is shocked when he arrives with his mother in the port of Southampton. His father is a stranger to him, it's cold and even the Jamaican food doesn't taste the same as it did back home in Maroon Town. But his parents have brought him here to try to make a better life, so Leonard does his best not to complain... this is a thrilling, important read about life as a Windrush child.</i>
Ten Things I Hate About Me (2006)	Randa Abdel-Fattah	<i>"At school I'm Aussie-blondie Jamie — one of the crowd. At home I'm Muslim Jamilah — driven mad by my Stone Age dad. I should win an Oscar for my acting skills. But I can't keep it up for much longer..."</i>
The Graveyard Book (2009)	Neil Gaiman	<i>When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead.</i>
Patina (2018)	Jason Reynolds	<i>The sequel to National Book Award Finalist 'Ghost'. It's not the taking part, it's the winning that counts for Patina! Patty, as she's known to her friends and family, has lost a lot in her life - her dad died when she was young, her mum has lost her legs and now she has to live with her uncle and his wife. Now her running team has become a relay team and independent "I can do everything by myself" Patty has to work with her teammates to win.</i>
Coram Boy (2000)	Jamila Gavin	<i>Winner of the Whitbread Children's award, Coram Boy is the story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate.</i>
The Secret Diary of Lydia Bennett (2016)	Natasha Farrant	<i>Pride and Prejudice retold through Lydia's diary: this is a fresh, funny and fast-paced reimagining of a literary classic.</i>
Cardboard Cowboys (2021)	Brian Conaghan	<i>This is a story of an unlikely friendship between an overweight boy and a homeless man. A bumpy start between them turns into an epic road trip! This is a sweet, heart-warming tale that will make you laugh and cry.</i>

Maggot Moon (2013)	<i>Sally Gardner</i>	<i>When his best friend Hector is suddenly taken away, Standish Treadwell realises that it is up to him, his grandfather and a small band of rebels to confront and defeat the ever-present oppressive forces of the Motherland. Utterly original and stunning,</i>
Noughts and Crosses (2001)	<i>Malorie Blackman</i>	<i>Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, burning with injustice at the world she sees around her. Callum is a nought: he's regarded as less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life... theirs is a love story that will lead them into terrible danger. This is a modern classic about prejudice, power and love.</i>
Black Beauty (1877)	<i>Anna Sewell</i>	<i>At the age of fourteen Anna Sewell injured both of her ankles in an accident, which meant that she could never walk properly again. Because of this she relied heavily on travelling in horse-drawn carriages, and it was from here that her love of horses grew. In 1871 Anna began writing a book aimed at encouraging more humane treatment of horses. Black Beauty is a classic.</i>
Shadow and Bone (2012)	<i>Leigh Bardugo</i>	<i>The riveting story of Alina Starkov begins here: this is the first in a very popular fantasy trilogy. An intoxicating mixture of magical adventure and compelling coming-of-age drama, Bardugo's atmospheric novel is now also a popular TV show. Age 13+.</i>
Wolf Hollow (2016)	<i>Lauren Wolk</i>	<i>When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on strange, gentle loner Toby. As Wolf Hollow turns against him, and tensions quickly mount, Annabelle must do everything in her power to protect Toby - and to find Betty, before it is too late.</i>
Bone Talk (2018)	<i>Candy Gourlay</i>	<i>Samkad lives in a tribe deep in the Philippine jungle at the end of the nineteenth century; he has never encountered anyone from outside his own tribe before. However, Samkad's world is about to completely change when he discovers the brother he never knew he had. A brother who tells him of people called 'Americans'. Americans who are bringing war, and burning, to Samkad's home.</i>
Island (2015)	<i>By Nicky Singer</i>	<i>Urban teenager Cameron arrives on an uninhabited Arctic Island. He's prepared for ice, storms and possibly boredom. But he's not prepared for 24-hour daylight and erupting graves!</i>

Orbiting Jupiter (2015)	<i>Gary D. Schmidt</i>	<i>A heartbreaking story, narrated by twelve-year-old Jack, whose family is caring for fourteen-year-old Joseph. Joseph is misunderstood and has a secret daughter that the two boys will try to find no matter what the cost.</i>
The Lie Tree (2015)	<i>Frances Hardinge</i>	<i>The tree only grows healthy and bears fruit if you whisper a lie to it. The fruit of the tree, when eaten, will deliver a hidden truth to the person who consumes it. The bigger the lie, the more people who believe it, the bigger the truth that is uncovered.</i>
All the Things That Could Go Wrong (2017)	<i>Stewart Foster</i>	<i>Alex's OCD is so severe that it's difficult for him to even leave his house some days. His classmate Dan is so angry that he lashes out at the easiest target he can find at school: Alex. When their mums arrange for Alex and Dan to spend time together over winter break, it seems like a recipe for certain disaster...until it isn't. Once forced together, these two sworn enemies discover that there is much more to each other than they ever knew.</i>
A Change is Gonna Come (2017)	<i>Various</i>	<i>Featuring top Young Adult authors and introducing a host of exciting new voices, this is a diverse and gripping anthology of stories and poetry from BAME writers on the theme of change.</i>
Gladiator Quartet (2011)	<i>Simon Scarrow</i>	<i>Set in ancient Rome, a young boy called Marcus is illegally enslaved and turned into a gladiator. Setting off on a quest to free his mother, he fights for his life...</i>
A Short History of Nearly Everything (2003)	<i>Bill Bryson</i>	<i>A Short History of Nearly Everything is Bryson's quest to find out everything that has happened from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization - how we got from there, being nothing at all, to here, being us.</i>
Ketchup Clouds (2012)	<i>Annabel Pitcher</i>	<i>Winner of the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize 2013, this book tells the story of one teenage girl with a very big secret. Fifteen-year-old Zoe has a secret - a dark and terrible secret that she can't confess to anyone she knows. But then one day she hears of a criminal, Stuart Harris, locked up on death row in Texas.</i>
Out of my Mind (2010)	<i>Sharon M. Draper</i>	<i>Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates. Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.</i>

<i>His Dark Materials: Northern Lights (1995)</i>	<i>Philip Pullman</i>	<i>A trilogy following the coming of age of two children, Lyra Belacqua and Will Parry, as they wander through a series of parallel universes. A modern classic.</i>
<i>The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne (2021)</i>	<i>Jonathan Stroud</i>	<i>Set in a broken, future England, where gunfights and monsters collide, this is the exciting first title in a fantasy teen series. It is also an excellent romp and a great read! 13+.</i>
<i>Two Boys Kissing (2014)</i>	<i>David Levithan</i>	<i>A group of boys, their friends and families evaluate the changing nature of feelings, behaviour and this crazy thing called love under the watchful eyes of a Greek chorus of a generation of men lost to AIDS. David Levithan connects recent history with the present moment in a novel that is both a celebration of equality and a memorial to a lost generation.</i>
<i>A Kestrel for a Knave (1970)</i>	<i>Barry Hines</i>	<i>Life is tough and cheerless for Billy Casper, a troubled teenager growing up in the small Yorkshire mining town of Barnsley. Treated as a failure at school, and unhappy at home, Billy discovers a new passion in life when he finds Kes, a kestrel hawk. This is a memorable, sometimes stark story about survival and the power of nature.</i>
<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902)</i>	<i>Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles is the third of the four crime novels written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle featuring the detective Sherlock Holmes. It is set largely on Dartmoor in Devon in England's West Country and tells the story of an attempted murder inspired by the legend of a fearsome, diabolical hound of supernatural origin.</i>
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird (1960)</i>	<i>Harper Lee</i>	<i>A classic of modern American literature. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s.</i>