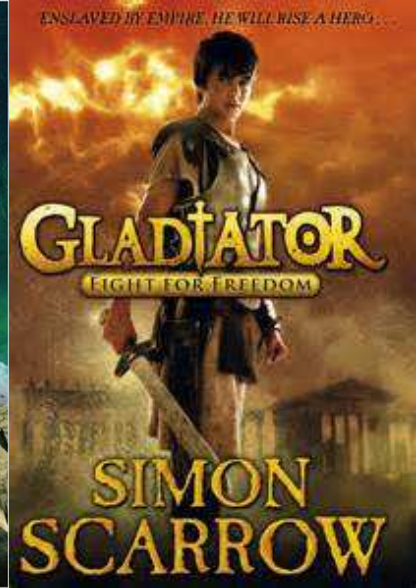
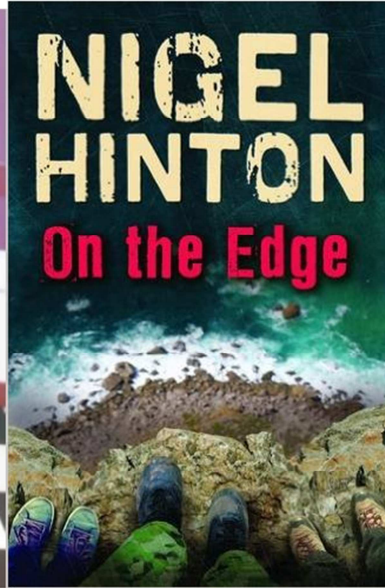
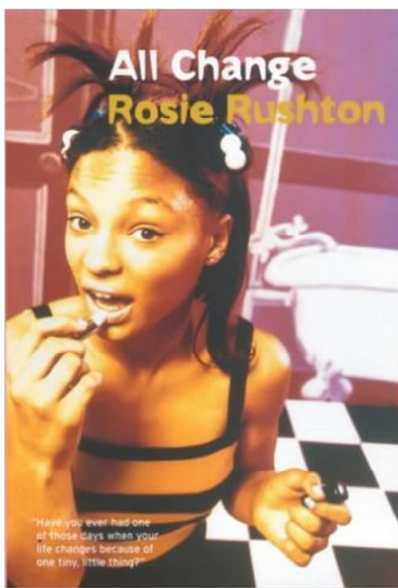
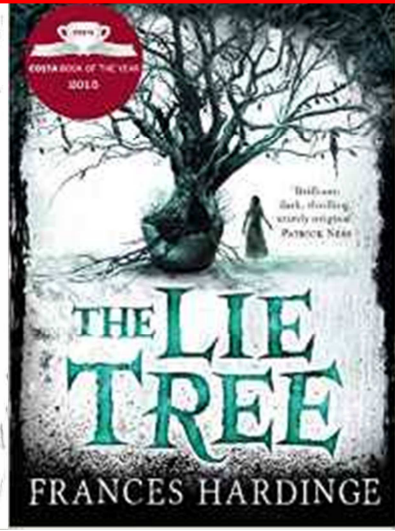
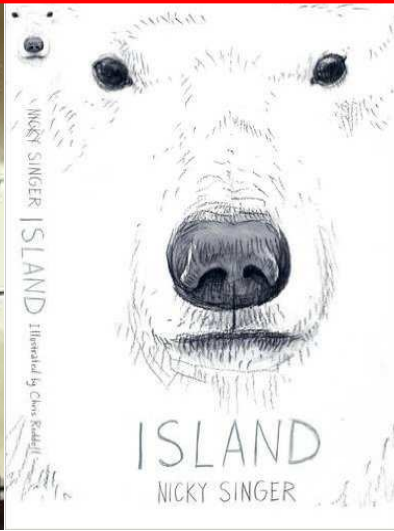
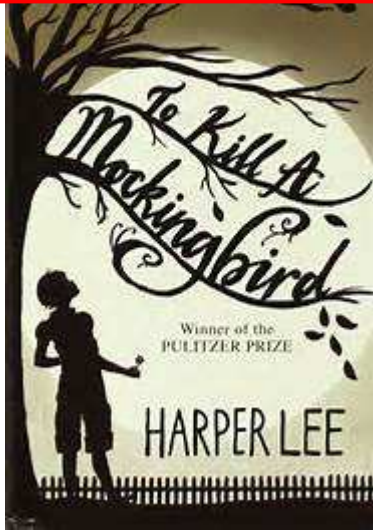


Suggested Reading
Year 8



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>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 'Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' or 'Once'. 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>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>Girl out of Water (2016)</i>	<i>Nat Luurtsema</i>	<i>"To all the teens out there, this is the book to read! I had to stop myself from bursting into uncontrollable fits of giggles in class but the story felt so real that I started feeling sick when she became nervous! I recommend this book to all ages, it's hysterical and gripping at the same time. It's hard to put down."</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>
<i>Ten Things I Hate About Me (2006)</i>	<i>Randa Abdel-Fattah</i>	<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>
<i>The Graveyard Book (2009)</i>	<i>Neil Gaiman</i>	<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>

Coram Boy (2000)	Jamila Gavin	Winner of the Whitbread Children's award, <i>Coram Boy</i> 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.
One (2015)	Sarah Crossan	<i>Grace and Tippi are twins – conjoined twins. And their lives are about to change. No longer able to afford homeschooling, they must venture into the world – a world of stares, sneers and cruelty. Will they find more than that at school? Can they find real friends? And what about love?</i>
Maggot Moon (2013)	Sally Gardner	<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>
My Name's Not Friday (2016)	Jon Walter	<i>"This boy has bought me. This white boy who don't even look as old as I am. He owns me body and soul, and my worth has been set at six hundred dollars." Samuel's an educated boy. Been taught by a priest. He was never supposed to be a slave.</i>
Black Beauty (1877)	Anna Sewell	<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. <i>Black Beauty</i> is a classic.</i>
Wolf Hollow (2016)	Lauren Wolk	<i>When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on strange, gentle loner Toby. As <i>Wolf Hollow</i> 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>
Island (2015)	By Nicky Singer	<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)	Gary D. Schmidt	<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)	By Frances Hardinge	<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>
Abundance of Katherines (2006)	By John Green	<i>When it comes to relationships, Colin Singleton's type is girls named Katherine. And when it comes to girls named Katherine, Colin is always getting dumped. Nineteen times, to be exact! By the author of 'The Fault in our Stars'</i>

Gladiator Quartet (2011)	Simon Scarrow	<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)	Bill Bryson	<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)	Annabel Pitcher	<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)	Sharon M. Draper	<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>
His Dark Materials: Northern Lights (1995)	Philip Pullman	<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.</i>
The Wind Singer Trilogy (2008)	William Nicholson	<i>William Nicholson's award-winning epic fantasy series. 'Gloriously cinematic and completely enthralling' - Independent "I hate school! I hate ratings! I won't reach higher! I won't strive harder! I won't make tomorrow better than today!"</i>
Two Boys Kissing (2014)	David Levithan	<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>
The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	<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>
To Kill a Mockingbird (1960)	Harper Lee	<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>