

St Thomas More RC Academy Library

A Little Book of Books

Some Reading Suggestions
for Year 7



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Introduction

Do you sometimes find yourself wondering what book you would like to read?

There are so many to choose from!

Reading is pretty straightforward. You take a book, open it, you read the words and find yourself transported to a whole new world. With a good book your imagination takes flight. The story grabs you. The characters draw you in and you never want it to end.

But how to choose the right book?

This little book of suggestions will (hopefully) help you. It's been compiled with the help of some of our current Year 7 students...because often the best way to choose a book is by a recommendation.

These are just **SOME** of our favourites!

We have included some authors and titles that you may know already and some who are new. What we have tried to do from the hundreds of books that we have in the school library is to choose books that have a broad appeal and have that "special something" that sets them apart.

Many of the books on the list are quite a challenging read!

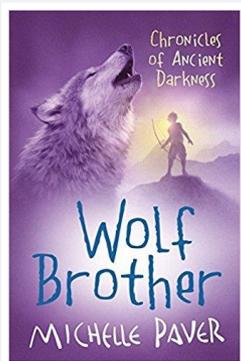
We all have different reading abilities so some books may well be too hard for you at the moment, some may be too easy. You will notice that I have put the Book Levels by the titles to help you.

Rememberthe more you read the better your reading will be...

I hope that you enjoy some of the books on this list....try something new, try something different!

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

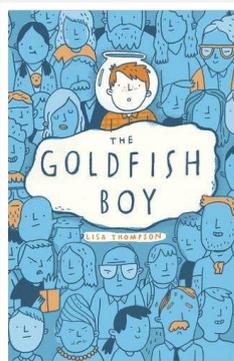
- Dr. Seuss



Wolf Brother 4.5

Michelle Paver

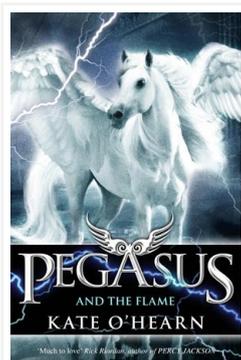
Set six thousand years ago in the dark and dangerous forests of Northern Europe, this is a dramatic read full of enchantment. It follows Torak and an orphaned wolf cub in their struggle to survive while they journey to the mountains of the wild spirits.



The Goldfish Boy 5.0

Lisa Thompson

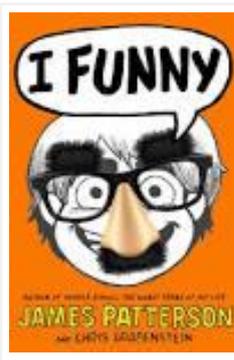
Matthew has severe OCD – his fear of germs has made him a prisoner in his bedroom – like a goldfish in its tank. But from his window he sees everything that happens in the street. Now it is only Matthew who can solve the mysterywho took the toddler from Mr Charles’s garden?



Pegasus and the Flame 4.5

Kate O'Hearn

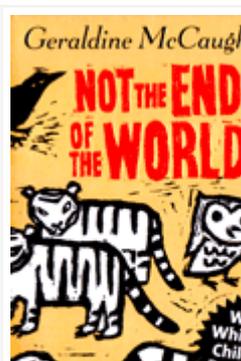
When Pegasus crashes onto the roof of her New York city apartment Emily realises that this is no ordinary evening. Her life becomes the stuff of legend. Epic battles ensue in the quest to save Olympus’s eternal flame.



I Funny 3.9

James Patterson

A tale of comedy and disability by one of the world’s best selling authors. Jamie wants to be a stand-up star. But he can’t stand up: he’s in a wheel chair. When Jamie finds out about a contest called the Funniest Kid on the Planet, he knows it's time to face his fears and enter.



Not the End of the World 5.3

Geraldine McCaughrean

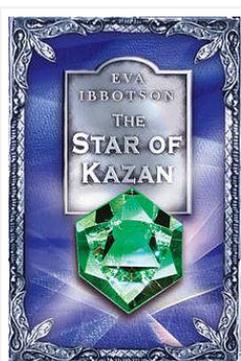
The age old story of Noah’s ark is retold through the eyes of Noah’s daughter. Less to do with the animals coming in two by two and more about the reality of life on board the ark. Really imaginative retelling of what happened when the rains came.



Trash 5.1

Andy Mulligan

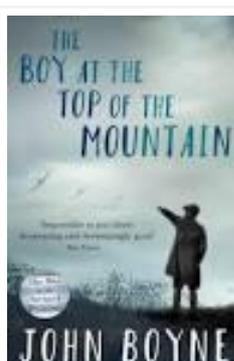
Raphael is a dumpsite boy who spends his days knee-deep in rubbish. Until he finds a precious bag, a bag that contains a deadly secret. From that moment on he is hunted, relentlessly and without mercy. But for how long can Raphael keep running?



The Star of Kazan 6.1

Eva Ibbotson

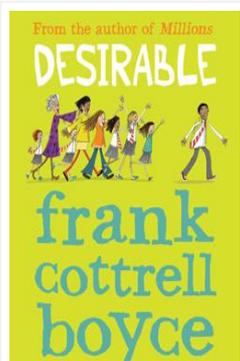
Set in 19th century Vienna this is a glorious, old fashioned romp of a novel. Larger than life characters and luxurious descriptions of places visited. I read it in one go!



The Boy at the Top of the Mountain

Jon Bovne 6.2

From the author of “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas” this is an unforgettable World War 2 novel. It features Pierrot, a boy who knows nothing of the Nazisuntil he arrives at the house of his aunt....the housekeeper of Adolf Hitler.



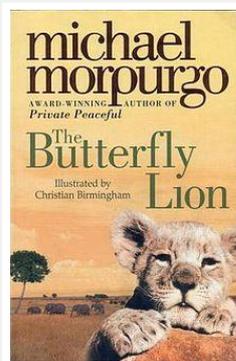
Desirable 3.4

Frank Cottrell Boyce

George is a loser, even his grandad thinks so. But all that changes when a birthday present bottle of aftershave makes himDESIRABLE!

Suddenly everyone wants to be his friend and he can do no wrong....but then the bottle smashes.....

Quick Read

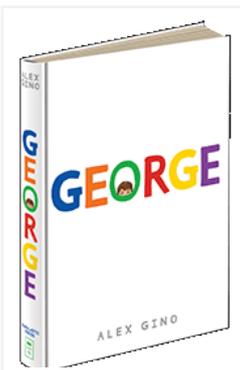


The Butterfly Lion 4.6

Michael Morpurgo

“All my life I’ll think of you, I promise I will. I won’t ever forget you.”

Set in Africa and England this story tells the tale of Bertie and an orphaned lion cub. It’s the story of friendship, war, magic and mystery. Quick Read.

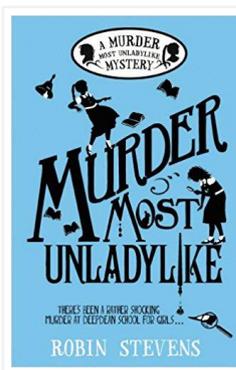


George 5.0

Alex Gino

“Full of wonder, hope and the importance of getting to be who you are meant to be.”

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she’s not a boy. She knows she’s a girl. Sensitive, honest and thought provoking



Murder Most Unladylike 5.8

Robin Stevens

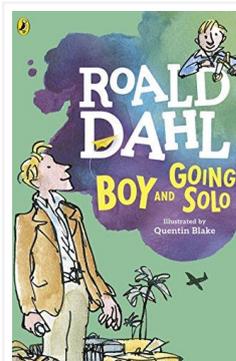
A secret detective agency is set up in Deepdean School for Girls.....all they need is a crime to solve. When their Science teacher’s body is discovered the girls are ready to find the murderer. Hazel and Daisy might be like chalk and cheese but they are a brilliant detective duo!



A Monster Calls 4.8

Patrick Ness

Each night Conor has a nightmare...the monster comes. He is ancient, tree like and mythical. He tells Conor tales...tales which take him to the edge of what is bearable. For the monster wants one thing from Conor.....it wants the truth. Totally surprising and wonderful.



Boy and Going Solo 6.1

Roald Dahl

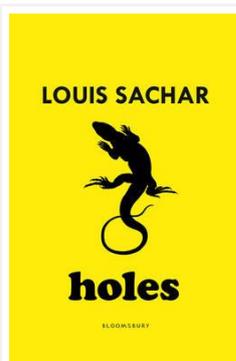
Roald Dahl’s life was as bizarre, frightening, exciting and funny as the stories he wrote. This book contains the 2 volumes of his “autobiography”. From his childhood in Wales, boarding school days and on to his wartime experiences... A fabulous read.



Wonder 4.8

R J Palacio

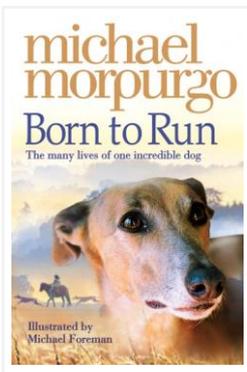
“My name is August. I won’t describe what I look like. Whatever you’re thinking, it’s probably worse”. August was born with a severe facial deformity. Most people react with horror to his appearance and don't take the time to meet the smart, funny, Star Wars-loving boy underneath. Funny and sad at the same time.



Holes 4.6

Louis Sachar

Stanley has been sent (unfairly) to the juvenile detention centre Camp Green Lake (a very weird place that isn’t green and doesn’t have a lake). He and camp mates are forced to dig holes to “build character”... But what are they really digging for ...?



Born to Run 5.2

Michael Morpurgo

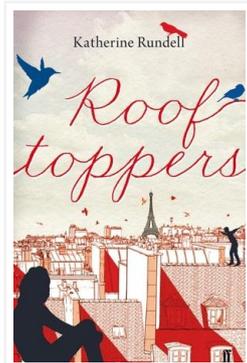
From being rescued from drowning as a puppy to favourite pet to champion race dogthis book tells the story of the many lives of one incredible dog. Brings to life the true plight of many greyhounds after they have finished racing. Sad at times but thought provoking.



Shadowsmith

Ross Mackenzie

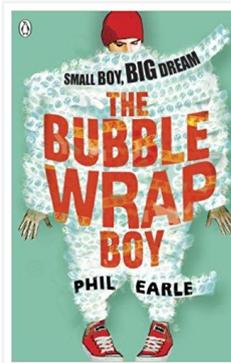
“Even monsters are scared of something. And that something is me.”
A magical tale of spiders, witchcraft and a sinister and ancient evil. Kirby may appear to be an unlikely hero....but he has gifts that he could never have imagined.



Rooftoppers 3.5

Katherine Rundell

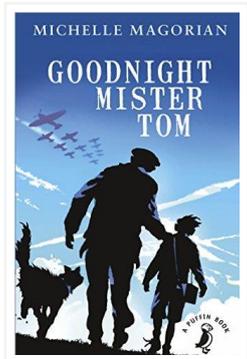
Sophie is not your average girl. She does not believe she is an orphanshe is sure her mother is still alive. On the run she travels to Paris to try and find her....here she meets Matteo-a boy who lives on the roofs of Paris and who can help her unlock the secret of her past.



The Bubble Wrap Boy 5.5

Phil Earle

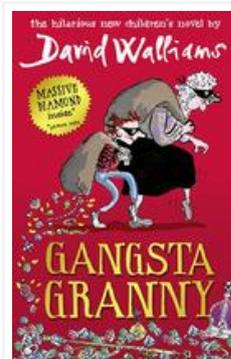
“I believe that everyone is good at something. I've just got to work out what my something is.”
Meet Charlie from the Chinese takeaway....a small boy with a big dream....and the most over protective mother in the world!



Goodnight Mr Tom 5.1

Michelle Magorian

When World War Two breaks out young Willie Beach is evacuated to the countryside. Thin and deprived he forms an unlikely friendship with the grumpy Tom Oakley. But this friendship is threatened when his mother takes him back to war torn London in the blitz.



Gangsta Granny 4.9

David Walliams

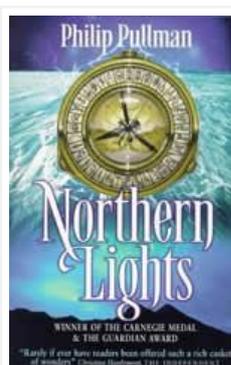
She might look like your average, stereotypical granny, she has white hair and false teeth....but this old dear is really a master criminal. An international jewel thief who has set her sights on the crown jewels!



The Secret of Nightingale Wood

Lucy Strange

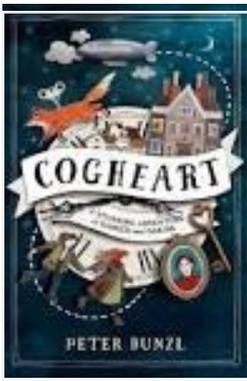
“As I walked through the garden, my shadow stretched ahead of me, towards the mysterious forest. Its 1919, mama is ill, father is abroad and so Henry is left to her own devices, discovering that their new home is full of secrets from a forgotten past....that all lead to the forest.



Northern Lights 6.2

Philip Pullman

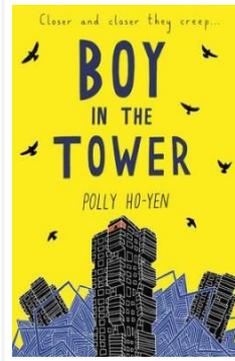
In the Arctic north of armoured polar bears and witch queens, scientists are conducting secret and terrible experiments. Does one girl, Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon have the courage and cunning to stop them?



Cogheart 5.7

Peter Bunzl

Murder, mystery and mayhem meet in this gripping steampunk adventure. Lily and her companion, a clockwork fox are desperate to find the ultimate secret....the secret which killed her father. Set in Victorian Londonits murky and menacing!



Boy in the Tower 5.3

Polly Ho-Yen

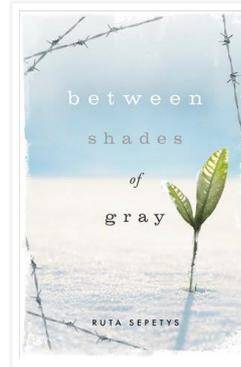
From the top of his tower block Ade watches as the buildings fall around him. Bluchers - a terrible kind of plant - are taking over the city, and everyone is being forced to evacuate, but his mother is refusing to leave her room. So Ade watches alone as the city slowly empties and the Bluchers creep ever closer. Believable sci-fi.



Over the Line 4.3

Tom Palmer

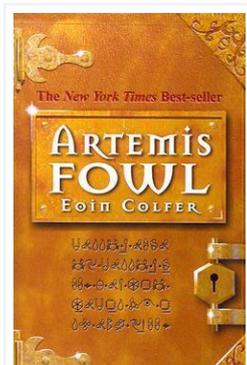
Even in war torn France football lives on
Set in 1914 and based on a true story of a sporting hero's experiences in the trenches.
Quick read.



Between Shades of Gray 3.6

Ruta Sepetys

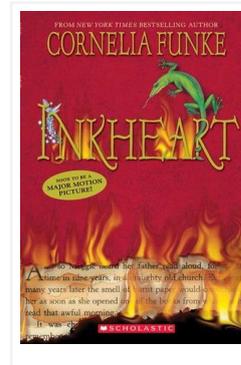
Have you ever wondered how much a life is worth? That morning my brother's life was worth a pocket watch...One night in 1941 Lina and her mother and brother are taken from their home by Soviet guards and deported to Siberia. An unimaginable and harrowing journey. Older content.



Artemis Fowl 5.0

Eoin Colfer

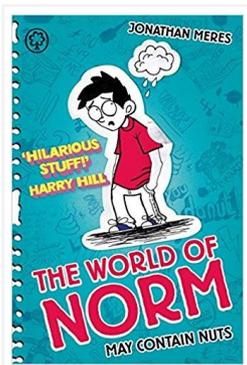
12 year old Artemis is a brilliant criminal mastermind. But when he double crosses a legion of rowdy, violent fairies he finds he has bitten off more than he can chew.
Full of unexpected twists and turns, *Artemis Fowl* is a riveting, magical adventure.



Inkheart 5.4

Cornelia Funke

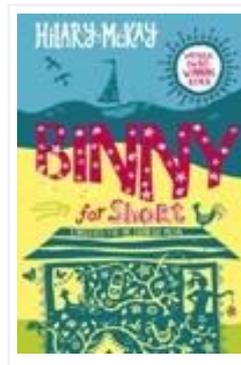
An adventure bookabout books!
Meggie discovers that her father has an extraordinary gift. He can literally breathe life into any story he reads and make the characters come alive. But once out, some characters do not wish to return to their pages...
Classic fantasy!



The World Of Norm 4.1

Jonathan Meres

In Norm's world, nothing is ever fair. Especially now they've moved house and he mistakes the wardrobe for the loo!
Will his miserable life ever end?
If you are a fan of the "Wimpy Kid" you will love this!



Binny For Short 4.3

Hilary McKay

Binny's Life has been tough. Since the death of her father and the disposal of her pet dog by her hateful Aunt Violet. But an unexpected twist of fortune brings new friends and adventure into Binny's life.
Then life suddenly isn't so tough after all....