



# Sheldon School

## Key Stage 3 Reading List

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

Looking for a good read? Have a look at this list from the English Faculty. We have divided it by genre and are sure that there is something for everyone!

## Thought Provoking Books

### Wonder - R J Palacio

Auggie is an ordinary kid; he rides his bike, eats ice cream and plays on his X-Box. But Auggie knows that ordinary kids don't make other kids run away screaming in the playground.



### How to Look for a Lost Dog - Ann M Martin

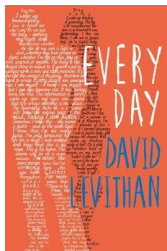
11-year-old Rose is autistic and struggles to understand her classmates. But when her father gives her a stray dog, which she names Rain, the dog becomes her best friend, her anchor in a confusing world. When Rain goes missing during a storm, Rose refuses to stop looking for her...

### Me and Earl and the Dying Girl - Jesse Andrews

How is it possible to exist in a place that sucks so bad? His strategy: Keep an insanely low profile. Make mediocre films with the one person who is even sort of his friend, Earl. Then Greg's mother forces him to become friends with a girl who has cancer. This brings about the destruction of Greg's entire life.



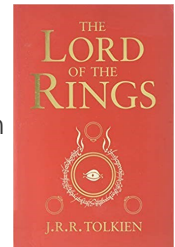
### Every Day - David Levithan



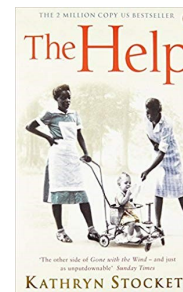
Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that. Never get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. And that's fine - until A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment, the rules by which A has been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone he wants to be with - every day . . .

### The Fellowship of the Ring - J R R Tolkien

Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power – the means by which he intends to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks in his plans for dominion is the One Ring – the ring that rules them all – which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as the Ring is entrusted to his care. He must leave his home and journey across the realms of Middle-earth to the Crack of Doom. There he must destroy the Ring forever and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.



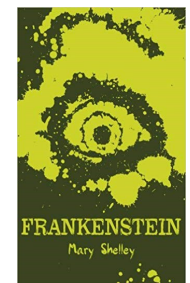
### The Help - Kathryn Stockett



There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from College, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared. Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny. No one would believe they'd be friends; fewer still would tolerate it. But as each woman finds the courage to cross boundaries, they come to depend and rely upon one another. Each is in a search of a truth. And together they have an extraordinary story to tell...

### Frankenstein - Mary Shelley

This timeless gothic novel presents the epic battle between man and monster. In trying to create life, the young student Victor Frankenstein unleashes forces beyond his control, setting into motion a long and tragic chain of events that brings Victor to the very brink of madness. How he tries to destroy his creation, as it destroys everything Victor loves, is a powerful story of love, friendship, scientific hubris, and horror.

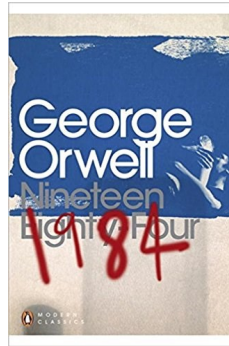


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### Challenging Reads

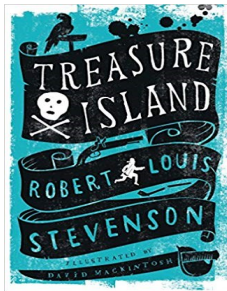
#### Nineteen Eighty-Four - George Orwell

Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in, which demands absolute obedience and controls him through the all-seeing telescreens and the watchful eye of Big Brother, symbolic head of the Party. In his longing for truth and liberty, Smith begins a secret love affair with a fellow-worker Julia, but soon discovers the true price of freedom is betrayal.



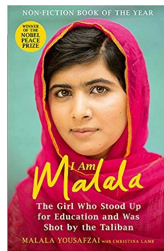
#### Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

One of the best-loved adventure stories ever written, Treasure Island's timeless tale of pirates, lost treasure maps, mutiny and derring-do has appealed to generations of readers. The novel is considered to be one of the greatest feats of storytelling in the English language. Treasure Island is a coming-of-age story that will captivate both adults and children for as long as stories are told.



#### I Am Malala - Malala Yousafzai

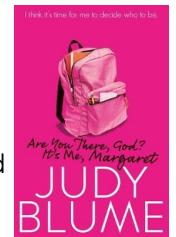
When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, 9 October 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price when she was shot in the head at point-blank range. Malala Yousafzai's extraordinary journey has taken her from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations. She has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and is the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. *I Am Malala* will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.



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#### Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret - Judy Blume

Life isn't easy for Margaret. She's moved away from her childhood home, she's starting a new school, finding new friends - and she's convinced she's not normal. It's too embarrassing to talk to her parents about these things. So she talks to God instead - and waits for an answer . . .



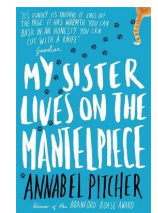
#### The War of Jenkins' Ear - Michael Morpurgo



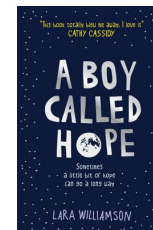
Toby Jenkins doesn't like boarding school. He gets called Jinks and thinks he will never fit in. But then he meets a strange boy named Christopher who believes that he is the second coming of Jesus Christ. When the village boy 'oiks' start a war with the schoolboy 'toffs', Toby is caught in the middle. Can Christopher provide the miracle that Toby needs?

#### My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece - Annabel Pitcher

Five years ago, Jamie's sister, Rose, was blown up by a terrorist bomb. His family is torn apart by their grief. His mum runs away. His dad turns to drink and hate. Rose's surviving twin sister Jasmine does anything to look different to her twin. But Jamie hasn't cried in all that time. To him, Rose is just a distant memory.



#### A Boy Called Hope - Lara Williamson



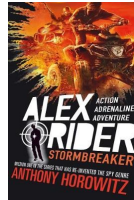
I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true. For example, I want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. I want to be the first eleven-year-old to land on the moon. And finally, the biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me...

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### Action and Adventure

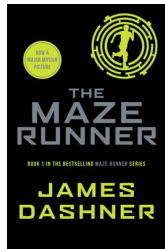
#### The Alex Rider Series - Anthony Horowitz

In the first book in the Alex Rider series, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent on his first mission but the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.



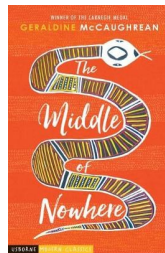
#### The Maze Runner - James Dashner

When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's not alone. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade - a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze. Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there - or what's happened to the world outside.



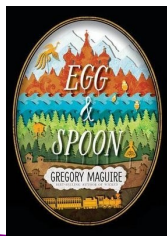
#### Middle of Nowhere - Geraldine McCaughrean

When her mother dies from a snakebite, Comity's life in the Australian outback changes forever. As her father retreats into his work, Comity turns to Fred, the Aboriginal yard boy, who becomes her only friend. But then a new assistant arrives who delights in playing cruel games. As Fred becomes his target, events spiral dangerously out of control.



#### Egg and Spoon - Gregory Maguire

Elena Rudina lives in the impoverished Russian countryside. Elena's future is as bleak as the wastelands surrounding her village of Miersk. That is until the night of a freak storm when a majestic steam train is forced to stop at the village's abandoned station. The train carries a fabulous Faberge egg and Ekaterina, a girl whose fate is now entwined with Elena's. When their lives collide, a complex, funny and engrossing adventure begins.



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#### Ultimate Football Heroes Series

Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life-stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to super-star professional player. They are fast-paced and action packed.



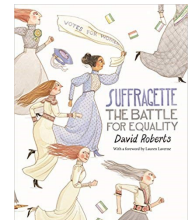
#### You Can Change the World - Margaret Rooke

A fantastic book that captures the work of young change-makers. Reviewed as powerful and inspiring, this is a catalogue of real role models. It will make you want to chase your passion.



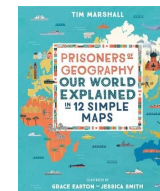
#### Suffragette: The Battle for Equality - David Roberts

Covering the whole range of female and male suffragist experiences – from aristocrats to the middle and working class as well as a look at the global struggle for universal suffrage, this book is an introduction to a fascinating topic.



#### Prisoners of Geography: Our World Explained in 12 Maps - Tim Marshall

How did the USA become a superpower? Why do people go to war? And why are some countries rich while others are so poor? Find the answers to these questions and many more in this book which uses maps to explain how geography has shaped the history of our world.

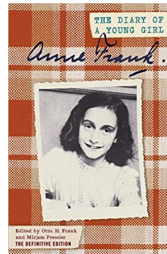


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### Non-fiction

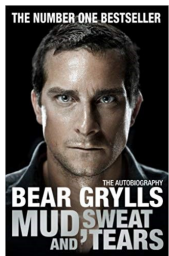
#### **The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank**

Anne, a Jewish Dutch girl, has to hide from the Germans in a tiny secret room with her family and another family for two years. This is her diary from that time which she hoped to publish when the war was over.



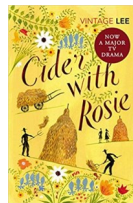
#### **Mud, Sweat and Tears - Bear Grylls**

Known and admired by millions, Bear Grylls has survived where few would dare to go. Now, for the first time, Bear tells the story of his action-packed life. Gripping, moving and wildly exhilarating, *Mud, Sweat and Tears* is a must-read for adrenalin junkies and armchair adventurers alike.



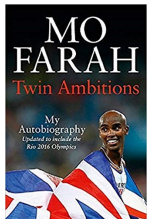
#### **Cider with Rosie - Laurie Lee**

The funny and moving autobiography of a young boy growing up in a remote village in Gloucestershire just after the 1st World War.



#### **Twin Ambitions - Mo Farah**

A moving human story of a man who grew up in difficult circumstances, separated from his family at an early age, who struggled to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles to become Britain's most decorated Olympic track-and-field athlete ever.



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#### **The 1000 Year Old Boy - Ross Welford**

Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy - except he's 1000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. So when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie has to search for a way to survive.



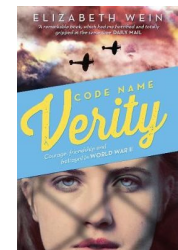
#### **Genuine Fraud - E Lockhart**

How many times can someone reinvent themselves? You be the judge. Imogen is a runaway heiress, an orphan, a cook, and a cheat. Jule is a fighter, a social chameleon, and an athlete. An intense friendship. A disappearance. A murder, or maybe two. A bad romance, or maybe three. A girl who refuses to be the person she once was.



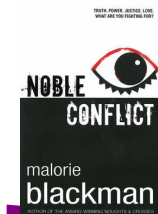
#### **Code Name Verity - Elizabeth Wein**

Only in wartime could a stalwart lass from Manchester rub shoulders with a Scottish aristocrat, one a pilot, the other a special operations executive. When a vital mission goes wrong, and one of the friends is captured by the Gestapo, becomes a prisoner of war and writes her account. Truth or lies? Honour or betrayal? Everything they've ever believed in is put to the test . . .



#### **Noble Conflict - Malorie Blackman**

After a violent war destroyed much of the world, Kaspar lives in a society based on peace and harmony. Beyond the city walls, a vicious band of rebels are plotting to tear this peace apart. It is up to the Guardians to protect the city. When Kaspar joins the Guardians, he has a chance encounter with a rebel and realises he hasn't been told the truth about what he's fighting for.

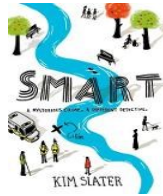


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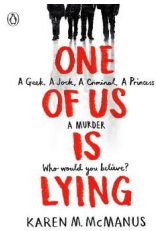
### Thrillers and Crime

#### Smart - Kim Slater

There's been a murder, but the police don't care. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened.



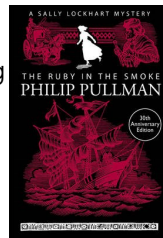
#### One of Us Is Lying - Karen M McManus



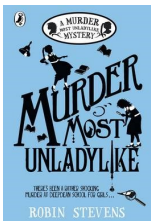
Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in baseball. Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together her perfect life. Outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online.

#### The Ruby in the Smoke - Phillip Pullman

Soon after Sally Lockhart's father drowns at sea, she receives an anonymous letter. The dire warning it contains makes a man die of fear at her feet. Determined to discover the truth about her father's death, Sally is plunged into a terrifying mystery in the dark heart of Victorian London, at the centre of which lies a deadly blood-soaked jewel.



#### Murder Most Unladylike - Robin Stevens

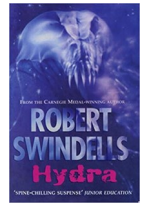


When Daisy and Hazel set up their very own secret detective agency at school, they struggle to find any interesting crimes to solve. When Hazel discovers the Science mistress, Miss Bell, dead in the gym, she assumes it is a terrible accident. Then the body disappears, leaving Daisy and Hazel lead investigators...

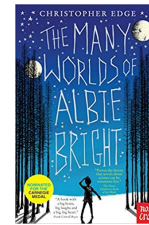
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#### Hydra - Robert Swindells

Something is causing mysterious circles to appear in the cornfields of Cansfield Farm. And someone, or something, has obviously terrified Barry Cansfield, the farmer's bullying son. But when friends Ben and Midge sneak out to the farm to investigate, they discover a secret more terrifying than they could possibly have imagined - a truly monstrous horror that simply must be stopped...



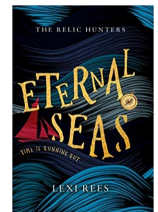
#### The Many Worlds of Albie Bright - Christopher Edge



When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...

#### Eternal Seas - Lexi Rees

Such a small parcel shouldn't cause experienced smugglers much trouble. But, as Finn and Aria discover, this is the most dangerous delivery of their lives. Battered by storms and chased across the globe by an evil warlord, they enlist the help of a strange witch-doctor. Together, they struggle to solve the mystery while the fate of an ancient civilisation depends on them.



#### The Challenge - Tom Hoyle



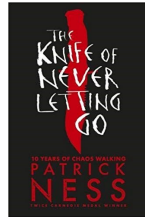
Ben's been grieving for his best friend, Will, who suddenly disappeared from their tiny village a year ago. But when twins Sam and Jack begin at the school, things start to look up. Cool, good-looking and popular, they draw Ben into their world and introduce him to *The Challenge*. What first appears to be a fun internet game quickly turns sinister as Ben's tasks become wilder and more dangerous...

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### Science Fiction and Dystopia

#### The Knife of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness

Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run...



#### The Secret Runners of New York - Matthew Reilly



When Skye Rodgers and her twin brother Red move to Manhattan, rumours of a coming global apocalypse are building. But this doesn't stop the young elite from partying without a care. Then Skye joins an exclusive gang known as the Secret Runners of New York. But this is no ordinary clique. They have access to an underground portal that can transport them into the future.

#### Gone - Michael Grant

In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young. There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. No way to get help. And no way to figure out what's happened. It's a terrifying new world.



#### Mortal Engines - Phillip Reeve

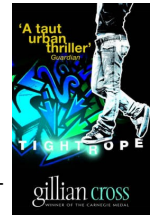


London is a city on wheels - a future city like you've never known before. In the terrible aftermath of the Sixty Minute War, cities which survived the apocalypse became predators, chasing and feeding on smaller towns. Now London is hunting down its prey, getting ready to feed. But as the chase begins, Tom uncovers a secret - a secret full of deadly consequences.

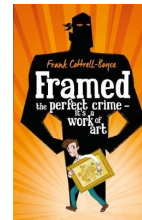
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#### Tightrope - Gillian Cross

Ashley never realises that her graffiti is so dangerous. Someone sees her, someone dangerous. Now she's being watched, followed and threatened. Ashley seeks the help of local gang leader Eddie Beale. But Eddie's help doesn't come for free-he expects something in return. Ashley has to decide how far she's willing to



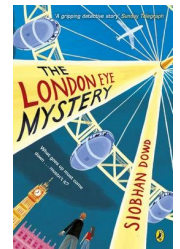
#### Framed - Frank Cottrell Boyce



Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage - and Dylan is in charge of the petrol log and keeps track of everyone coming in and out of Manod. But when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded. Who are these people - and what have they got to hide?

#### London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd

When Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, he turned and waved before getting on. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off - but no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air?



#### Girl, Missing - Sophie McKenzie



Lauren is adopted and eager to know more about her mysterious past. But when she discovers she may have been snatched from her family as a baby, her whole life suddenly feels like a sham. Why will no one answer her questions? Running away from her family to seek out the truth, Lauren's journey takes her deeper and deeper into danger as she realises that someone wants to stop her uncovering what really happened when she was a baby... at any cost...

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### Ghosts, Zombies and Horror

#### Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience.



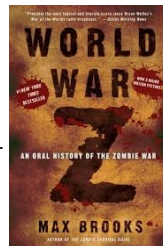
#### This Monstrous Thing - Mackenzie Lee

It's Geneva, 1818, and mechanical clockwork is a new technology, one met with stigma and superstition. In this world, young Alasdair has done the unthinkable in resurrecting his brother, an act seemingly captured in a book about a man and a monster.



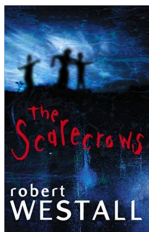
#### World War Z - Max Brooks

It began with rumours from China about another pandemic, but soon it revealed itself to be much, much worse. Faced with a future of mindless, man-eating horror, humanity has to find a way to survive.



#### The Scarecrows - Robert Westall

There were three people, standing in the darkest place, watching him. Simon is outraged that his Mum plans to remarry. He can't bear her new fiancé or the way his mother and sister seem to have forgotten his late father. Overwhelmed by hatred and anger he seeks solace in a nearby abandoned water mill. But another, powerful hatred lingers within its walls. And it is about to be unleashed...



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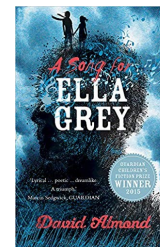
#### Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy

Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...



#### A Song for Ella Grey - David Almond

Claire is Ella Grey's best friend. She's there when the whirlwind arrives on the scene: catapulted into a North East landscape of gutted shipyards; of high arched bridges and ancient collapsed mines. She witnesses a love so dramatic it is as if her best friend has been captured and taken from her. But the loss of her friend to the arms of Orpheus is nothing compared to the loss she feels when Ella is taken from the world. This is her story - as she bears witness to a love so complete; so sure, that not even death can



#### Hush, Hush - Becca Fitzpatrick

Nora is right in the middle of a centuries-old battle between the immortal and those that have fallen - and sooner or later, she's going to have to pick sides...



#### The Colour of Magic (discworld book 1) - Terry Pratchett

Discworld: a parallel time and place which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different. It plays by different rules. But then, some things are the same everywhere. The Disc's very existence is about to be threatened. Unfortunately, the person charged with maintaining its survival in the face of robbers, mercenaries and, well, Death, is a spectacularly inept wizard...



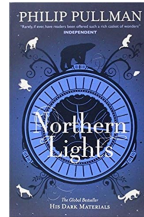


## SHELDON SCHOOL KS3 READING LIST

### Fantasy

#### Northern Lights - Phillip Pullman

"Without this child, we shall all die." Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...

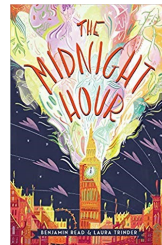


#### Ghosts of the Shadow Market - Cassandra Clare

The Shadow Market is a meeting point for faeries, werewolves, warlocks and vampires. Through two centuries, however, there has been a frequent visitor to the Shadow Market from the City of Bones, the very heart of the Shadowhunters. As a Silent Brother, Brother Zachariah is sworn keeper of the laws and lore of the Nephilim. What is he there to trade?

#### The Midnight Hour - Benjamin Read

Emily's parents have vanished into the secret world of the Midnight Hour - a Victorian London frozen in time - home to magic and monsters. Emily must find them in the city of the Night Folk, armed only with a packed lunch, a stowaway hedgehog and her infamously big mouth.



#### A Skinful of Shadows - Frances Hardinge

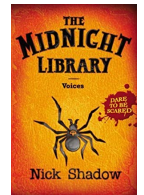
When a creature dies, its spirit can go looking for somewhere to hide. Makepeace, a courageous girl with a mysterious past, defends herself nightly from the ghosts which try to possess her. Then a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard for a moment. And now there's a ghost inside her. The spirit is wild, brutish and strong, but it may be her only defence in a time of dark suspicion and fear.



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#### Voices (The Midnight Library) - Nick Shadow

This is the terrifying first instalment of the Midnight Library collection, compiled from the darkest, most dusty shelves of Nick Shadow's bookroom...In this volume, we hear the story of the trainers with a mind of their own, the cautionary tale of Tim Barnett, who doesn't heed his grandmother's warnings and comes to a sticky end, and the scary account of the voices in Kate Openshaw's head...



#### Frost Hollow Hall - Emma Carroll



Tilly's heart sinks. Will's at the door of their cottage, daring her to come ice-skating up at Frost Hollow Hall. No one goes near the place these days. Rumour has it that the house is haunted . . . Ten years ago the young heir, Kit Barrington, drowned there in the lake. But Tilly never turns down a dare. *Frost Hollow Hall* is a historical gothic novel with the instant feeling of a

#### Zom-B - Darren Shan

Can you love a bullying racist thug if he's your father?  
How do you react when confronted with your darkest inner demons?  
What do you do when zombies attack?



B Smith is about to find out...

#### Contagion - Teri Terry

Callie is missing.



Her brother Kai is losing hope of ever seeing her again. Then he meets Shay, a girl who saw Callie the day she disappeared, and his hope is reignited. Their search leads them to the heart of a terrifying epidemic that is raging through the country.

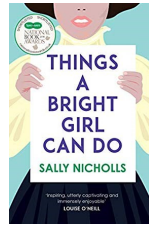
Can Kai and Shay escape death and find Callie?

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### Historical

#### Things A Bright Girl Can Do - Sally Nicholls

Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, Evelyn, May and Nell join the fight for the vote. But the fight for freedom will challenge them. With war looming, just how much are they prepared to sacrifice?



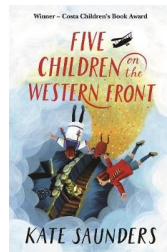
#### Goodnight Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London.



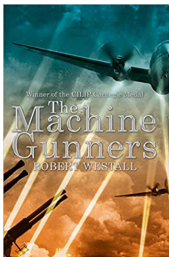
#### Five Children on the Western Front - Kate Saunders

The children were together for the last time. The Great War began in earnest, and Cyril was off to fight. And for the first time in years, the magical Psammead appeared at the bottom of the garden.



#### The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall

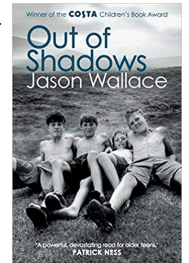
Chas McGill has the second-best collection of war souvenirs in Garmouth, and he desperately wants it to be the best. When he stumbles across the remains of a German bomber crashed in the woods - its shiny, black machine-gun still intact - he grabs his chance. Soon he's masterminding his own war effort with dangerous and unexpected results . . .



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#### Out of Shadows - Jason Wallace

Zimbabwe, 1980s. The fighting has stopped, independence has been won and Robert Mugabe has come to power offering the end of the Old Way and promising hope for black Africans. For Robert Jacklin, it's all new: new continent, new country, new school. And very quickly he learns that for some of his white classmates, the sound of guns is still loud, and their battles rage on. He wants things back to how they were, and he's taking his fight to the very top.



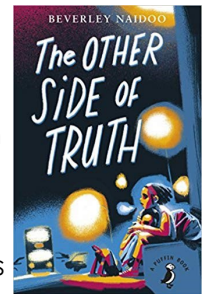
#### Now is the Time for Running - Michael Williams

Deo is a great footballer, a fierce protector of his older brother, Innocent. His brother is easily nervous, easily happy but good at keeping score on the dusty fields of Zimbabwe where the boys play. Then Mugabe's soldiers come, destroying the only home the boys have known. Now, Deo has nothing but his brother, and a football stuffed with billions of worthless dollars. And so starts their journey to find their father. But with soldiers everywhere, they have only one chance to cross the border, one chance to escape.



#### The Other Side of Truth - Beverley Naidoo

This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London, with their father promising to follow. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England as her children, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment. Seen through the eyes of Sade, the novel explores what it means to be classified as 'illegal' and the difficulties which come with being a refugee.

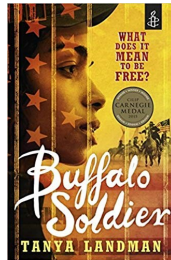


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### World and Culture

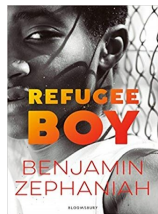
#### **Buffalo Soldier - Tanya Landman**

"What kind of a girl steals the clothes from a dead man's back and runs off to join the army? A desperate one. That's who." At the end of the American Civil War, Charley – a young African-American slave from the deep south – is ostensibly freed but left alone. In a terrifyingly lawless land, Charley is trapped in a world of injustice and inequality, and it's only when Charley is posted to Apache territory that she begins to learn what it is to be truly free.



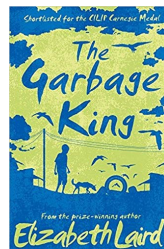
#### **Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah**

Life is not safe for Alem. His father is Ethiopian; his mother is Eritrean. Their countries are at war and Alem is welcome in neither place. So Alem is excited to spend a holiday in London. But when he finds himself alone, he must forge his own way...



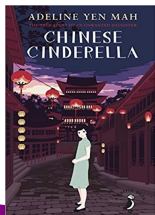
#### **The Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird**

Mamo is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Together they join a gang of homeless street boys who survive only by mutual bonds of trust and total dependence on each other.



#### **Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah**

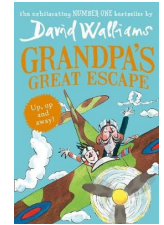
Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her. They are cruel to her. This story is one of survival in the light of cruelty and disloyalty and with the help of kindness from others.



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#### **Grandpa's Great Escape - David Walliams**

An exquisite portrait of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa – this book takes readers on an incredible journey with Spiffires over London and Great Escapes through the city in an adventure full of comedy and heart.



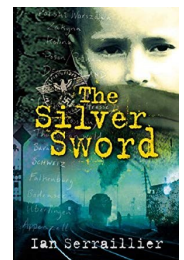
#### **Flamingo Boy - Michael Morpurgo**

In WW2, a young autistic boy lives in Southern France on his parents' farm among the salt flats and flamingos that live there. He loves animals and routine. Then the Germans come with their guns and take the town. A soldier shoots a flamingo from the sky and suddenly, for this vulnerable boy, everything is falling apart.



#### **The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier**

It was only a paper knife, but it became the symbol of hope and courage for four starving and deserted children during the Nazi occupation, and on the exhausting and dangerous journey from Poland to Switzerland.



#### **Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys**

It's early 1945 and a group of people trek across Germany, bound together by their desperation to reach the ship that can take them away from the war-ravaged land. Four young people, each haunted by their own dark secret, narrate their unforgettable stories.

