

# Year 7 Recommended Reading



## WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED BY VICTORIA JAMIESON **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY!** GRAPHIC NOVEL

Heartbreak and hope exist together in this remarkable graphic novel about growing up in a refugee camp, as told by a Somali refugee.

## LAMPPIE BY ANNET SCHAAP

Lampie lives alone with her struggling widowed father. Following a terrible shipping disaster, connected to their lighthouse she is sent away to work in a large, mysterious house to reduce their debts. But what she discovers there changes everything forever.

## MOONFLEET BY J. MEADE FALKNER

A thrilling tale of adventure and smugglers set among the cliffs and caves of Dorset. Orphan John Trenchard is forced to flee England with a price on his head.

## THE SKYLARK'S WAR BY HILARY MCKAY

Clarry and her brother Peter live for their annual summer trips to Cornwall—a chance to escape their cold father and to enjoy spending time with their exciting cousin Rupert. But when the First World War begins and Rupert enlists in the army, their world is thrown upside down. Will they ever see him again? How will the shadow of the war change their lives?

## OWEN AND THE SOLDIER BY LISA THOMPSON **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY!**

At home, Owen and his mum are struggling and there's nobody he can talk to. But hidden away in the park, Owen feels free to be himself and he's the only one who can save the crumbling stone soldier. Can he find the courage to speak up before it's too late? A touching story of loss and remembrance.

## WED WABBIT BY LISSA EVANS

Fidge is hurled into the strange, surreal world of the Wimbley Woos along with her awful cousin Graham. A witty and hilarious read that may help pre-teens to appreciate home and family.

## HIGH RISE MYSTERY BY SHARNA JACKSON

The perfect 'whodunnit'. After finding their art teacher murdered, The Tri' sisters Nik and Norva sift through red herrings and reveal a series of tower block secrets, determined to solve this terrible crime.

## CAN YOU SEE ME? BY LIBBY SCOTT

People think that because Tally's autistic she doesn't realise what they're thinking. But Tally hears, sees and notices everything. A powerful lesson in empathy and kindness written using real life diary entries of a young girl with Asperger's.

## NORTHERN LIGHTS BY PHILIP PULLMAN **SOME DARK THEMES**

The first of *The Dark Materials* trilogy recently televised by the BBC. When Lyra's friend goes missing and she finds out there's an expedition to discover other worlds very different to her own, a chain of events is set in motion catapulting her into danger and a search for the truth.

## THE GIRL OF INK & STARS BY KIRAN MILLWARD HARGRAVE

Forbidden to leave her island, brave Isabelle dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When her closest friend disappears into the Island's Forgotten Territories, she volunteers to guide the search. An action adventure novel with a strong female lead character.

## THE GOLDFISH BOY BY LISA THOMPSON

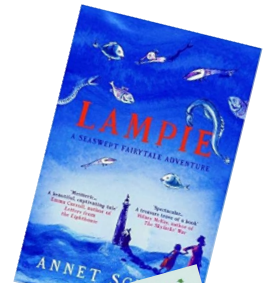
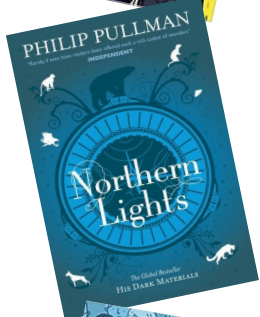
Twelve year old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out his bedroom window watching the comings and goings of Chestnut Close. But when a young neighbour goes missing Matthew turns detective to unravel the mystery.

## BOY IN THE TOWER BY POLLY HO-YEN **SOME DARK THEMES**

Ade lives at the top of a tower block but his Mum hates going outside and is happier sleeping all day, where it is safe. One day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear.....

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## STILL WATER BY CHRIS PRIESTLEY **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY** SOME DARK THEMES

Evacuated from London at the outbreak of war, Rosie is taken in by kind Mrs. Taylor and her daughter Mary. But all is not as it seems. When Rosie comes across a strange girl swimming in a local pond, she hopes they will become friends. But instead her appearance leads to a horrifying revelation.



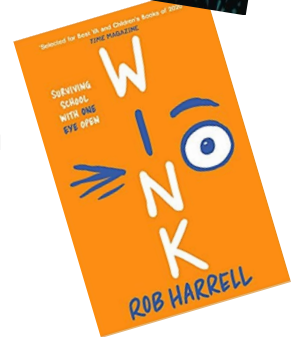
## CRATER LAKE BY JENNIFER KILLICK SOME DARK SPOOKY THEMES

There are three rules for surviving Crater Lake: *don't* go anywhere with an adult; *don't* follow any instructions you're given; and *don't ever* fall asleep... A fast-paced, high action read full of suspense, scares, twists and turns



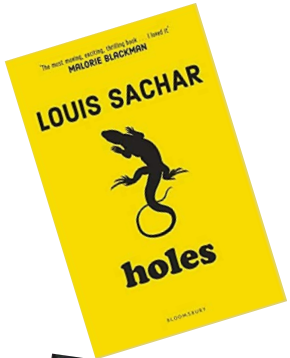
## A LITTLE PRINCESS BY FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

Sara is sent to a strict boarding school after her father enlists in WW1. When he is presumed dead, the headmistress, knowing she won't receive any more money, forces her to become a servant. But the resourceful young girl changes her fortune again.



## WINK BY ROB HARRELL

Ross Molloy just wants to be normal. But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, simply blending in is no longer an option. Ross - and his friends and his family - all need to work out how to deal with this devastating challenge that life has thrown down. Maybe Batpig can come to the rescue? Heart-warming and emotional but very, very funny.



## HOLES BY LOUIS SACHAR SOME DARK THEMES

Stanley Yelnats' family has been cursed and he finds himself wrongly accused of theft and sent to a mysterious juvenile detention centre in the sweltering Texan desert. A witty, inventive mystery novel, told in a direct, simple style.



## THE BONE SPARROW BY ZANA FRAILLON

Focusing on a friendship between two young refugees, *The Bone Sparrow* is a rare, special book that will break your heart with its honesty and beauty. Hopeful and uplifting.



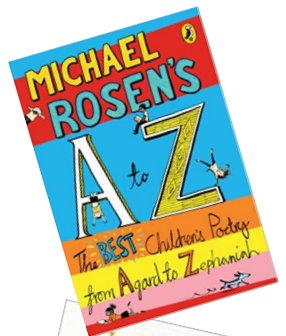
## THE HAUNTING OF AVELINE JONES BY PHIL HICKES SOME DARK THEMES

Aveline is sent to stay with her unpleasant Aunt Lilian in the wild, gloomy town of Malmouth, Cornwall. She stumbles upon a quirky bookshop and a sinister long-lost diary drawing her into an unsolved local mystery. Spooky events spiral and Aveline finds herself in great danger.



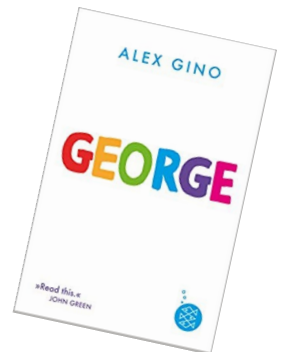
## THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS BY SOPHIE ANDERSON SOME DARK THEMES

A story of death, magic and the afterlife told by Marinka, who is desperate not to follow in her grandmother's footsteps and wants to find her own destiny. Loosely based on the Slavic witch myth of Baba Yaga this story is delightfully dark and engrossing.



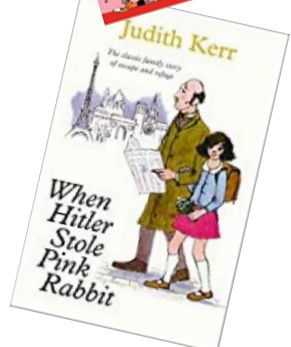
## A TO Z THE BEST CHILDREN'S POETRY BY MICHAEL ROSEN **Poetry**

From Agard to Zephaniah—a poet for every letter of the alphabet. A great book to dip in and out of and a wonderful way to get to know a diverse range of British poets.



## GEORGE BY ALEX GINO **LGBT**

To the world around her George is a boy but she longs to show the world who she really is. A short sweet story about embracing your true self and trusting people. Relatable for anyone struggling with doubt, a lack of confidence or finding it hard to fit in.



## WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT BY JUDITH KERR

Judith Kerr, the illustrator of the much loved Mog the Cat, fled Germany with her Jewish family when she was just 9 years old before the outbreak of WW2. Judith and her brother were rushed by her parents in secrecy away from everything they knew—home and schoolmates and well-loved toys. This is their story.

## SPUTNIK'S GUIDE TO LIFE ON EARTH BY FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE

A zany, hilarious, laugh-out-loud tale of family, friendship and alien space dogs!

