



Year 9 Recommended Reading

NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR BY GEORGE ORWELL MATURE THEMES & VIOLENCE

The famous dystopian novel that inspired Big Brother. Still highly relevant in our modern world of media, surveillance and right-wing politics.

THE BOY WHO STEALS HOUSES BY C.G. DREW VIOLENCE & STRONG LANGUAGE

Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. Can two broken boys find their perfect home?

HEARTSTOPPER BY ALICE OSEMAN DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY! GRAPHIC NOVEL LGBT STRONG LANGUAGE

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. An LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between

ONE OF US IS LYING BY KAREN MCMANUS STRONG LANGUAGE & MATURE THEMES

Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive. A tightly plotted whodunnit packed with cryptic clues and plot twists..

RUN REBEL BY MANJEET MANN STRONG LANGUAGE & SOME VIOLENCE

A young girl defines her place in the world in this verse novel that sensitively explores themes of bullying and domestic abuse. A powerful read.

THE HATE U GIVE BY ANGIE THOMAS STRONG LANGUAGE & MATURE THEMES

Starr witnesses the police shooting of a childhood friend. She has to decide whether to use her voice to try and fight for justice. A compelling exploration of race and growing up in modern day America.

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME BY VARIOUS Poetry SOME STRONG LANGUAGE & MATURE THEMES

An anthology featuring poems and stories from 12 black, Asian and minority ethnic authors—this absorbing book offers refreshing perspectives, tales of humour and emotional punches.

MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS BY GERALD DURRELL Non-Fiction

The charming account of a rare and magical childhood on the island of Corfu by treasured British conservationist Gerald Durrell. Great for animal and nature lovers.

DRACULA BY BRAM STOKER DARK/ MATURE THEMES

A classic vampire tale following Dracula's move from Transylvania to England, pursued by Abraham Van Helsing who is intent on exterminating him.

I CAPTURE THE CASTLE BY DODIE SMITH SOME MATURE THEMES

Cassandra lives a carefree life in a ruined castle in the countryside. But her life changes forever when Americans arrive unexpectedly to claim the castle as their inheritance. A story of first love and family.

A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER BY HOLLY JACKSON MATURE THEMES

Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend—case closed. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden.

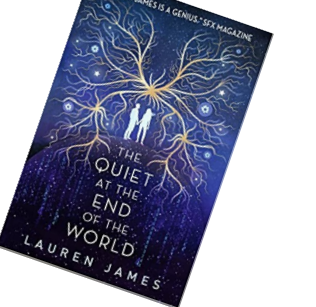
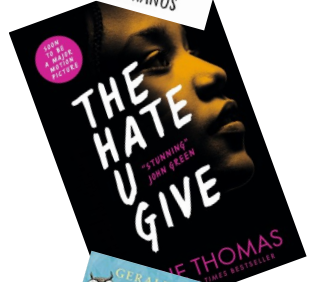
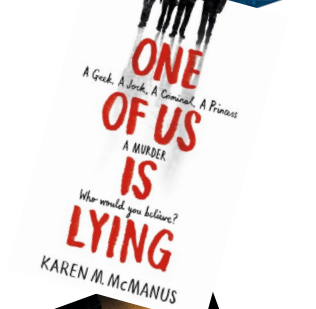
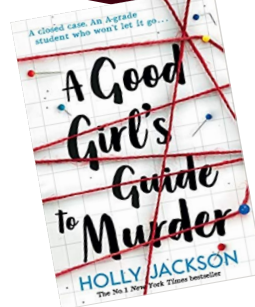
THE QUIET AT THE END OF THE WORLD BY LAUREN JAMES SOME DARK THEMES

Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet after a virus caused global infertility. A secret is uncovered that threatens not only their family but humanity's entire existence. How far would you go to save the ones you love?

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NOUGHTS AND CROSSES BY MALORIE BLACKMAN STRONG LANGUAGE & MATURE THEMES

Sephy is a Cross. Callum is a Nought. They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies and love is out of the question. Stormzy's favourite book and a true modern classic!

ORANGEBOY BY PATRICE LAWRENCE STRONG LANGUAGE & MATURE THEMES

Marlon can't believe it when his dream girl picks him as her date to the fair. But when a mysterious tragedy strikes, Marlon is determined to reveal the chain that links him to the criminal underworld. He starts getting the wrong sort of attention, as investigations tangle him into a web of gangs. A pacey crime thriller that feels unique, realistic and truthful.

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN BY RANSOM RIGGS DARK THEMES

An unforgettable novel with a quirky story mixing fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. The first in a series.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON VIOLENCE & DARK THEMES

The mysterious friendship between respectable Dr Henry Jekyll and the criminal Edward Hyde is a puzzle to Dr Jekyll's friends. When Hyde beats a member of Parliament to death, Jekyll's lawyer is determined to discover the ties that bind the two men together....

ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET BY JUDY BLUME MATURE THEMES

Margaret is convinced she isn't normal. Her friends are more grown up than her, she's starting a new school and she's unsure whether to follow her mother's or her father's religion. A relatable book about puberty, growing up and questioning stuff, told with humour and honesty.

LONG WAY DOWN BY JASON REYNOLDS **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY!** STRONG LANGUAGE & SOME VIOLENCE

Spanning a mere one minute and seven seconds, this free-verse novel is an intense snapshot of the chain reaction caused by pulling a trigger.

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE SOME DARK THEMES

The Baskerville family is cursed by a supernatural dog intent on savaging them. Can Sherlock Holmes and Watson solve the mystery and save the family?

ENDER'S GAME BY ORSON SCOTT CARD SOME VIOLENCE

At Battle School fighting is compulsory. Ender Wiggin must survive the most brutal military training program in the galaxy. Classic science-fiction and adventure—the first in a series.

THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA BY ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Set in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Havana, Hemingway's perfectly crafted fable is the story of an old man, a young boy and a giant fish. An ideal, short introduction to more challenging literature.

THE TRUTH OF THINGS BY ANTHONY MCGOWAN **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY!** STRONG LANGUAGE & MATURE THEMES

Life is pretty tough for Nicky and Kenny. Their mum is gone and their dad has had his troubles. Money is tight and people can be cruel about Kenny's learning difficulties. But through it all, the brothers stick together, sharing adventures and their love of the natural world, while finding humour in the most difficult of times.

SALT TO THE SEA BY RUTH SEPETYS SOME DARK THEMES

In 1945, the Second World War is drawing to an end and the German people flee from the approaching Russian army. Sepetys based this 2017 Carnegie Medal winner on a true -life naval disaster in which an estimated 9,000 people drowned. Tragic and moving.

BOY EVERYWHERE BY A.M. DASSU SOME VIOLENCE

A debut novel following the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family. Across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester. A story of survival, family and bravery.

