



Year 9 Recommended Reading

Adventure

<i>Bodyguard series</i>	Chris Bradford	No one suspects that a teenager could protect someone – but Connor Reeves is no ordinary 14-year-old.
<i>Dear Scarlett</i>	Fleur Hitchcock	A story about a young girl's attempts to learn more about her dead father through the objects she finds in a cardboard box he's left her.
<i>Nowhere on Earth</i>	Nick Lake	There are two survivors of a plane crash – a teenage girl and her little brother. Lost in the wild, do they want to be found?
<i>Life of Pi*</i>	Yann Martel	In the lifeboat are five survivors: Pi, a hyena, a zebra, a female orang-utan and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger.
<i>Cherub Series</i>	Robert Muchamore	CHERUB employs children, mainly orphans, under the age of 17 as intelligence agents.

Drama and Romance

<i>Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda</i>	Becky Albertalli	Simon, a gay high-school boy, is forced to come out after a blackmailer discovers his e-mails written to another classmate with whom he has fallen in love.
<i>Am I Normal Yet + others*</i>	Holly Bourne	The story of Evie's life in the grip of OCD.

<i>Butterfly Summer*</i>	Anne-Marie Conway	After Becky and her mum move to the tiny village of Oakbridge, Becky realises that her mum is keeping something from her.
<i>The Fault in Our Stars + others*</i>	John Green	Hazel meets Augustus Waters at a Cancer Kid Support Group and her story is about to be completely rewritten.
<i>Finding Audrey</i>	Sophie Kinsella	Audrey can't leave the house. She can't even take off her dark glasses inside the house. Then her brother's friend Linus stumbles into her life. With his friendly, orange-slice smile and his funny notes, he starts to entice Audrey out again.
<i>Stargazing for Beginners*</i>	Jenny McLachlan	Meg is desperate to win a competition to get the chance to visit NASA headquarters. However, her mum has disappeared and she has to look after her little sister.
<i>All The Bright Places</i>	Jennifer Niven	A story about a girl who learns to live from a boy who wants to die.
<i>I Capture the Castle</i>	Dodie Smith	Follow 17-year-old Cassandra Mortmain and her quirky family as they try to make the best of their life existence in a crumbling English castle.
<i>The Hate U Give*</i>	Angie Thomas	Sixteen-year-old Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.
<i>Chinese Cinderella</i>	Adeline Yen Mah	Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her.
<i>Everything, Everything*</i>	Nicole Yoon	Madeline Whittier has never left the house in all of her 17 years. But when Olly moves in next

		door, and wants to talk to Maddie things begin to change.
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Fantasy and Science Fiction

<i>The Selection series + others</i>	Keira Cass	Seventeen-year-old America Singer has been chosen for The Selection, a reality TV lottery in which a special few compete.
The Mortal Instruments series + others*	Cassandra Clare	Discover the secrets of the Shadowhunters as they battle to keep the world safe from demons.
<i>Maze Runner series</i>	James Dashner	When the doors of the lift open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his 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 terrible stone maze.
<i>The Jewel*</i>	Amy Ewing	Violet is auctioned and imprisoned in the palace of the Duchess of the Lake.
<i>Gone series</i>	Michael Grant	Suddenly the world changes and all the adults vanish without a trace. Those that are left must learn to survive.
The <i>Throne of Glass</i> series and <i>A Court of Thrones and Roses</i> series	Sara J Maas	In the <i>Throne of Glass</i> series Celaena is offered her freedom on one condition - to fight as Prince Dorian's champion in a contest sponsored by the king. In <i>A Court of Thrones and Roses</i> Feyre's survival rests upon her ability to hunt and kill, but the forest where she lives is a cold, bleak place in winter.
The <i>Discworld</i> series	Terry Pratchett	Somewhere on the frontier between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a parallel time and place

		which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different.
<i>Lord of the Rings series</i>	J R R Tolkein	Read about the adventures of hobbits, elves, dwarves and wizards in this famous series.

Historical

<i>On Midnight Beach</i>	Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick	Summer 1976 is already hot and tense when a dolphin turns up in Ross Bay. This is a gripping tale of love, loss and dangerous rivalry.
<i>Chains*</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	As the American Revolutionary War rages, a thirteen-year old girl pursues her own fight for freedom.
<i>Amy Snow*</i>	Tracy Rees	Amy's only friend Aurelia dies young. She leaves Amy a bundle of letters with a coded key that only Amy can unlock.
<i>The Fountains of Silence</i>	Ruta Sepetys	Daniel is the heir to an American oil dynasty and Amy is a hotel maid whose family is struggling. Read about life under the fascist dictatorship of General Franco.
<i>Code Name Verity</i>	Elizabeth Wein	When a vital mission goes wrong 'Verity' has to bail out of a faulty plane over France.

Mystery / Crime

<i>The Murder Notebooks series – Dead Time</i>	Anne Cassidy	Rose and Joshua first met when Joshua and his dad came to live with Rose and her mum. But their world turns upside down when their mother and father go out for dinner one evening and never return.
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<i>A Pocketful of Rye + others*</i>	Agatha Christie	Follow Miss Marple and see if you can solve the clues before there is another murder.
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*</i>	Mark Haddon	15-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone discovers the body of his neighbour's dog on the neighbours' front lawn one morning and sets out to uncover the murderer.
<i>Letters to the Lost*</i>	Brigid Kemmerer	When Declan finds a letter left behind a grave he can't resist writing back. Soon, he is sharing his pain with a perfect stranger...
<i>Girl Missing series</i>	Sophie McKenzie	Lauren is eager to know more about her past. Could she have been snatched as a baby?
<i>Thirteen Chairs*</i>	Dave Shelton	A boy finds himself drawn into an empty house one cold night and enters a room in which 12 unusual looking people sit around a table. The 13th chair is pulled out for him...

Science Fiction and Dystopian

<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Douglas Adams	It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien.
<i>Legacy of Orisha series</i>	Tomi Adeyemi	In Children of Blood and Bone and Children of Virtue and Vengeance visit a stunning world of dark magic and danger in a West African-inspired fantasy.
<i>Noughts and Crosses series</i>	Malorie Blackman	Noughts and Crosses is a story that challenges our perceptions of race, power and truth.

<i>Ready Player One*</i>	Ernest Cline	In the year 2045 the only time teenager Wade Watts feels alive is when he's playing in the virtual utopia known as the OASIS.
<i>The Hunger Games</i>	Suzanne Collins	Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games - a fight to the death on live TV.
<i>The Maze Runner series</i>	James Dashner	When the doors of the lift open, Thomas finds himself at the centre of a bizarre and dreadful stone maze.
<i>The Lorien Legacies series</i>	Pittacus Lore	Nine teenagers and their guardians are hiding on Earth - protected by a charm that means they can only be killed in numeric order. Three are already dead and John Smith is Number Four.
<i>Itch</i>	Simon Mayo	Itchingham Lofte - known as Itch - makes a discovery - a new element, never seen before.
<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*</i>	Ransom Riggs	Sixteen-year-old Jacob journey to a remote island where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.

Classics

<i>Emma</i>	Jane Austen	Emma Woodhouse likes meddling in other people's affairs but it doesn't always go well!
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte	Jane Eyre finds a position as governess at Thornfield Hall. But after she falls in love with her employer, Rochester, she discovers he has a terrible secret.
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird*</i>	Harper Lee	A novel about growing up in the 1930s in the Southern United States.

<i>Animal Farm</i>	George Orwell	A classic fable about a communist dictatorship told through animals on a farm.
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Mary Shelley	A gothic horror about a monstrous creation.

** May include more advanced themes.*

Please try a book from the Classics Challenge **including *A Room with a View*** by EM Forster or ***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens.