



# Year 9

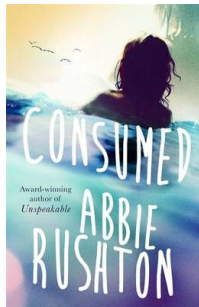


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Reading

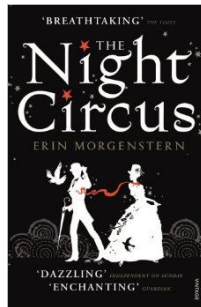
## Year 9 Required Reading Titles

Each student to read 5 books from September to July



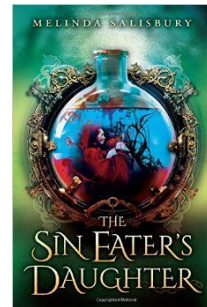
I very much enjoyed reading this suspense novel. I found it hard to guess what was going to happen.

**Suspense**



A strange and unusual tale of Le Cirque des Rêves. Wondrous feats of magic on every page...

**Fantasy**



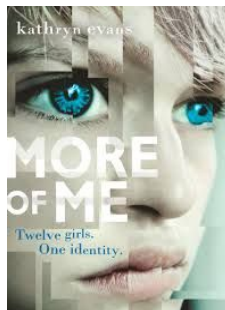
This book was so dark and unusual. Brilliant setting with cruel and brutal characters.

**Fantasy**



For fans of Les Misérables, this book gives a unique telling of Eponine and her sad, painful life.

**Historical**



This book is strange but unique with surprises and hidden family secrets. Well worth reading.

**Suspense**



A mysterious story of a family falling apart because of a dark and weird past.

**Fantasy**

***“A good book has no ending.” RD Cumming***

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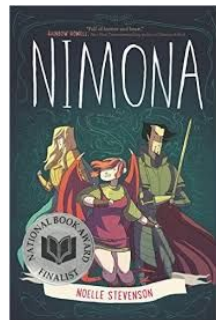
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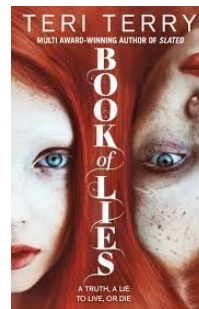
This book was so intense and interesting. Great characters and the suspense builds up fast!

**Suspense**



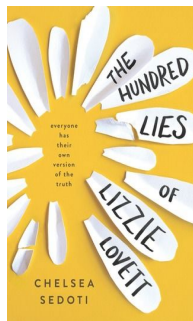
One of the best graphic novels I have ever read. Funny, witty and unusual with excellent illustrations.

**Fantasy**



A book of suspenseful fantasy. Brilliant characters, especially Piper and Quinn. Loved it!

**Fantasy**



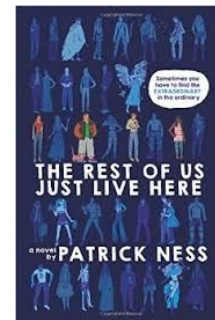
I loved Hawthorn who is the main character in this book. It is a unique and excellent read!

**Suspense**



This series starts brilliantly well with this book. It is dark, cruel and savage but so good!

**Suspense**



This is such a strange and original book to read. A different take on the chosen kids saving the world by focusing on the unexceptional.

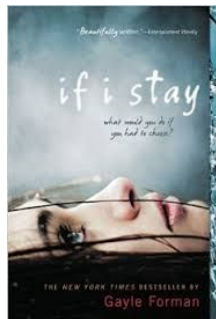
**Fantasy**

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*“The worth of a book is to be measured by what you carry away from it.” James Bryce*

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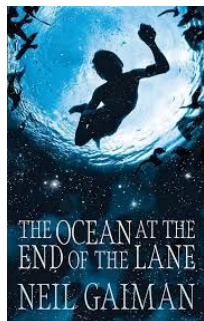
An emotional YA read for fans of Siobhan Dowd. A girl fights for her life in a coma after an accident involving her family.  
**General**



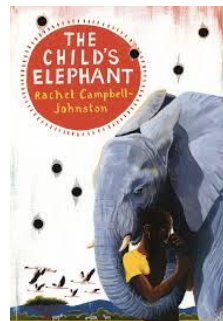
The best book this author has written. A must read for fans of John Green - it is brilliant!  
**Family**



This book of short stories is just excellent. Set in the North East, David Almond recalls memories from his childhood.  
**Short Story**



Such a strange book from the author of Coraline. A full on fantasy with lots of twists to the plot.  
**Fantasy**



I absolutely loved this book as it was harrowing but hopeful at the same time. Beautiful and vivid descriptions of Africa.  
**Animal**



If you liked Fault in our Stars then you must try this book. It is set in the North East and is funny, sad and emotional.  
**Family**

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*"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends." Charles W Eliot*

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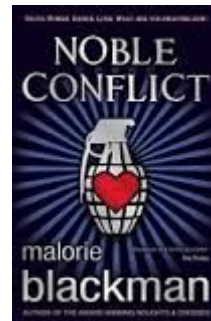
The best book written by this thriller YA author. Intense, suspenseful and compelling.

**Suspense**



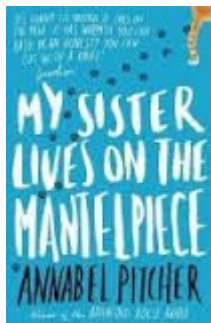
The book is so original. A boy/girl Micah runs away and joins the circus trying to keep his gender secret from everybody.

**Fantasy**



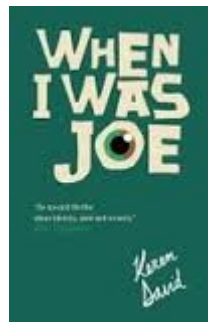
An excellent dystopian read from Malorie Blackman. Exciting, tense and intriguing to the last page.

**Suspense**



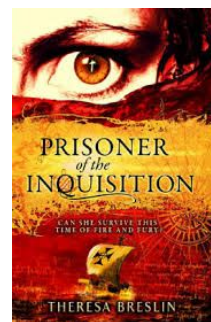
An amazing and emotional book about a boy who loses his big sister in a terrorist bomb blast.

**Family**



This great book starts with Joe witnessing the murder of a boy in the park. The police have to get him and his Mum into protective custody for safety.

**Suspense**



This excellent book is set during the Spanish inquisition telling Zarita's story of how she survived against the religious uprising.

**Historical**

***“The man who doesn’t read has no advantage over the man who can’t read.”***

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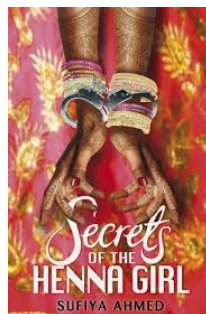
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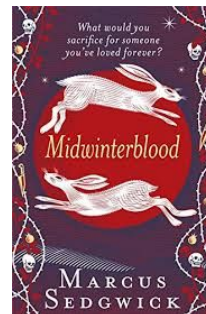
An exceptional book of family heartache, love and loss. The story of conjoined twins Tippi and Grace.

**Family**



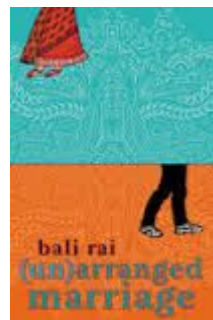
Zeba lives in England with her parents. She does not expect to be dragged to Pakistan where her life will change forever.

**Family**



A strange book of mystery, fantasy and secrets. Split into seven parts this book is a brilliant read!

**Suspense**



A vivid story of family expectation and pressure. Fighting tradition for freedom.

**Family**



Two brothers. Jammy in Afghanistan and Sonny left behind on a rough estate. Then Jammy comes home traumatized with devastating consequences.

**War**



One of the first YA books I ever read. First love, loyalty and heartbreak are the key elements of this excellent book

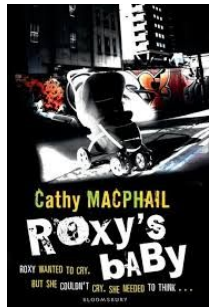
**Romance**

***“Books let us into their souls and lay open to us the secrets of our own.” William Hazlitt***

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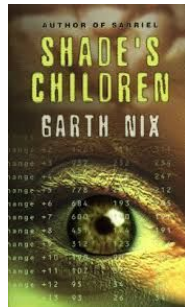
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This dark and shockingly disturbing novel is a must read for fans of suspense novels.

**Suspense**



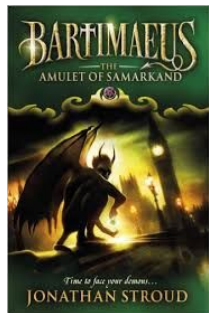
A stand alone dystopian novel from the author of Sabriel. Evil overlords and a machine like creature whose sole purpose is death.

**Fantasy**



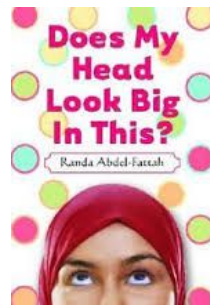
An unusual take on Frankenstein with a young boy named Billy who befriends the monster, who in turn keeps him safe on the streets of Victorian London.

**Historical**



The first in a fantasy series about a young magician-in-training who summons a demon to avenge his enemy.

**Fantasy**



A story about a young Muslim girl who is determined to acknowledge her religion by wearing a hijab to school.

**General**



The first in a suspense series starring Ben Maddox an investigative journalist who, while searching for a story, finds he is in way over his head.

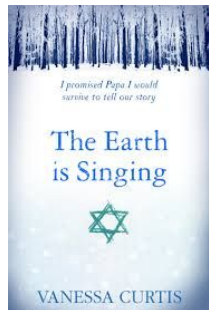
**Suspense**

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*"My test of a good novel is dreading to begin the last chapter." Thomas Helm*

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My Name is Hanna Michelson. I am fifteen and I am a Jew. I am Latvian. But none of that matters now because the Nazis have arrived...

**War**



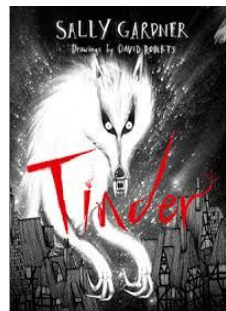
The latest dystopian from Malorie Blackman. Set in space, Olivia and Aidan are trying to get to Earth but make a huge mistake which could cost them their lives.

**Sci Fi**



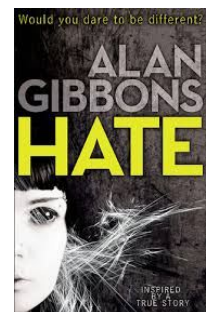
For fans of Twilight. What if Angels were not beautiful and good but soulless creatures sent to harm mankind? Willow and Alex are the only ones who stand against them.

**Fantasy**



A fairytale like story of a young soldier, a captive princess, witches, wolves and Death.

**Fantasy**



Eve's older sister Rosie is murdered and she is devastated. Eve meets Anthony and before long realizes that he was there the night Rosie dies but did nothing to help....

**Suspense**



Two stories of Little Hawk and John Wakely tells a tale of friendship and the eye-opening look at the history of our nation.

**Historical**

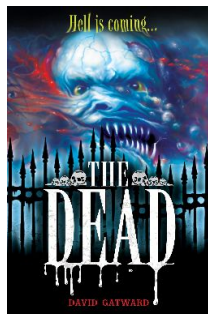
***"Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new after all."  
Abraham Lincoln***

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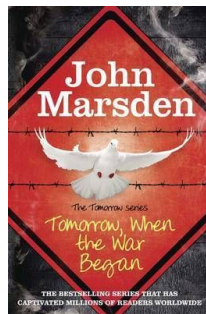


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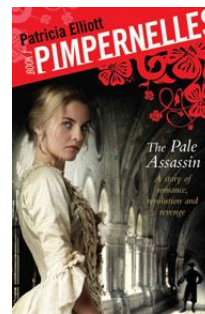
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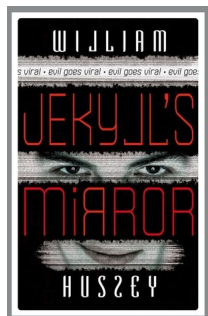
The Dead are coming..  
Lazarus is all that  
stands in their way.  
The story begins with  
the reek of rotting  
flesh..  
**Horror**



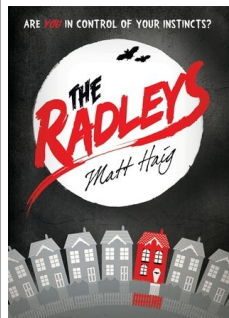
When Ellie and her  
friends return from a  
camping trip in the  
Australian bush, they  
find things hideously  
wrong—their families  
are gone, the whole  
town has gone...  
**Sci Fi**



Set during the French  
Revolution, Eugénie de  
Boncoeur's sheltered  
life changes forever as  
revolution grips France  
and the hated  
aristocrats are hunted  
down.  
**Historical**



Sam is invited to take  
part in Project Hyde, a  
new social networking  
site where users can be  
assured of total  
anonymity as part of a  
sinister new trial.  
**Suspense**



ARE YOU IN CONTROL OF YOUR INSTINCTS?  
An averagely  
dysfunctional family  
with a dark secret.  
Witty dialogue and  
interesting plot.  
**General**



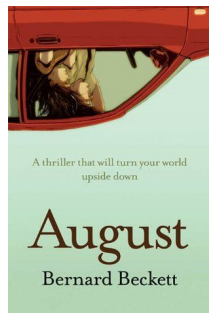
They called him Gou  
Tian, Sky Hook, the boy  
who flies. Then the  
Jade Circus offered him  
a chance to escape his  
enemies and travel  
throughout Kublai  
Khan's empire.  
**Adventure**

***“The smallest bookstore still contains more ideas of worth than have been presented in the entire history of television” Andrew Ross***

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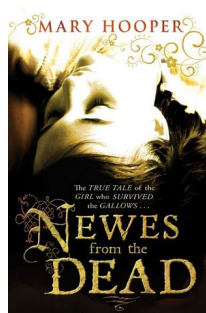
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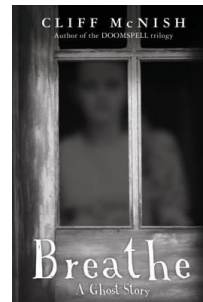
Trapped in a car wreck, upside down, bleeding, broken and in pain, Tristan and Grace are staring at death. Part philosophical thriller and part romance.

**Suspense**



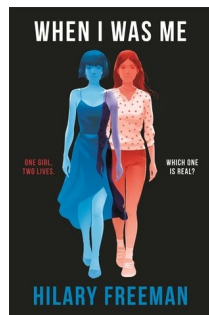
Anne can't move a muscle, can't open her eyes, can't scream. She lies immobile in the darkness, unsure if she's dead.

**Historical**



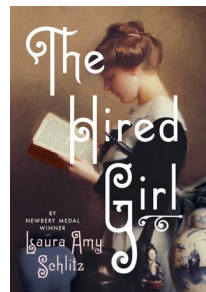
A creepy, disturbing ghost story, Jack moves to a new house and discovers it contains malevolent spirits of the dead.

**Horror**



When Ella wakes up one morning she discovers that she is not herself and that her life is not her own..

**Suspense**



Joan's journey from the muck of the chicken coop to a society household in Baltimore takes its reader on an exploration of feminism in history.

**Historical**



In this excellent 1st in a trilogy dystopian story, your birthdate marks your destiny. A strong, suspenseful plot and appealing characters .

**Suspense**

***"Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labelled this could change your life!"***  
***Helen Exley***

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