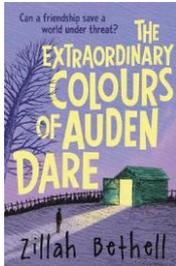


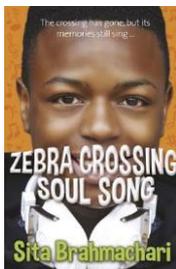
## Recommended Reads Year 7 2018



### **Bethell, Zillah - The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare**

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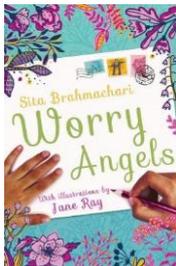
Auden has an unusual perspective on life as he cannot see in colour. Set in a dystopian world where water is scarce this is a compelling and moving story with plenty of humour and a heart warming ending.



### **Brahmachari, Sita - Zebra Crossing Soul Song**

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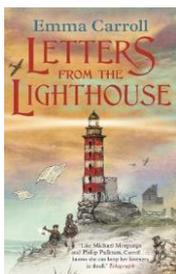
A boy gets to know the school crossing man who saves him from being run over and bonds with him over their love of soul music. An engaging hi-lo title by Barrington Stoke that follows Lenny as he navigates the world of secondary school and what lies beyond helped by his role-model, Otis the school crossing man.



### **Brahmachari, Sita – Worry Angels**

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Amy-May is surrounded by people with anxiety issues. She starts to overcome her own worries by making friends with a new girl from Syria who starts at her school. A hi-lo title published by Barrington Stoke.



### **Carroll, Emma - Letters from the Lighthouse**

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Olive is evacuated to Cornwall where she discovers a community with lots of secrets. A compelling and exciting historical story with strong characterisation.

**Group Set**





### **Cheng, Jack - See you in the Cosmos**

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Alex Petroski makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on an iPod he intends to launch into space. Alex is an unforgettable character; his story is poignant, hopeful and inspiring too.



### **Cohen, Sharon - The Starman and Me**

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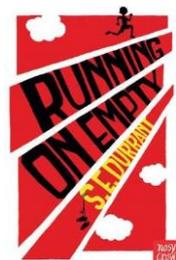
Kofi finds a prehistoric man with special powers on a supermarket roundabout and with the help of his best friend, Janie, must protect him from the scientists who are looking for him. An enjoyable read with a heart-warming ending and great characterisation.



### **Donaghue, Emma - The Lottery Plus One**

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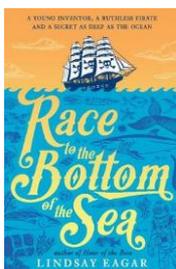
Meet the Lottery family: a unique and diverse family featuring four parents, seven kids and five pets - all living happily together in their big old house. But when their grumpy and intolerant grandad comes to stay, everything is turned upside down.



### **Durrant, S.E - Running on Empty**

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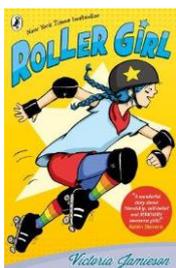
After the death of his grandfather, 11-year-old JJ, who has a talent for running, tries to look after his parents who have learning difficulties. As JJ tries to step into his grandfather's shoes, things start to unravel. A heart warming story about death, families, learning disabilities and ultimately, resilience.



### **Edgar, Lindsay - Race to the Bottom of the Sea**

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A wonderful mix of marine biology, adventure, invention, pirates and a hint of romance with a feisty heroine makes this an adventure story with a difference.



### **Jamieson, Victoria - Roller Girl**

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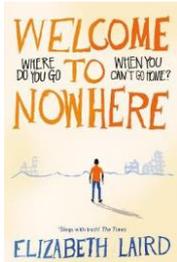
A graphic novel dealing with friendship and is ideal as a transition read. 12-year old Astrid sets her sights on joining a roller derby team and in the process has to find inner strength in order to make new friends and face new challenges in order to succeed.



**Kraatz, Jeramey - Dark Side of the Moon**

The second title in the Spacerunners series sees Benny and allies working together to save Earth from the next phase of the Alpha Maraudi's invasion. An action packed adventure series that has wide appeal.

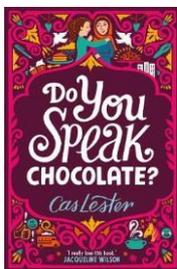
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**Laird Elizabeth - Welcome to Nowhere**

Omar, a 12-year-old refugee is forced to flee war-torn Syria with his family and find refuge in neighbouring Jordan, but when his clever older brother, Musa, gets mixed up with some young political activists, everything changes. A topical read dealing with immigration and refugees.

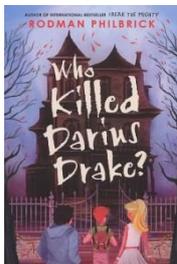
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**Lester Cas - Do you Speak Chocolate?**

Jaz discovers that the best way to make friends with new girl Nadima, who doesn't speak any English, is by offering her a chocolate bar. Lovely warm story that manages to combine refugee and war issues with everyday adolescent concerns of family and friendship.

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**Philbrick, Rodman - Who Killed Darius Drake?**

When genius orphan Darius employs school tough guy Arthur "Bash-Man" to help him find out who sent a note asking "Who Killed Darius Drake?" they both get caught up in a thrilling mystery. Engaging characters ensure that this title appeals to all.

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**Quidt, Jeremy de - The Wrong Train**

A collection of short scary stories told by an old man to a boy while waiting at a train station.

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**Sparkes, Ali - Night Speakers**

Night after night Elena, Matt, and Tima wake at exactly the same time, with no idea why. And then they realise their astounding power - they can speak any language; they can even communicate with animals. This supernatural thriller is the first title in a new series.

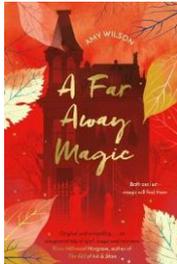
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### **Touchell, Dianne - Forgetting Foster**

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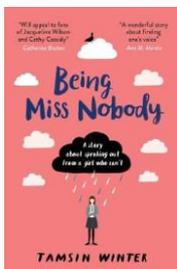
The story of a young boy facing the future of losing his father as he knows him when he starts showing signs of early onset Alzheimer's disease. As Foster's father begins to forget, Foster himself feels forgotten. A good title for mental health issues and for ELSA support.



### **Wilson Amy - Far Away Magic**

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A magical fantasy that follows two strong central characters. Angel bonds with Bavar, a misfit boy at her new school when she finds that he may be a link to the mysterious event that killed her parents. A tale of friendship and collaboration.



### **Winter, Tamsin - Being Miss Nobody**

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11-year-old Rosalind is so shy she can't speak in front of others, and is bullied by her classmates. She starts a blog to expose the bullies but soon people get hurt as they are falsely accused of being Miss Nobody. Could be used to promote discussions on bullying and internet safety.

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