

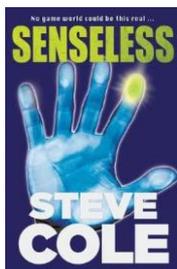
## Recommended Reads Year 8 2018



### **Bardugo, Leigh - Warbringer**

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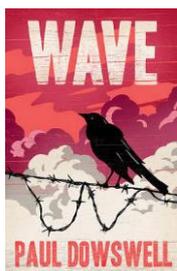
Very entertaining adventure with Diana set to prove to her community that she is worthy of the title warrior.



### **Cole, Steve - Senseless**

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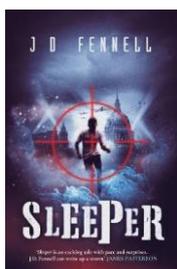
Very quick thriller featuring a gamer who wins a competition but soon learns that threats are not just virtual in this deadly game. (Hi-Lo)



### **Dowswell, Paul - Wave**

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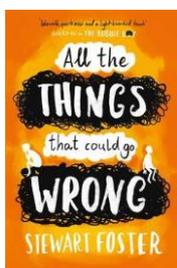
Two brothers lie about their age so that they can sign up & take part in WWI. 100 year's later relatives find a photo of them & learn more about the Battle of the Somme in this quick read. (Hi-Lo)



### **Fennell, J.D - Sleeper**

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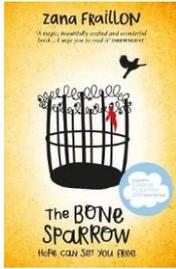
A really exciting, page turner here with the Blitz occurring as a backdrop. Will must learn why he is in danger & who to trust. Anna can help but does she want to risk her life for this stranger?



### **Foster, Stewart – All the things that could go wrong**

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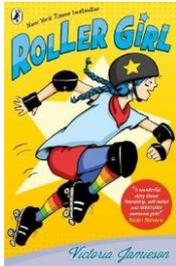
Told from the perspectives of 2 main characters, Dan and Alex are very different making the story a compelling read.



### **Fraillon, Zana – The Bone Sparrow**

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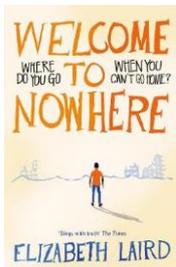
An award winning look at attitudes to refugees and cultural stories. This is a powerfully emotional and provocative book, not to be missed.



### **Jamieson, Victoria – Roller Girl**

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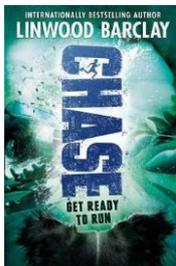
A graphic novel about Astrid learning to cope with a change in friends, a new sport - the training involved & discovering who and what she likes. Empowering!



### **Laird, Elizabeth – Welcome to Nowhere**

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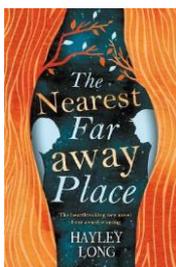
Omar and his family are caught up in the war in Syria & must take refuge in Jordan. Camp life demands every bit of resilience from the family in this wonderful, provocative story.



### **Linwood, Barclay - Chase**

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If you like a spy thriller, look no further than this: an exciting sci-fi with technology, dogs and a fast moving plot.



### **Long, Hayley – Nearest Faraway Place**

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Two brothers are sent from the US to Aberystwyth to live with relatives when they lose their parents. Will they come to terms with this in a story with plot twists, humour and emotions?



### **Mann, George – The Lost Dimension : Book One**

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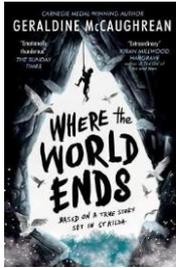
A graphic mystery for fans of Dr Who with 13 doctors and a daughter featured as the doctors struggle to battle a white hole!



**McAllister, Cameron – The Demon Undertaker**

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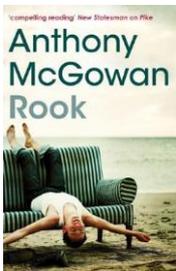
This gothic story rattles along at a fast rate from the beginning when Tom arrives in 18th century America.



**McCaughrean, Geraldine – Where the World Ends**

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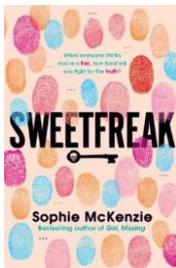
Award winning & based on a true survival story set in the seas around Scotland. This is a thought provoking read that shares themes with Lord of the Flies.



**McGowan, Anthony – Rook**

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Narrated by Year 11 Nicky, this short story considers bullying, girls and survival. It celebrates family loyalty & the relationship between brothers. (Hi-Lo)



**McKenzie, Sophie - Sweetfreak**

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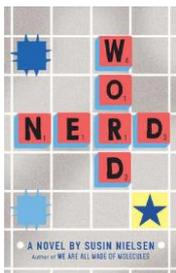
Amelia & Carey are in Year 9 & have been best friends until Amelia starts being cyberbullied & everyone suspects Carey of it. Carey must solve the mystery to clear her name, but will you solve it before her?



**McLachlan, Jenny – Stargazing for Beginners**

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Meg is left holding the baby when her Mum volunteers to help with disaster relief abroad. She is desperate to win a trip to NASA but can she succeed, keep an eye on grandpa & do the childcare? There is also Ed, her school rival & biscuit club to contend with in this funny, moving story.

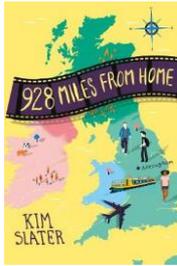


**Nielsen, Susin – Word Nerd**

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Scrabble brings Ambrose a school nerd & Cosmo an ex-con together in this funny, zany story about courage. Warning there are a lot of mis-matched clothes & people.

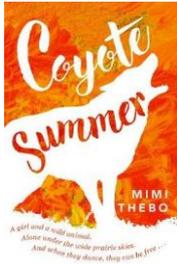




**Slater, Kim – 928 miles from Home**

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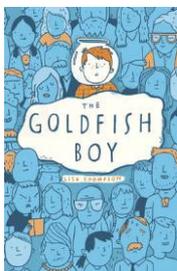
There is a simple mystery at the heart of this book when Callum is knocked over in a hit & run accident. He must battle prejudice & assumptions, but this involves him reassessing old friendships & loyalties.



**Thebo, Mimi – Coyote Summer**

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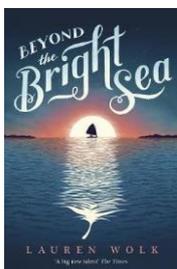
Julia has been expelled from school & dispatched to Kansas to the old family farm for the summer. She must learn to work, drive, think of others & consider the consequences of her actions. A terrific read with relationships at the centre of it.



**Thompson, Lisa – Goldfish Boy**

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Nominated for the HBA longlist by year 9 pupils, this story, sees Matthew trapped at home by his OCD. And then he realises he must solve the crime of the missing child because he is the last to see Teddy. Terrific for mystery fans.



**Wolk, Lauren – Beyond the Bright Sea**

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Crow has spent her life on an remote island after being abandoned as a baby. She sets out across the sea to find her family.



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