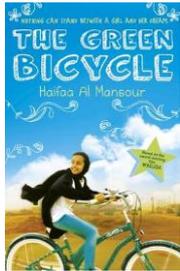




## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Booklist Secondary

T = Younger Teen Reads/T+ = Older Teen Reads  
CF = Children's Fiction / P = Picture Book for Older Readers

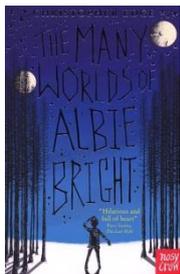
### Spiritual



**Al Mansour, Haifaa – The Green Bicycle**

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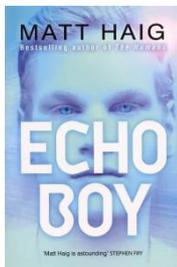
Set in Saudi Arabia, this story explores gender roles and the importance of family.



**Edge, Christopher – The Many Worlds of Albie Bright**

CF

A clever story infused with science that deals with the death of a parent whilst also asking some profound questions about our place in the world.



**Haig, Matt – Echo Boy**

T+

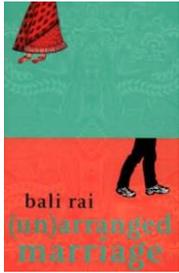
Who is real and who is just an echo? A powerful story about what it means to be human.



**Rai, Bali – Old Dog, New Tricks**

T

An Asian teenager befriends his racist neighbour after he looks after his dog when he goes into hospital. An uplifting story about family and friendship and overcoming racism.  
Hi-Lo title



**Rai, Bali – (Un)arranged Marriage**

**T+**

A young Punjabi man refuses to conform to his family's strict cultural expectations of him and determines to forge his own future.



**Singer, Nicky – Island**

**T**

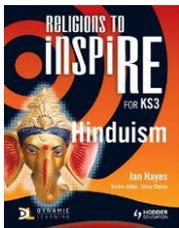
A well crafted book. Island is about important things, the impact of global warming, how our western culture is obliterating other ones, and how we often miss what is really important.



**Rosen, Michael – What is Humanism?**

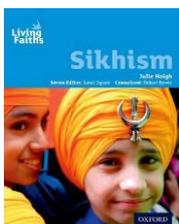
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A really good examination about what it means to be a humanist. Have you thought about what the purpose of life is? Where do moral values come from?



**Kerner, Stuart - Religions to Inspire: Hinduism**

One of a series of titles that explores a particular faith, examining the main beliefs and how these are expressed.

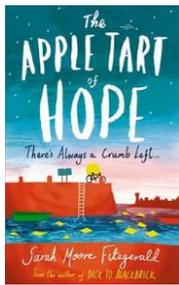


**Haigh, Julie – Sikhism**

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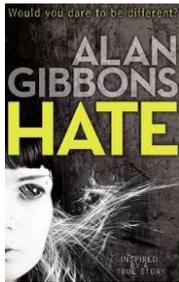
The *Living Faiths* series encourages students to actively engage with RE by looking into how faiths are practised and lived in people's daily lives and the moral and ethical decisions they make.

## Moral



**Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore – The Apple Tart of Hope**  
Oscar is different, and when he disappears his best friend and brother are determined to find out what happened to him. They learn about loyalty, friendship and the power of never giving up.

**T**



**Gibbons, Alan - Hate**

This hard hitting story explores how a teenage boy and girl cope after becoming embroiled in a hate crime. This is ultimately a story of prejudice, in this case homophobia, discrimination and bullying for the life choices young people make.

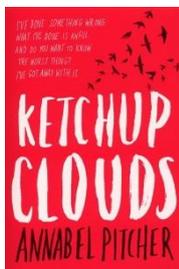
**T+**



**Mackay, Janis – Wild Song**

An unruly teenager is sent to a remote island wild school, where he learns to overcome his demons and anger issues.

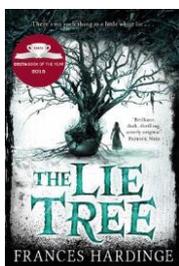
**T**



**Pitcher, Annabel – Ketchup Clouds**

Fifteen year old Zoe has a secret. But then one day she hears of criminal Stuart Harris locked up on death row in Texas. Like Zoe, Stuart is no stranger to secrets. Or lies. Or murder. Zoe tells her story in the only way she can - in letters to the man in prison in America. Armed with a pen, Zoe takes a deep breath, eats a jam sandwich, and begins her tale of love and betrayal.

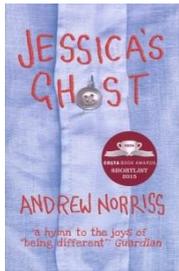
**T+**



**Hardinge, Frances – The Lie Tree**

Hugely entertaining and dramatic Victorian, gothic thriller about lies, dishonesty, choices and making decisions. Winner of the Costa Book of the Year 2015

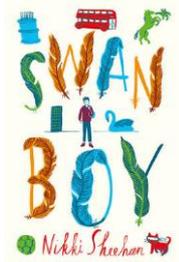
**T+**



**Norriss, Andrew – Jessica's Ghost**

A hard hitting look at bullying and the choices people make when they feel they are different.

T



**Sheehan, Nikki – Swan Boy**

When Johnny moves house and starts a new school he has to deal with a bully who can't leave him alone. But help comes from an unexpected and surprising source and Johnny's growing power soon puts him in a very special place.

T



**Wheatle, Alex – Little Bit**

A 14 year old boy is faced with a moral dilemma when he becomes involved with a local gang.

T+



**Parker, Vic – Overcoming Personal Challenges**

Part of the *Making a Difference* series. This has a series of truly inspiring personal stories about people who have struggled with illness, war, poverty and bullying to achieve outstanding personal goals.

360

**Social**



**Black, Peter Jay – Urban Outlaws**

Imagine a gang of criminals who use all the technology they can get their hands on to steal from people. They are the bad guys, right? What if they then used this money to give to the poor, like Robin Hood? They are breaking the law, but how wrong are they? An action packed series.

T



**Crossan, Susan – One**

**T+**

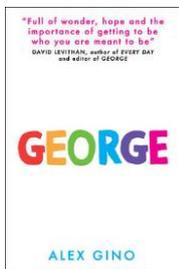
Conjoined twins start at a normal school after being previously home-schooled. Depicts a world of stares, sneers and cruelty in this moving and beautifully crafted novel about identity, sisterhood and love.



**Durrant, SE – Little Bits of Sky**

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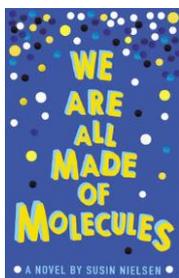
Tale about growing up and making friends whilst in foster care.



**Gino, Alex – George**

**T**

George is born a boy but always believes he should be a girl. Set in a primary context this looks at George playing a female role in the school play and wearing female clothes at the end.



**Nielsen, Susin – We are all Made of Molecules**

**T+**

A heart warming story which does cover some serious issues including a gay father, bullying and being different.



**Palacio, R J - Wonder**

**T**

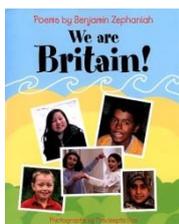
We should all feel at liberty to be ourselves but Auggie struggles with this because of a condition he was born with that has left him with a facial disfigurement that horrifies many.



**Williamson, Lisa – The Art of Being Normal**

**T+**

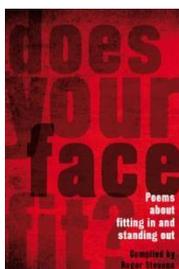
We have two unlikely friends in this book, David who is a transgender girl, and Leo who comes from the rough Cloverdale estate and welcomes social isolation. Both feel they must hide their identities and conjure with what “normal” looks like.



**Zephaniah, Benjamin – We are Britain!**

**821ZEP**

Poems and brief biographies about 12 children from all over Britain, who come from a range of cultural backgrounds.



**Stevens, Roger (ed.) - Does your Face Fit: Poems about Fitting in and Standing Out**

**821**

This anthology highlights some of the feelings and emotions experienced by teenagers including isolation, unfairness and prejudice.

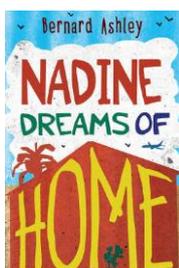
**Cultural**



**Angus, Sam – The House on Hummingbird Island**

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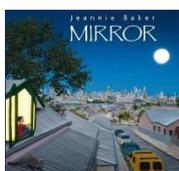
Follows the experiences of friendship, racism and bigotry of a young girl from the age of twelve to seventeen at the start of the 20th century, when she inherits a colonial house in the West Indies.



**Ashley, Bernard – Nadine Dreams of Home**

**CF**

A quick read about a girl who has had to leave Goma in Congo because it is no longer safe to stay. But Nadine is homesick and struggling with a new school & language. Most of all though Nadine misses Dad.



**Baker, Jeannie – Mirror**

**P**

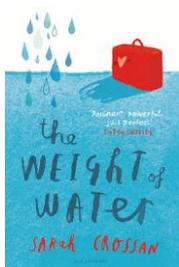
An amazing wordless picture book which is a treat to read. Even the design is amazing with two stories told in parallel: one about a day in urban Sydney and another about a day in a village in Morocco.



### **Cotterill, Jo – Looking at the Stars**

**T**

Things go badly wrong for Amina and her family when the happily anticipated liberation army arrive. So far the family have survived a tyrannous rule, but can they survive the new divisions that are imposed.



### **Crossan, Sarah – The Weight of Water**

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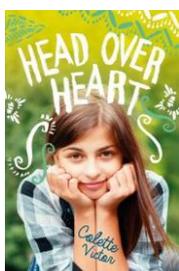
12 year old Kasienka has moved from Poland to Britain. Mum is struggling and school is difficult for her. This is a short, moving story about being accepted and belonging.



### **Heffernan, John - Naveed**

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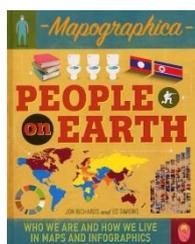
A heartfelt story of a teenage boy living in the conflict zone of Afghanistan. The book is told from the viewpoint of an Afghan child and gives an insight into the complexity of the Afghan people. A book about hope and the destructiveness of war. Part of the *Through my Eyes* series.



### **Victor, Colette – Head over Heart**

**T**

Zeyneb is like any other 13 year old British girl, juggling the demands of her social life, school work and family. But as a Muslim girl attracted to a non-Muslim boy she has more difficult choices - and one very big decision.



### **Richards, Jon – People on Earth**

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A celebration of diversity, looking at where humans came from and how they spread across the entire planet. Packed with statistics and maps in an easily accessible format this is a very informative series and useful to promote discussion.

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