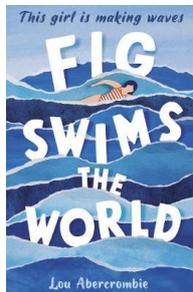


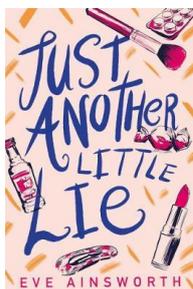
Recommended Reads Year 8 2020-21



Abercrombie, Lou Fig Swims the World

Every new year Fig Fitzsherbert's mum sets her an impossible resolution. But this this year, she decides to set herself one she wants to do. Swim the world! First, she must learn to swim and second, overcome her fear of everything. We follow her journey around the world swimming in seas and oceans, navigating travelling alone and staying one step ahead of her mother who is desperate for her to come back home.

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Ainsworth, Eve Just Another Little Lie

Violet find herself having to pick up the pieces of her mother's life after her mum's boyfriend leaves and her mum starts relying on alcohol to get through the day. She finds herself coming up with excuses for her mum and taking over caring for her younger brother but she is struggling to cope with the responsibility.

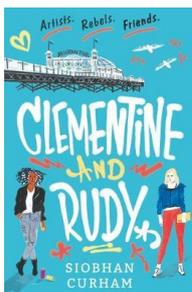
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Collins, Tim Alone

Connor wakes up to find that everyone has disappeared and it seems that he is the sole survivor in his town. He wanders around trying to figure out what has happened and finds a clue that maybe someone else has survived, can they work together to piece together what has happened?

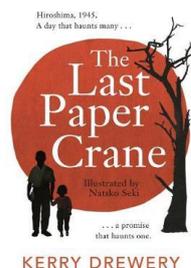
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Curham, Siobhan Clementine and Rudy

Set in Brighton, Clementine is a poet and Rudy is a street artist. Their paths collide when Clementine writes a poem inspired by some of Rudy's artwork she sees on a wall. A friendship soon forms and they help each other through their personal struggles. It is a story about overcoming adversity through art and friendship.

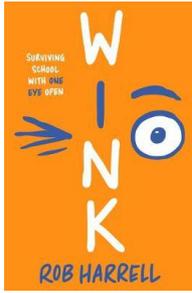
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Drewery, Kerry The Last Paper Crane

This story starts in 1945 Hiroshima, Japan, the atomic bomb has just dropped. Friends, Hiro and Ichiro, set off to find Hiro's little sister Keiko. Hiro does not make it, so it is Ichiro's job to look after his sister, but he loses when he goes to get medical help. Jump forward, seventy years, Ichiro's granddaughter Mizuki, seeks to help with her grandfather's dying wish and write the wrongs of that day when he lost Keiko. This is a powerful and emotional novel, narrated in a mix of straight text, verse and Haiku.

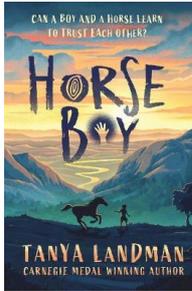
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Harrell, Rob Wink

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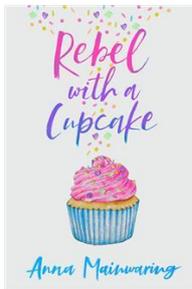
Ross just wants to be normal, not stand out at school, to blend in. That's not going to happen though as he's been diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer and starts to lose his hair and is wearing a weird hat. This book deals with a tough subject but is full of humour and survival, one wink at a time.



Landman, Tanya Horse Boy

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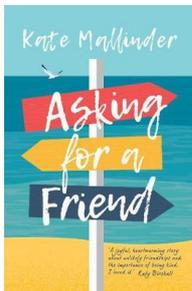
Set in prehistoric times this story follows Oak, the son of a Clan Chief. Oak becomes separated from his Clan, a perilous thing, as a boy without a Clan is easy prey. With only a strange new creature for company, a horse, Oak must use all his skills and knowledge to survive.



Mainwaring, Anna Rebel with a Cupcake

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Jesobel is sassy girl, confident in her own skin, never happier than when she is making a batch of cupcakes for family. But after an incident at school when someone calls her out on her weight, she begins to doubt herself. This is a story about body positivity and accepting yourself for who you are.



Mallinder, Kate Asking for a Friend

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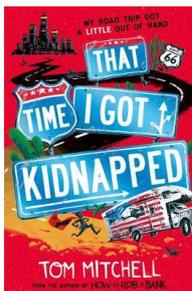
Agnes, Hattie and Jake are sitting their exams in five weeks time. They decide to go to Weston-Super-Mare for a study break. But we soon find out that studying is not all that is on each of their minds. Each are struggling with a personal issue, as the story unfolds, their friendships grow and they support one another.



McQueen, Daven The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones

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Set in America in 1955, the story revolves around Ethan, a mixed-race teenager who lives in the north. He spends the summer with his aunt and uncle in Ellison, Alabama and is faced with brutal racism for the first time. This is a story of friendship, racism and discovery.



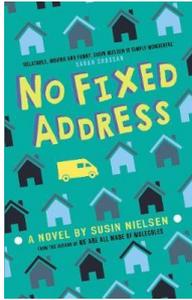
Mitchell, Tom The Time I Got Kidnapped

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Fourteen year old Jacob is amazed and excited to have won a trip to America to appear in a Marvel movie. Things go from bad to worse when he misses his connecting flight in Chicago to LA. Embarking on a new adventure on a Greyhound bus he meets Jennifer, and that's when the real trouble starts.



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Nielsen, Susin No Fixed Address

Felix and his mum have a secret, they live in a van. His mum promises it will be just until she finds a new job, but it has been months now and trying to hide it from his friends at his new school is getting more and more difficult. This book deals sensitively with an issue that is rarely talked about, but is happening none the less.

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Phillips, Dee The Room

It's been five days since Alix woke up in a strange cold house with no memory of where he is or how he got there. The only clue he has is the name marked on his hand. Part 1 of 6 in Alix and Hannah's fight for survival.

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Powrie, Lucy Read with Pride

Second book in the series 'The Paper & Hearts Society', this society is a group of LGBTQ+ teenage bookworms fighting for equality in their school. Olivia Santos, founder, is in her last year of secondary school. After a parent complaint she finds out that access to books with LGBTQ+ content is restricted. We follow her crusade to overturn this new policy and juggle all that is involved in her final year at school too.

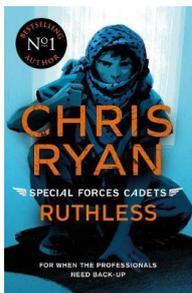
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Reynolds, Jason Look Both Ways

This tale follows the hilarious escapades of four friends as they walk home the ten blocks from school. At each new street they reach a different story, covering bullies, daring escapes to the time when the bus fell from the sky.

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Ryan, Chris Ruthless

The Special Forces Cadets are on a mission to rescue the kidnapped son of the British Ambassador to Brazil. They have to gain the trust of the street kids in Rio de Janeiro, infiltrate their gangs, in order to gain access to their real target, the drug cartels that kidnapped the boy.

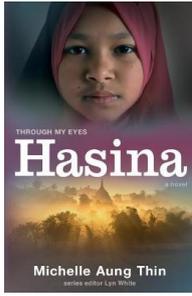
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Terry, Teri Dark Blue Rising

After a car accident, Tabby finds out some shocking news, her mother Cate, is not her real mother. Starting over, she is drawn to the ocean, makes new friends, but is plagued by visions of interlocking circles that follow her everywhere. As she discovers the true meaning of the circles, she also uncovers a secret in her DNA. A thriller full of mystery and suspense.

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Thin, Michelle Aung Hasina

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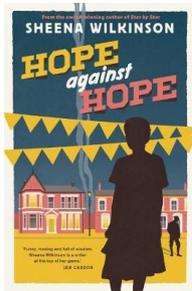
14 year old, Hasina and her family are forced from their home in the middle of the night by soldiers. She escapes and hides in the forest with her cousin and younger brother, but when they return to their smouldering village, their house is empty and they cannot find their parents. A gripping story of one Rohingya child's experience of persecution in Myanmar.



Weston, Danny Inchtinn

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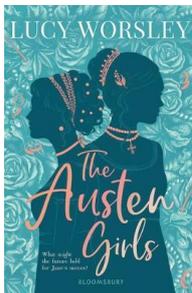
Hoping for inspiration to write her next novel, Noah's mother takes them on a trip to a remote Scottish island, Inchtinn. It soon becomes apparent that this is an island of mystery and intrigue, a former leper colony and said to be haunted. Noah is forced to face his greatest fears in order to save those he loves.



Wilkinson, Sheena Hope Against Hope

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1920's Ireland, communities are torn apart by bitter hatred, and now a hard border splits the island. In Belfast, Helen's Hope hostel is a progressive space where young women live and work together - a haven of tolerance and diversity in a fractured city. Told through the eyes of 14 year old resident, Polly, this story tells what it was like to live in a divided city.



Worsley, Lucy The Austen Girls

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Cousins, Anna and Fanny Austin are coming of age and about to go to their first ball. Thinking about when or if they will find love and marry the right suitor to keep their future secure. Help and advice is on hand from their Aunt Jane, who has never married, but is still very happy. What will each girl do.



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