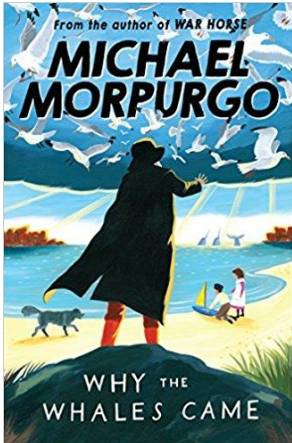


Year 7 Reading List

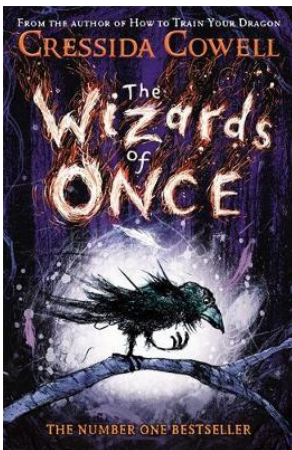
The books below have been read and enjoyed by many students – have a read of the descriptions below and take your pick of books to read.

Miss Riley recommends...



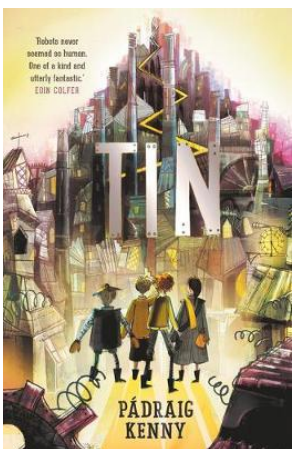
A story about friendship and trust. Why the Whales Came is based on a little girl named Gracie and her friend Daniel. They both live on an Island called Bryher, and they have been warned to stay away from the Birdman because he might give them a terrible disease, or even worse, cast a terrible curse on them. All is not what it seems as Gracie and Daniel begin to befriend the so-called mad Birdman.

Miss Riley gives this 5 out of 5



'The Wizards of Once' the start of a new adventure series set in an ancient, forest-covered Britain. Xar, a young wizard with a reckless compulsion to prove his magical worth runs headlong into an odd young warrior called Wish, whose approval will only come when she discards her own peculiar, concealed magic. Each from fiercely opposed tribes, their paths only cross on account of them both being somewhere they shouldn't.

Miss Riley gives this 4 out of 5

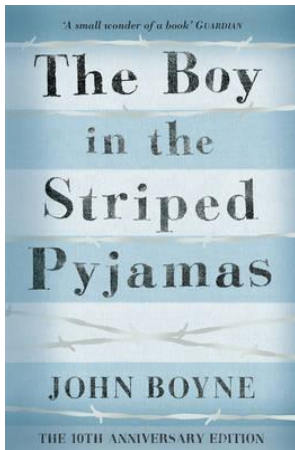


Meet Christopher. He is a 'proper', a human orphan, growing up in Mr Absalom's junk yard amongst a motley crew of robot mechanicals. There's Jack who could be sold as a 'real boy', Round Rob made from a cooking pot, Manda who's just a little bit wonky everywhere, Gripper the giant who's as kind as he is strong, and Estelle, the other 'proper' who helps out 'like a real grown up'.

Together they embark on a thrilling journey of discovery, adventuring to Ironhaven and the Crag, finding their inner strength and undiscovered skills.

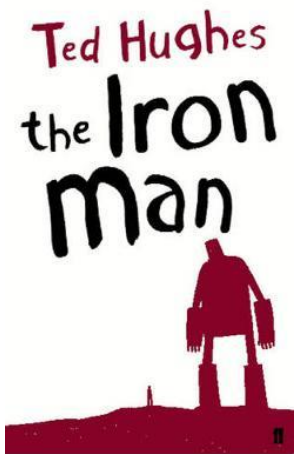
Miss Riley gives this 4.5 out of 5

A few classic and well-known reads...



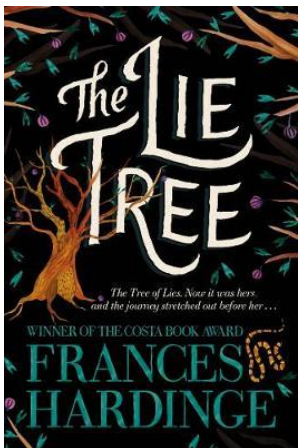
Bruno is nine years old, and he's not happy; his father has a new job and he's leaving his comfortable house, his neighborhood and his three best friends behind. His big sister Gretel is no help, for like older sisters everywhere, she's in a world all her own, though it's obvious she isn't thrilled about the move either.

Boyne's unique approach to the Holocaust adds to the understanding of this troubling time in human history.

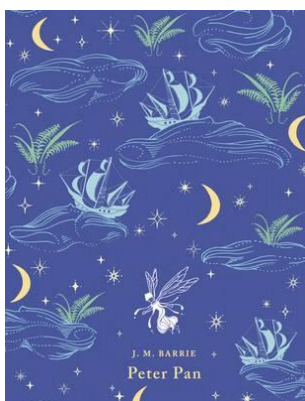


Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

"A good mix of fantasy and real life adventure"

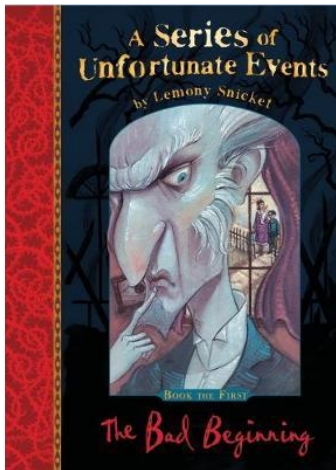


The Lie Tree is a wonderfully atmospheric novel by Frances Hardinge, award-winning author of Cuckoo Song and Fly By Night. There's so much to like about The Lie Tree: the beautiful Victorian setting, the imaginative mystery at the heart of the story, the darkly atmosphere of evil forces at work, and the impossibility of guessing where the solution lies. Above all else, what probably appeals to a reader most is the strength of the female characters

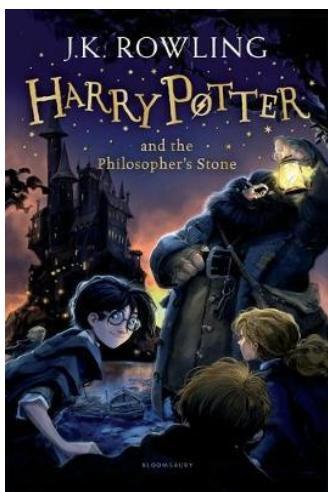


Peter Pan and Tinkerbell lead the three Darling children over the rooftops of London and away to Neverland - the island where the lost boys play. Magic and mischief is in the air but if villainous Captain Hook has his way, before long someone will be swimming with the crocodiles . . .

Some popular choices...

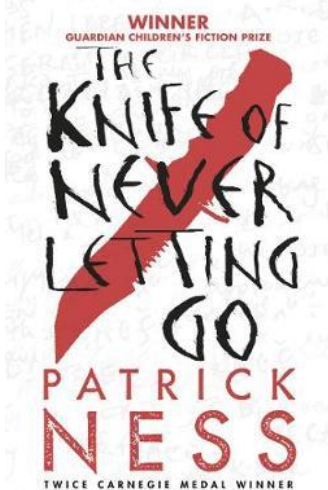


Over the first few pages we find out that Violet, Klaus and Sunny are made orphans as their parents sadly perish in a house fire. Mr Poe places the children with a distant relative called Count Olaf, but as we quickly discover he has other intentions on his mind other than looking after the 'orphans'. Life quickly goes from bad to as Count Olaf treats them as his very own slaves, cooking and cleaning all part of the daily curriculum. It is then that they discover a deadly plot orchestrated by Olaf to steal their inheritance and so they try to leave their uncle before it is too late.

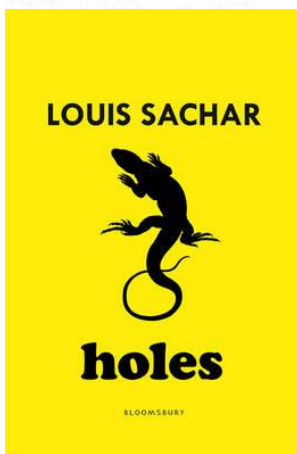


Life isn't much fun at number four Privet Drive, at least not for Harry Potter, living under the stairs in a cupboard full of spiders, but all of that is about to change. Harry Potter is no ordinary boy, he is the boy who lived, the wizard whose name everyone in the magical world knows and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

This is where the magic begins!

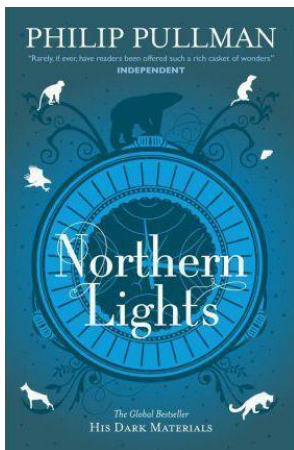


Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans... Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run...



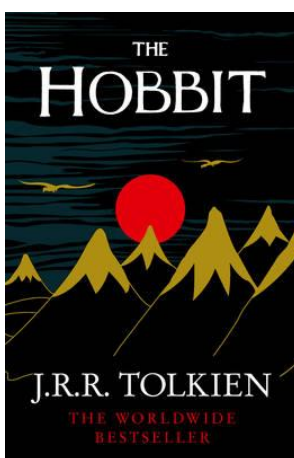
Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth.

Some more challenging reads...

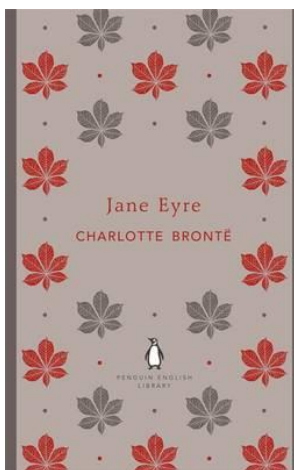


With amazing alternate universes, scholars, witches, daemons, armoured bears, Gyptians and anything else you could possibly imagine, Pullman takes you on an incredibly journey from Jordan College to the arctic to see the Northern Lights. And the adventure you have with Lyra on the way there is unforgettable.

A life-changing read for young teens!

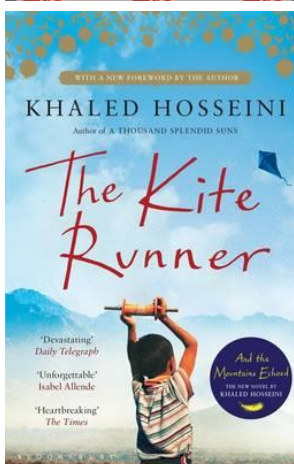


Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected journey 'there and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...



'The more solitary, the more friendless, the more unsustained I am, the more I will respect myself'

Jane Eyre is the story of a defiant, fiercely intelligent woman who refuses to accept her appointed place in society - and instead finds love on her own terms. From page 1 you become Jane. When Jane falls in love, you fall in love, when she has her heart broken, you can't bear the grief. If you only read one book in your lifetime, make sure it is this one. You won't be disappointed.



Beginning in Afghanistan, the book follows Amir and his loyal friend, Hassan, who are desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament. But soon, their world and their lives change and they are ripped apart. Years later, after fleeing with his family to America, Amir realises that the one thing his new world cannot grant him is redemption, and he must return to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan to finally find his way to be good again...