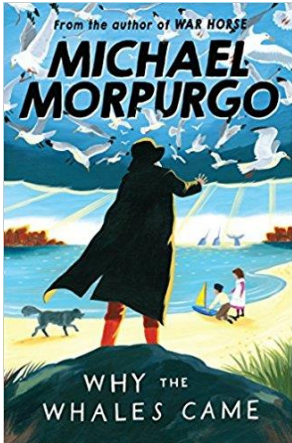


Year 7 Reading List

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

Miss Riley recommends...



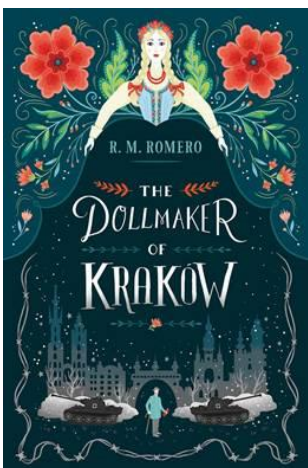
A story about friendship and trust. Why the Whales Came is based on a little girl named Gracie and her friend Daniel. They both live on an Island called Bryher, and they have been warned to stay away from the Birdman because he might give them a terrible disease, or even worse, cast a terrible curse 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.

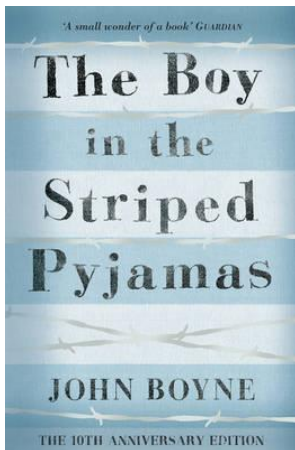
Miss Riley gives this 4 out of 5



One night a little doll named Karolina comes to life in a toyshop in Krakow, Poland, in 1939 and changes the life of the gruff, broken-hearted Dollmaker. And when the darkness of the Nazi occupation sweeps over the city, Karolina and the Dollmaker must bravely use their magic to save their Jewish friends from a terrible danger, no matter what the risks. This powerful story is about finding friendship in the darkest of places and the importance of love in times of great pain.

Miss Riley gives this 4.5 out of 5

A few classic and well-known reads...



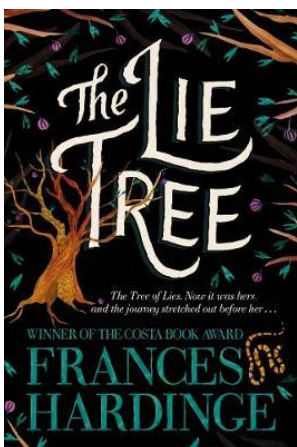
Bruno is nine years old, and he's not happy; his father has a new job and he's leaving his comfortable house, his neighborhood and his three best friends behind. His big sister Gretel is no help, for like older sisters everywhere, she's in a world all her own, though it's obvious she isn't thrilled about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

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

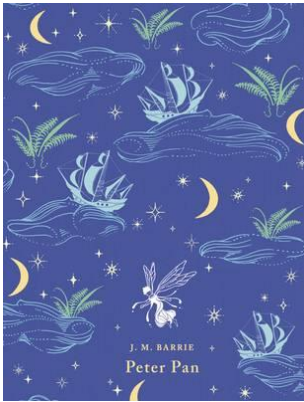


Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

"A good mix of fantasy and real life adventure"

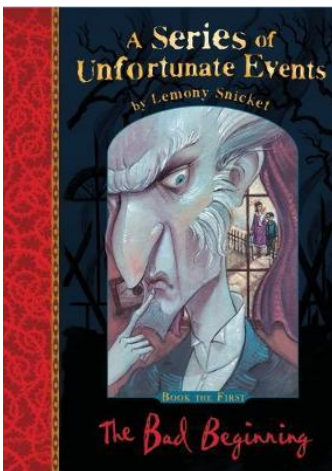


The Lie Tree is a wonderfully atmospheric novel by Frances Hardinge, award-winning author of Cuckoo Song and Fly By Night. There's so much to like about The Lie Tree: the beautiful Victorian setting, the imaginative mystery at the heart of the story, the darkly atmosphere of evil forces at work, and 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

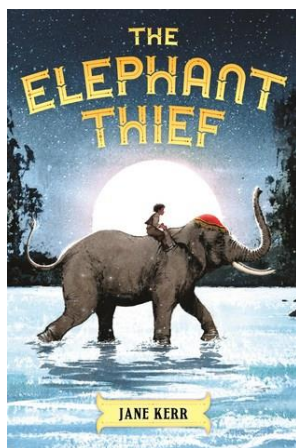


Peter Pan and Tinkerbell lead the three Darling children over the rooftops of London and away to Neverland - the island where the lost boys play. Magic and mischief is in the air but if villainous Captain Hook has his way, before long someone will be swimming with the crocodiles . . .

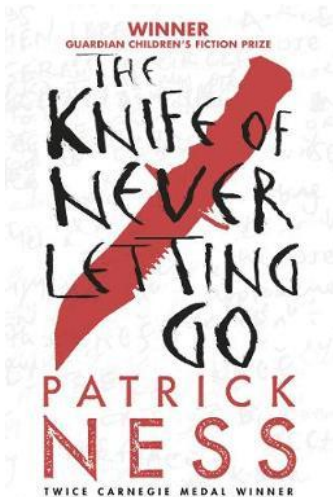
Some popular choices...



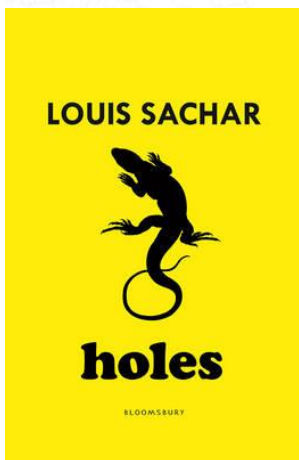
Over the first few pages we find out that Violet, Klaus and Sunny are made orphans as their parents sadly perish in a house fire. Mr Poe places the children with a distant relative called Count Olaf, but as we quickly discover he has other intentions on his mind other than looking after the 'orphans'. 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.



When pickpocket Danny accidentally bids for Maharajah the elephant at an Edinburgh auction, he's swept up on an unforgettable journey. His new employer, a zookeeper, transforms Danny into a bejewelled Indian prince. As he rides Maharajah from Scotland to his new home in England, even Queen Victoria follows their journey with delight. But a rival zookeeper wagers on their failure, and soon Danny's shady connections threaten to overturn the mission ...

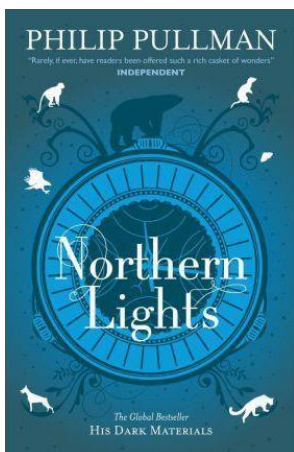


Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans... Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets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



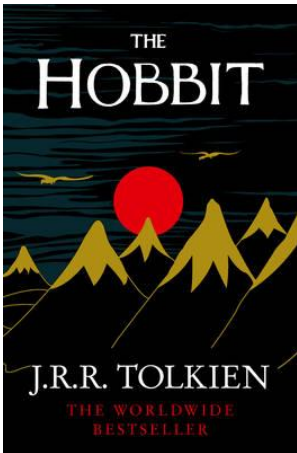
Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting 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...

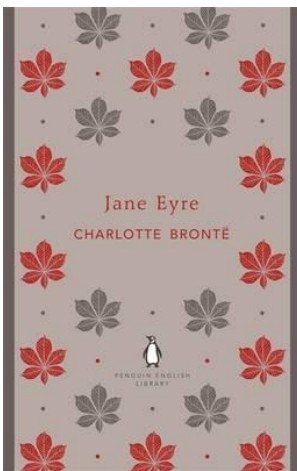


With amazing alternate universes, scholars, witches, daemons, armoured bears, Gyptians and anything else you could possibly imagine, Pullman takes you on an incredibly journey from Jordan College to the arctic to see the Northern Lights. And the adventure you have with Lyra on the way there is unforgettable.

A life-changing read for young teens!

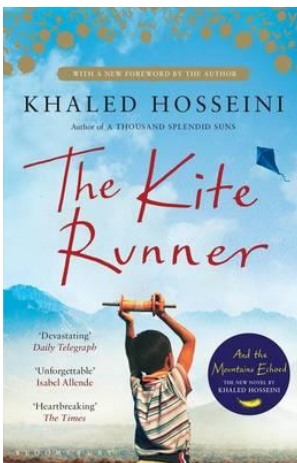


Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected 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...