
KS3

Reading Challenge List



ASHFORD SCHOOL

Inspiring Minds

The Reading Challenge

Use our Reading Challenge lists to help drive your own reading goals throughout the year.

- Our challenge to you is to read at least one book from our Diverse Voices suggested reads and at least one other from the list.
- The more you read the better you become at it: you should read for a minimum of 20 minutes every day.
- Look for books in your favourite genre, but don't be afraid to try something different!
- If you have enjoyed a particular author, try the others written by them.
- If you've enjoyed a book recommend it to your friends.
- Give books a chance – you usually have to read at least 30 pages before you know that book isn't for you.

Code:

**Top picks for reluctant readers*

++ More Challenging Reads

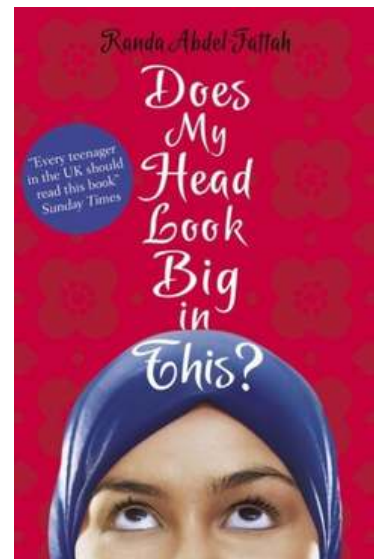
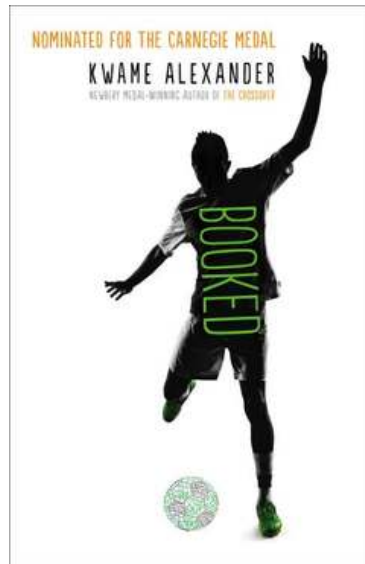
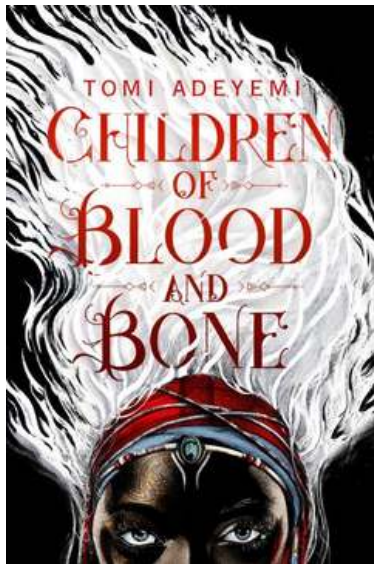
**** Suitable for Year 9 readers only*

Note to parents: some books from this list are written for teen or young adult readers; this means there may be occasional 'gritty' content. Generally, by Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews.

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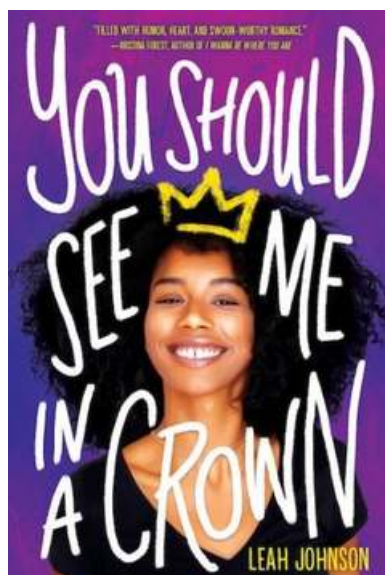
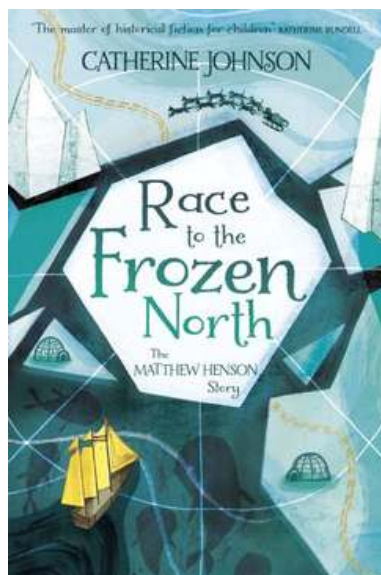
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Diverse Voices



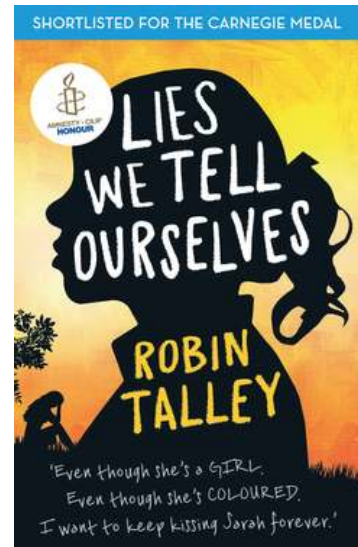
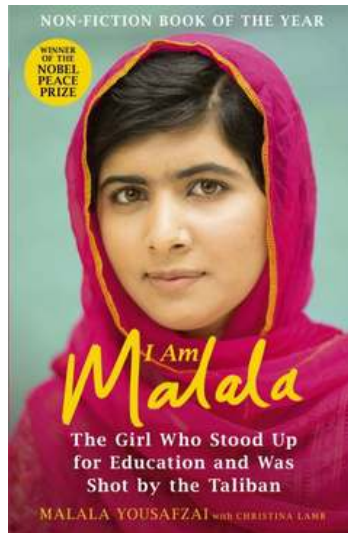
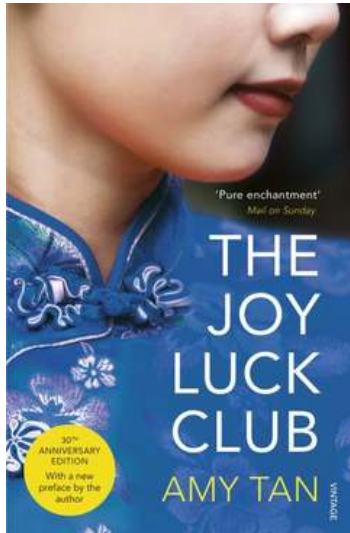
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J/ABD	Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Does My Head Look Big in This?
S/ACH	Achebe, Chinua	Things Fall Apart ***
J/ADE	Adeyemi, Tomi	Children of Blood and Bone ***
J/AGB	Agbabi, Patience	The Infinite
J/ALE	Alexander, Kwame	Booked
S/ALI	Ali, Monica	Brick Lane
J/ASH	Ashley, Bernard	The Little Solider
	Barron, Rena	Kingdom of Souls ***
J/BLA	Blackman, Malorie	Robot Girl
	Caldwell, Patrice (ed.)	A Phoenix Must Burn
S/COE	Coelho, Paolo	The Alchemist

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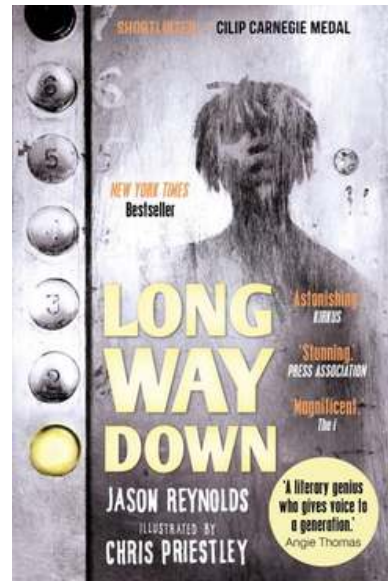
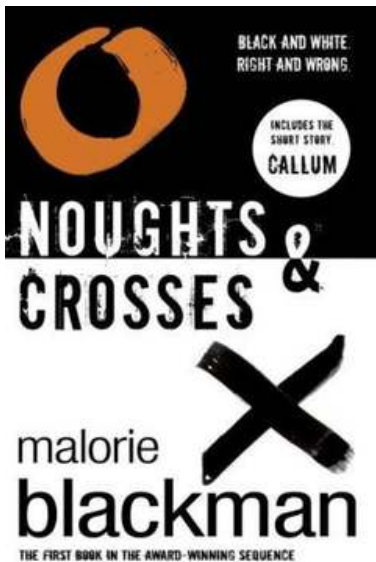
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Y/EME	Emezi, Akwaeke	Pet
j/FLA	Flake, Sharon	The Skin I'm In
J/JAC	Jackson, Sharna	High-Rise Mystery
Y/JAW	Jawando, Danielle	And the Stars Were Burning Brightly
J/JOH	Johnson, Catherine	The Race to the Frozen North
Y/JOH	Johnson, Leah	You Should See Me in a Crown
Y/LAW	Lawrence, Patrice	Diver's Daughter, Indigo Donut or Orangeboy ***
	Lee, Sungju	Every Falling Star
J/MAH	Mah, Adeline Yen	Chinese Cinderella
J/NAI	Naidoo, Beverley	Out of Bounds or The Other Side of Truth
	Okorafor, Nnedi	Binti

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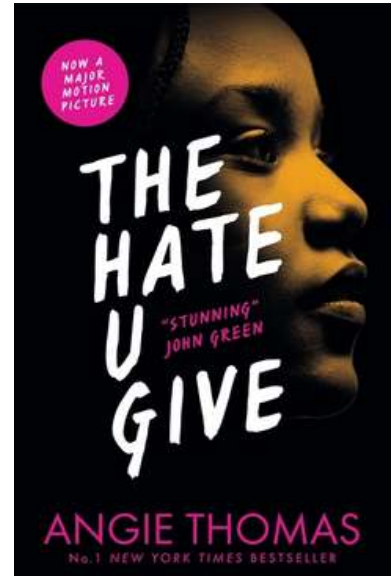
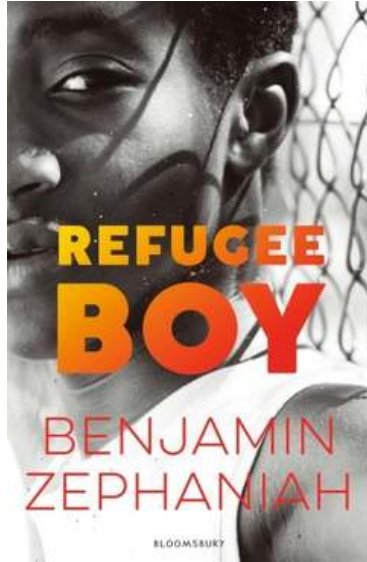
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<i>Y/REY</i>	Reynolds, Justin	Opposite of Always, Miles Morales: Spider Man <i>or</i> Look Both Ways
<i>J/SEP</i>	Sepetys, Ruta	Salt to the Sea
<i>973.0496073</i>	Shetterley, Margot Lee	Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of the African American Woman Who Helped Win the Space Race
	Stone, Nic	Jackpot
<i>S/STO</i>	Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Uncle Tom's Cabin
<i>Y/TAL</i>	Talley, Robin	Lies We Tell Ourselves
<i>S/TAN</i>	Tan, Amy	The Joy Luck Club
<i>Y/THO</i>	Thomas, Angie	On the Come Up
	Wheatle, Alex	Liclle Bit
<i>920 YOU</i>	Yousafzai, Malala	I Am Malala
	Various authors	A Change is Gonna Come

Fighting Racism



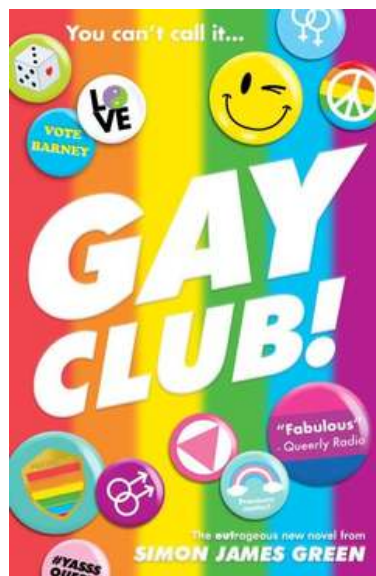
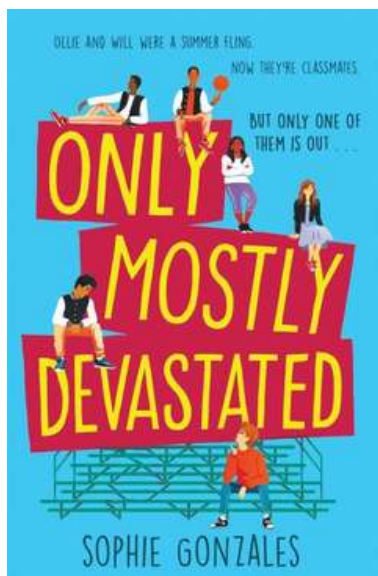
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Y/JAW	Acevedo, Elizabeth	The Poet Ex
Y/ATT	Atta, Dean	The Black Flamingo **
Y/BLA	Blackman, Malorie	Noughts and Crosses or Unheard Voices
	Coles, Jay	Tyler Johnson Was Here
	Mafi, Tahereh	A Very Large Expanse of Sea
	Jackson, Tiffany	Let Me Hear a Rhyme
	Ramee, Lisa Moore	A Good Kind of Trouble
Y/REY	Reynolds, Jason	Long Way Down
J/RHO	Rhodes, Jewell Parker	Ghost Boys

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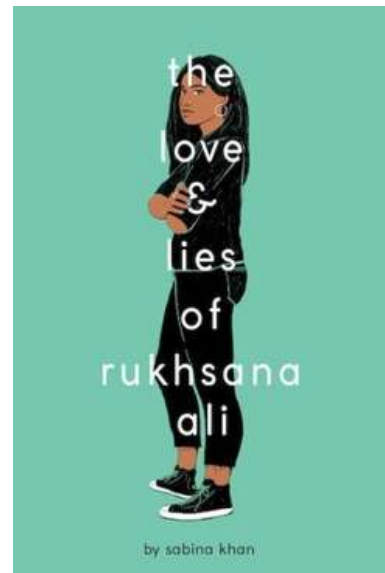
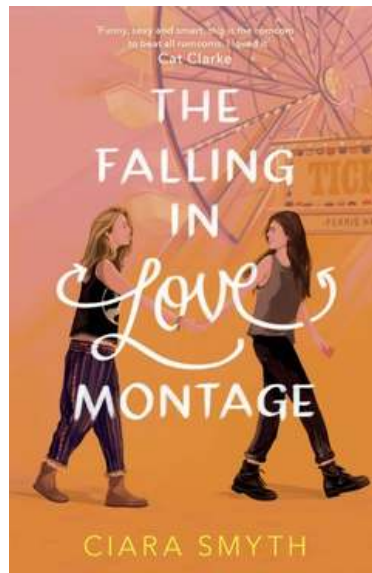
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	Stone, Nic	Dear Martin <i>and</i> Clean Getaway
Y/THO	Thomas, Angie	The Hate U Give ***
	Watson, Renee	Piecing Me Together
	Warga, Jasmine	Other Words for Home
Y/ZEP	Zephaniah, Benjamin	Refugee Boy *
	Zoboiu, Ibi	Pride

LGBTQ++



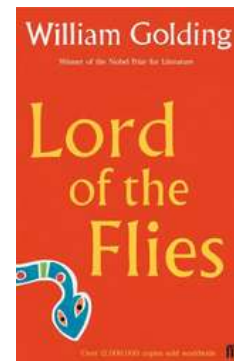
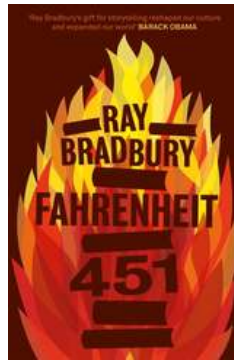
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Y/BAY	Bayron, Kalynn	Cinderella is Dead
Y/CAL	Callender, Kacen	Felix Ever After
Y/FIT	Fitzsimmons, Isaac	The Passing Playbook
	Gino, Alex	Melissa
Y/GON	Gonzales, Sophie	Only Mostly Devastated
Y/GRE	Green, Simon James	Gay Club!, Heartbreak Boys, Noah Can't Even
	Hulme, Jay	Clouds Cannot Cover Us
Y/HUS	Hussey, William	Hideous Beauty, The Outrage
Y/JAI	Jaisigirdar, Adiba	The Henna Wars
Y/JOH	Johnson, George M	All Boys Aren't Blue
Y/JOH	Johnson, Leah	You Should See Me in a Crown

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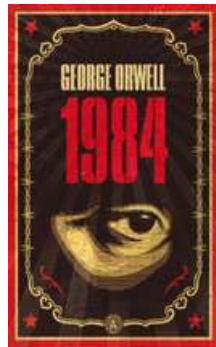
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Y/KAN	Kann, Claire	Let's Talk About Love
Y/KHA	Khan, Sabina	The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali
	Lee, Lya	I'll Be the One
	Lee, Mackenzi	The Gentlemen's Guide to Vice and Virtue ***
Y/MAR	Martins, Vitor	Here the Whole Time
	Mejia, Tehlor Kay	We Set the Dark on Fire
Y/OSE	Oseman, Alice	Heartstopper series or Loveless
	Reynolds, Jason	All American Boys ***
	Saenz, Benjamin Alire	Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe
Y/SMY	Smyth, Ciara	Not My Problem, The Falling in Love Montage
J/WIL	Wilson, Jacqueline	Love Frankie
Y/WIM	Winters, Julian	The Summer of Everything

Dystopian & Science Fiction



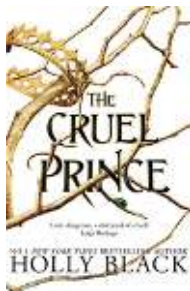
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<i>S/BRA</i>	Bradbury, Ray	Fahrenheit 451 ++
<i>J/COL</i>	Collins, Suzanne	The Hunger Games trilogy
<i>Y/CON</i>	Condie, Ally	Matched series
<i>Y/DAS</i>	Dashner, James	The Maze Runner trilogy
	Forrest, Bella	Gender Game
<i>S/GOL</i>	Golding, William	Lord of the Flies ++
<i>J/GRA</i>	Grant, Michael	Gone series *
<i>J/HIL</i>	Hill, Will	Department 19
<i>S/HUX</i>	Huxley, Aldous	Brave New World ++
	Kaufmann, Amie and Kristoff, Jay	Illuminae series
<i>J/LOR</i>	Lore, Pittacus	I am Number Four series
	Lowry, Lois	The Giver

Dystopian & Science Fiction



CLASS	AUTHOR	TITLE
<i>Y/LU</i>	Lu, Marie	Legend series
<i>Y/NES</i>	Ness, Patrick	Chaos Walking trilogy
<i>J/NOR</i>	Norton, Jeff	Metawars: Fight for the Future
<i>S/ORW</i>	Orwell, George	1984
<i>J/REE</i>	Reeve, Philip	Railhead series
<i>Y/ROT</i>	Roth, Veronica	Divergent series
<i>J/SCA</i>	Scarrow, Alex	Remade <i>and</i> Timeriders
<i>Y/SHU</i>	Shusterman, Neal	Unwind series
<i>J/SPA</i>	Sparkes, Ali	Frozen in Time series
<i>Y/TER</i>	Terry, Teri	Slated series
<i>J/WAR</i>	Ward, Rachel	The Numbers series
<i>J/YAN</i>	Yancey, Rick	The 5th Wave series

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost



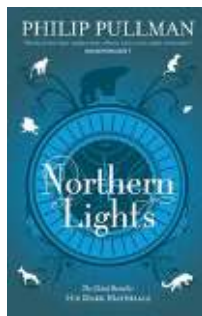
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J/ALM	Almond, David	Skellig, A Song for Ella Grey or Kit's Wilderness
Y/AVE	Aveyard, Victoria	Red Queen, Glass Sword, King's Cage
Y/BLA	Black, Holly	The Cruel Prince series
Y/BAR	Bardugo, Leigh	The Shadow and Bone trilogy
S/CHR	Christopher, John	The Death of Grass
Y/CLA	Clare, Cassandra	The Shadowhunter series
J/COL	Cole, Steve	Mind Writer *
J/COL	Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl series
J/COO	Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising series
	Donvaband, Tommy	Scream Street series *

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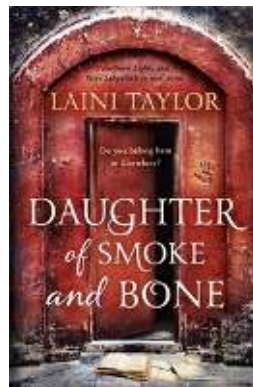
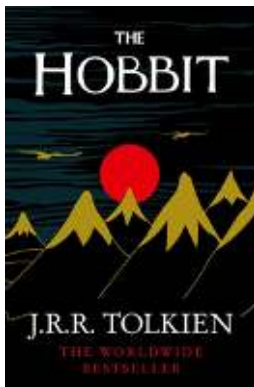
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J/EVA	Evans, Maz	Who Let the Gods Out?
J/FLA	Flanagan, John	Ranger's Apprentice series
J/FUN	Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart series
J/GAI	Gaiman, Neil	The Graveyard Book or Coraline
J/HAR	Hardinge, Frances	Cuckoo Song
J/HAR	Hargrave, Kiran Millwood	Girl of Ink and Stars
J/HAR	Harrison, Michelle	The Thirteen Treasures series
J/LAN	Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant series
J/LEW	Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia *
Y/MAA	Maas, Sarah J.	The Throne of Glass series ***

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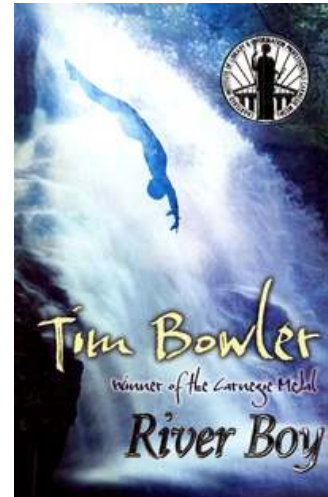
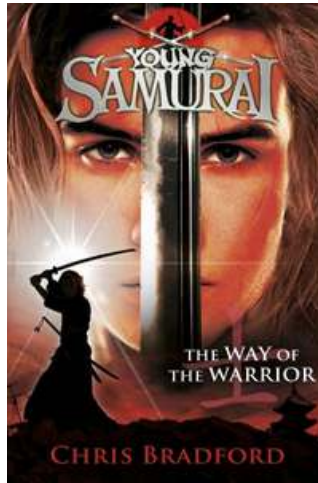
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J/MCN	McNish, Cliff	Doomspell series <i>or</i> Savannah Grey *
J/PAO	Paolini, Christopher	Eragon series
S/PRA	Pratchett, Terry	Discworld series ++
J/PUL	Pullman, Philip	His Dark Materials trilogy ++
	Rees, Celia	The Bailey Game
J/RID	Riddell, Chris	Goth Girl series *
Y/RIG	Riggs, Ransom	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children series
J/RIO	Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson series <i>or</i> Kane Chronicles
J/RIX	Rix, Jamie	Grizzly Tales
J/ROW	Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter series *

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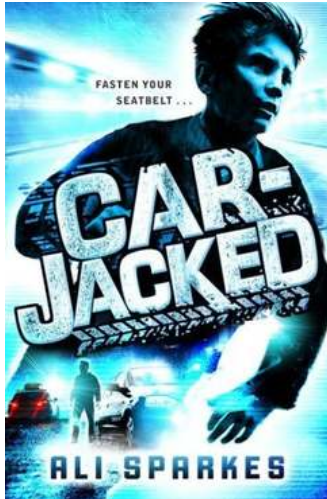
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J/SED	Segdwick, Marcus	Revolver <i>or</i> White Crow
J/SHA	Shan, Darren	Cirque du Freak series <i>or</i> Zom-B *
J/SPA	Sparkes, Ali	Thunderstruck <i>or</i> Unleashed
Y/STI	Stirling, Joss	Finding Sky series
Y/TAY	Taylor, Laini	The Daughter of Smoke and Bone series
S/TOL	Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit <i>or</i> The Lord of the Rings trilogy
S/WYN	Wyndham, John	The Chrysalids <i>or</i> The Midwich Cuckoos

Action & Thrillers



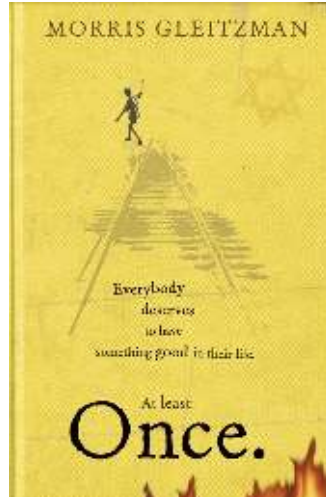
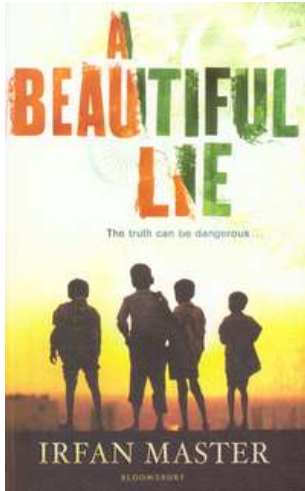
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	Adams, Richard	The Plague Dogs
J/BRA	Bradford, Chris	Bodyguard series, Young Samurai series, Bullet Catcher or Gamer *
J/BOW	Bowler, Tim	River Boy
Y/CAR	Carter, Ally	Heist Society series
J/COL	Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl series or W.A.R.P. series
	Dickinson, Matt	Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks, The Everest Files or Lie, Kill, Walk Away
J/DOW	Dowd, Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery or Bog Child
J/GRY	Grylls, Bear	Mission Survival series
S/HAD	Haddon, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
J/HIG & Y/HIG	Higson, Charlie	Young Bond series or The Enemy series
J/HIN	Hinton, S.E.	The Outsiders

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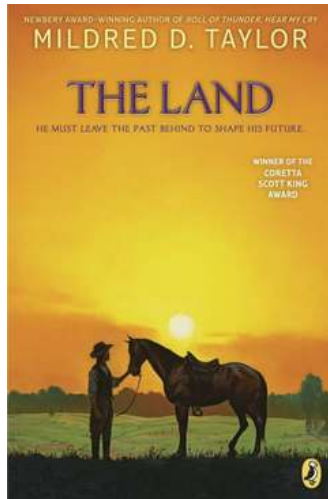
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J/HOR	Horowitz, Anthony	Alex Rider series <i>or</i> The Power of Five series *
	Mayo, Simon	Itch series
J/MCK	McKenzie, Sophie	Girl, Missing series
J/MCN	McNab, Andy	Boy Soldier <i>or</i> Dropzone series
J/MUC	Muchamore, Robert	CHERUB series <i>or</i> The Recruit series
J/MUL	Mulligan, Andy	Trash
J/PAT	Patterson, James	Maximum Ride series
J/RYA	Ryan, Chris	Agent 21 series
J/SPA	Sparkes, Ali	Car-Jacked
J/TUR	Turner, Tracey	Lost series (choose your own adventure) *
J/WAL	Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E.

War & Conflict



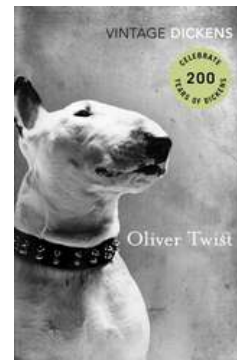
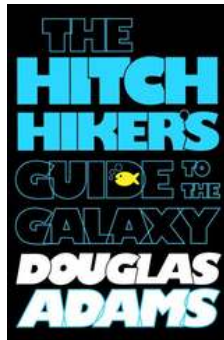
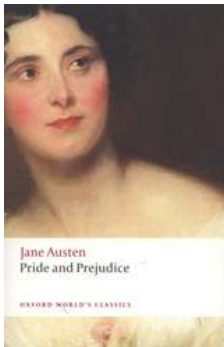
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J/ANG	Angus, Sam	Soldier Dog <i>or</i> A Horse Called Hero *
J/BOY	Boyne, John	The Boy at the Top of the Mountain <i>or</i> The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
J/CRA	Craigie, Emma	Chocolate Cake with Hitler
J/ELL	Elliott, L.M.	Under a War-Torn Sky
J/GAV	Gavin, Jamila	Coram Boy
J/GLE	Gleitzman, Morris	Once series *
J/HOL	Holm, Ann	I Am David
	London, C.A.	Dog Tags: Semper Fido <i>or</i> Strays *
J/LOW	Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars
Y/MAS	Master, Irfan	A Beautiful Lie
J/MOR	Morpurgo, Michael	War Horse <i>or</i> Private Peaceful
	Myers, Walter Dean	Sunrise Over Fallujah

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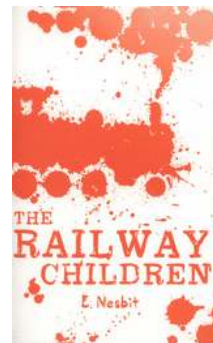
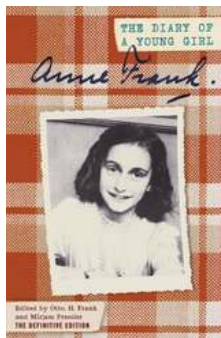
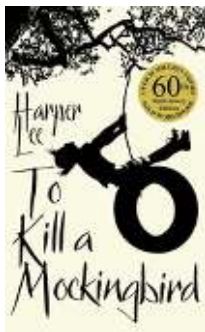
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	Nielson, Jennifer	A Night Divided
J/PIN	Pinkney, Andrea David	The Red Pencil
J/RIO	Riordan, James	The Sniper <i>or</i> When the Guns Fell Silent
S/REM	Remarque, Erich Maria	All Quiet on the Western Front ++
J/RIX	Rix, Megan	A Soldier's Friend series *
	Senzai, N.H.	Shooting Kabul
J/SWI	Swindells, Robert	Brother in the Land
Y/TAY	Taylor, Mildred D.	The Land
J/WES	Westall, Robert	The Machine Gunners <i>or</i> Blitzcat
Y/ZEP	Zephaniah, Benjamin	Refugee Boy
Y/ZUS	Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief ++

Classics or ++ Challenging Reads



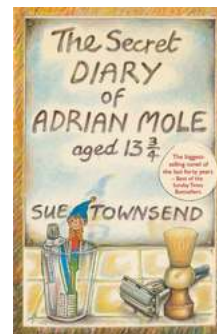
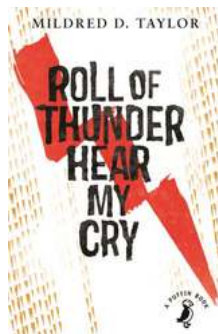
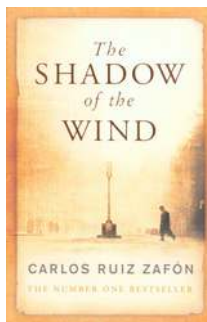
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<i>S/ADA</i>	Adams, Douglas	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
<i>J/ADA</i>	Adams, Richard	Watership Down
<i>J/ALC</i>	Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women
<i>S/AUS</i>	Austen, Jane	Pride and Prejudice <i>or</i> Sense and Sensibility
	Ballard, J.G.	Drought
<i>J/BAU</i>	Baum, L. Frank	The Wizard of Oz
<i>J/CAR</i>	Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
<i>J/DEF</i>	Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe
<i>S/DIC</i>	Dickens, Charles	A Christmas Carol <i>or</i> Oliver Twist
<i>S/DOY</i>	Doyle, Arthur Conan	The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes <i>or</i> The Sign of Four

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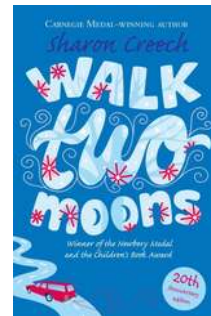
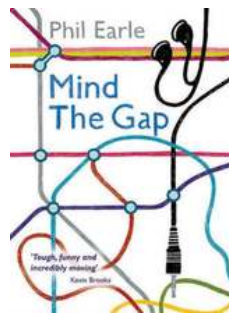
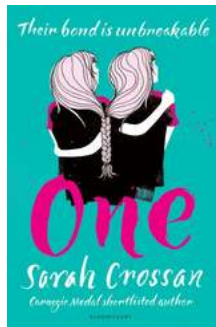
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940.53088	Frank, Anne	The Diary of a Young Girl
J/GAR	Garnett, Eve	The Family from One End Street
J/GRA	Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
S/HEM	Hemingway, Ernest	The Old Man and the Sea
J/KIP	Kipling, Rudyard	The Jungle Book
S/LEE	Lee, Harper	To Kill A Mockingbird
J/LEN	L'Engle, Madeline	A Wrinkle in Time
J/LON	London, Jack	The Call of the Wild
J/NES	Nesbit, E.	The Railway Children
S/ORW	Orwell, George	Animal Farm

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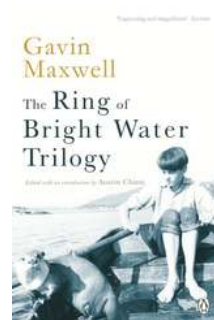
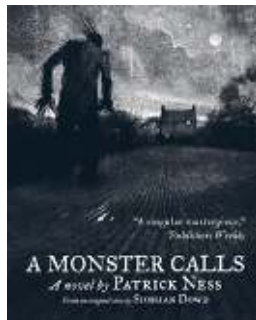
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J/GAR	Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
J/GRA	Smith, Dodie	The Hundred and One Dalmations
S/HEM	Steinbeck, John	The Red Pony
J/KIP	Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
S/LEE	Townsend, Sue	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 3/4
J/LEN	Twain, Mark	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
J/LON	Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days
J/NES	White, T.H.	The Sword in the Stone
S/ORW	Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	The Shadow of the Wind

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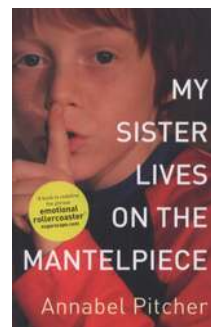
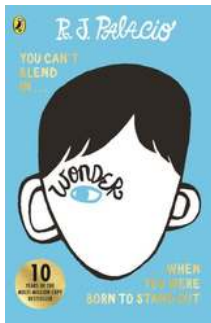
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<i>Y/BLA</i>	Blackman, Malorie	Noughts and Crosses, Cloud Busting, Boys Don't Cry <i>or</i> Pig-Heart Boy
<i>J/BLU</i>	Blume, Judy	Blubber or any other novel
<i>J/BRA</i>	Brahmachari, Sita	Artichoke Hearts <i>or</i> Jasmine Skies
<i>Y/BUR</i>	Burgess, Melvin	Junk
<i>J/COR</i>	Cormier, Robert	The Chocolate War
<i>J/CRE</i>	Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons
<i>Y/CRO</i>	Crossan, Sarah	One
<i>J/DRA</i>	Draper, Sharon	Out of My Mind
<i>S/DUR</i>	Durrow, Heidi	The Girl Who Fell from the Sky
<i>J/EAR</i>	Earle, Phil	Mind the Gap (dyslexia-friendly) *

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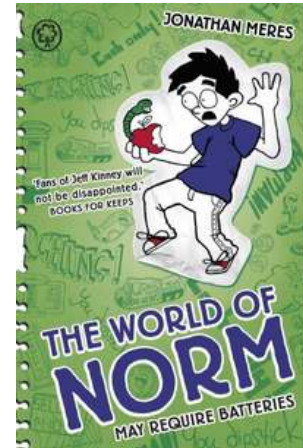
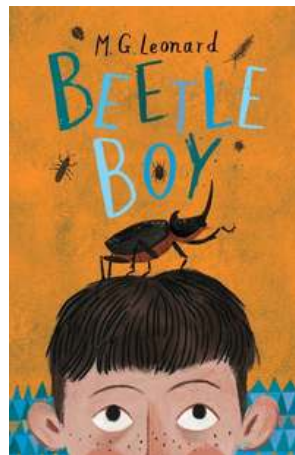
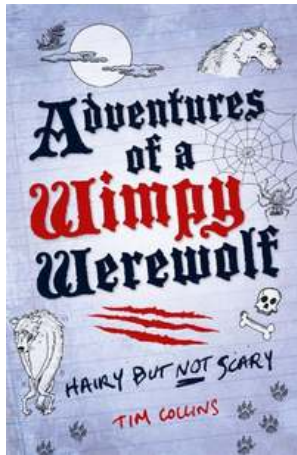
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J/FIN	Fine, Anne	The Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies
S/FOW	Fowler, Karen Joy	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves
J/FRA	Fraillon, Zana	The Bone Sparrow
636.089092	Herriott, James	If Only They Could Talk
J/HOY	Ho-Yen, Polly	The Boy in the Tower
	Laird, Elizabeth	Red Sky in the Morning or The Garbage King
508.411	Maxwell, Gavin	Ring of Bright Water
Y/NES	Ness, Patrick	A Monster Calls *
J/NIC	Nicholls, Sally	Ways to Live Forever

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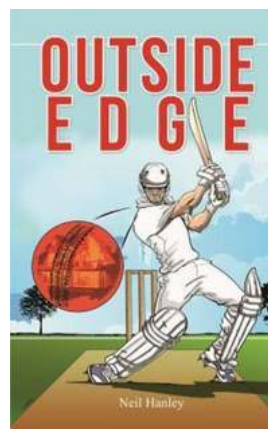
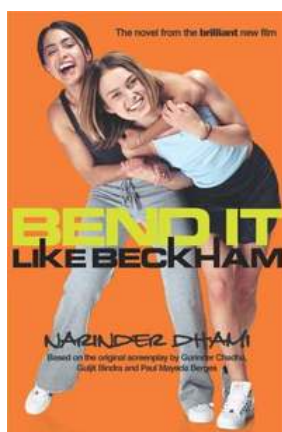
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J/PEN	Pennypacker, Sarah	Pax
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	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising
J/SPI	Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl *
J/WIL	Williamson, Lara	A Boy Called Hope
	Woodson, Jacqueline	Brown Girl Dreaming

Humorous Books



CLASS	AUTHOR	TITLE
J/BOY	Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy
	Cole, Victoria	Fenway and Hattie *
J/COL	Collins, Tim	Adventures of a Wimpy Werewolf *
S/JON	Jonasson, Jonas	The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared ++
J/LEO	Leonard, M.G.	Beetle Boy series *
J/MCL	McLaughlin, Tom	The Accidental Billionaire Series
J/MER	Meres, Jonathan	The World of Norm series *
J/PAS	Pastis, Stephen	Timmy Failure series *
J/PAT	Patterson, James	Middle School series *
J/PEI	Peirce, Lincoln	Big Nate series *
J/PIC	Pichon, Liz	Tom Gates series (dyslexia-friendly) *
J/SAC	Sachar, Louis	Holes or Small Steps
S/WOD	Wodehouse, P.G.	Jeeves and Wooster series ++

Sports



CLASS	AUTHOR	TITLE
J/ALE	Alexander, Kwame	Booked *
J/CAT	Cattell, Bob	Glory Gardens series
J/COU	Cousins, David	Charlie Merrick's Misfits, Fouls, Friends and Football
J/DAR	D'Arcy, Gordon and Howard, Paul	Gordon's Game series
J/DHA	Dhami, Narinder	Bend It Like Beckham
J/FRE	Freedman, Dan	Man of the Match series
J/GIB	Gibbons, Alan	The Number 7 Shirt or The Lion Roars
J/HAN	Hanley, Neil	Outside Edge
	McKenzie, Sophie	The Fix
J/PAL	Palmer, Tom	Football Academy series, Foul Play series or Black Op
J/PEE	Peet, Mal	Keeper series
J/RAI	Rai, Bali	Soccer Squad series

Using the Somerville Library

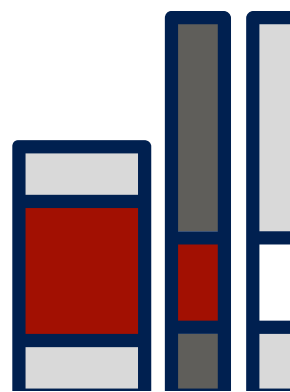
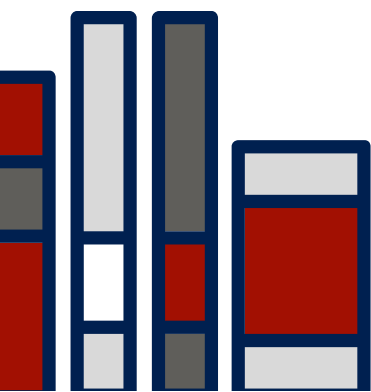
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