

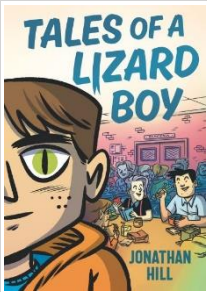


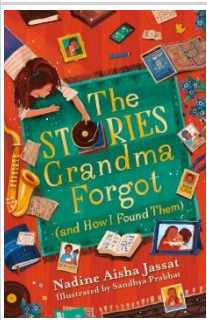
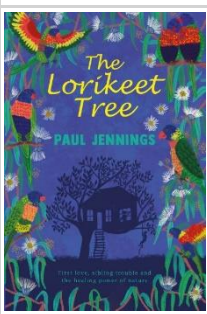
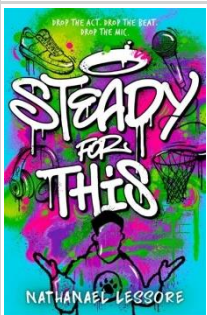

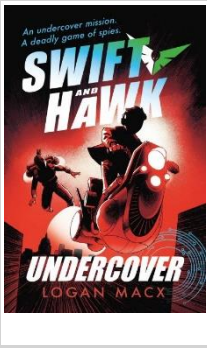

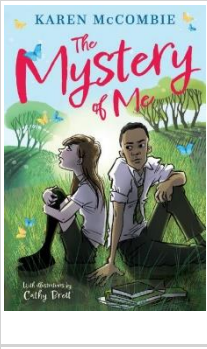

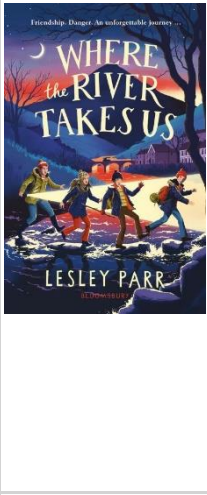


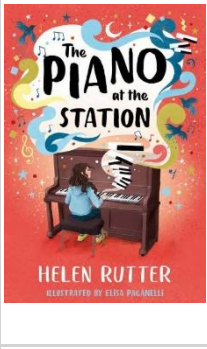
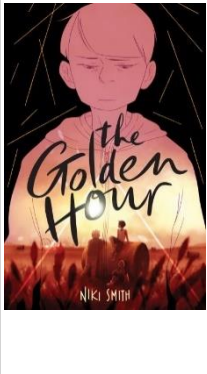
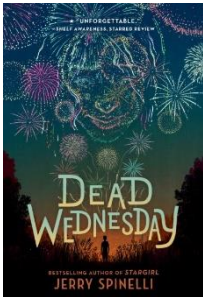

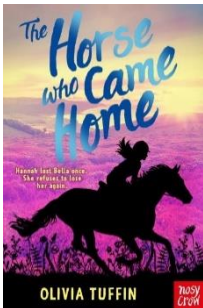

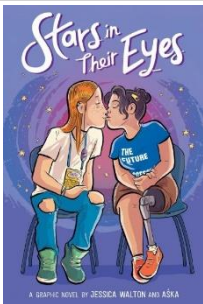
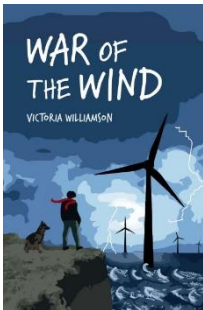


2023-24 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 7

	Ainsworth, Eve	Finding Her Feet	<p>Lily is shy, anxious and struggling to settle into Year 7 but, when her PE teacher notices her natural ability and suggests she join the girls' football team, she finally begins to feel that she might have found somewhere she can fit in and be herself. However, an argument with a teammate threatens to put an end to that. This is a gentle story of finding your confidence and your place at a time of upheaval, and with information about the history of women's football told between the story.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p> 
	Bethell, Zillah	The Song Walker	<p>Follow the journey of two girls in the Australian outback – one with no memory and one who is on a quest find themselves. As they travel together, they find out more about themselves and the land that they are travelling across in this beautifully written story.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p> 
	Fraillon, Zana	The Way of Dog	<p>Born into the horrors of a puppy mill, Scruffity finds his forever friend in Manpup. Desperate to escape abuse, boy and dog break free and journey to find a new life and a new home together. But when the two are separated, Scruffity struggles to locate his Manpup in an unknown world. An emotional tale told in verse about the bonds between boy and dog.</p>	<p>Year 6 Younger Teen</p>
	Hagger-Holt, Sarah	Just Like Everyone Else	<p>Aiden struggles to just be himself within his loud and obnoxious family. When his mother announces she's going to be a surrogate for a gay couple, Aiden's biggest worry comes to light: he thinks he might be gay and fears the soon to be parents, Justin and Atif, might know and expose him. What if he is gay? And what if he isn't? And most importantly, what if he isn't ready to discover the truth yet?</p>	<p>Year 6 Younger Teen</p> 

	<p>Hill, Jonathan</p>	<p>Tales of a Lizard Boy</p>	<p>Threatened with diminishing resources, Booger Lizk't and his family flee their lizard community deep below the Earth's crust to survive on the surface. Disguised as humans, Booger struggles to fit in until he makes friends with other misfits. A funny graphic novel with more serious undertones of refugees, immigration, friendship and the importance of being true to yourself.</p>	<p>Year 6 Younger Teen</p>
	<p>Horne, Maggie</p>	<p>Hazel Hill is Gonna Win This One</p>	<p>Looking to exploit the vulnerabilities of classmates, an online bully has emerged at Hazel's school and is harassing girls. Hazel is determined to catch this anonymous person and expose them. An empowering and enjoyable read.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	<p>Jassat, Nadine Aisha</p>	<p>The Stories Grandma Forgot (and How I Found Them)</p>	<p>Since Nyla was four years old, she's been raised by her mother and grandma. As her grandmother's memory slips through time due to Alzheimer's, memories of her deceased father begin to push their way to the present forcing Nyla to search for answers to questions she's never asked before. Told in verse with brilliant illustrations, Nyla searches through the memories locked in her grandma's brain to help her answer the question: Who am I.</p>	<p>Year 6 Younger Teen</p>
	<p>Jennings, Paul</p>	<p>The Lorikeet Tree</p>	<p>Emily loves her family's rewilded South Australian property. But when her father is diagnosed with a terminal illness, and her twin brother secretly adopts a cat which could destroy the ecosystem the family have been creating, Emily is left to deal with harsh reality on her own. Told in a unique first person format, this is a short but moving story of family, love, loss and hope.</p>	<p>Year 6 Younger Teen</p>
	<p>Lessore, Nathanael</p>	<p>Steady For This</p>	<p>Shaun, better known as MC Growls, is killing it on the streets – or so he likes to think. Really, he's just a wannabe who tends to show off. When he accidentally shows off his pants live on Insta with his best mate, things get real, and Shaun realises it's time for him to get serious. Occasionally cringeworthy, consistently laughable, and always relatable.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 

	Macx, Logan	Undercover	<p>The second instalment in this fast-paced adventure series. Swift and Hawk are back, no longer rookies in the Mobius Programme – their school’s top-secret group of elite teens who work with MI6 and the CIA. The two friends are experts in AI and CyberTech – can they use their skills to uncover a dangerous plot?</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	McCombie, Karen	The Mystery of Me	<p>Everyone at school is treating Ketty weirdly. She knows she was in an accident and technically dead before the doctors saved her, but it feels like there’s more to it than that. As she has no memories of life before the accident, will her new friend Otis help her remember and figure out how to move on with her life?</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	Parr, Lesley	Where the River Takes Us	<p>It’s 1974 and since their parents died Jason and his brother Ritchie have been on their own. But they are struggling to get by, and Ritchie is getting into trouble doing favours for the wrong people. When Jason hears about a reward being offered for proof of the existence of The Beast, a large cat that’s been spotted up the valley, he sees a way to save Ritchie from deeper trouble & keep them together. He and three friends embark on a journey which could change all their lives.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>  
	Rutter, Helen	The Piano at the Station	<p>When it comes to school and her teachers, Lacey is indifferent and cheeky. To keep her out of trouble, she gets sent to a daily music lesson with the patient and encouraging Mr Day. With the realisation that music soothes her self-destructive temper, Lacey finds a way to keep playing despite the challenges that arise.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>
	Smith, Niki	The Golden Hour	<p>Manuel is lonely, anxious and struggling to cope after witnessing a shooting – which he has kept secret from his peers. He is learning to use photography to help ground himself during panic attacks and, when he is teamed up with two classmates for a project, he learns to open up, face his fears and come to terms with what has happened to him. A beautiful, powerful graphic novel.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>

	Spinelli, Jerry	Dead Wednesday	Robbie (aka Worm) is shy, quiet and looking forward to Dead Wednesday, a day when all 8th grade students are assigned the identity of a teen who has recently died and then ignored for the entire day. It's meant to make the teens consider their life choices and mortality, but Worm is looking forward to being invisible. He doesn't expect the profound impact the day will have on him and his own future.	Younger Teen Reads 
	Tuffin, Olivia	The Horse Who Came Home	Hannah's family is well-known and respected in the horse-trading industry; they only raise and sell the best-bred ponies at Heartwood Stables. When Hannah rescues Bella, a mystery arises around the horse's origin, and she begins to uncover the darker side of her family's work.	Year 6 Younger Teen 
	Walton, Jessica	Stars in Their Eyes	A diverse and inclusive cast of characters appear in this graphic novel following Maisie, an above-the-knee amputee attending her first FanCon and hoping to meet her hero who plays a kick-ass amputee character in her favourite show. There she meets fellow geek Ollie and first romance blossoms. A good representation of disability and identity.	Younger Teen Reads
	Williamson, Victoria	War of the Wind	Max has lost his hearing and is struggling to come to terms with this and the effect it has on his life. He is desperate to be able to communicate easily again and is looking forward to the arrival of turbines on his small Scottish island and the promise of internet connection. However, he soon notices changes in the islanders' behaviour. Could this be connected to the turbines, and can Max and the other children in his 'special class' find out what is going on before his community is torn apart?	Younger Teen Reads



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