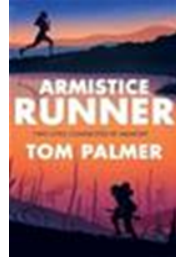
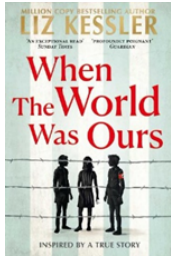
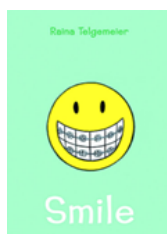
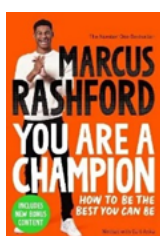
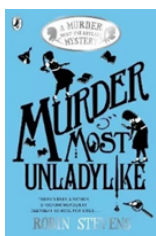
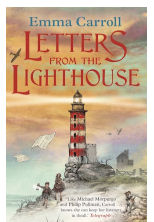
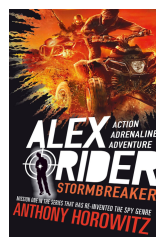
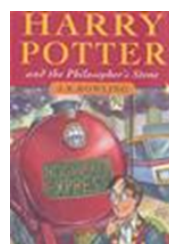
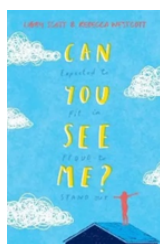
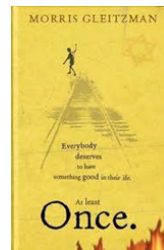
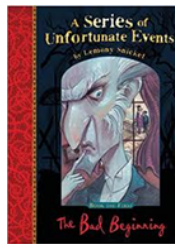
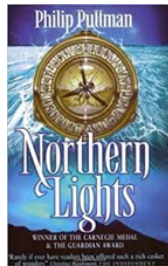
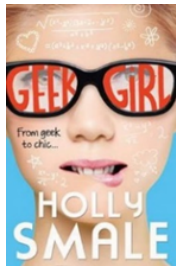
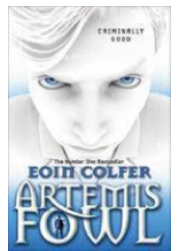


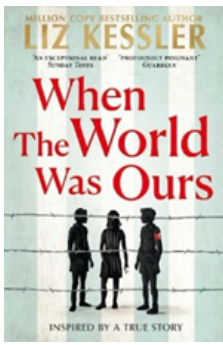
Recommended Reads

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There are a variety of genres so hopefully you will find something that appeals to you. All these titles are available to borrow from the LRC. There is a short introduction to each book in this leaflet and you can also find this list on our LRC catalogue.





When the World was Ours by Liz Kessler

Vienna, 1936. Elsa, Leo and Max have always been best friends, a special team of three. Then the Nazis come.

As a growing darkness descends around them, Leo and Elsa run for their lives, taking two very different paths across Europe. And Max, once their closest friend, now becomes the enemy as he is drawn into the Hitler Youth. Will the friends ever find their way back to each other? Will they want to?

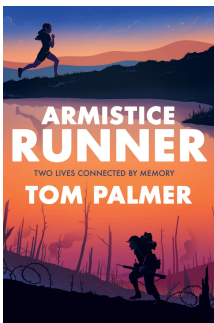
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The Giver by Lois Lowry – TMSA Big Read 2022

It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. While training to be the Receiver of Memory, Jonas experiences joy and sadness for the first time. He becomes convinced his society has given up too much, and he can no longer accept the sameness.

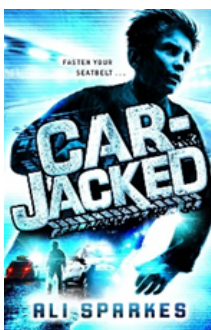
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Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer – TMSA Big Read 2021

Lily is losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran?

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Car-Jacked by Ali Sparkes - TMSA Big Read 2020

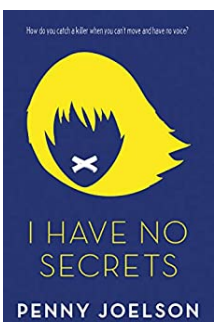
Jack Mattingly is a genius. He has an IQ of 170. He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin.

And he can calculate the square root of 1,673,549 in his head. But when Jack's parents' car is hi-jacked, with him inside it, for once he's as clueless as the rest of us. The car-jacker doesn't know Jack's in the car - yet. But it's only a matter of time before he's discovered. And then anything could happen. Only one thing's for sure: Jack's in for the thrill-ride of his life.

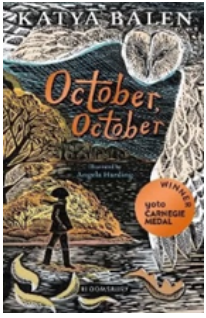
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I Have no Secrets by Penny Joelson - TMSA Big Read 2019

Jemma knows who did the murder. She knows because he told her. And she can't tell anyone. Fourteen-year-old Jemma has severe cerebral palsy. Unable to communicate or move, she relies on her family and carer for everything. She has a sharp brain and inquisitive nature and knows all sorts of things about everyone. But when she is confronted with this terrible secret, she is utterly powerless to do anything. Though that might be about to change...



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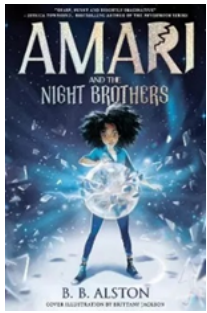


October, October by Katya Balen – Winner of the YOTO Carnegie Medal 2022

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is.

Until the year October turns eleven. That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.

5.7



Amari and the Night Brothers by B B Alston

Amari Peters knows three things.

Her big brother Quinton has gone missing.No one will talk about it. His mysterious job holds the secret ...

So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.

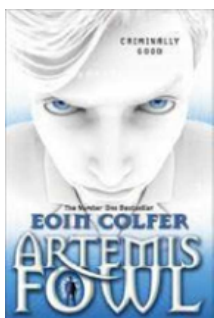
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Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Private Peaceful captures the memories of a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn. From his early childhood adventures in rural Devon to the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the Front Line, Private Tommo Peaceful spends these lonely hours re-living his short but vivid past.

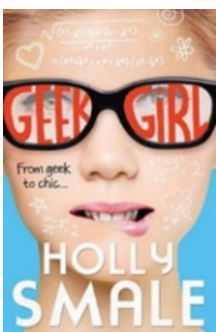
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Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind. But even he doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy - Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These fairies are armed and they are dangerous.

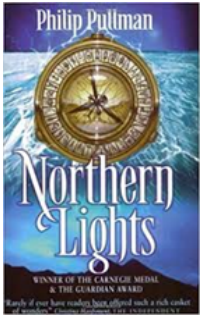
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Geek Girl by Holly Smale

Harriet Manners knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, a "jiffy" lasts 1/100th of a second, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. She knows that bats always turn left when exiting a cave and that peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite. But she doesn't know why nobody at school seems to like her. So when she's offered the chance to reinvent herself as a top model, she grabs it. Can she transform from geek to chic?

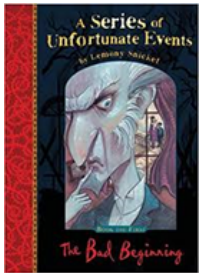
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Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

"Without this child, we shall all die." Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world.

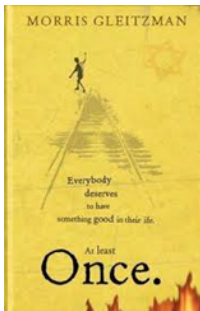
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The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

After the suspicious death of their parents Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are placed in the custody of their distant cousin Count Olaf, who begins to abuse them and openly plots to embezzle their inheritance. After the children are removed from his care by their parents' estate executor, Arthur Poe, Olaf begins to doggedly hunt the children down, bringing about the serial slaughter and demise of a multitude of characters.

6.4



Once by Morris Gleitzman

The story of Felix, a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.

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The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him - after all, he is the last remaining member of the family.

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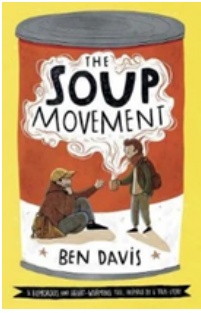


The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world! Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . . and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start . . . Hats for cats! Pet pigs for all! Banana shaped buses! Swimming pools on trains!

A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power!

4.6



The Soup Movement by Ben Davis

When Jordan finally gets invited to go to the chippy at lunch with the cool kids, he feels stupid carrying around a flask of mum's wholesome soup. He decides instead to give it to a homeless man called Harry. It's this one small act of kindness that leads to a host of new friendships and a movement of good deeds across the community. But there's one life-changing gift that will trump all these deeds...

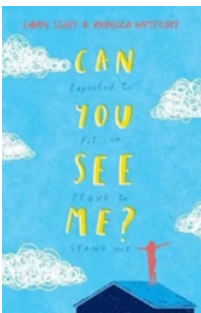
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Cirque du Freak by Darren Shan

Darren and his friend Steve are caught in a deadly trap. Darren must make a bargain with the one person who can save Steve. But that person is not human and only deals in blood...

4.8



Can You See Me? by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

Tally is autistic, but she hides it as much as she can. She knows how uncomfortable people feel around her. By masking her autism, Tally is hiding her real self. But when your real self is fierce and wonderful, it can't stay hidden forever.

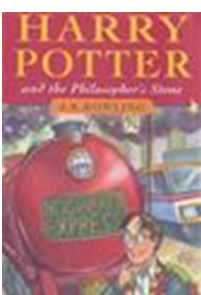
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The House with the Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson

Marinka dreams of a normal life, but her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. Her grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny but her house has other ideas...

5.0



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J K Rowling

Harry Potter is an ordinary boy who lives in a cupboard under the stairs at his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon's house, which he thinks is normal for someone like him whose parents have been killed in a 'car crash'. He is bullied by them and his fat, spoilt cousin Dudley, and lives a very unremarkable life with only the odd hiccup (like his hair growing back overnight!) to cause him much to think about. That is until an owl turns up with a letter addressed to Harry and all hell breaks loose!

6.0



Smart by Kim Slater

There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened. To Colin. And to his grandma, who just stopped coming round one day.

4.7



Skulduggery Pleasant/Sceptre of the Ancients by Derek Landy

Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...

4.9



The Rise of the Parsons Road Gang by Ade Adepitan

Ade is the new kid on the street, which isn't easy when you look different to everyone else. Then he meets the Parsons Road Gang. They don't cause trouble, they just play football, and they could do with a player with super-cyborg-strength!

4.7



The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell

This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.

6.5



The Spy who Loved School Dinners by Pamela Butchart

Izzy and her friends think that Mathilde, the new French girl in their class, could be a spy. When their teacher refuses to believe them, they set about planning a way to expose Mathilde and foil her plans - whatever those plans may be.

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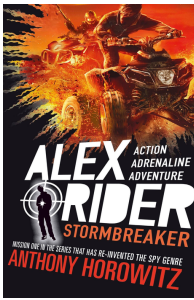


The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

12-year-old Josh and his twin Jordan have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school team. Their father used to be a champion player and they each want nothing more than to follow in his footsteps.

Both on and off the court, there is conflict and hardship which will test Josh's bond with his brother. In this heartfelt novel in verse, the boys find that life doesn't come with a play-book and it's not all about winning.

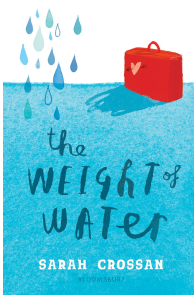
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Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

In the first book in the bestselling Alex Rider series, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

5.1



The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan

Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat.

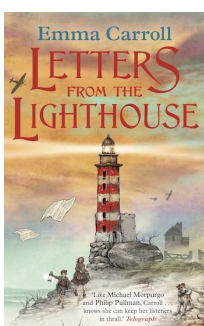
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Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy – especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger...

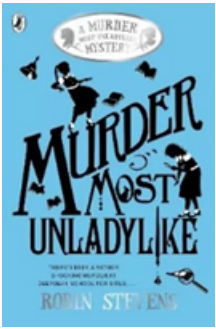
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Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees.

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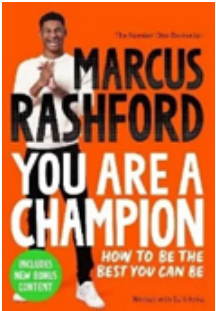


Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens

At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any real crimes to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. To add to the mystery, when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

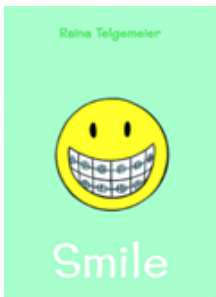
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You are a Champion: How to be the Best You Can Be by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka

Written with journalist Carl Anka, You Are a Champion is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice and top-tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner. It will show you how to be the very BEST that you can be.

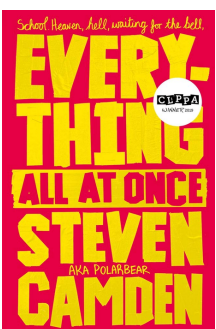
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Smile by Raina Telgemeier

The true autobiography of Raina. The story starts off when Raina is 11-years old, in the 6th grade and takes us on a four year journey. While racing home with her friends one day after Girl Scouts, Raina trips and knocks out her front two teeth. This begins the long journey Raina endures to fix her mouth and many other pubescent challenges along the way.

2.9



Everything All at Once by Steven Camden

A collection of poems about the highs and lows of one week in a secondary school, where everything happens all at once. Zooming in across our cast of characters, we share moments that span everything from hoping to make it to the end of the week, facing it, fitting in, finding friends and falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, and worrying, wearing it well and worshipping from afar.

These are just a small selection of books that Year 7 might enjoy. Please let us know if you have any recommendations. If you have read something that you have enjoyed, don't forget to do a review on Accessit to let everyone know!