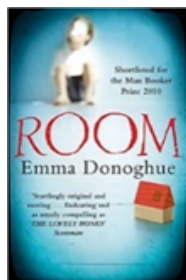
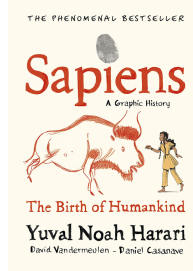
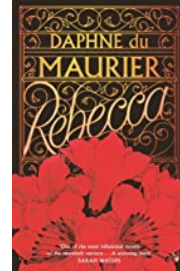
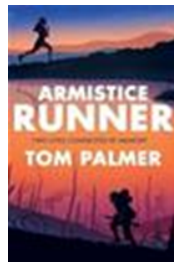
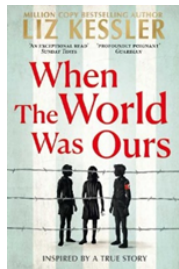
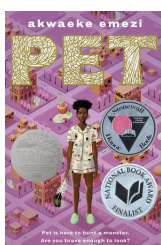
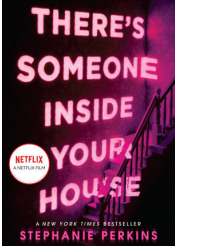
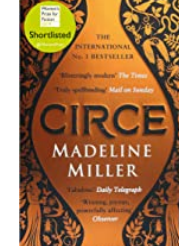
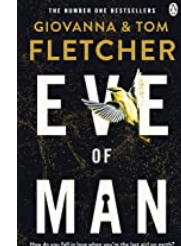
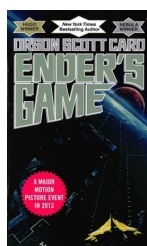
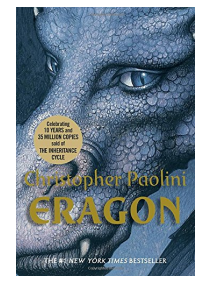
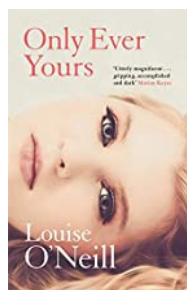
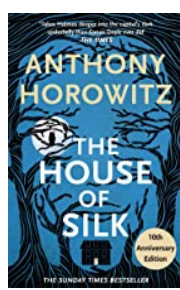
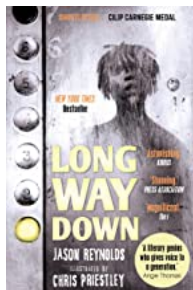
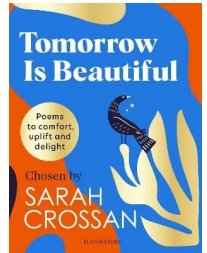
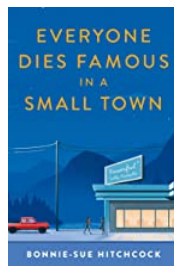
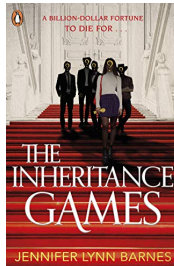
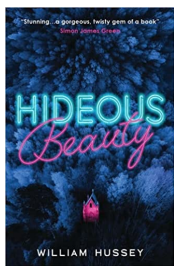


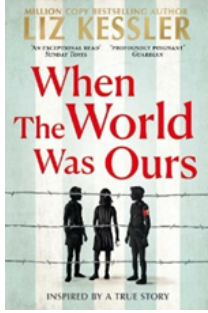
Recommended Reads

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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 scan the QR code to find this list on our LRC catalogue.

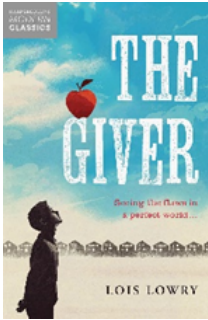




When the World was Ours by Liz Kessler - TMSA Big Read 2023

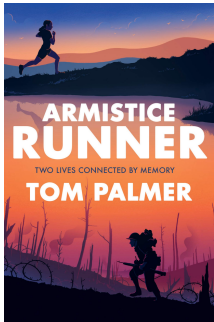
Vienna, 1936. Elsa, Leo and Max have always been best friends, a special team of three. Then the Nazis come.

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?



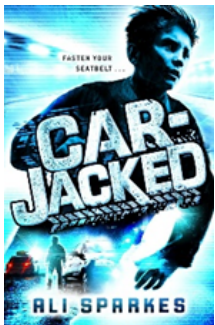
The Giver by Lois Lowry – TMSA Big Read 2022

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.



Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer – TMSA Big Read 2021.

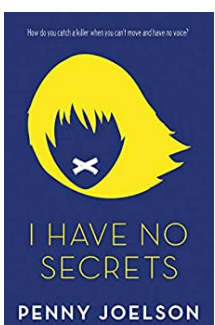
Lily is losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran?



Car-Jacked by Ali Sparkes - TMSA Big Read 2020

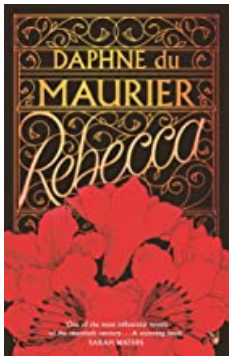
Jack Mattingly is a genius. He has an IQ of 170. He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin.

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.



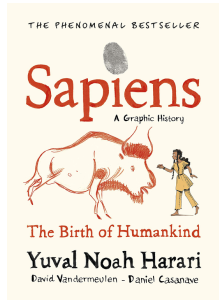
I Have no Secrets by Penny Joelson

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...



Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

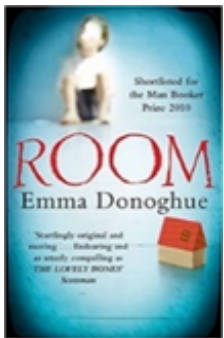
On a trip to the South of France, the shy heroine of Rebecca falls in love with Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower. Although his proposal comes as a surprise, she happily agrees to marry him. But as they arrive at her husband's home, Manderley, a change comes over Maxim, and the young bride is filled with dread. Friendless in the isolated mansion, she realises that she barely knows him. In every corner of every room is the phantom of his beautiful first wife, Rebecca, and the new Mrs de Winter walks in her shadow.



Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari

What makes us brilliant? What makes us deadly? What makes us Sapiens? Yuval Noah Harari challenges everything we know about being human. Earth is 4.5 billion years old. In just a fraction of that time, one species among countless others has conquered it: us.

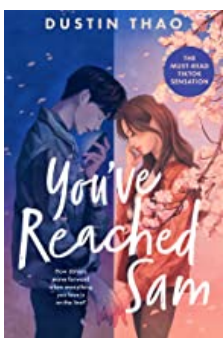
In this bold and provocative audiobook, Yuval Noah Harari explores who we are, how we got here and where we're going.



Room by Emma Donoghue

It's Jack's birthday, and he's excited about turning five.

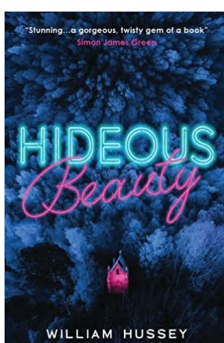
Jack lives with his Ma in Room, which has a locked door and a skylight, and measures 11 feet by 11 feet. He loves watching TV, and the cartoon characters he calls friends, but he knows that nothing he sees on screen is truly real – only him, Ma, and the things in Room. Until the day Ma admits that there's a world outside....



You've Reached Sam by Dustin Thao

Seventeen-year-old Julie has her future all planned out: move out of her small town with her boyfriend Sam, attend college in the city, spend a summer in Japan. But then Sam dies. And everything changes. Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls Sam's cellphone just to listen to his voicemail. And Sam picks up the phone.

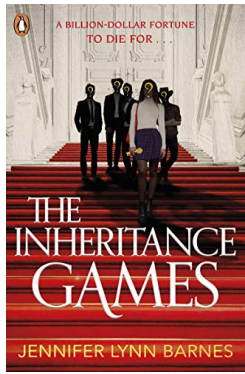
What would you do if you had a second chance at goodbye?



Hideous Beauty by William Hussey

Dylan is forced to come out after his secret relationship with Ellis is exposed on social media, but to his surprise, everyone is really supportive or appears to be.

But Dylan's and El's happiness is short-lived and following a tragic accident, Dylan begins to realise how little he knows about the boy he loves...or those closest to him.



The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Barnes

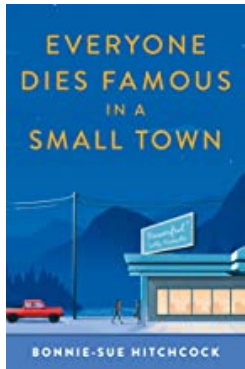
She came from nothing.

Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why.

They had everything.

Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money.

Now there's only one rule: winner takes all.



Everyone Dies Famous In A Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock

Come on a journey across the rural American West . . .

Meet the teenagers who live in the small towns across these states, separated by distance, but whose stories are woven together in the most unexpected of ways.

Whether they are brought together by the spread of wildfire, by the priest who's moved from state to state or by the hunt for a missing child, these incredible tales blaze with secrets, rage and love.

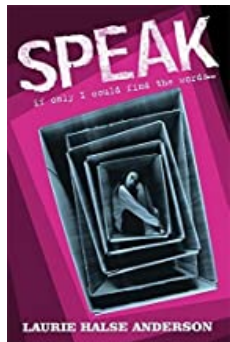


Beautiful Broken Things by Sara Barnard

I was brave. She was reckless. We were trouble.

Best friends Caddy and Rosie are inseparable. Their differences have brought them closer, but as she turns 16 Caddy begins to wish she could be a bit more like Rosie - confident, funny and interesting.

Then Suzanne comes into their lives - beautiful, damaged, exciting and mysterious - and things get a whole lot more complicated.



Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

'Speak up for yourself - we want to know what you have to say.'

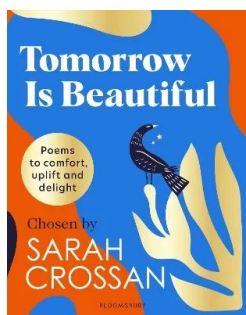
From my first day at Merryweather High, I know this is a lie.

Nobody will even talk to me, let alone listen, all because I called the cops on an end-of-summer party.

But if I could only tell everyone why I called the police that night...

If I could explain what happened to me...

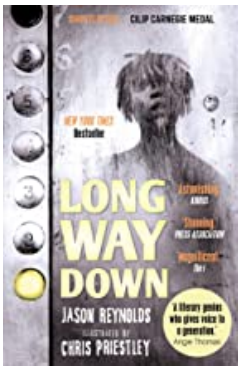
If I could speak... Then everything might change



Tomorrow Is Beautiful by Sarah Crossan

Sometimes it's hard to find the right words. This poetry anthology provides the antidote, offering calm, hope and peace to all.

Focusing on positivity, this is the perfect collection to dip into whenever you need a boost. Containing a selection of classic poems



Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

AND THEN THERE WERE SHOTS

Everybody ran, ducked, hid, tucked themselves tight.

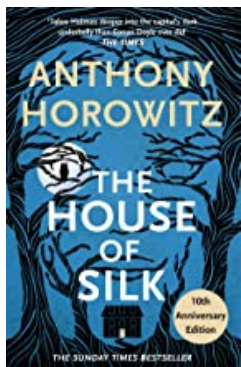
After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago. And Dani, who was shot years before that.



Murder On The Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stopped the Orient Express in its tracks.

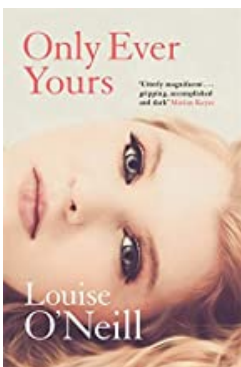
The luxurious train was surprisingly full for the time of the year. But by the morning there was one passenger fewer. An American lay dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside.



The House Of Silk by Anthony Horowitz

It is November 1890 and London is gripped by a merciless winter.

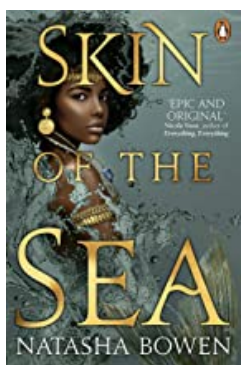
Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are enjoying tea by the fire when an agitated gentleman arrives unannounced at 221b Baker Street. He begs Holmes for help, telling the unnerving story of a scar-faced man with piercing eyes who has stalked him in recent weeks. Intrigued by the man's tale, Holmes and Watson find themselves swiftly drawn into a series of puzzling and sinister events.



Only Ever Yours by Louise O'Neill

Eves are designed, not made. The School trains them to be pretty. The School trains them to be good. The School trains them to Always be Willing. All their lives, the eves have been waiting. Now they are ready for the outside world.

Companion...concubine...or chastity. Only the best will be chosen. And only the Men decide.

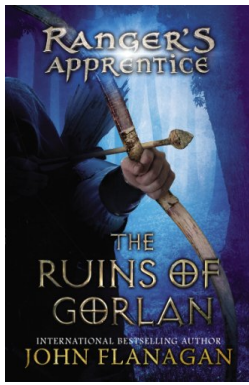


Skin Of The Sea by Natasha Bowen

Simidele is one of the Mami Wata, mermaids duty-bound to collect the souls of those who die at sea and bless their journeys back home to the Supreme Creator.

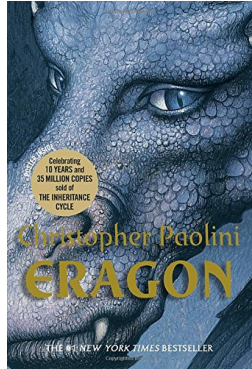
But when a living boy is thrown overboard a slave ship, Simi saves his life, going against an ancient decree and bringing terrible danger to the mami wata.

Now Simi must journey to the Supreme Creator to make amends - a journey of vengeful gods.



The Ruins Of Gorlan by John Flanagan

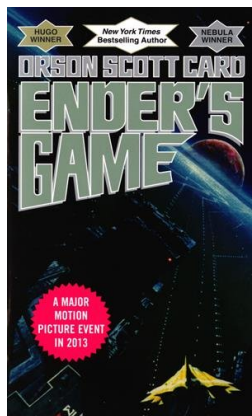
Will is small for his age, but agile and energetic. All his life, he has dreamed of becoming a great knight like the father he never knew, so he is devastated when he is rejected as an apprentice to Castle Redmont's Battleschool. Instead he is apprenticed to Halt, the mysterious Ranger whose uncanny ability to move unseen is thought to be the result of black magic. Reluctantly, Will learns to use a Ranger's secret weapons: a bow and arrow, a mottled cloak and a stubborn little pony.



Eragon by Christopher Paolini

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realises he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.

Overnight his simple life is shattered and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic and power.



Enders Games by Orson Scott Card

Fifty years after an alien race known as the Buggers nearly invaded Earth, the government has come to rely on gifted young children to be their military strategists. In Ender's Game, bright young Ender Wiggen is whisked off to battle school to learn all about military strategy and prepare for another invasion. Unfortunately, school is just a dangerous game, and Ender knows it.



The Bunker Diary by Kevin Brooks

It was still dark when I woke up this morning.

As soon as my eyes opened I knew where I was.

A low-ceilinged rectangular building made entirely of whitewashed concrete. There are six little rooms along the main corridor.

There are no windows. No doors. The lift is the only way in or out.

What's he going to do to me?

What am I going to do? If I'm right, the lift will come down in five minutes. It did. Only this time it wasn't empty . . .



The Colour Of Magic by Terry Pratchett

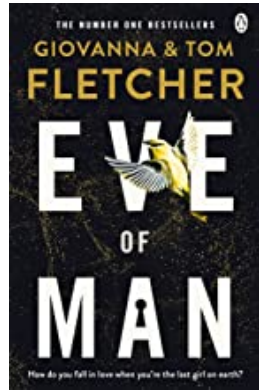
Somewhere between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a magical world not totally unlike our own. Except for the fact that it travels through space on the shoulders of four giant elephants who in turn stand on the shell of an astronomically huge star turtle, of course.



S.T.A.G.S by M A Bennett

It is the autumn term, and Greer MacDonald is struggling to settle into the sixth form at the exclusive St Aidan the Great boarding school, known to its privileged pupils as S.T.A.G.S.

To her surprise, Greer receives a mysterious invitation with three words embossed upon on it: huntin' shootin' fishin' - an invitation to spend the half-term weekend at the country manor of Henry de Warlencourt, the most popular and wealthy boy at S.T.A.G.S.



Eve Of Man by Giovanna & Tom Fletcher

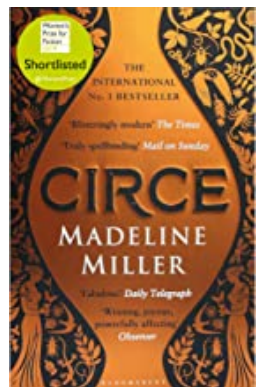
Against all odds, she survived.

The first girl born in 50 years.

They called her Eve....

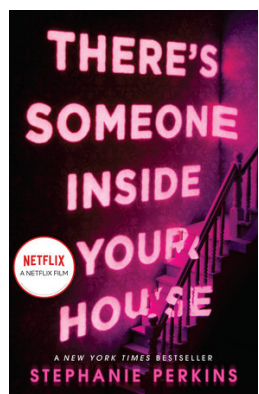
Described by Tom and Giovanna as an unconventional love story set in a dystopian future, Eve of Man is the tale of what happens when you turn 16 and realise you're the most important person in the world.

Do you embrace your fate - or do you run from it?



Circe by Madeline Miller

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. Circe is a strange child – not powerful and terrible, like her father, nor gorgeous and mercenary like her mother. Scorned and rejected, Circe grows up in the shadows, at home in neither the world of gods or mortals. But Circe has a dark power of her own: witchcraft. When her gift threatens the gods, she is banished to the island of Aiaia



There's Someone Inside Your House by Stephanie Perkins

After a mysterious move from Hawaii to a new school in small town Nebraska, Makani Young and the rest of her class are being targeted by a masked killer intent on exposing their darkest secrets.

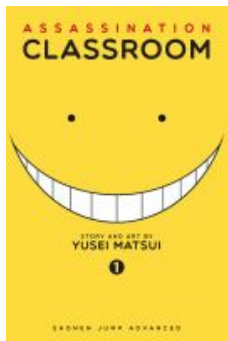
As one by one the students of her new high school begin to die in a series of gruesome murders, Makani doesn't know who's next on the list . . . and her own secrets from the past to keep.



Pet by Akwaeke Emezi

How do you save the world from monsters if no one will admit they exist? She stumbled backwards, her eyes wide, as the figure started coming out of the canvas. She tried to be brave. Well, she said, her hands only a little shaky, at least tell me what I should call you. Well, little girl, it replied, I suppose you can call me Pet.

There are no more monsters anymore, or so the children in the city of Lucille are taught. With doting parents and a best friend named Redemption, Jam has grown up with this lesson all her life. But when she meets Pet.



Assassination Classroom by Andrew Smith

Meet the would-be assassins of class 3-E: Sugino, who let his grades slip and got kicked off the baseball team. Karma, who's doing well in his classes but keeps getting suspended for fighting. And Okuda, who lacks both academic and social skills, yet excels at one subject: chemistry. Who has the best chance of winning that reward? Will the deed be accomplished through pity, brute force or poison...? And what chance does their teacher have of repairing his students' tattered self-esteem?



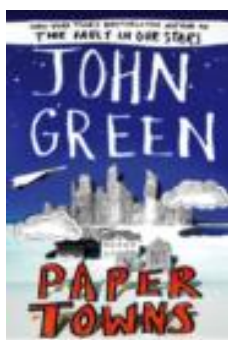
Grasshopper Jungle by Andrew Smith

In the small town of Ealing, Iowa, Austin and his best friend Robby have accidentally unleashed an unstoppable army. An army of horny, hungry, six-foot-tall praying mantises that only want to do two things. This is the truth. This is history. It's the end of the world. And nobody knows anything about it.



Rat by Patrice Lawrence

When his mum is sent back to prison, Al knows exactly who's to blame. Mr Brayker, who lives downstairs, has been making trouble for Al's mum ever since they moved in, and Al's determined to get his revenge. Ignoring advice from his gran and sister, Plum, Al takes things into his own hands with a plan that involves the only two creatures he can rely on: his pet rats, Venom and Vulture. But things don't turn out exactly as he'd imagined ...



Paper Towns by John Green

When Margo Roth Spiegelman beckons Quentin Jacobsen in the middle of the night - dressed like a ninja and plotting an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows her. Margo's always planned extravagantly, and, until now, she's always planned solo. After a lifetime of loving Margo from afar, things are finally looking up for Q...until day breaks and she has vanished. Always an enigma, Margo has now become a mystery. But there are clues. And they're for Q.

These are just a small selection of books that Year 11 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!