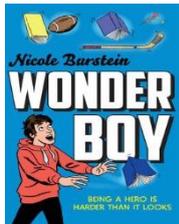




Recommended Reads for Year 7

CF = Children's Fiction
T = Younger Teen Reads



Burstein, Nicole **Wonderboy** **T**

Telekinesis is an enviable superpower and might just help scholarship boy Wilko sort the bullies at his posh school in this funny story.



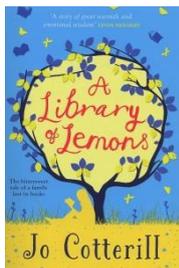
Carroll, Emma **Strange Star** **T**

An atmospheric and creepy story inspired by the creation of Frankenstein, with strong female main characters.



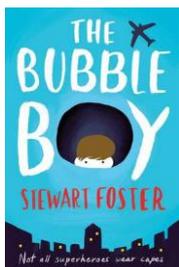
Cole, Steve **Invisible Inc.** **CF**

A boy has to save the world with the help of a gang of ghosts when his mother's latest invention, which can turn anything invisible, is stolen by a sinister corporation. Includes great characters. Great fun.



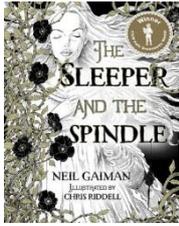
Cotterill, Jo **Library of Lemons** **CF**

Moving story about a girl coping with her own grief and her father's mental health issues. She has become his carer but life improves with the growing friendship of Mae and the warm, cheerful support of her family.



Foster, Stewart **Bubble Boy** **T**

Imagine a life where you live in hospital, only permitted a small number of visitors. Joe's life sounds grim but he is funny, insightful and manages an illicit adventure. A cast of eccentric characters.



Gaiman, Neil The Sleeper and the Spindle T

A book characteristic of the author with a dark alternative retelling of Sleeping Beauty. It is beautifully produced with a poetic sound to the writing and stunning pictures to complement the text.



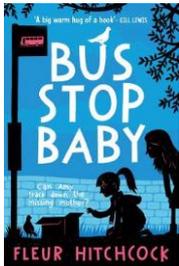
Gavin, Rohan Knightley and Son T

Darkus Knightley is a mastermind with a fondness for tweed and unsolvable mysteries. You have probably deduced that this is a detective story with crimes to solve and a sense of humour to enjoy.



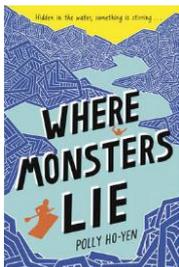
Harrison, Michelle The Other Alice T

Alice's unfinished book "Museum of Unfinished Stories" is far more than a story, which Midge and Anya discover when they try to solve the mystery of Alice's disappearance. This enjoyable adventure has some terrific villains.



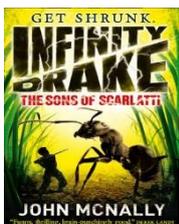
Hitchcock, Fleur Bus Stop Baby T

When Amy finds an abandoned baby she unleashes a chain of events that will teach her empathy and a better understanding of the constancy of her grandmother and her friends.



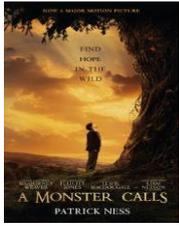
Ho-Yen, Polly Where Monsters Lie CF

This is a story with a great sense of place. Is the mystery of the Loch Ness monster tied up with the sudden disappearance of Effie's Mum and the plague of slugs?



McNally, John The Sons of Scarlatti T

Science, electronic gadgetry and mad Uncle Al all make Finn's life action packed as he starts this adventure. Terrific characters, an excellent plot, insects and a lot of humour result in this action thriller.



Ness, Patrick

A Monster Calls

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This award winning book is now a major film full of emotion and courage. Conor struggles to deal with his mother's fight with cancer.

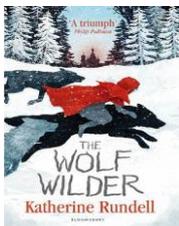


Priestley, Chris

The Last of the Spirits

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A brilliant twist on the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol", as a homeless orphan bent on killing Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by three ghosts who show him what the consequences of his actions would be if he went down the path of murder.

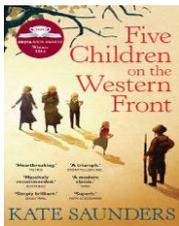


Rundell, Katherine

The Wolf Wilder

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This is a story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back, and, of course, wolves. Set during the time of the Russian Revolution, this is an excellent read.



Saunders, Kate **Five Children on the Western Front**

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Sequel to E Nesbit's "Five Children and It". The grown up children face life during the period of the First World War.

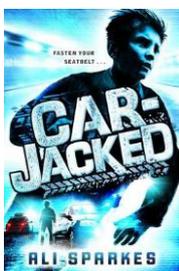


Smith, Dan

Boy X

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Ash McCarthy wakes up on a remote tropical island. He finds he has been imprisoned and infected with a deadly virus. How can he escape? A pacy action story of survival with a strong lead character.



Sparkes, Ali

Car-jacked

T

A taut action packed story about Jack the genius who ends up tangled up in a thrilling chase, with his controlling Mum and police trying to rescue him whilst he tries to assist his accidental kidnapper. This is full of unexpected twists and turns.



Stevens, Rebecca

Rose in the Blitz

T

A time slip novel where Rose finds herself in her great aunt's era in war torn London with the consequences of this on relationships with families and homes.



Strange, Lucy

The Secret of Nightingale Wood

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Henry and family have moved to the country to deal with her brother's death. She must confront the secrets of the house, scary noises, flickering light and shadows alone in this ghost story.

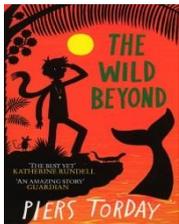


Toksvig, Sandi

A Slice of the Moon

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The story follows the fortunes of a girl and her family as they emigrate to America during the Irish Potato Famine.



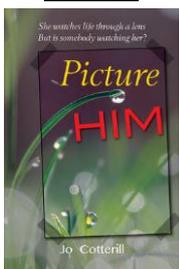
Torday, Piers

The Wild Beyond

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The exciting conclusion to this highly successful trilogy. Kester is in possession of the secret that will save the world but will he solve the mystery and find the mouse in time? A must read thriller for animal lovers.

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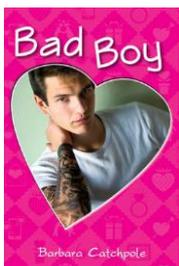


Cotterill, Jo

Picture Him

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An excellent short mystery where keen photographer Aliya is worried about being stalked as she notices a blurry figure recurring in each of her photos.

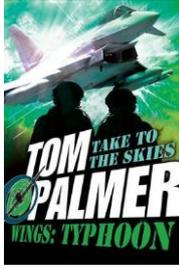


Catchpole, Barbara

Bad Boy

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Taylor has a flawed choice of boyfriends. Will Josh turn out to be another disaster?



Palmer, Tom

Take to the Skies

CF

Part of the Wing series this is a super readable Hi-lo book. Football rival sisters have to test their loyalty to each other when they discover they are flying a real fighter plane in WWII after entering a flight simulator ride.



Viljoen, Fanie

The Last Time I Died

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Revenge is a dish best served cold, stone cold. Sam has used up 8 of his 9 lives and only has one more chance to kill the Black Crow. A crime story and a ghost story too.

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