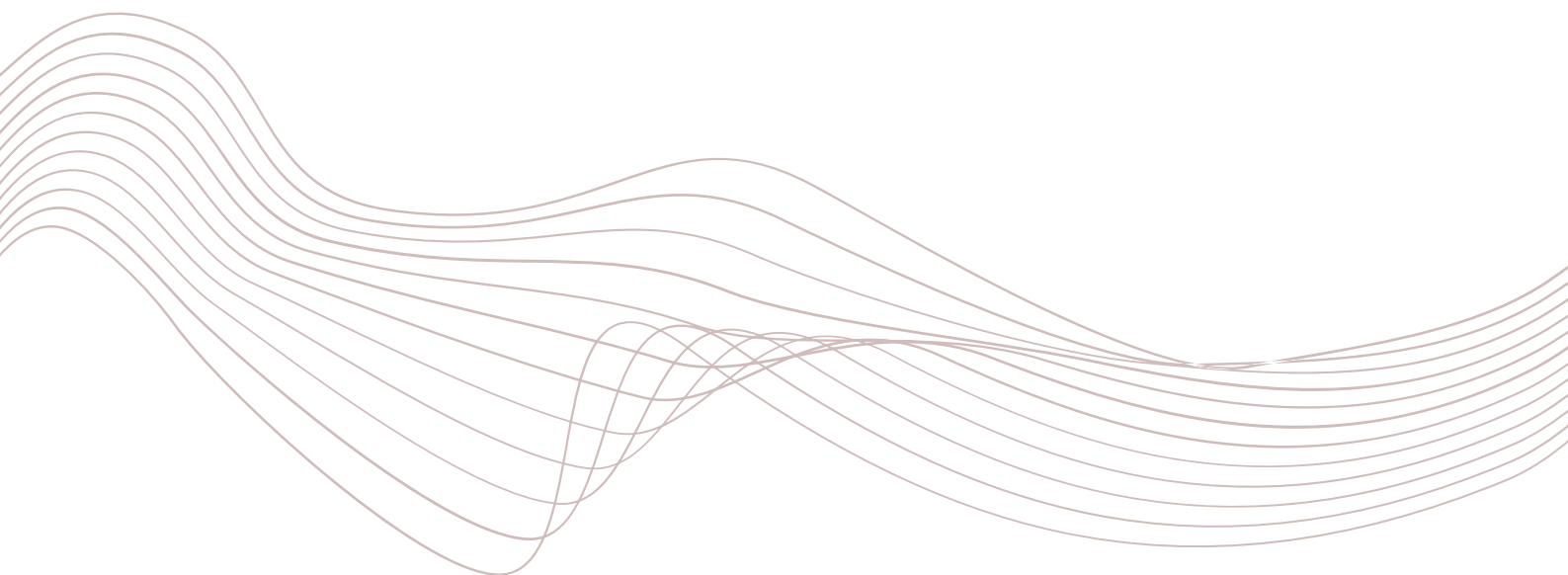
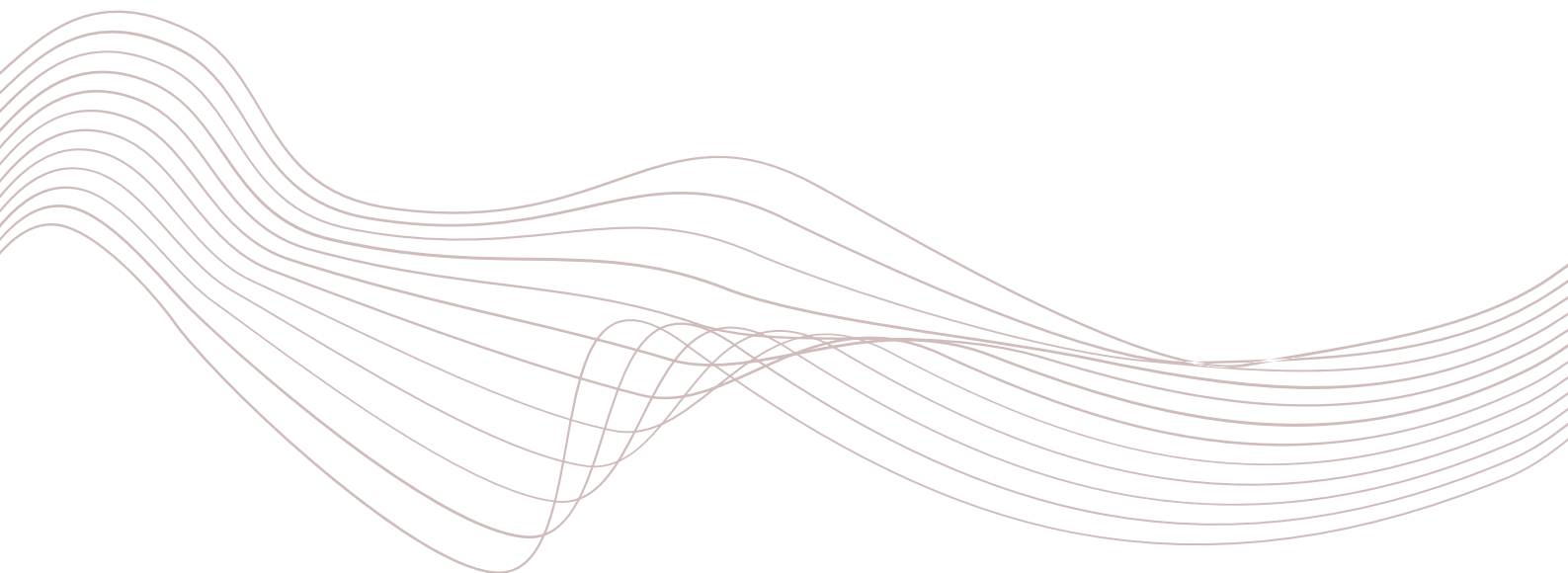




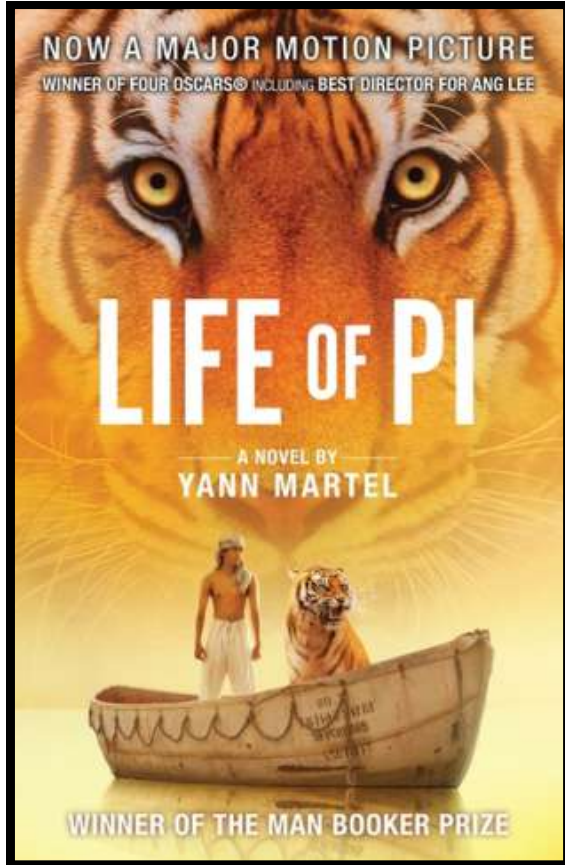
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YEAR 9 RECOMMENDED BOOKS





'Life of Pi' by Yann Martel



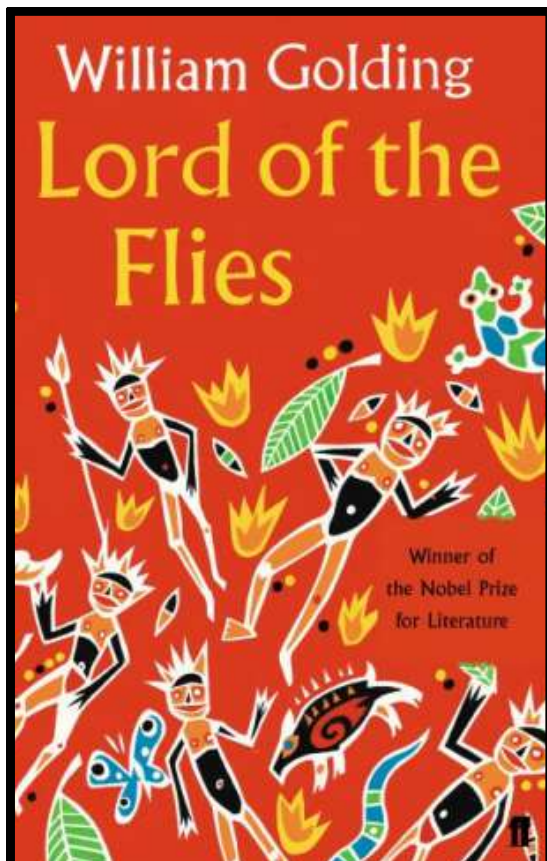
One boy, one boat, one tiger... After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orangutan and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger.

Genre: Adventure

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'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding



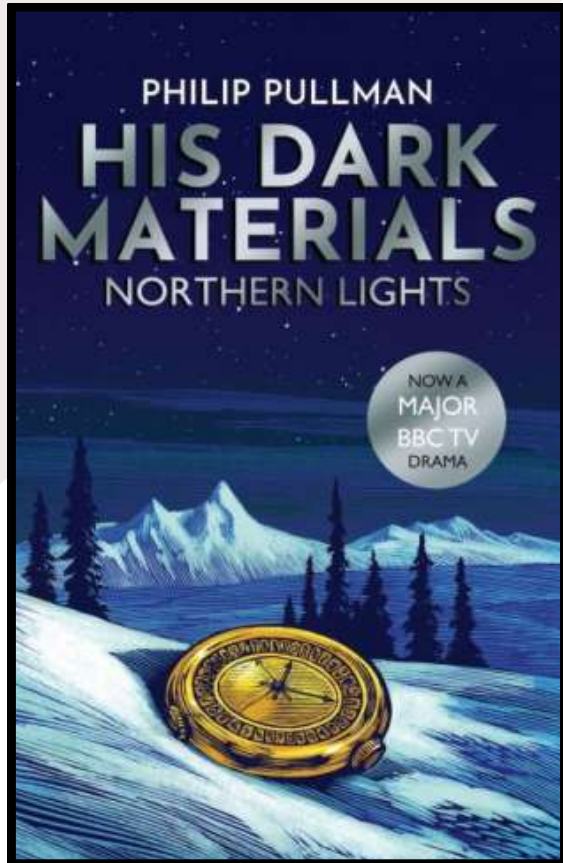
A plane full of school boys crashes onto a desert island. With no adult supervision, they initially celebrate freedom. However, order soon collapses and terror begins to reign...

Genre: Adventure

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'His Dark Materials' by Philip Pullman



Consisting of 3 books, this series follows the adventures of Lyra and Will. A boy and a girl from two different worlds, brought together by splits in the fabric of reality. Their aim is to understand dust and soon the fate of the living and the dead is on them. Along the way, they meet witches, armoured bears, fallen angels and soul eaters...

Genre: Fantasy

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'Jurassic Park' by Michael Crichton



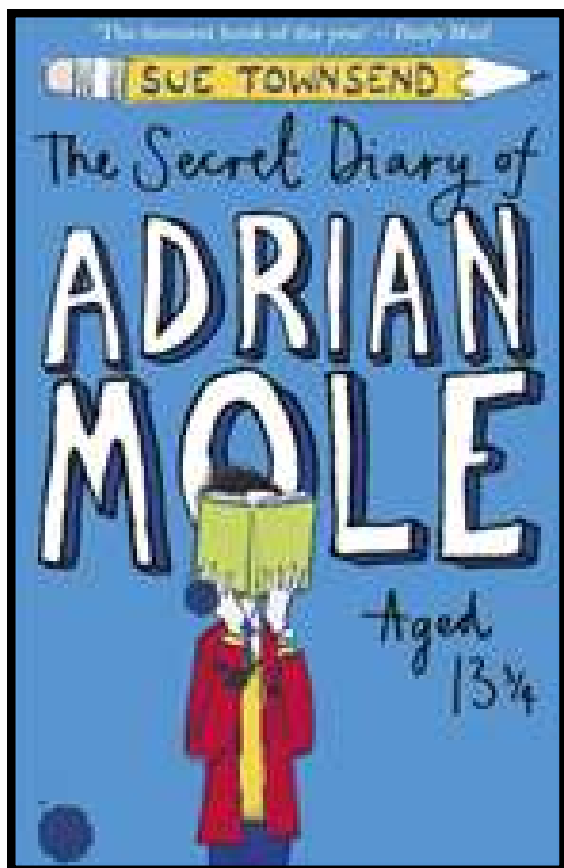
When dinosaur DNA is discovered and successfully used to clone a real-life dinosaur, people are bound to want to make money from it as well as study them. Jurassic Park is created to allow these ancient beasts to be free. But something goes horribly wrong...

Genre: Fantasy

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'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4' by Sue Townsend



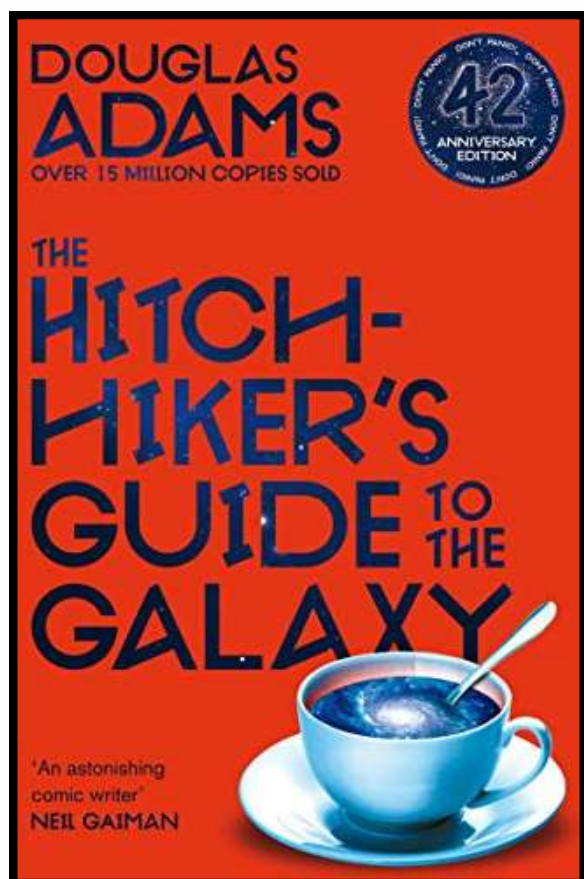
Adrian Mole is in love with Pandora. Unfortunately, she has left him. His neighbour is seducing his mother. The BBC will not publish his poetry and his dog has swallowed the tree off of his Christmas cake. It's all part of growing up!

Genre: Humour

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'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' by Douglas Adams



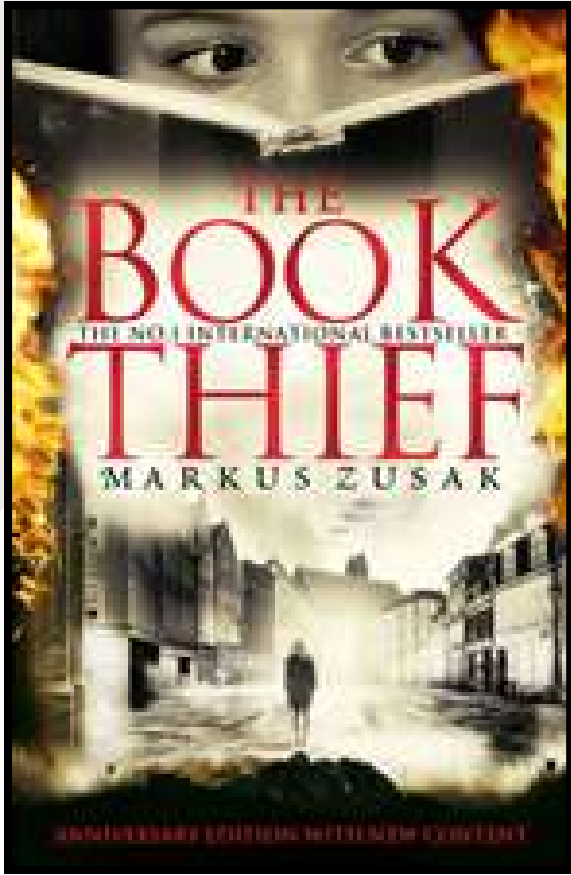
Just moments before the Earth is destroyed, Arthur Dent is abducted off the planet by FORD Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Together, they begin a journey through space, exploring the universe and its many quirks.

Genre: Humour

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'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak



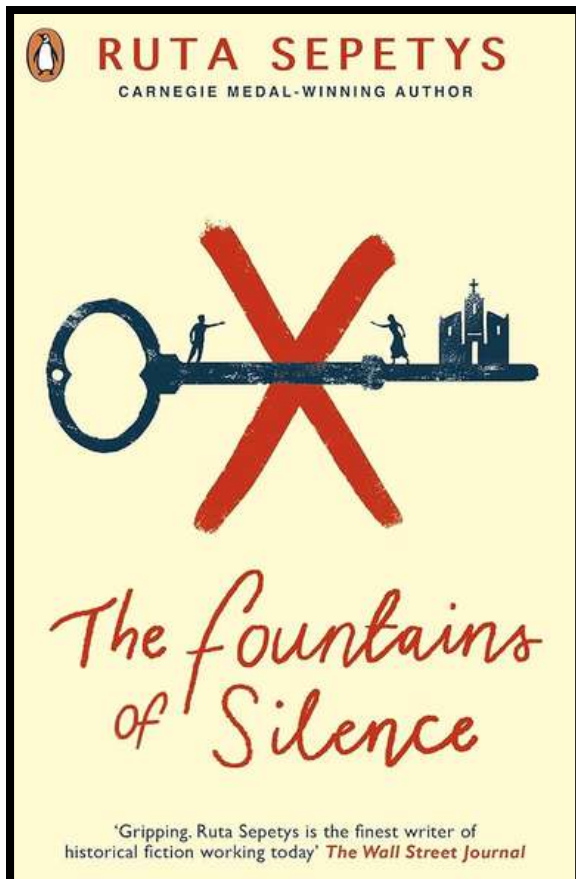
Liesel lives in 1939 Nazi occupied Germany. She has a love affair with books, and is eager to get hold of them from anywhere, even Nazi burnings. Liesel's family offers to hide a Jew in their basement and soon prejudices are challenged, and friendships are made and broken...

Genre: Historical

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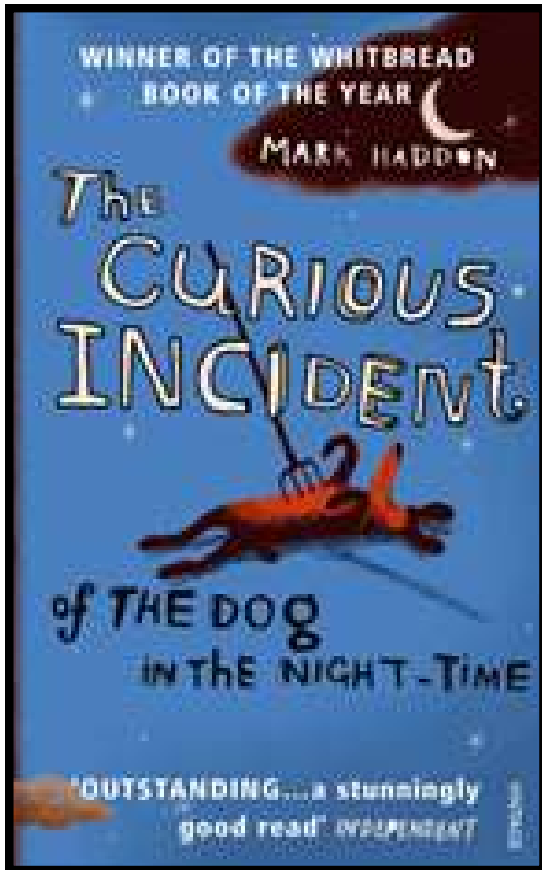
'Fountains of Silence' by Ruth Sepetys



Madrid, 1957. Daniel, young, wealthy and unsure of his place in the world, views the city through the lens of his camera. Ana, a hotel maid whose family is suffering under the fascist dictatorship of General Franco. Lives and hearts collide as they unite to uncover the hidden darkness within the city.

Genre: Historical

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' by Mark Haddon



Chris Boone can relate well to animals. But not to humans. He doesn't like to be touched. Hates the colour yellow and is overwhelmed by noise and lights. But one night, when he finds his neighbour's dog dead on the lawn, the mystery will hit close to home...

Genre: Crime

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'Murder on the Orient Express' by Agatha Christie



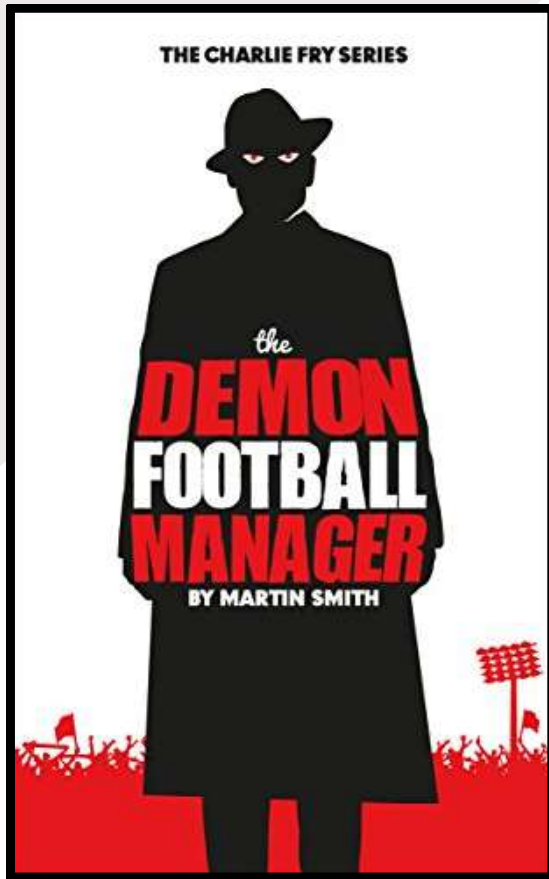
It is just after midnight. The luxurious sleeper train, the Orient Express is on track to its destination but with one less passenger than it had begun with. The killer must be on the train and it is up to Hercule Poirot to find them.

Genre: Crime

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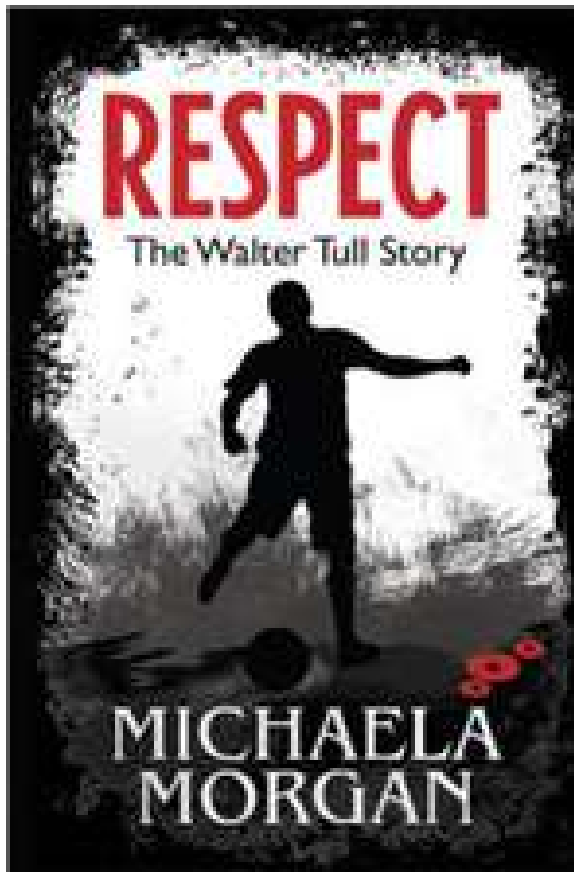
'The Demon Football Manager' by Martin Smith



Charlie Fry is an ace footballer. But his new manager does not like sharing the limelight with his players. Can Charlie win him over? Or will the Demon Football Manager live up to his name?

Genre: Sport

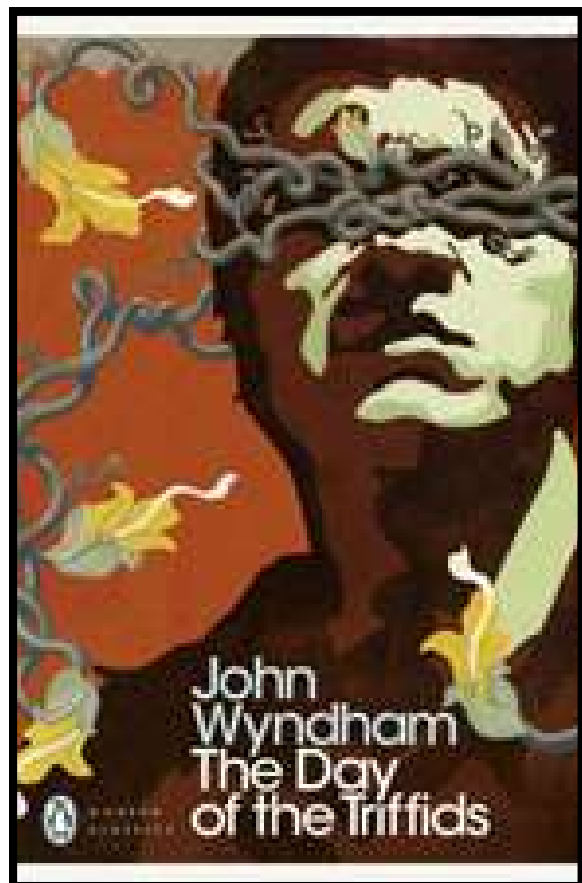
'Respect' by Michaela Morgan



Tully and his brother have been orphaned and sent to a children's home. His life is tough but his talent is his ticket to success and will earn him a place in history.

Genre: Sport

'The Day of the Triffids' by John Wyndham



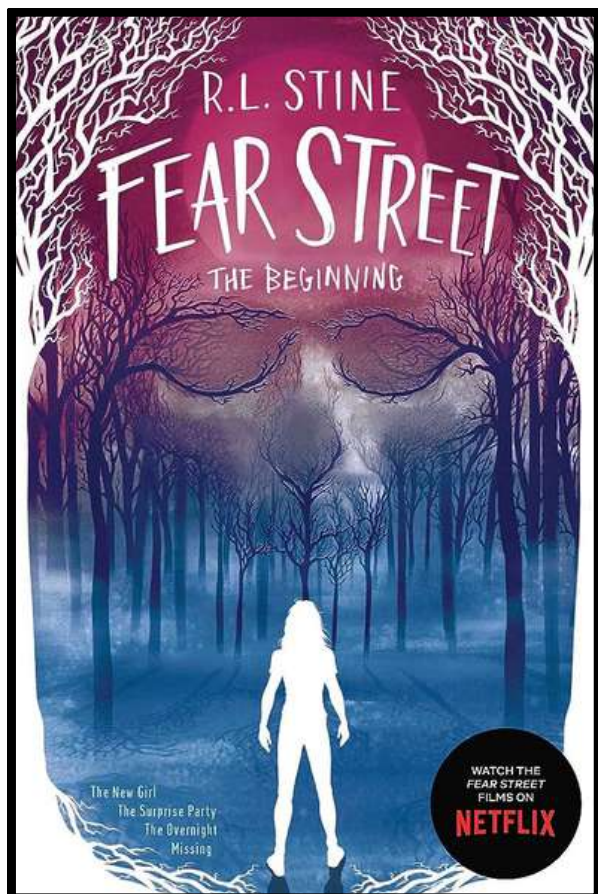
Bill Masen misses the biggest meteor shower England has ever seen. The next morning, he finds many people have become sightless and that's when he meets Josella (who has also retained her sight). They work together to survive the apocalypse and most of all, the Triffids—strange plant beings that have suddenly appeared...

Genre: Horror

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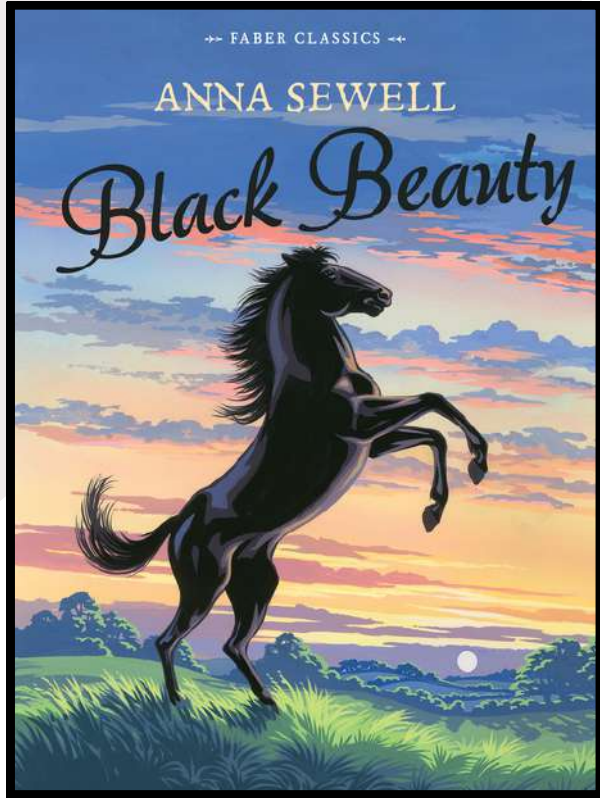
'Fear Street The Beginning' by R. L. Stine



Fear Street is linked to danger, curses and all things spooky. This story takes you back to how it all began. When Corey Brooks falls for the perfect Anna, he is devastated when she goes missing on Fear Street the very street where Meg Dalton's friend Evan died in mysterious circumstances. Are you brave enough to find out what lives on this street?

Genre: Horror

'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell



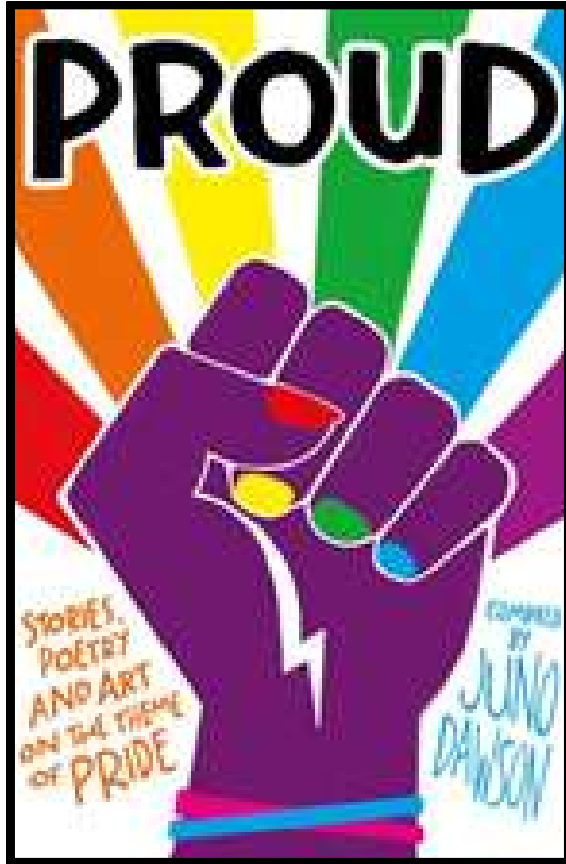
Black Beauty quickly learns that his idyllic start to life is not all that it seems and that humans are not so kind. Being passed from owner to owner, will Black Beauty ever find his forever home?

Genre: Animal

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'Proud' by Juno Dawson



An anthology of stories and poetry from LGBTQ+ authors giving their experiences on the theme of pride and sexuality.

Genre: Graphic Novel/LGBTQ+

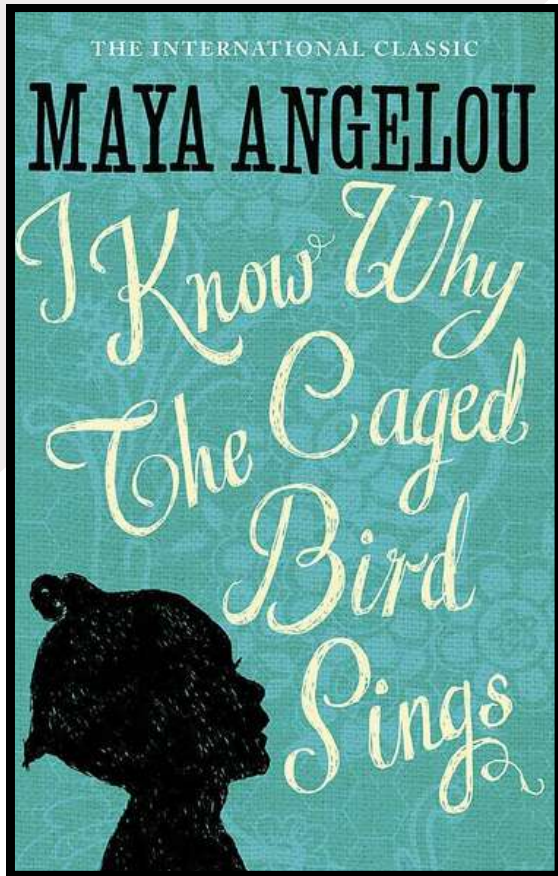
'The Art of Being Normal' by Lisa Williamson



David has always felt like an outsider. His parents think he's gay. The truth: David wants to be a girl. When David meets Leo, a new boy at school who just wants to keep his head down, a friendship begins. But secrets do not stay hidden for long at this school.

Genre: LGBTQ+

'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' by Maya Angelou



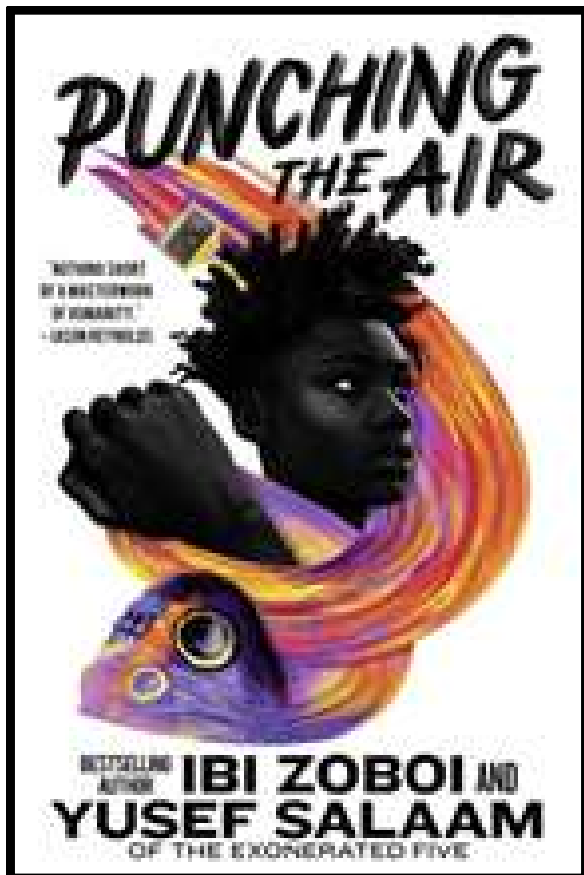
Sent by their mother to live with their devout grandmother in the south, Maya and Bailey suffer racism and prejudice from the locals. When back with her mother, Maya is attacked by a man several times her age and has to live with the consequences...

Genre: Multiculturalism

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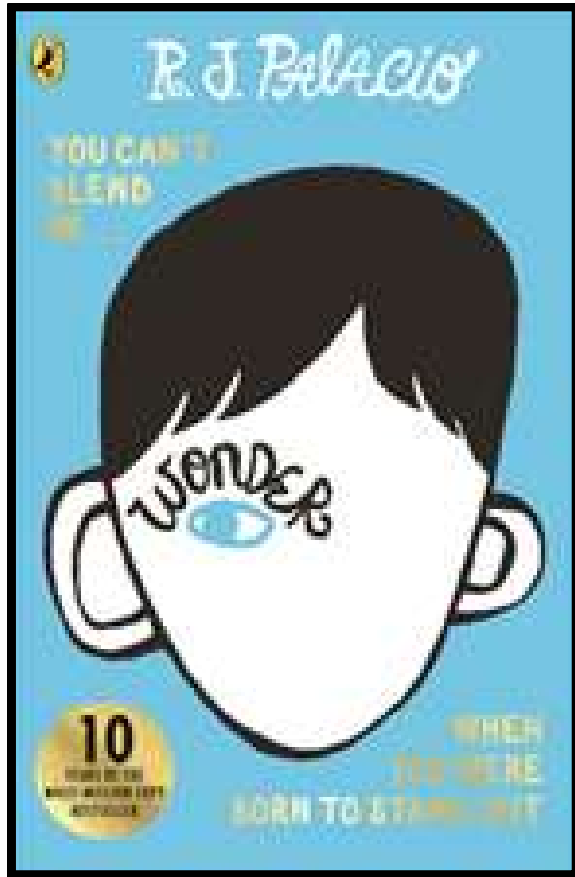
'Punching the Air' by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam



Amal has been wrongly accused and convicted of a crime he did not commit. He is sent to prison where anger and depression consume him. So he turns to art and poetry for refuge. Can he change his story?

Genre: Multiculturalism

'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio



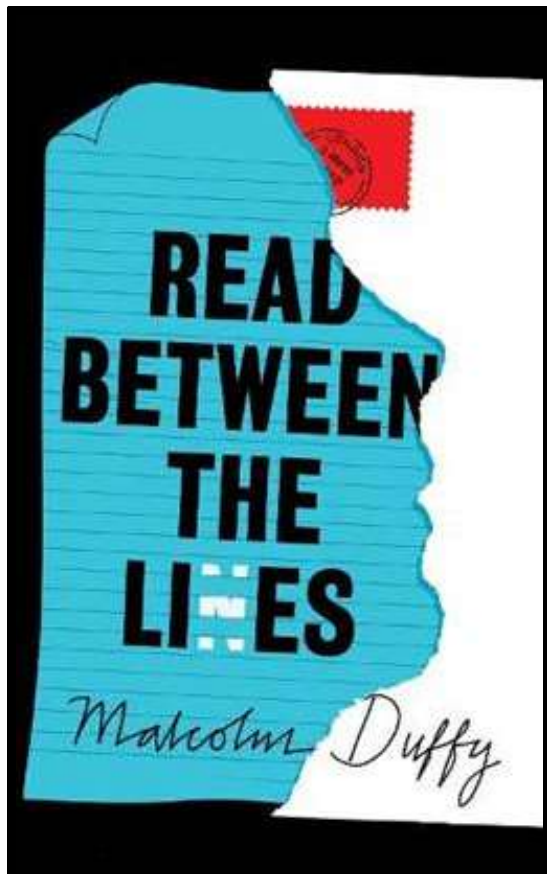
Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

Genre: Friends/Disability



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'Read Between the Lies' by Malcolm Duffy



Teenagers Tommy and Ryan are going to be stepbrothers. Fresh out of a spell in a young offenders' unit, tough-talking Tommy just wants to keep his head down now and avoid another. Ryan, on the other hand, is bored with playing the quiet, piano-playing A-grade student, and eager to change people's perceptions of him. Thrown together when their parents move in together, the one thing both boys can agree on is that they have nothing in common. But each starts to realise that the other may in fact be able to serve a useful purpose. Not everything is quite as it seems, however, and they will ultimately discover that they have more – far more – in common than they could have imagined.

Genre: Family/Disability Awareness

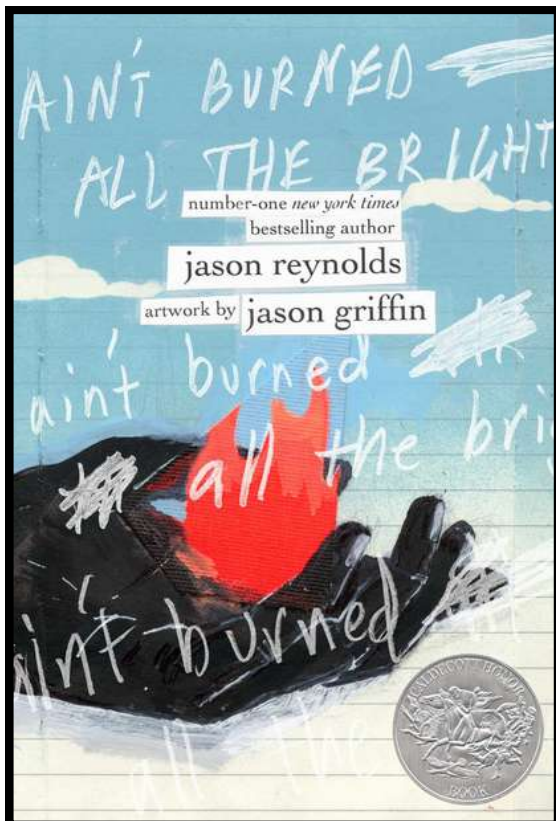
'Girl Missing' by Sophie McKenzie



Lauren has always known she was adopted but when a little research turns up the possibility that she was snatched from an American family as a baby, suddenly Lauren's life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? And are her adoptive parents really responsible for kidnapping her?

Genre: Family

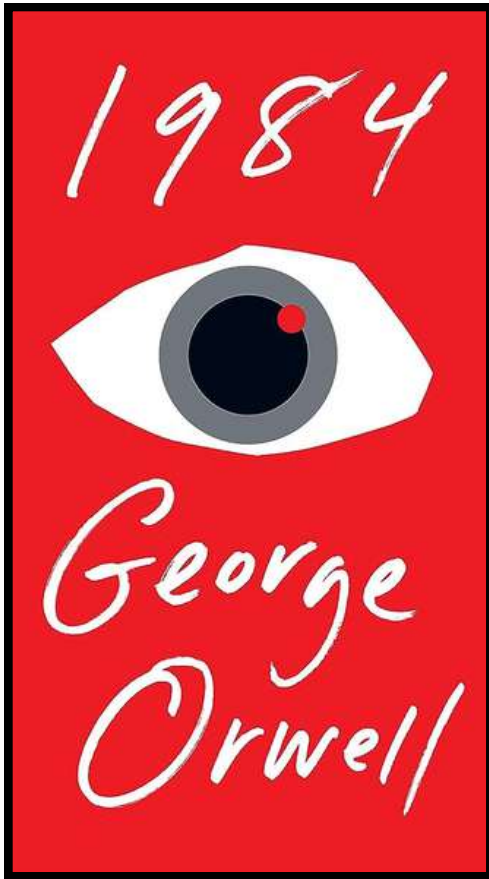
'Ain't Burned All the Bright' by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin



Jason Reynolds and his best bud, Jason Griffin had a mind-meld. And they decided to tackle it, in one fell swoop, in about ten sentences, and 300 pages of art, this piece, this contemplation-manifesto-fierce-vulnerable-gorgeous-terrifying-WhatIsWrongWithHumans-hope-filled-hopeful-searing-Eye-Poppingly-Illustrated-tender-heartbreaking-how-The-HECK-did-They-Come-UP-with-This project about oxygen. And all of the symbolism attached to that word, especially NOW.

Genre: Family

'1984' by George Orwell



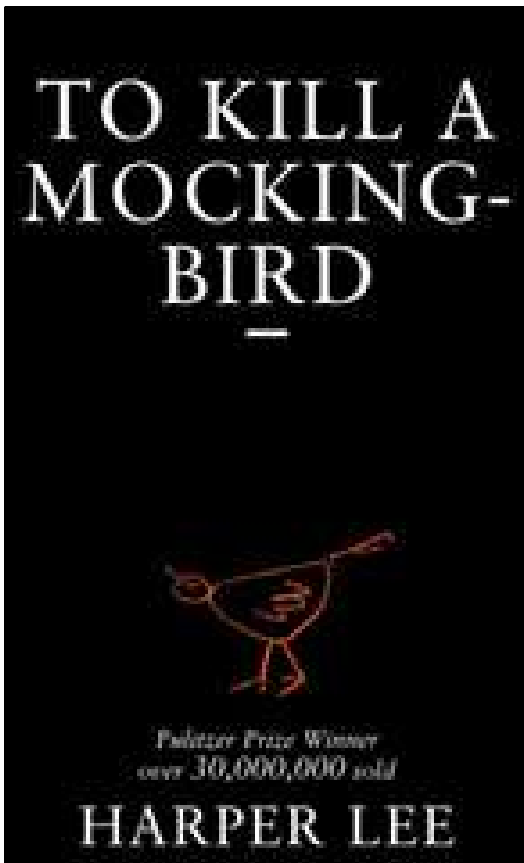
Set in Oceania in 1984, one of the three warring totalitarian states. Oceania's government has brainwashed the population into unquestioning obedience to the leader, Big Brother. There is no freedom of speech or thought. The story follows Winston Smith, whose job is to rewrite history in the Ministry of Truth. However, he is a secret rebel, involved in a forbidden affair with likeminded Julia. However, the pair are being watched closely...

Genre: Sci-Fi/Classic

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To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee



This story takes place in Alabama during the Great Depression. Jean Louise Finch is raised by her brother, Jeremy, and father Atticus. Atticus is a prominent lawyer who encourages his children to be empathic and just. When Tom Robinson, a local black man, is falsely accused of raping Mayella Ewell, a white woman, Atticus becomes Tom's attorney, despite backlash from the community. Atticus stands by Tom through thick and thin but can he prove Tom's innocence?

Genre: Multicultural/Classic

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