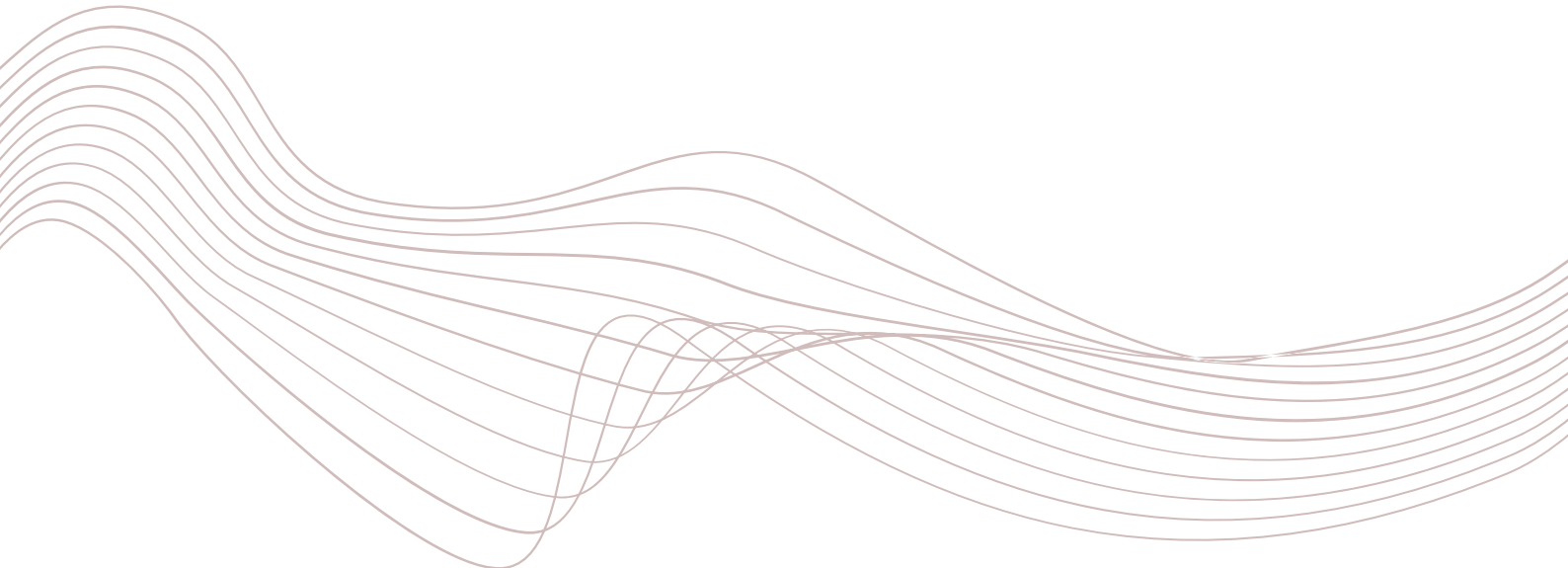




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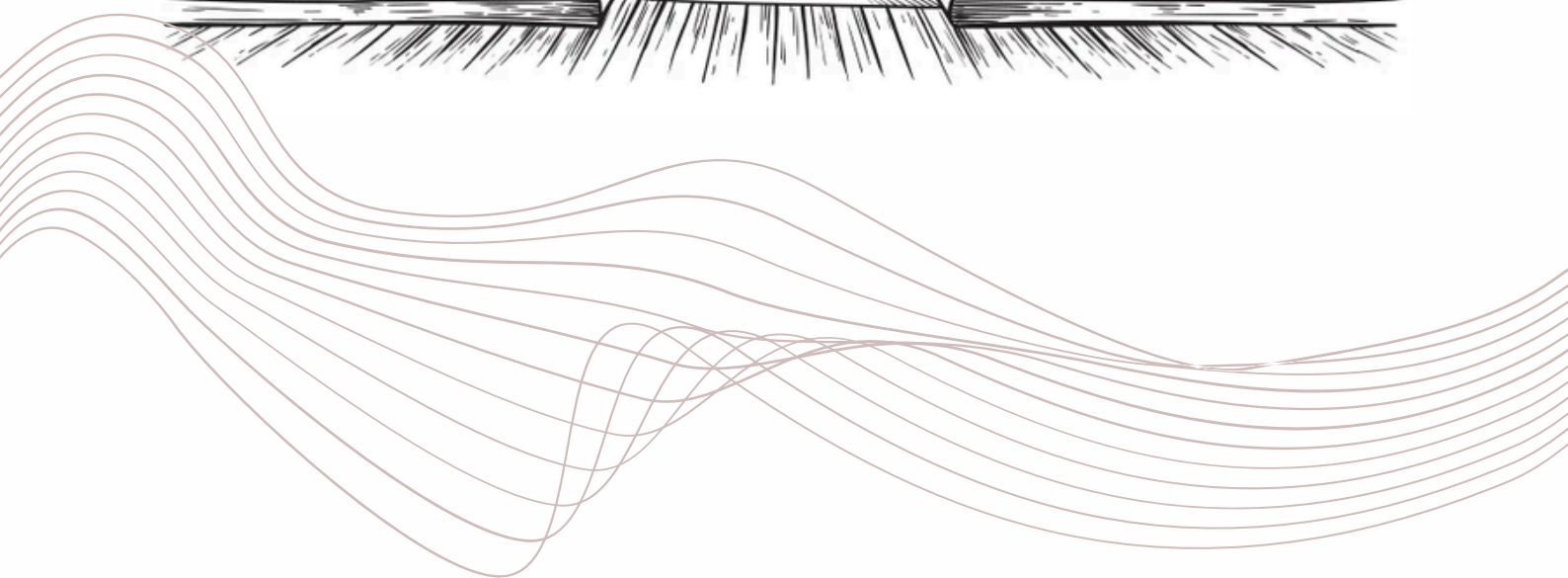
YEAR 6 TRANSITION READING LIST



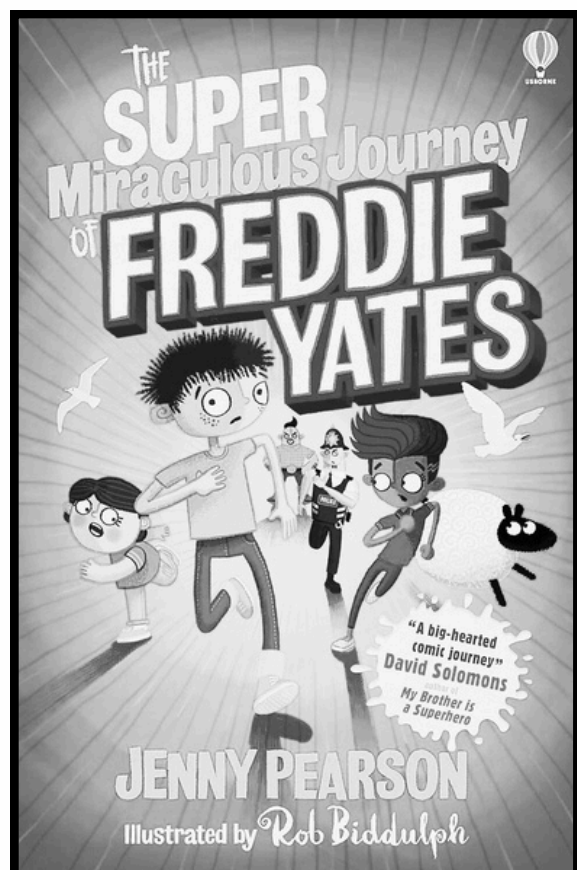
The move from Year 6 to Year 7 can be a challenge for many students. They will be learning to get around a new school, make new friends, and learn a new routine all while adjusting to the responsibilities of secondary school life. It may feel exciting, scary, overwhelming, or something in between.

One way we can help them prepare for this transition is through reading! There are many wonderful books that may help your student preview transition and make it feel more manageable, or even fun. In the following pages we list some books that are great for Y6 students to read as they approach Y7.

At Rushcliffe they will have access to ePlatform, a resource for accessing ebooks and audiobooks. Our local libraries also offer these types of resources for free.



***The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates* by Jenny Pearson**



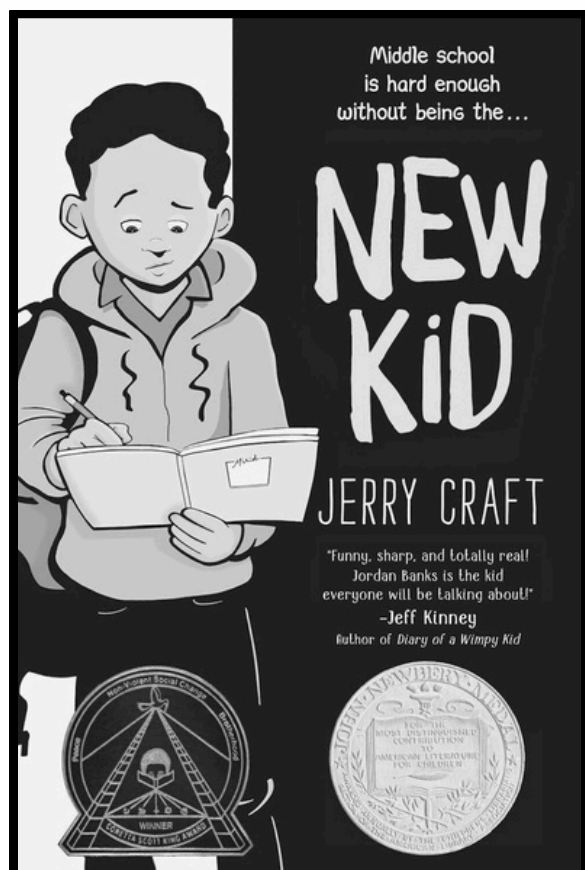
Friendship, mistaken identity, raw onion eating contests! What more could you wish for? After his grandmother dies, Fred discovers the identity of his biological father who abandoned his mother before he was born. Fred decides to go on a mission to find his dad. He sets out for Wales with his two friends for a great adventure. A very funny book with themes of friendship and the power of kindness.

Genre: Humour

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***New Kid* by Jerry Craft**



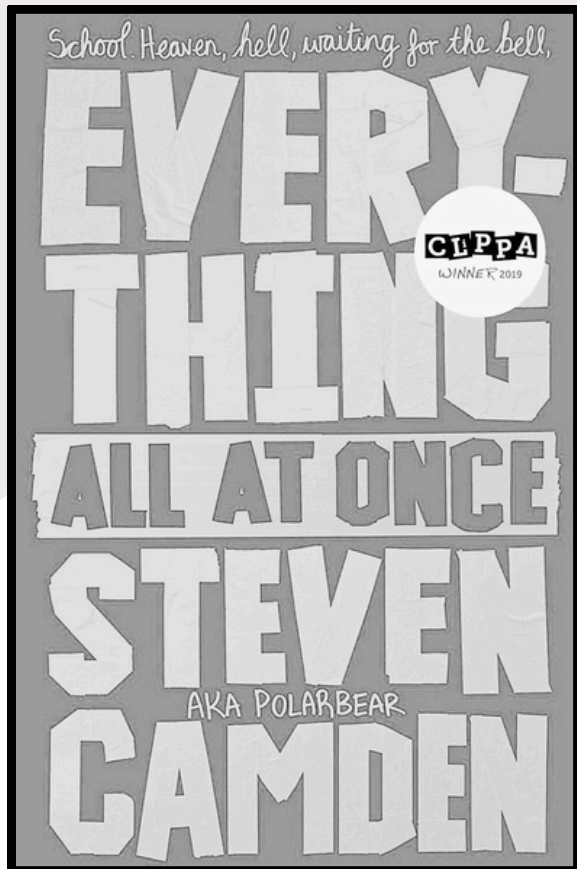
This graphic novel is all about starting afresh at a new school. Jerry Craft loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his daily life - and he's good at it! He is devastated when he learns that instead of sending him to an art-focused school, his parents have enrolled him into a private school focused on academics. Worse, Jordan is one of the few children of colour in his entire year. This book explores themes of finding your place while remaining true to yourself.

Genre: Graphic Novel

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***Everything All at Once* by Steven Camden**



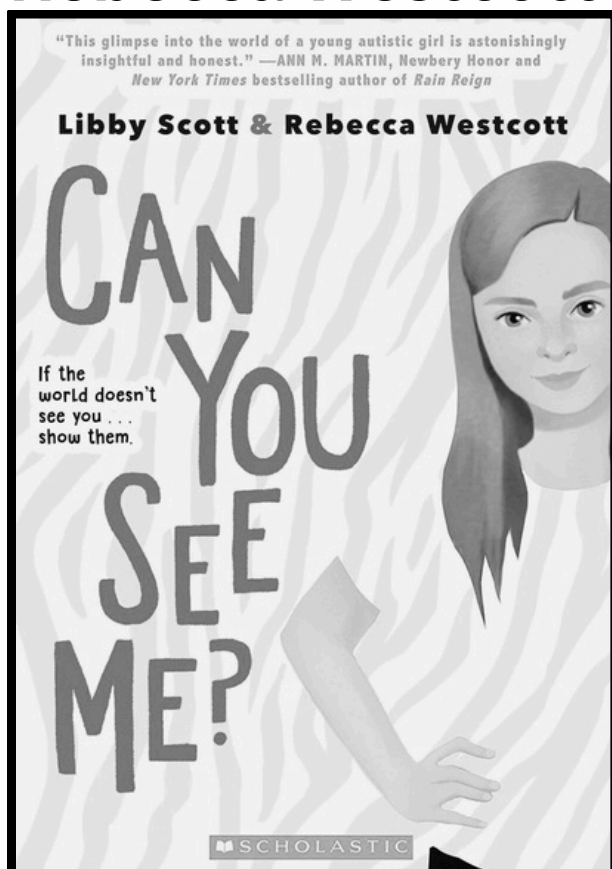
This book features a collection of poems describing how hectic, disorienting, and exhilarating secondary school can be. Friendships, lessons, crushes, drama, uniforms, and more – this book touches on so many of the seemingly-chaotic elements that make up life in a secondary school.

Genre: Poetry

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***Can You See Me?* by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott**



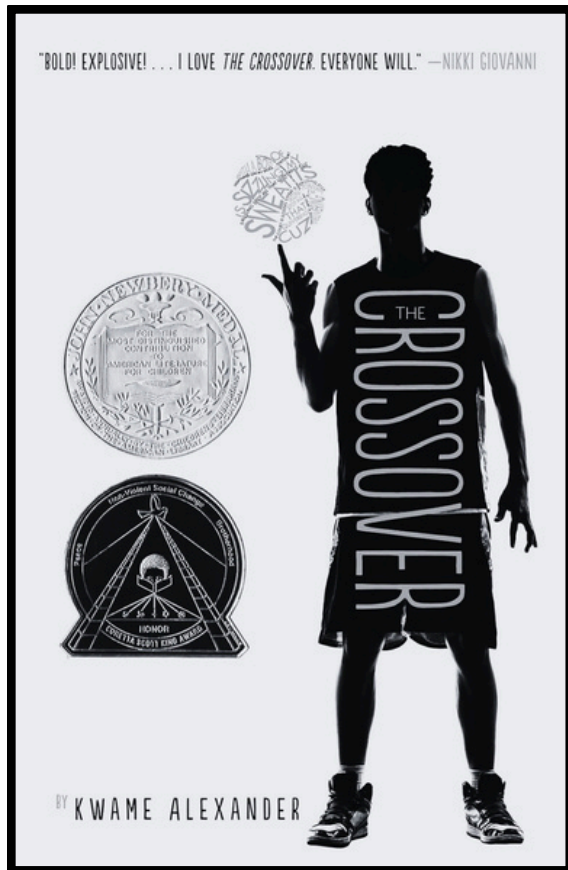
Based upon the author's own experiences of autism, this book tells the story of Tally. She tries to be like her friends but her autism makes this difficult for her. Follow along as Tally learns to navigate secondary school and take off her mask.

Genre: Diary/Friendship

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***The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander**



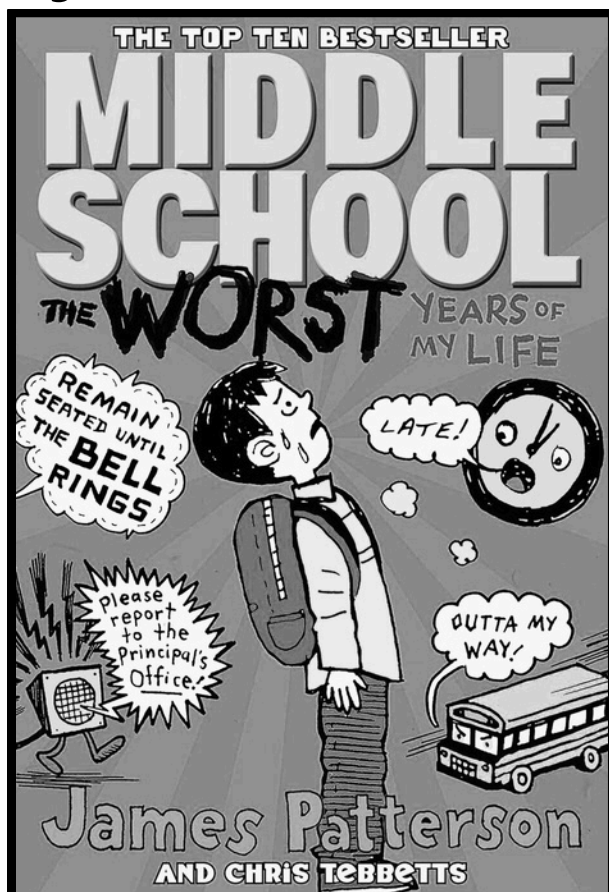
Josh and JB are twins who are talented basketball players. As one of the most important games of their life looms, tensions begin to grow between them. Suddenly there are problems constantly arising at both home and at school. Can basketball help to bring the twins back together? Many sport-loving readers may see parallels to their own struggles in this story.

Genre: Sport

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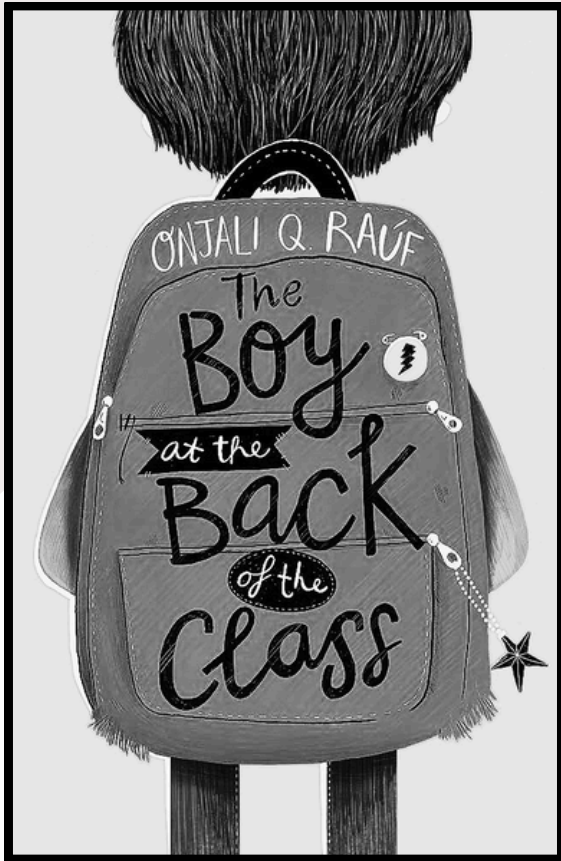
***Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson**



Rafe already has a lot of problems at home and now has to throw in the big change of starting middle school. He has a plan. With the support of his friend, Leonardo the Silent, Rafe wants to break every rule in the school's code of conduct. He's on track to achieve his goal, but is it worth it? This book is sure to make the reader laugh while addressing many of the frustrations students have when trying to navigate a whole new set of rules and expectations while making them laugh.

Genre: Humour

***The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf**



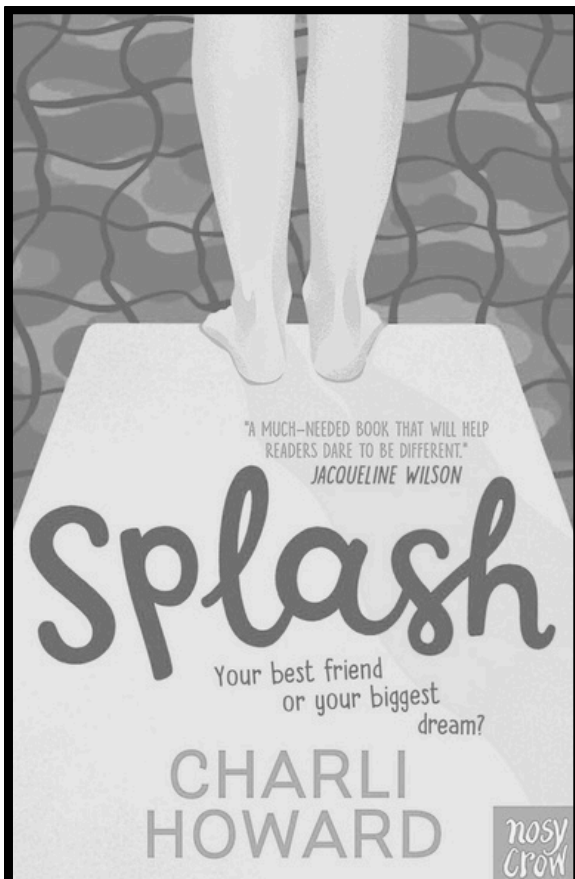
Ahmet is new in school and sits at the back of the class. He is 8 years old and never talks or smiles. Many of his classmates think he is strange, but they don't know Ahmet a refugee who has run away from a war in his own country. He soon finds a group of friends who stand with him and up for him. This book is sure to spark empathy and inspire inclusion. It is also a wonderful story of hope and friendship.

Genre: Multicultural



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***Splash* by Charli Howard**



Molly is in Year 6 and dreams of becoming an Olympic swimmer. She is friends with Chloe, who can be mean and controlling. When offered the chance to compete in a regional swimming contest, Molly is over the moon. Will her friendship issues and the sudden arrival of her mysterious mum throw her off focus? Students of this age often face a lot of different stressors. Molly's story is an uplifting tale of resilience, body positivity, and following one's dreams.

Genre: Friendship

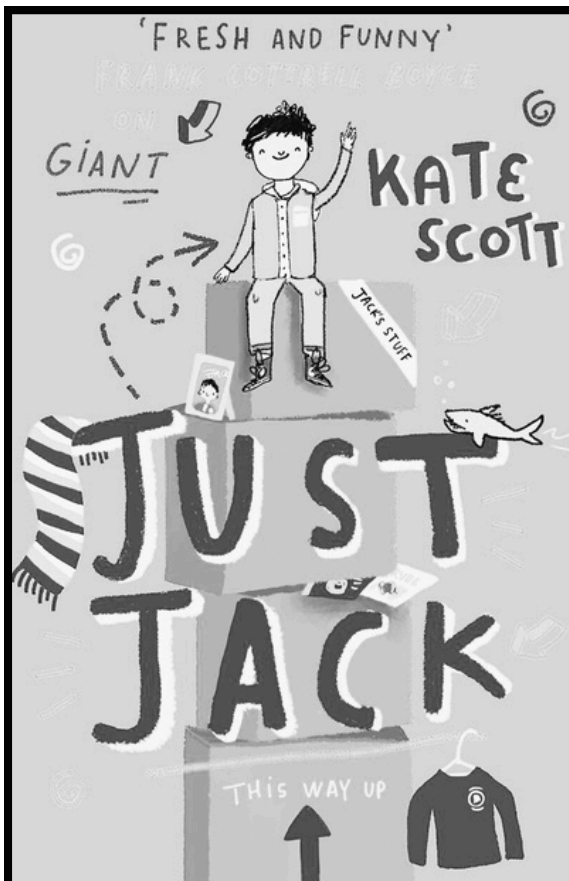
***Vote for Effie* by Laura Wood**



Effie Kostas is running for president of the student council. She wants to tackle the important issues of gender imbalance, outdated school conversations and good-looking boys stealing the last slice of chocolate cake at lunchtime... Though this book is very funny, it tackles themes of engagement, empowerment and justice.

Genre: Friendship

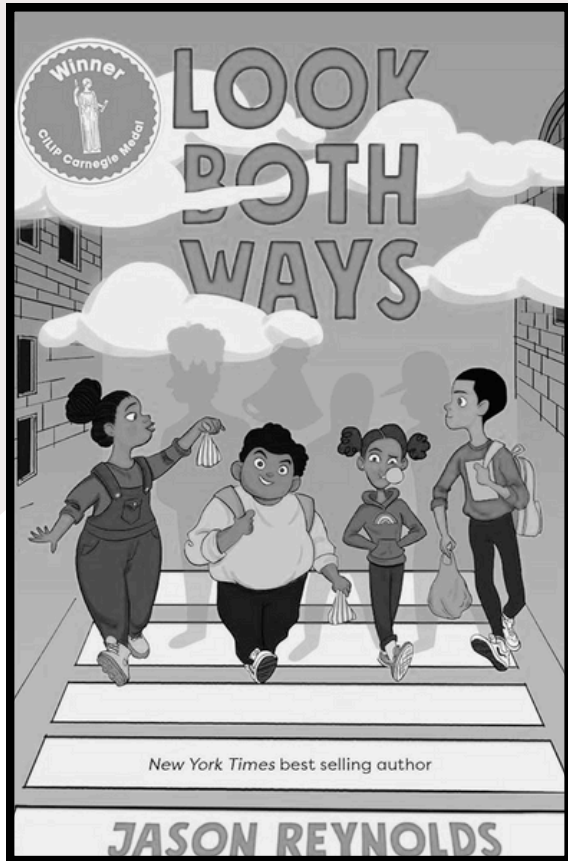
***Just Jack* by Kate Scott**



Jack is starting a new school... again. Since his dad left, he has moved house with his mum five times. This time Jack is lucky to meet Tyler who is funny, but a little bit different. Tyler may be the best person to help Jack realise that the best person to be is himself!

Genre: Friendship

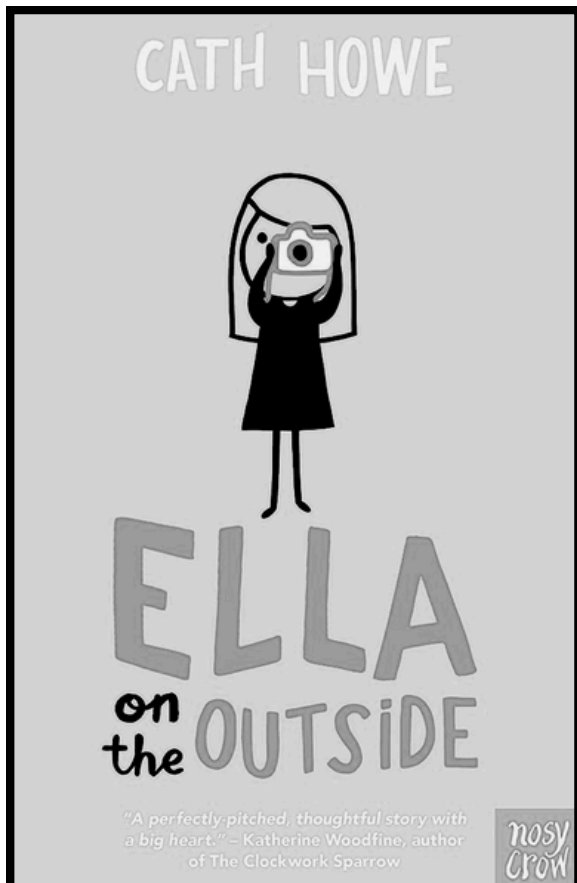
***Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds**



A set of friends spends their ten block journey home sharing tales of their day, their troubles, their worries, and their triumphs. These kids are navigating the ups and downs of middle school life while learning from and supporting each other.

Genre: Friendship

***Ella on the Outside* by Cath Howe**



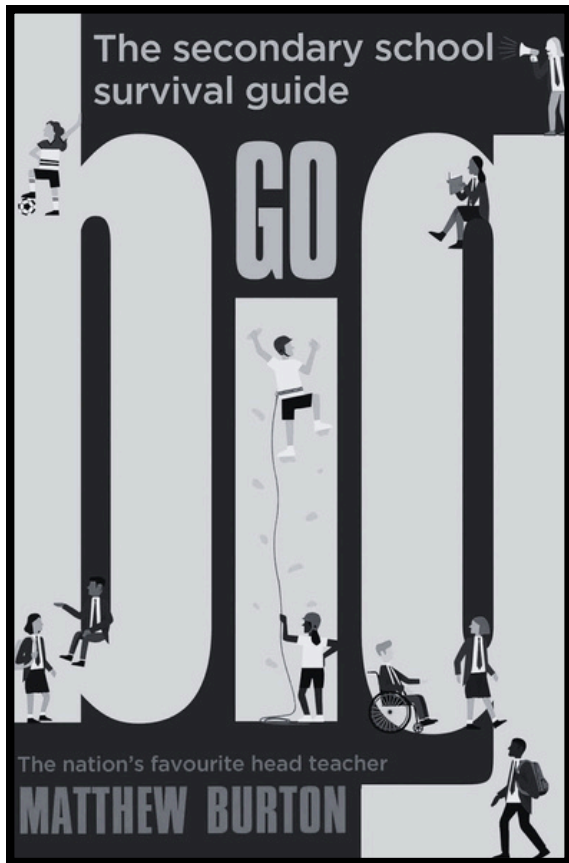
Ella is the new girl at school. But she has no friends and has a terrible secret. It is shocking when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, calls Ella her new best friend. But what does Lydia really want? This book explores themes of anxiety, self-esteem, friendship dynamics, and making good choices.

Genre: Friendship

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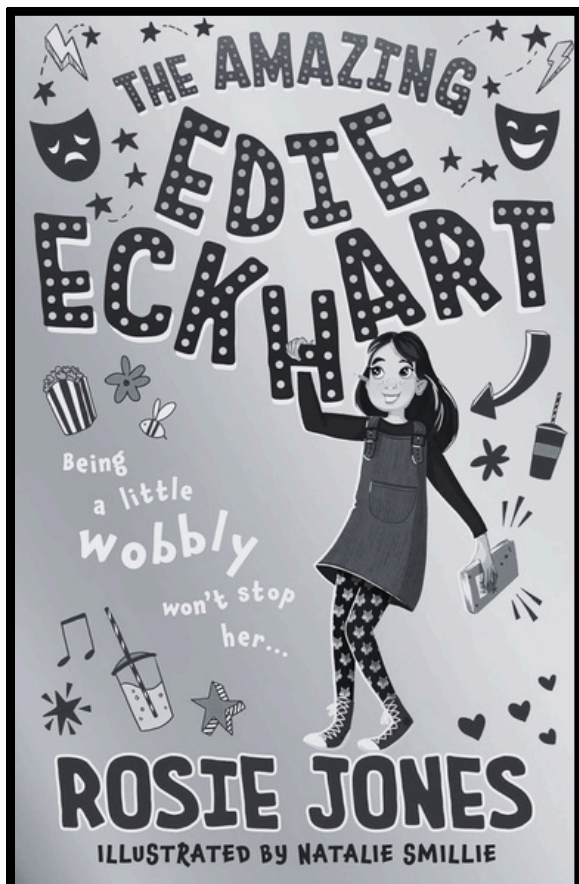
***Go Big* by Matthew Burton**



Secondary school can be scary. This book will help students to navigate those big corridors and tackle what might seem like a mountain of homework. The author is an experienced head teacher who uses clear and direct language to describe the ins and outs of transition. He gives practical advice and guidance on what to do - or not to do - to have a successful move into secondary school.

Genre: Wellbeing

***The Amazing Edie Eckhart* by Rosie Jones**



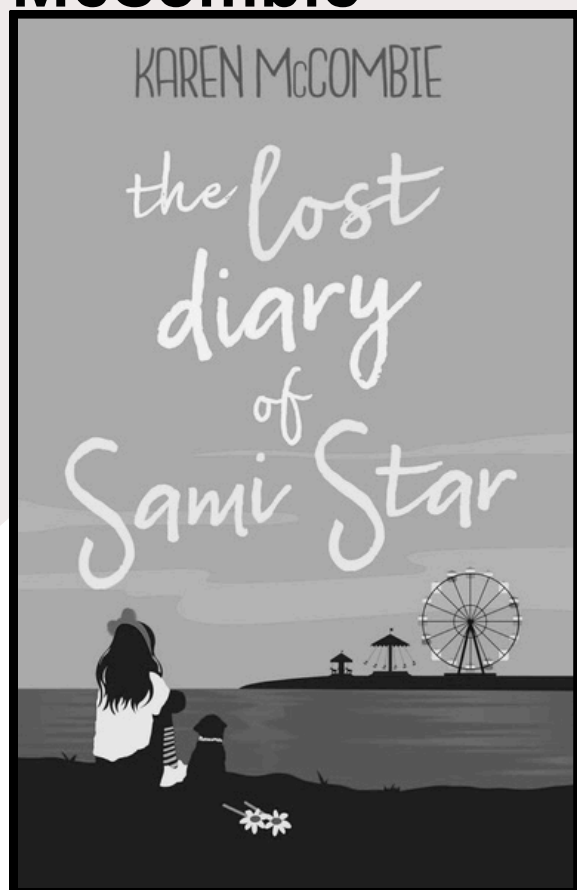
Ellie is excited to be starting secondary school, but she is devastated to know that she and her best friend, Oscar, have been put in different classes. While Oscar soon makes new friends, joins the football team and gets a girlfriend, Edie is feeling rejected. So she throws herself into the school play and lands a leading role. She soon finds her place and begins to develop special relationships of her own!

Genre: Friendship

Watch the author's introduction here:



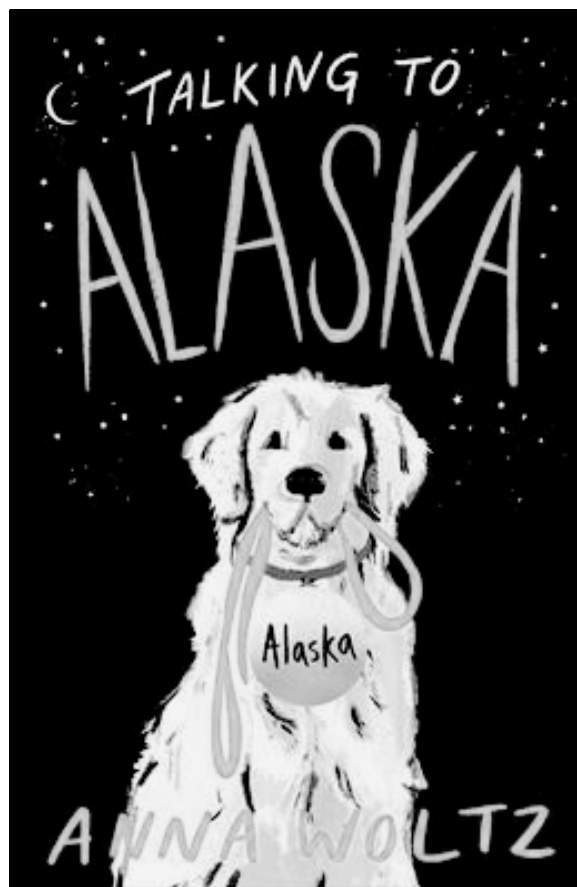
***The Lost Diary of Sami Star* by Karen McCombie**



Hannah's parents are constantly quarrelling with her older sister. At school, Hannah's two best friends are slowly drifting away from her. One day Hannah finds an intriguing journal in the park. Who is the mysterious Sami? This story of finding friends in unlikely places is Dyslexic friendly and a good choice for reluctant readers.

Genre: Friendship

***Talking to Alaska* by Anna Woltz**



Two young people are starting at a new school, each facing their own challenges. On day one Parker and Sven become enemies. Worse, Parker learns that her beloved dog, Alaska, who she had to give up over the summer was retrained as and given to Sven. How can they move past this and learn to get along? A book about how empathy, human connection, and dogs make life better!

Genre: Friendship

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***Finding her Feet* by Eve Ainsworth**



Lily feels very alone at her new secondary school. She can't talk to her friends or her dad. When Lily joins a local football team, it gives her more confidence and a chance to make friends. After a terrible argument with a teammate she is worried that she is back to square one. This is a Dyslexic-friendly read with themes of anxiety and challenging friendships.

Genre: Sport

***Show Us Who You Are* by Elle McNicoll**



Cora and Adrien are inseparable. Despite being homeschooled, Adrien is adamant that they can still be friends. Adrien's dad runs an AI company that creates people in a hologram form. When Cora visits the company, everything is not what it seems... This book offers insights on the neurodiverse experience of the world against the backdrop of a compelling sci-fi plot.

Genre: Sci Fi

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Some websites you might find useful if you're looking for more inspiration:

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[Book Trust](#)

[Love Reading 4 Kids](#)

[Who Else Writes Like...?](#)

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