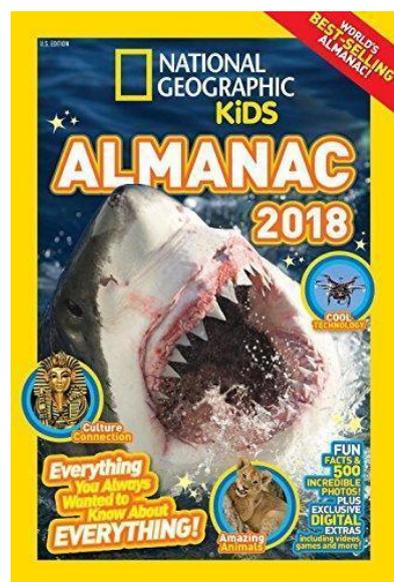
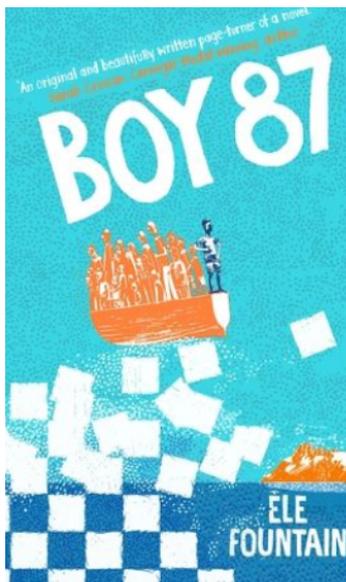
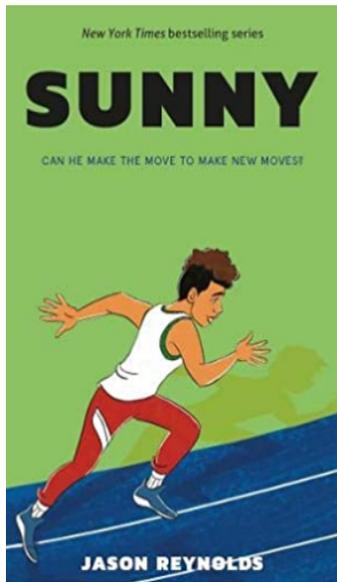
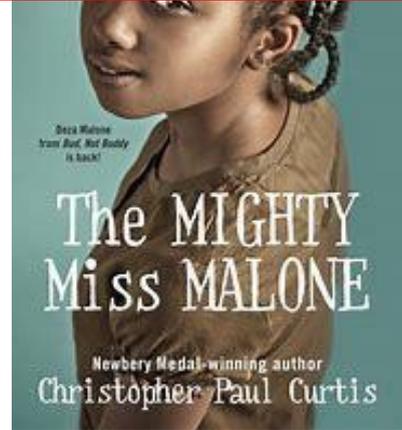
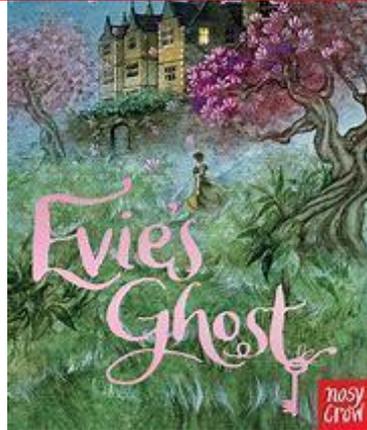
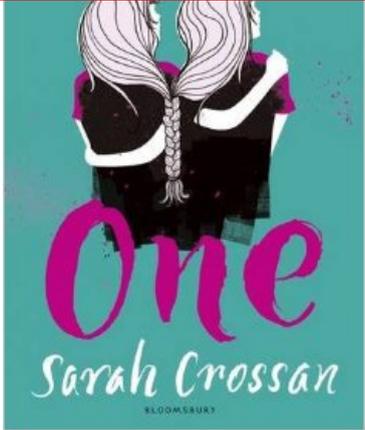


Suggested Reading
Year 7



BOOK	AUTHOR	COMMENT
<i>Peace Maker (2016)</i>	<i>Malorie Blackman</i>	<i>Michela knows the law - everyone must wear a Peace Maker device at all times, and it must never be tampered with. Non-aggression is her society's founding principle, and the Peace Maker is the means by which it is enforced. But Michela is desperate to experience the full range of human emotions in her own fantasy world of books and games, and the Peace Maker is the only thing stopping her. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers.</i>
<i>Half a Man (2014)</i>	<i>Michael Morpurgo</i>	<i>An accessible book with illustrations about a boy called Michael who is fascinated by and afraid of his grandfather in equal measure. As he learns the stories behind his scars at least he can start to understand him better.</i>
<i>The Last Bear (2021)</i>	<i>Hannah Gold</i>	<i>The Last Bear is about April, the daughter of an Arctic researcher, and her chance encounter with a lone polar bear in the frozen Arctic. This is a beautifully told and illustrated story about friendship, family, bravery and the devastating effects of climate change.</i>
<i>Race to the Frozen North (2018)</i>	<i>Catherine Johnson</i>	<i>When orphan Matthew Henson ran away to find a new life in the big city, no one could have predicted that he would become the first man to reach the North Pole. A little luck and a lot of hard work led to a life of adventure on the high seas and in the Arctic, but back home in America his achievements were ignored due to the colour of his skin. A remarkable true story.</i>
<i>Other Words for Home (2020)</i>	<i>Jasmine Warga</i>	<i>Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives.</i>
<i>Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story (2019)</i>	<i>Patrice Lawrence</i>	<i>Eve Cartright is a young black girl growing up with her mum in London in the late 16th century. In this exciting quick read, follow her adventures and search for treasure, with danger and betrayal along the way.</i>
<i>The Girl of Ink and Stars (2016)</i>	<i>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</i>	<i>This is a captivating book about magic, myths and adventure. Follow the courageous Isabella as she searches for her lost friend, using her father's old map, the stars and her own brave heart.</i>
<i>Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot (2015)</i>	<i>Horatio Clare</i>	<i>Aubrey's father, Jim, has fallen under a horrendous spell, which Aubrey is determined to break. Everyone says his task is impossible, but Aubrey will never give up and never surrender - even if he must fight the unkillable Spirit of Despair itself: the TERRIBLE YOOT!</i>
<i>Talking to Alaska (2021)</i>	<i>Anna Woltz</i>	<i>A short book that packs a lot in! Told in alternating chapters between the two characters, this is a heartfelt story about understanding others and a dog called Alaska.</i>

October, October (2020)	<i>Katya Balen</i>	<i>The winner the Carnegie prize, this is a beautiful tale of wild nature, family secrets and mudlarking. It is a timeless, rich read, with a cast of unforgettable characters</i>
Look Both Ways (2019)	<i>Jason Reynolds</i>	<i>Winner of the The CILIP Carnegie Medal 2021, this is ten stories rolled into one! The book describes the journey home of ten different high-school students. Along the way, we hear about their families and back-stories: this is a sometimes funny, sometimes serious read, written with a lightness and warmth.</i>
Artichoke Hearts (2011)	<i>Sita Brahmachari</i>	<i>Twelve-year-old Mira comes from a chaotic, artistic and outspoken family where it's not always easy to be heard. As her beloved Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her, and also starts to keep some of her own. A rich, insightful novel from the writer of Red Leaves.</i>
Some Places More Than Others (2019)	<i>Renee Watson</i>	<i>Amara desperately wants a trip to New York for her birthday, to meet her dad's family and see where he grew up and she can't understand why her parents are reticent about the trip. Until she discovers her dad hasn't spoken to his dad, Grandpa Earl, for twelve years - not since the day she was born. What could make them so mad at each other? This is a poetic, warm book about family roots and identity.</i>
A Kind of Spark (2020)	<i>Elle McNicoll</i>	<i>A KIND OF SPARK tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?</i>
The Secret Dog (2015)	<i>Joe Friedman</i>	<i>A great story about a boy who loves rescuing animals but is not allowed to keep pets, until one day he just can't help himself.</i>
Sunny (2020)	<i>Jason Reynolds</i>	<i>When Sunny stops running in the middle of a race, Coach asks him what he wants to do instead. His answer is dance, but you can't be on a track team and dance... can you? With his dad's expectations weighing down on him, Sunny finally finds a track event that feels like dancing. Part of a series.</i>
The Goldfish Boy (2017)	<i>Lisa Thompson</i>	<i>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing.</i>

High Rise Mystery (2019)	<i>Sharna Jackson</i>	<i>Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway. The first whodunnit in a new mystery series by Sharna Jackson.</i>
The Mighty Miss Malone (2012)	<i>Christopher Paul Curtis</i>	<i>"We are a family on a journey to a place called wonderful" is the motto of Deza Malone's family. Deza is the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, singled out by teachers for a special path in life.</i>
Girl out of Water (2016)	<i>Nat Luurtsema</i>	<i>"To all the teens out there, this is the book to read! I had to stop myself from bursting into uncontrollable fits of giggles in class but the story felt so real that I started feeling sick when she became nervous! I recommend this book to all ages, it's hysterical and gripping at the same time. It's hard to put down."</i>
Wonder (2014)	<i>R.J. Palacio</i>	<i>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.</i>
Front Desk (2021)	<i>Kelly Yang</i>	<i>It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests at the motel, and go for her dreams?</i>
A Spoonful of Jam (1998)	<i>Michelle Magorian</i>	<i>From the author of 'Goodnight Mr Tom', this book is set just after the war. It's about a girl, Elsie, who wants to join the theatre to stop getting bullied. When she begins working at the local theatre, Elsie discovers she can escape . . .</i>
My Name is Mina (2013)	<i>David Almond</i>	<i>If you loved Skellig, this original sequel is a must! It's set just before her and Michael meet Skellig himself.</i>
One (2015)	<i>Sarah Crossan</i>	<i>Grace and Tippi are twins - conjoined twins. And their lives are about to change. No longer able to afford homeschooling, they must venture into the world - a world of stares, sneers and cruelty. Will they find more than that at school? Can they find real friends? And what about love?</i>
Boy 87 (2019)	<i>Ele Fountain</i>	<i>Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friend home from school. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe. Forced to leave his mother and little sister, he embarks on a dangerous journey.</i>

<i>Time Traveling with a Hamster (2015)</i>	<i>Ross Welford</i>	<i>"My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve." On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life.</i>
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming (2014)</i>	<i>Jacqueline Woodson</i>	<i>In vivid poems, the author shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Woodson's poetry reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child.</i>
<i>Millions (2004)</i>	<i>Frank Cottrell Boyce</i>	<i>When brothers Damian and Anthony unwittingly come into possession of the proceeds of a train robbery, they find themselves with millions of pounds to spend in the next 17 days.</i>
<i>My Name's Not Friday (2016)</i>	<i>Jon Walter</i>	<i>"This boy has bought me. This white boy who don't even look as old as I am. He owns me body and soul, and my worth has been set at six hundred dollars." Samuel's an educated boy. Been taught by a priest. He was never supposed to be a slave.</i>
<i>Boy and Going Solo (1984)</i>	<i>Roald Dahl</i>	<i>The first autobiographical book by Roald Dahl describes his life from birth until leaving school, focusing on living conditions in Britain in the 1920s and 1930s and how his childhood experiences led him to writing as a career.</i>
<i>A Monster Calls (2011)</i>	<i>Patrick Ness</i>	<i>The story of a boy dealing with real and imaginary fears after learning that his mother has cancer.</i>
<i>How to Look for a Lost Dog (2016)</i>	<i>Ann M. Martin</i>	<i>11-year-old Rose is autistic and struggles to understand her classmates. But when her father gives her a stray dog, which she names Rain, the dog becomes her best friend, her anchor in a confusing world.</i>
<i>Sisters of the Lost Marsh (2021)</i>	<i>Lucy Strange</i>	<i>When the Full Moon Fayre makes a rare visit to Hollow-in-the-Marsh, sisters slip out to see the famous Shadow Man, an enigmatic puppeteer. Afterwards, oldest sister Grace is missing. Can Willa save her sister from one fate, and yet outrun her own? A story about family, magic and books.</i>

<i>A Short History of Nearly Everything (2003)</i>	<i>Bill Bryson</i>	<i>A Short History of Nearly Everything is Bryson's quest to find out everything that has happened from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization - how we got from there, being nothing at all, to here, being us.</i>
<i>My Sister Lives on the</i>	<i>Annabel Pitcher</i>	<i>Ten-year-old Jamie Matthews has just moved to the Lake District with his Dad and his teenage sister, Jasmine for a</i>

Mantelpiece (2011)		<i>'Fresh New Start' after the loss of her sister. Very sad but definitely makes you laugh too.</i>
Maggot Moon (2013)	<i>Sally Gardner</i>	<i>When his best friend Hector is suddenly taken away, Standish Treadwell realises that it is up to him, his grandfather and a small band of rebels to confront and defeat the ever-present oppressive forces of the Motherland. Utterly original and stunning!</i>
Tom's Midnight Garden (1958)	<i>Philippa Pearce</i>	<i>When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike . . .eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen ?!</i>
The Children of the King (2014)	<i>Sonya Hartnett</i>	<i>A gripping story about two children sent to live in the country during the WW2 only to discover a haunted house!</i>
Wolf Hollow (2016)	<i>Lauren Wolk</i>	<i>When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on strange, gentle loner Toby. As Wolf Hollow turns against him, and tensions quickly mount, Annabelle must do everything in her power to protect Toby - and to find Betty, before it is too late.</i>
His Dark Materials: Northern Lights (1995)	<i>Philip Pullman</i>	<i>A trilogy following the coming of age of two children, Lyra Belacqua and Will Parry, as they wander through a series of parallel universes.</i>
The Road to Ever After (2016)	<i>Moira Young</i>	<i>Davy David, an orphan, lives by his wits in the dead-end town of Brownvale. When a stray dog called George turns Davy's life upside down just days before Christmas, he sets in motion a chain of events which forces them to flee.</i>
Little Women (1868)	<i>Louisa May Alcott</i>	<i>The four March sisters Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy are living alone with their mother Marmee. The story primarily focuses upon Jo, a budding writer of adventure and crime stories.</i>
The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902)	<i>Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles is the third of the four crime novels written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle featuring the detective Sherlock Holmes. It is set largely on Dartmoor in Devon in England's West Country and tells the story of an attempted murder inspired by the legend of a fearsome, diabolical hound of supernatural origin.</i>