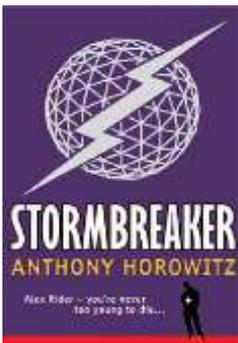


Year 7 Reading List

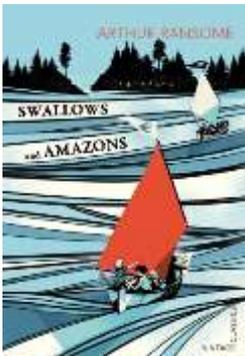
The books in this list have all been enjoyed by many students – read the synopses and the comments to decide which ones you would like to read.

Adventure



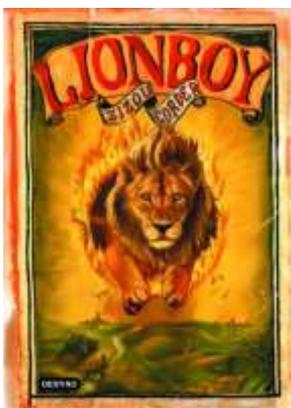
Horowitz's Stormbreaker Series is an action packed adventure-thriller. The protagonist Alex must find out what happened to his beloved uncle and find his place in a world of espionage, betrayal and murder.

An adrenaline-fuelled thriller that throws you into a different world from the first chapter.



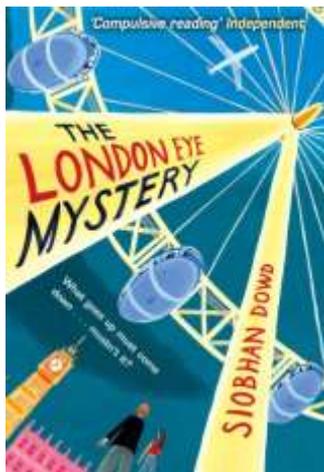
Swallows and Amazons, the book that started it all in 1930, introduces the Walker family, the camp on Wild Cat Island, the able-bodied catboat "Swallow," and the two intrepid Amazons, Nancy and Peggy Blackett.

And so begins a summer of unforgettable discoveries and incredible adventures.



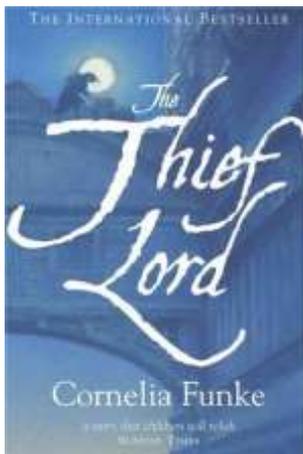
When his parents are kidnapped, what's ten-year-old Charlie Ashanti to do? He doesn't know who has taken his parents, or why. But he does know that one special talent will aid him on his journey - his amazing ability to speak Cat.

A unique adventure set in the future with some big but interesting differences to how we live now.



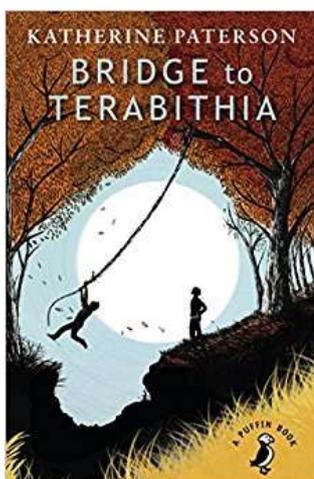
Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off - but no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air?

A fast-paced adventure-thriller that you will not be able to put down.



Winter has come early to Venice. Two orphaned children are on the run, hiding among the crumbling canals and misty alleyways of the city. Befriended by a gang of street children and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord, they shelter in an old, disused cinema.

Venice is enchanting and mysterious; Funke describes it so vividly you will feel like you're walking through the streets yourself.



Jess and Leslie are best friends even though Jess doesn't like the fact that Leslie can run faster than him. It is Leslie who invents Terabithia, the secret country on an island across the creek where they are invincible - until tragedy strikes.

I laughed and I cried but what an adventure!

Classics



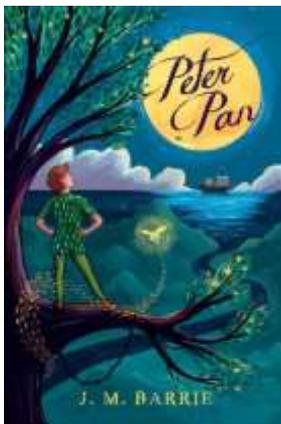
Mary Lennox was horrid. Selfish and spoilt, she was sent to stay with her hunchback uncle in Yorkshire. She hated it. But when she finds the way into a secret garden and begins to tend it, a change comes over her. *The Secret Garden* is one of the best-loved stories of all time.

I became just as desperate as Mary to find the secret garden!



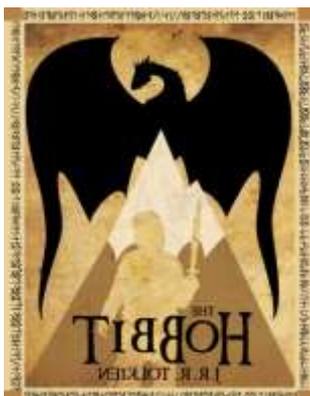
The book that sets the scene for *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* with the creation of Narnia by Aslan the Lion. Digory, the nephew of a minor magician, and Polly get transported into a different world by touching some rings.

"I loved learning more about Narnia and how it was created"



The original story of the 'boy who wouldn't grow up' and the Darling siblings set in the early 1900s. Follow Wendy and Peter's many adventures on the island of Neverland that is inhabited by mermaids, fairies, Native Americans and pirates.

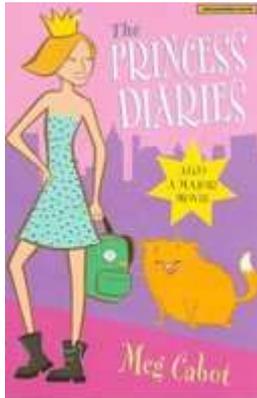
"fun, imaginative and thoughtful"



Bilbo Baggins lives in the Shire and does not need adventure or excitement. Until a wizard pays him an unexpected visit and offers Bilbo the chance to be part of a quest that will lead him straight under the mountain, to the jaws of the dragon, Smaug.

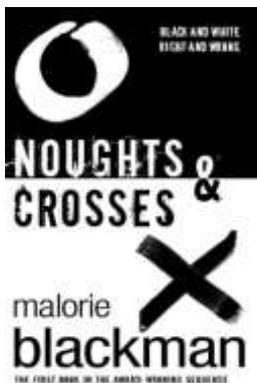
"I loved reading about elves, dwarfs and wizards!"

Real Life/Teenage Fiction



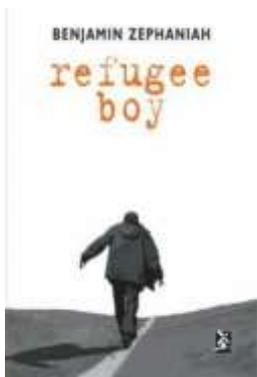
One minute Mia's a totally normal Manhattan 14-year-old. Next minute she's heir to the throne of Genovia, being trailed by a trigger-happy bodyguard, taking princess lessons with her bonkers old grandmere, and having a makeover with someone called Paolo.

"Mia is awkward and brilliant"



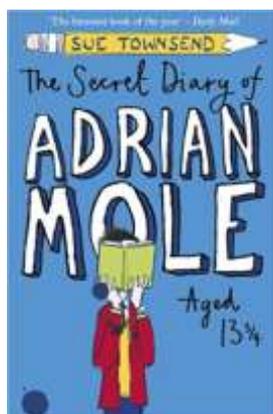
Sephy is a Cross – a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought – a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go.

"I read it in a day – I couldn't put it down"



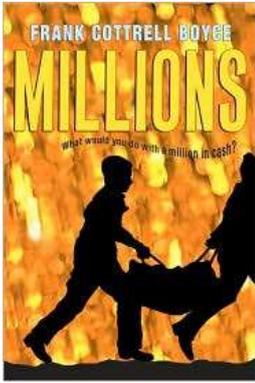
Alem is enjoying a holiday in London with his father. He has never been out of Ethiopia before and finds London very exciting and new. But after a fun few days, Alem wakes up in the hotel room alone. His father left him a letter with an explanation – he's not coming back and Alem is now on his own.

"It made me think and see things differently."



Meet Adrian Mole, a hapless teenager providing an unabashed, pimples-and-all glimpse into adolescent life. Writing candidly about his parents' marital troubles, the dog, his life as a tortured poet and 'misunderstood intellectual', Adrian's painfully honest diary is still hilarious and compelling reading thirty years after it first appeared.

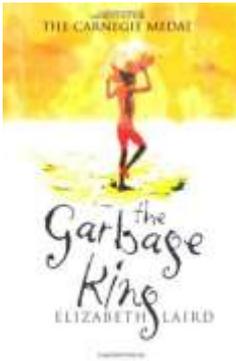
"The first book where I've laughed out loud"



What would you do if you found a million pounds?

Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to join the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma - how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless.

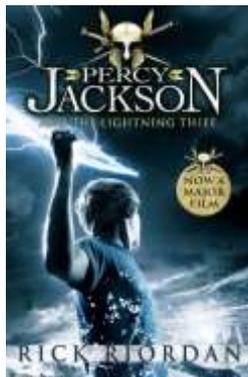
"It's funny but has some sad parts that you don't expect"



When Mamo's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Dani is rich, educated - and fleeing his tyrannical father. Can they survive?

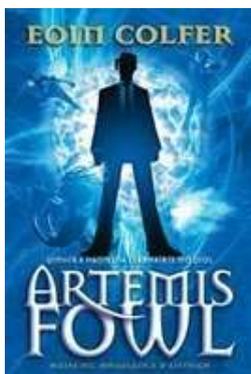
"It made me realise how difficult people's lives can be through no fault of their own"

Fantasy



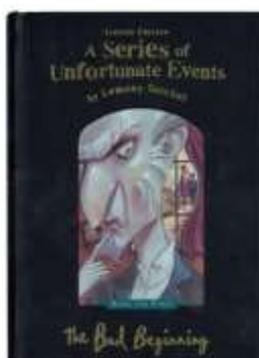
Percy's life was normal and somewhat uneventful. That is until he accidentally vaporises his maths teacher. The world he knew starts to unravel and he learns who his father is...Poseidon, God of the Sea.

"An exciting story about Greek myths"



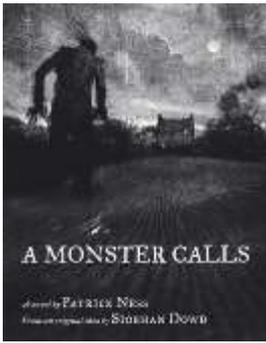
Artemis Fowl is a teenage master criminal trying to restore his family fortune by extorting gold from the fairies. He also has no problem with kidnapping but this decision is about to send him on a journey he never expected.

"Fowl is a character like no other"



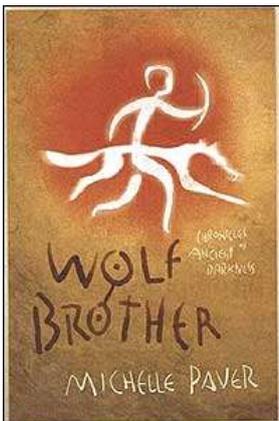
In The Bad Beginning the three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast.

"I hate Count Olaf but love all the adventures the children had"



Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

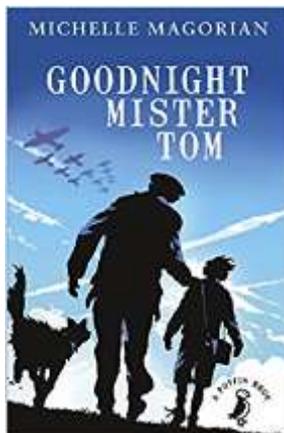
"I cried because it beautiful and sad"



This is the first book in the series *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* and takes place 6000 years ago during the New Stone Age, and tells the story of twelve-year-old Torak, a boy of the Wolf Clan.

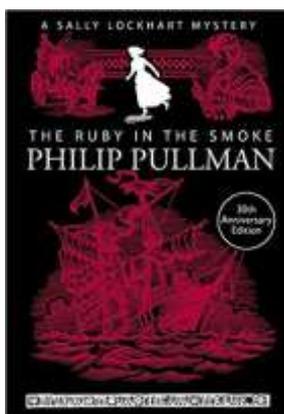
"I really enjoyed reading about the Stone Age"

Historical Fiction



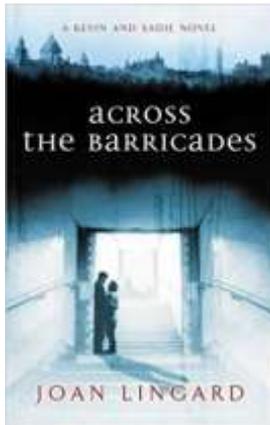
On the brink of the Second World War, Willie is evacuated to the countryside. Willie's life up to now has been sad and deprived but under the caring guidance of Mr Tom his life begins to change. But his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London

"Mr Tom is one of my favourite fictional characters"



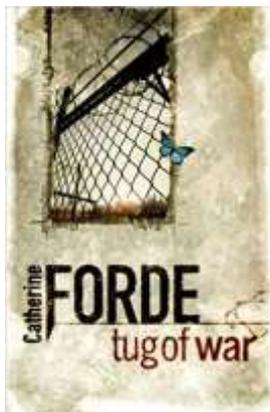
In search of clues to the mystery of her father's death, 16-year-old Sally Lockhart ventures into the shadowy underworld of Victorian London.

"Victorian London was not what I was expecting"



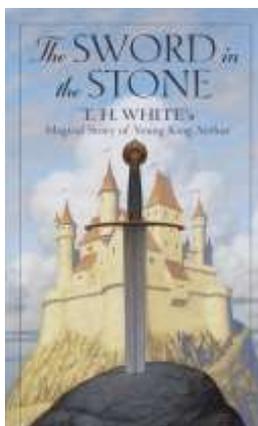
Belfast is divided by religion, Catholics on one side, Protestants on the other. Soldiers patrol the streets and the city has become deadly. Will that stop Kevin, a Protestant boy and Sadie, a Catholic girl from being together?

“It made me frustrated and angry at times”



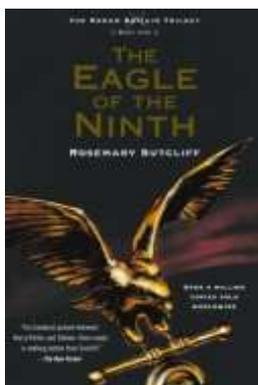
In 2012 The Emergency begins as terrorist bombs shatter cities around the UK and wreak havoc on normal life. Molly and her brother, John are evacuated to the countryside but they're separated. Molly quickly loses herself in her new family and starts to forget about her old one. Until a visit from her mother makes Molly realise how important her family is and how close she is to losing them...

“It made me think about the difficulties children faced during the war. They suddenly had to make adult decisions”



Wart is ignored by everyone, everyone except Merlyn, his tutor. Merlyn makes learning fun but Wart is unaware of the big plans Merlyn has for Wart. The beginning of King Arthur.

“A Funny introduction to magic and King Arthur”



The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now . . .

“A beautifully written and exciting tale of a young man's mission to save the reputation of his dead father”