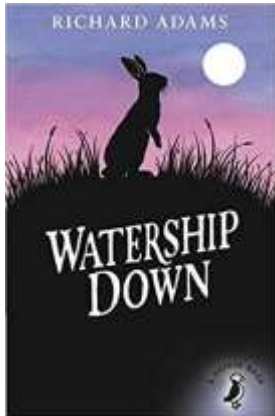


## Year 8

### Your Librarian Recommends:

#### Adventure



#### **Richard Adams**

*Watership Down* is the tale of a group of rabbits in search of a home. Fiver, a small, young rabbit, has a gift: He can tell when things are going to happen and he can sense whether they will be good or bad. Fiver foresees great danger to the rabbits' home warren. His brother Hazel, who is slightly larger and helps take care of Fiver, takes Fiver to the Chief Rabbit, the Threarah. Fiver tells the Threarah that he foresees great danger, but the Chief Rabbit does not believe him.



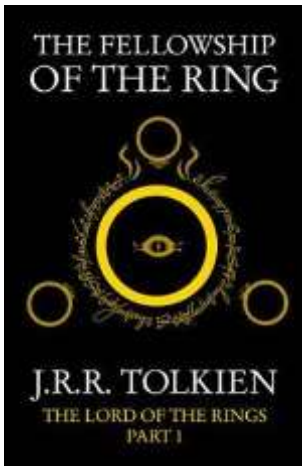
#### **Jamila Gavin 6.3**

*Coram Boy* is the story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate. The two boys' lives are linked by the Coram Man, a shady figure who collects abandoned and unwanted children from across the country, supposedly to deliver them to a safe new life at the Coram Hospital in London. In reality, however, the unscrupulous man sells the unfortunate children into slavery, or 'disposes' of them if they are of no use to him. Soon, Toby and Aaron find themselves bound together in an epic journey, fraught with danger and excitement.



#### **Geraldine McCaughrean AR 6.5**

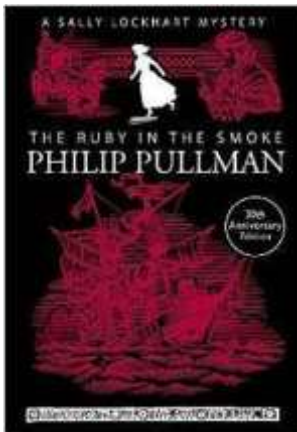
Haoyou's father is dead - his spirit lives among the clouds above Ancient China. Feeling powerless when the man responsible for his father's death demands to marry his mother, Haoyou determines to follow in his father's footsteps and joins a travelling circus. The Jade Circus offers him the chance to escape his enemies and perform: strapped to a kite, he takes to the skies, and soon amazes audiences across the land - including the infamous Kublai Khan himself. But is the circus master leading him into even greater danger?



### J.R.R.Tolkien AR 6.1

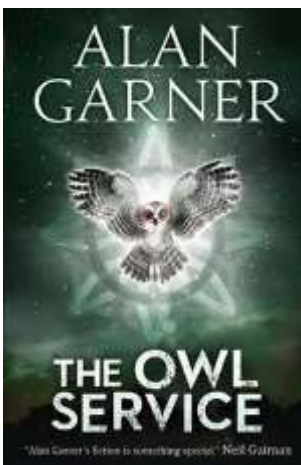
The first part of J R R Tolkien's epic masterpiece *The Lord of the Rings*, this is the story of young hobbit Frodo Baggins, who finds himself faced with an immense and terrible duty.

Sauron has gathered to him all the Rings of Power, and intends to use them to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks is the One Ring - the ring that rules them all, which through a series of coincidences, has fallen into unlikely hands - those of elderly hobbit Bilbo Baggins, of the Shire. When Bilbo entrusts the Ring to the care of the young nephew, Frodo must leave his home and undertake a dangerous journey to the Cracks of Doom to destroy the Ring and prevent Sauron realising his terrible plans. In this story, Frodo joins forces with Gandalf the wizard and a host of other companions



### Philip Pullman AR 5.3

After the sudden death of her father, Sally Lockhart is forced to go to live in London with an obnoxious cousin. There, she receives an anonymous letter containing a warning so dire that it makes a man die of fear at her feet. Determined to discover the truth about what happened to her father, Sally is soon plunged into a dangerous and terrifying adventure that takes her to the dark heart of Victorian London.



### Alan Garner AR 3.7

Alison and her family are spending a holiday in Wales, in a bed and breakfast run by Gwyn and his mother. When Alison finds a curious dinner service in the attic, with a strange pattern of floral owls that looks different depending on how it is arranged, the discovery sets off a strange chain of events that look set to affect everyone's lives.

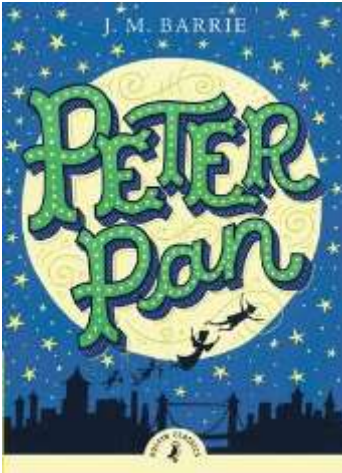
Soon, Alison, her stepbrother Roger and Gwyn find themselves repeating an ancient Welsh legend associated with the valley where they are staying. As tension begins to rise, can they break the pattern and avoid tragedy?



### Gary Paulsen AR 5.7

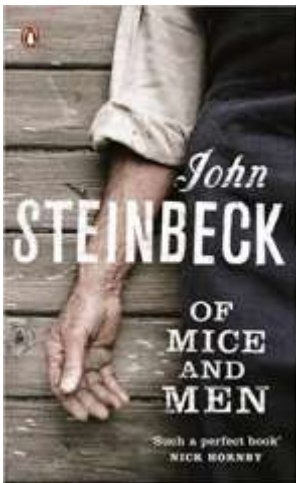
The story of thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson's survival following a plane crash has become a modern classic. Stranded in the desolate wilderness, Brian uses his instincts and his hatchet to stay alive for fifty-four harrowing days.

## Classics



### **J.M.Barrie AR 7.7**

Peter Pan (also known as the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up or Peter and Wendy) is the story of a mischievous little boy who can fly, and his adventures on the island of Neverland with Wendy Darling and her brothers, the fairy Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys, the Indian princess Tiger Lily, and the pirate Captain Hook.



### **John Steinbeck AR 4.5**

John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is one of the best loved novellas of all time. Two drifters - small, shrewd George and huge, simple-minded Lennie - get work on a ranch, planning to raise enough money to get a place of their own and live off the land, if George can save his childlike, bull-strong friend from getting into trouble. A powerfully moving story of friendship, *Of Mice and Men* is a simply told masterpiece.



### **Arthur Ransome AR 5.1**

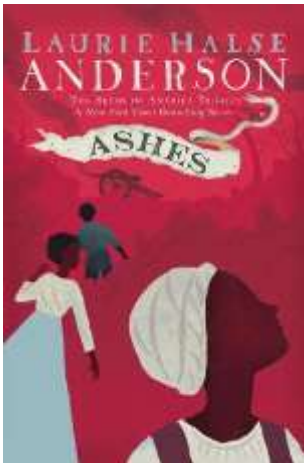
For the Walker children, sailing the boat *Swallow* to an island for a camping trip is a fantastic adventure. But soon they find themselves under attack from the fierce pirates of the Amazon, Nancy and Peggy. And so begins the battles, alliances and discoveries in a summer like no other.



### **Rudyard Kipling AR 7.6**

*The Jungle Book* depicts the classic relationship between man and beast and has captivated readers young and old for well over a century. After being saved from the fierce clutches of the evil tiger Shere Khan, little 'man-cub' Mowgli is brought up by a pack of wolves and soon learns to make a jungle in India his home – thanks to a few tips from his animal friends Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther. But as fun, as the jungle is, danger could be lurking just around any corner.

## Historical Fiction



### **Laurie Halse Anderson**

Once blinded by her concern only for finding and freeing her sister, Isabel Gardener came to realize the meaning of the Revolutionary War in terms of the fight for the freedom of blacks in the novel *Ashes* by Laurie Halse Anderson when she began working with a group of black Continental soldiers. Isabel and Curzon had searched for five years to find Ruth and sneak her away from the woman who had separated the sisters when their search ended at a North Carolina plantation.



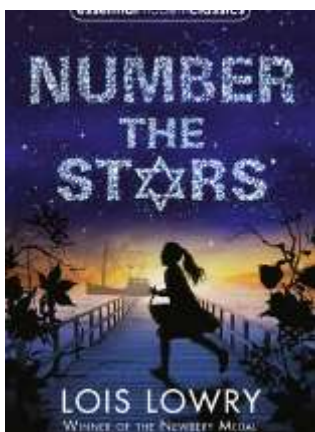
### **Michael Morpurgo AR 5.2**

Barney is leaving Coventry for Cornwall with his mum after their house has been destroyed in the Blitz. There's no escape from Hitler however, and their train is attacked by a Messerschmitt forcing it to stop in a tunnel for safety. It's pitch-black and Barney is scared of the dark. To distract him, the other passenger in the carriage tells him about his best friend, Billy Byron, famous in the First World War as the most decorated private soldier. The story is an extraordinary one, we hear how Billy inadvertently changed the course of world history.



### **Marcus Zusak AR 5.1**

The *Book Thief* tells the story of Liesel, a little girl who is taken to a new home because her mother can't afford to take care of her. The story is told by Death, who becomes a character you come to respect and even feel sorry for by the end. ... The *Book Thief* is set in Nazi Germany, at the start of World War Two.



### **Lois Lowry AR 4.5**

Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching through town. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.

## Fantasy



### Philip Reeve AR 6.6

In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival. As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down.

*Mortal Engines* launched [Philip Reeve's](#) brilliantly-imagined creation, the world of the Traction Era, where mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.



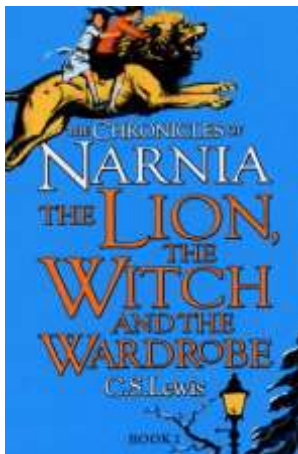
### Sarah J. Maas AR 5.7

The story takes place in a land called Eileia. The main character is an eighteen-year-old girl named Celaena Sardothien. She was an assassin, the best of her kind, until she made a fatal mistake and got caught. She was sent to serve a life sentence in the salt mines in Endovier, but after one year of hard labour there a young prince comes and offers her a deal that can save her: he offers her freedom, but she must win a competition that his father holds. In this competition she will fight against the best assassins and thieves in the land. The winner will serve the king for four years and afterwards the winner will be free.



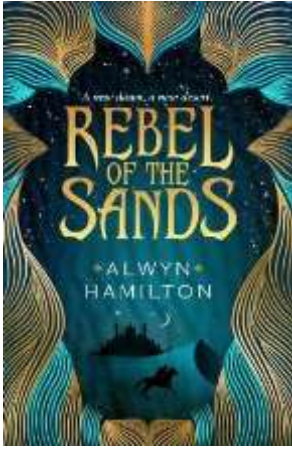
### Madeleine L'Engle AR 4.7

Meg always felt she was different and when her little brother Charles Murry go searching for their lost father, they find themselves travelling on a dangerous journey through a 'wrinkle in time'. As the cosmic evil forces of darkness threaten to swallow the universe, Meg must overcome her insecurities and channel all her inner strengths - her stubbornness, anger and ultimately her love - to save her family.



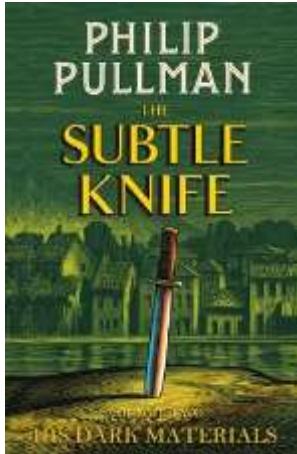
### C.S. Lewis AR 5.7

Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie are four siblings sent to live in the country with the eccentric Professor Kirke during World War II. The children explore the house on a rainy day and Lucy, the youngest, finds an enormous wardrobe. Lucy steps inside and finds herself in a strange, snowy wood. Lucy encounters the Faun Tumnus, who is surprised to meet a human girl. Tumnus tells Lucy that she has entered Narnia, a different world. Tumnus invites Lucy to tea, and she accepts. Lucy and Tumnus have a wonderful tea, but the faun bursts into tears and confesses that he is a servant of the evil White Witch. The Witch has enchanted Narnia so that it is always winter and never Christmas.



### **Alwyn Hamilton RR 5.0**

Amani lives in Dustwalk, a backward desert town on the edge of nowhere that exists solely to support the munitions factory of the Miraji sultan and his unwelcome allies and occupiers, the Gallan army. Amani's fate is bleak—when she overhears her uncle talking about taking her as another one of his wives, she realizes she has to get out of Dustwalk or die trying. Her plan to win a shooting contest and skip town is complicated when her fate tangles with that of Jin, a handsome stranger wanted by the authorities, and on a whim she helps hide him. After they are discovered, Amani and Jin skip town on a mythical desert horse, just ahead of the Gallan soldiers.



### **Philip Pullman AR**

*The Subtle Knife* opens in a world very much like our own. A young boy named Will Parry is bringing his ill mother to stay with Mrs. Cooper, Will's old piano teacher. Mrs. Cooper reluctantly agrees to take care of Mrs. Parry for a little while. Will returns to his house, where he lives alone with his mother. Men have been coming to the house looking for letters that Will's father wrote to Will's mother, and Will wants to find them before the men do. Just before Will finds the letters, the men arrive at the house. Will escape with the letters, accidentally killing one of the men along the way.

## **Science Fiction**



### **Marie Lu AR 4.8**

He is Day.  
The boy who walks in the light.

She is June.  
The girl who seeks her brother's killer.

On the run and undercover, they meet by chance. Irresistably drawn together, neither knows the other's past.

But Day murdered June's brother.

And she has sworn to avenge his death.



### **Veronica Roth AR 4.8**

In the Chicago of the distant future, society has willingly segregated itself into five "factions:" Abnegation (the selfless), Amity (the kind), Candor (the honest), Dauntless (the brave), and Erudite (the intelligent). All 16-year-olds take an aptitude test revealing their true faction and then choose one to join -- regardless of which one they were born into. When Abnegation-born Beatrice Prior's results are inconclusive, her tester informs her she's a "divergent" and should never mention her results to anyone.



### James Dashner AR 5.3

**If you ain't scared, you ain't human.**

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.

**Nice to meet ya, shank. Welcome to the Glade.**



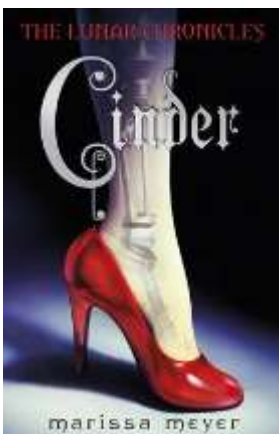
### Emma Pass AR 5.5

The year is 2113. In Jenna Strong's world, ACID—the most brutal controlling police force in history—rule supreme. No throwaway comment or whispered dissent goes unnoticed—or unpunished. And it was ACID agents who locked Jenna away for life, for a horrendous crime she struggles to remember. But Jenna's violent prison time has taught her how to survive by any means necessary.



### Ryan Graudin AR 5.7

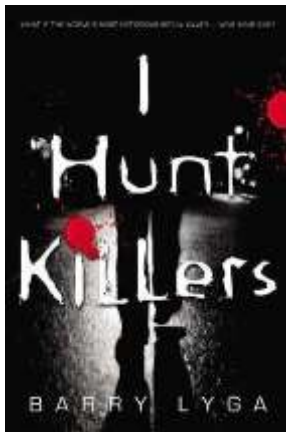
“The son of a time-traveling Recorder from 2354 AD and a gladiator living in Rome in 95 AD, Far’s birth defies the laws of nature... During a heist on the sinking Titanic, Far meets a mysterious girl who always seems to be one step ahead of him.”



### Marissa Meyer AR 5.8

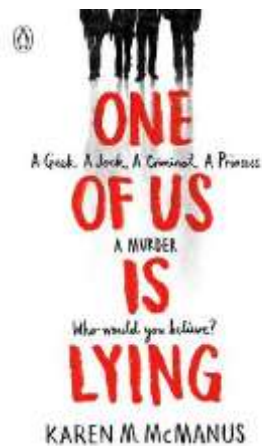
**CINDER**, a gifted mechanic in New Beijing, is also a cyborg. She's reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's sudden illness. But when her life becomes entwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the centre of a violent struggle between the desires of an evil queen - and a dangerous temptation.

## Mystery/ Thriller



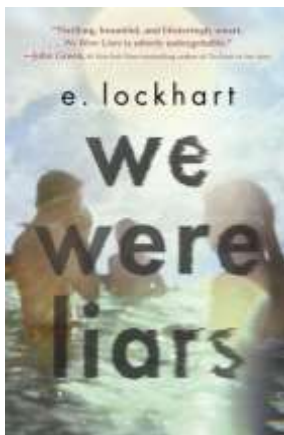
### **Barry Lyga**

Seventeen-year-old Jazz's father, Billy Dent, was a prolific and brilliant serial killer who did his best to educate his son in the ways of murder. With Billy in prison for life, Jazz longs to overcome the stigma of his family history, but when a new serial killer strikes his small town, he is drawn into the investigation. Along with his hemophiliac best friend, Howie,



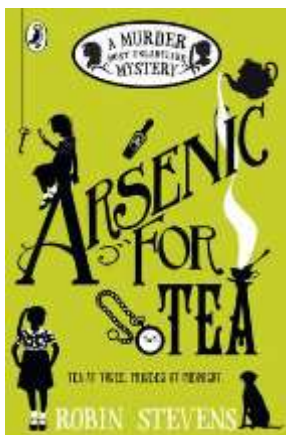
### **Karen M. McManus AR 5.1**

*The Breakfast Club* meets *Pretty Little Liars*, *One of Us Is Lying* is the story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive. Everyone is a suspect, and everyone has something to hide.



### **Karen M. McManus AR 5.1**

*We Were Liars* focuses on the theme of self-acceptance, family morals, and the possibly-deadly consequences of one's mistakes. It is centered on the wealthy, seemingly perfect Sinclair family, who spend every summer gathered on their private island. However, not every summer is the same—when something happens to Cadence during the summer of her fifteenth year, the four "Liars" (Cadence, Johnny, Gat and Mirren) re-emerge two years later to prompt Cadence to remember the incident.

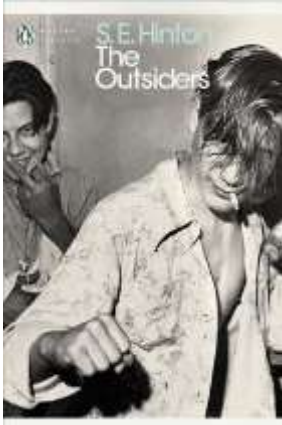


### **Robin Stevens AR 5.2**

When a guest is poisoned Daisy and Hazel are immediately on the case. The girls are irresistible characters, perfect foils for each other, and as sharp as any of the great detectives. Owing more to Agatha Christie than Enid Blyton, and full of acute comments on the social customs of the times too, very little can beat this series for thrills and satisfaction.



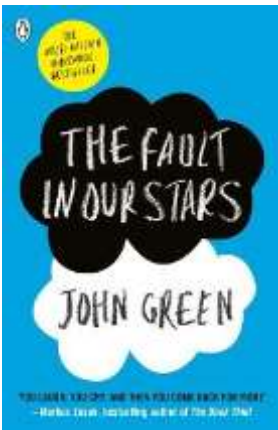
## Young Adult



### **S.E.Hilton AR 4.7**

Teenagers in a small Oklahoma town have split into two gangs, divided by money, tastes and attitude. The Socs' idea of having a good time is beating up Greasers like Ponyboy Curtis.

Ponyboy knows what to expect and knows he can count on his brothers and friends - until the night someone takes things too far, and life is changed forever.



### **John Green AR 5.5**

The Fault In Our Stars is a fabulous book about a young teenage girl who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and attends a cancer support group.

Hazel is 16 and is reluctant to go to the support group, but she soon realises that it was a good idea. Hazel meets a young boy named Augustus Waters. He is charming and witty. Augustus has had osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, but has recently had the all clear.



### **Leigh Bardugo AR 5.5**

Kaz Brekker, a 17-year-old infamous thief known throughout the streets of Ketterdam as "Dirtyhands", is promised a very large sum of money to rescue Bo Yul-Bayur, a Shu scientist, from the Ice Court in Fjerda. Bo Yul-Bayur has discovered *jurda porem*, a lethally addictive drug that greatly enhances the powers of the Grisha, people with magical abilities. However, the Ice Court is the most highly protected place in all of Fjerda, and Kaz can't infiltrate it by himself; he needs a crew.



### **A.J.Hartley**

Preston and Tracey must save the town and all the trapped ghosts when the imprisoning stone is moved from its resting place, letting loose the evil boggart that was the Leech...