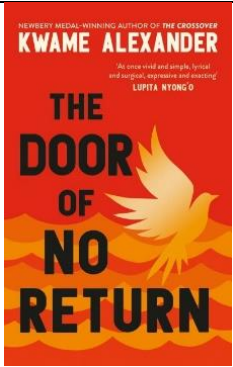

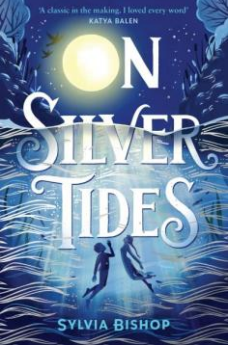


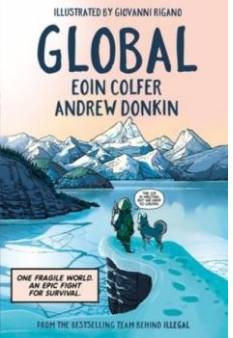
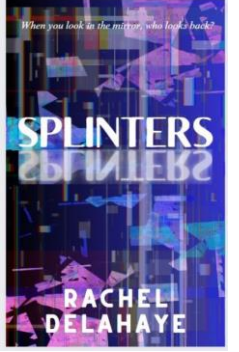
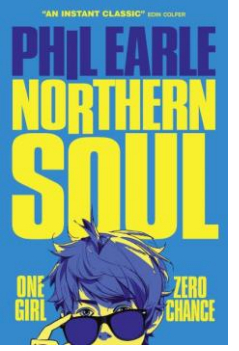






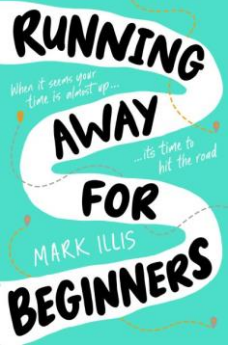


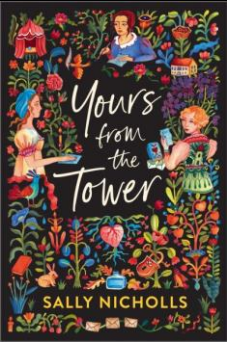

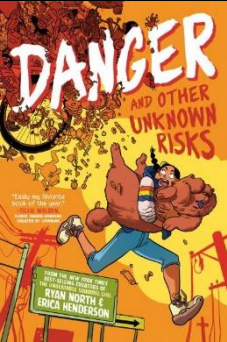


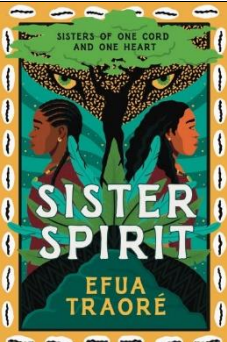



2024-25 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 8

 <p>NEWBERRY MEDAL-WINNING AUTHOR OF THE CROSSOVER KWAME ALEXANDER An once wild and simple, ferocious and surgical, expressive and aching LUPITA NYONG'O</p> <p>THE DOOR OF NO RETURN</p>	<p>The Door of No Return</p>	<p>Alexander, Kwame</p>	<p>Written in verse, this is a gripping tale set in nineteenth century Ghana. Kofi loves his life and particularly swimming. However, an incident in the village means that Kofi must end up fighting for survival.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
 <p>A classic in the making. I loved every word KATIA BALEN</p> <p>ON SILVER TIDES</p> <p>SYLVIA BISHOP</p>	<p>On Silver Tides</p>	<p>Bishop, Sylvia</p>	<p>Kelda is a fiercely protective sister, devoted to defending Isla, her younger sibling. The sisters are silvermen, a secretive near-human species living on Britain's waterways, who breathe underwater through their skin. When Isla is revealed to be unable to breathe water, she is condemned as an abomination, blamed for a river-poisoning sickness. The impressive world-building blends an environmental message with adventurous plot, weaving in folklore through natural history extracts to add atmospheric depth.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>  
 <p>ILLUSTRATED BY GIOVANNI RIGANO</p> <p>GLOBAL</p> <p>EOIN COLFER ANDREW DONKIN</p> <p>ONE FRAGILE WORLD. AN EPIC FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL.</p> <p>FROM THE BESTSELLING TEAM BEHIND ILLEGAL.</p>	<p>Global</p>	<p>Colfer, Eoin</p>	<p>A compelling graphic novel which interweaves the lives of two young boys on opposite sides of the world—Yuki in the Arctic and Sami in Africa—both grappling with the harsh realities of climate change. The adventure is balanced well with the poignant message about environmental responsibility.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>

	Splinters	Delahaye, Rachel	<p>Jean Sylvester’s life changes when she discovers a mirror revealing alternate versions of herself, each representing a different life path. This mirror lets her swap places with these selves, experiencing the consequences of choices she didn’t make. As she navigates parallel worlds, she grapples with complex questions about choice and destiny. Her ex-boyfriend, aware of the mirror’s power, seeks to claim it. The narrative is filled with twists and explores the impact of decisions on one’s life.</p>	Younger Teen Reads
	Northern Soul	Earle, Phil	<p>Until now, Marv's uneventful life has revolved around playing football with his best mate. But things take a turn for the dramatic with the arrival at school of new girl Carly Stonehouse. It's love at first sight, but there's no way a girl like Carly will ever look at him. Unless, perhaps, he enlists help from a very unusual source – the ghost of soul legend, Otis Redding. What follows is a hilarious, agonising quest for love, featuring some of the most cringeworthy song lyrics you might ever have heard.</p>	Younger Teen Reads  
	Wild Song	Gourlay, Candy	<p>Luki is a gifted hunter but tribal traditions in the forests of the Philippines in the early 1900s mean she must marry and cannot continue living the life she wants. To escape this, she agrees to travel to America to be part of an exhibition of natives of the colonies at the World’s Fair, but the experience is not all she expects. Based on a true story, this breathtaking, complex novel shines a light on important aspects of imperial history many may try to hide or simply forget.</p>	Younger Teen Reads  

	Heroes	Gratz, Alan	<p>Friends Frank and Stanley live in a paradise, at Pearl Harbour. Half the world is engulfed in WWII, but they dream of creating their own superhero comic. When the Japanese attack, their world shatters. Caught up in the chaos, they face bombs, bullets, and betrayal. Stanley, being Japanese American, is suddenly seen as the enemy, and risk-averse Frank must finally face his many fears. As they struggle to survive, their friendship and dreams hang in the balance. Will they endure, or is everything lost?</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	Running Away for Beginners	Illis, Mark	<p>When Jasper is diagnosed with cancer, he and his friends decide to escape on a weekend trip to Scarborough. However, only Jasper knows he'll continue on alone to find Uncle Universe, the magic man who promised to fix any problem Jasper brought him. Follow Jasper and his friends as they try to run away from the news, embarking on a journey of discovery with each other.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>
	Future Hopes	James, Lauren	<p>A diverse collection of short stories by renowned authors on the themes of climate change and the environmental future. From plastic eating bacteria to sanctions for forgetting to recycle, ranging from funny to scary - each story is a gripping, thought-provoking read.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	Smoke & Mirrors	Jonsberg, Barry	<p>Grace enjoys just two things: performing magic and her feisty gran. Gran, with her sharp wit and prickly personality, is the only one Grace truly lets in - until schoolmate Simon offers to help turn her magic tricks into a small business and social media sensation. When Gran is diagnosed with a terminal illness, Grace becomes her carer and, with Simon's help and a bit of magic, she is determined to bring joy back into their lives, even if it means facing her greatest fear.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 

	Yours from the Tower	Nicholls, Sally	<p>A coming-of-age tale of three school friends finding their way into adulthood in 1896. A teacher, a lady's companion, and a society debutante—they each face society's narrow expectations, crushes, awkward proposals, and family drama. Through the letters they send, the lives of Tirzah, Sophia, and Polly are explored. Can these very different young women find happiness and fulfilment in a world on the verge of immense change?</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	Danger and Other Unknown Risks	North, Ryan	<p>On 1st January 2000, magic returned and changed the world forever, splintering it into different realms which continue to change and decay. Decades later, Marguerite and her talking dog are on a quest to travel the realms, find magical totems, vanquish the dark magic and save the world. A fun adventure, with more than a nod to D&D, told in attractive graphic novel format.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>
	The Sun and the Star	Riordan, Rick	<p>Another thrilling story from the world of Percy Jackson. In this stand-alone adventure, demigods Nico di Angelo and Will Solace embark on a quest to rescue an old friend from Tartarus, the lowest part of the Underworld. They must face all kinds of monsters and demons, both external and internal. Will they, and their relationship, survive?</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	Sister Spirit	Traore, Efua	<p>16-year-old adopted Tara is having dreams that lead her to question her identity. As her nightmares intensify, she traces her visions to the ancient Olumo Rock in Nigeria, a sacred place filled with magic and myth. Travelling from England and enrolling in a boarding school at Olumo's foot, Tara embarks on a journey to uncover the truth of her roots and the spirits that haunt her. A gothic, supernatural mystery blending African myth, friendship, romance, and self-discovery.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 

	A Cure Ever After	Walker, Angharad	Orphan Kitt, afflicted with Midas-fingers, navigates the treacherous world of Lundain's markets and the elite College for future bankers. His journey from street urchin to polished financier is fraught with danger and intrigue. But when he and Os, a medical student with the ability to read feelings, uncover the Guild of Finance's dark secrets, their quest to save Lundain from a catastrophic fate becomes more important than ever.	Younger Teen Reads 
	Postcards from Valhalla	Weston, Danny	Viggo has no future plans beyond watching the new Thor movie. But his world is upended when his brother Magnus goes missing on Shetland, the same place his father vanished 5 years ago. Forced to join the search, Viggo experiences disturbing visions of warriors, mythical creatures, and Viking longships. The journey becomes even stranger when the mysterious Leon joins them. As Viggo's visions intensify, he struggles to sort reality from fantasy, uncertain of the terrors awaiting him on Shetland.	Younger Teen Reads
	Taylor Blake is a Legend	Williams, Laura Jane	Taylor is determined to script her own rom com! But her social circle is limited to best friends, Star and Lucy and her grandparents. It's no wonder she's the last girl in Year 9 to be kissed. But as the new star of the school newspaper, and fan-fiction author, surely, she can craft her perfect love story! With French exchange students arriving, Taylor is convinced they hold the key to romance. The perfect first kiss is on the horizon, and this is her moment to LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE! Isn't it?	Younger Teen Reads



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