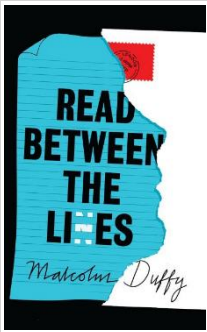

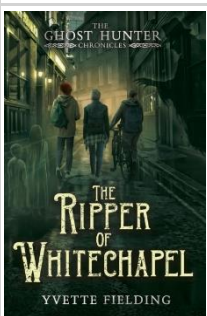


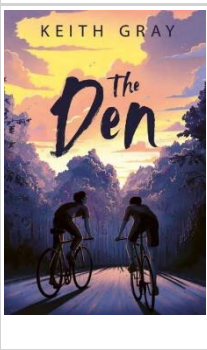

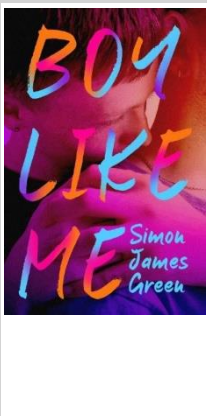


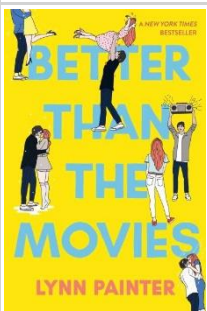

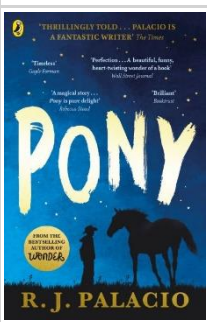

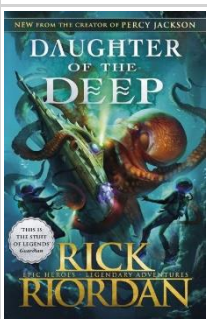


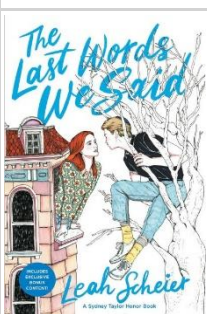

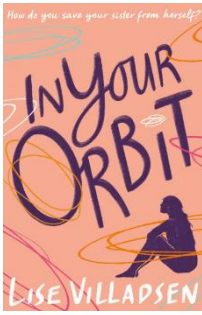

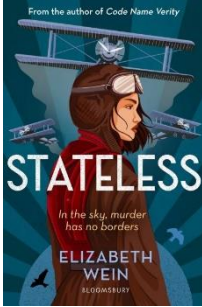


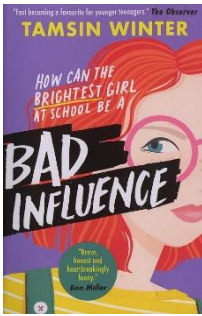

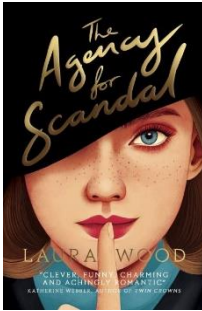


# 2023-24 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 9

	<b>Albertalli, Becky</b>	<b>Imogen, Obviously</b>	<p>When Imogen visits her queer friend Lili at University, she finds herself caught in a lie and having to play Lili's ex. She thought she was always the straight friend who was the world's greatest ally but now she's questioning her actions and even her own sexuality.</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p>
	<b>Camden, Steven</b>	<b>Stand up Ferran Burke</b>	<p>Ferran Burke starts secondary school with only one thing in mind – how can he possibly live up to the standards set by his older brother Emile? Through the use of music, illustrations, comics and a humorous tone, follow Ferran as he traipses his way through his years at school in this verse novel set in the '90s.</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p>
	<b>Coelho, Joseph</b>	<b>The Girl Who became a Tree : A Story Told in Poems</b>	<p>In a story told through poems, the reader finds Daphne grieving the loss of her father and falling deep into the depths of her own solace into darkness. As Daphne's recollections come to the forefront of the story, the reader is introduced to the ancient Greek myth of Daphne and the God Apollo and a connection between two Daphne's seeking freedom comes to light.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>
	<b>Duckhouse, Kel</b>	<b>The Bones of Me</b>	<p>Molly lives on an East London estate close to poverty. She dreams of being a boxer, like her big brother who has been coaching her, but when a man is stabbed and her brother disappears the night before her first fight, Molly doesn't know who to turn to or what to do. Can she find out what has happened and locate her brother, while dealing with her mum's concerns and the suspicions of the police? Powerful and emotive, written in prose and verse.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>

	<p><b>Duffy, Malcolm</b></p>	<p><b>Read Between the Lines</b></p>	<p>Tommy and Ryan have been flung together into a new family dynamic by their parents. Forced to be brothers, they could not be more different until it turns out that they do share a common trait; they're both dyslexic. When the pressure is on to make this new family work, can they find a way to work together?</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p> 
	<p><b>Fielding, Yvette</b></p>	<p><b>The Ripper of Whitechapel</b></p>	<p>Three teenage trainee ghost hunters are invited to help investigate when two child ghosts begin to haunt a primary school in Whitechapel. It doesn't take long for them to wonder if they could be victims of Jack the Ripper, and if the evil Ripper of Whitechapel is about to unleash a new campaign of terror from beyond the grave? There are some scary scenes right from the start in this atmospheric supernatural horror.</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p> 
	<p><b>Forde, Patricia</b></p>	<p><b>The Girl Who Fell to Earth</b></p>	<p>For the past 1,000 years, those who live on Terros have been immortal after scientists discovered a way to alter their DNA. Since then, they've studied their 'Shadow Planet', Earth, where humans with unaltered DNA are destroying the planet. Aria must now visit this awful place and release a virus which will wipe out the humans. But Aria discovers her past on Terros has been a lie, as is everything she's ever been told about Earth.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>
	<p><b>Gray, Keith</b></p>	<p><b>The Den</b></p>	<p>Rory and Marshall are best friends and enjoy spending the summer riding around on their bikes; for Marshall this is an escape from his life at home, something Rory cannot understand. When they discover the remnants of an old bomb shelter, Marshall finds a sense of refuge inside. But can that feeling last? A gritty tale of friendship, betrayal and rivalry.</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p> 
	<p><b>Green, Simon James</b></p>	<p><b>Boy Like Me</b></p>	<p>In 1994, Section 28 prohibited the 'promotion of homosexuality' by local authorities, banning LGBTQ+ materials in a school library. When Jamie finds a book in his school library that should not be there on two boys falling in love, he also manages to find himself, another boy in the school like him, and some allies along the way. A fictionalised telling of Simon James Green's own experiences, showing how far we have come, but also how much farther we must go to reach true equality and inclusivity.</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p>

	<b>Marie, Racquel S</b>	<b>Ophelia After All</b>	<p>The prom is looming, the end of an era and Ophelia, an incurable romantic, has pictured this event for years. Going with her latest boy crush surrounded by her friends. But all this changes in the run up. Suddenly she is aware of new feelings for one of her girlfriends causing conflict when she is also asked by a former crush to attend. Confused she is unsure how to tell everyone that her high school image may not be who she really is.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	<b>Painter, Lynn</b>	<b>Better than the Movies</b>	<p>Hopeless romantic Liz is desperate for her crush to ask her to prom. By enlisting her neighbour and enemy Wes to help in her scheme, she hopes to get the happy ending she wants and for her life to be like one of the rom-coms she and her late mum loved so much. But she could end up learning more about herself and what is important than she thought was possible. A funny coming of age story.</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p> 
	<b>Palacio, R. J</b>	<b>Pony</b>	<p>A tale set in rural America in the 1850s. Silas was once hit by lightning and is considered a sensitive child. He has a friend who is a ghost and he can hear other spirits. When his Dad is kidnapped, Silas along with his ghost friend and a mysterious pony begins a journey to try and find him.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p> 
	<b>Riordan, Rick</b>	<b>Daughter of the Deep</b>	<p>Ana Dakar attends Harding-Pencroft Academy, a high school that trains the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators and underwater explorers in the world. En route to a weekend trial at sea, Ana and her classmates witness the total destruction of their school. Who has attacked them and why? Ana discovers secrets about her family, friends and school as she fights to protect them all in this thrilling sci-fi adventure inspired by Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.</p>	<p>Younger Teen Reads</p>  
	<b>Scheier, Leah</b>	<b>The Last Words We Said</b>	<p>Nine months ago, Ellie's boyfriend Danny disappeared and is presumed by others to be dead, so why can she still see him and talk to him? Her friends try to support Ellie while dealing with their own feelings – Rae, always a bit wild, throws herself into baking while Deenie deepens her commitment to Orthodox Judaism – but the strains on their friendship are showing. Will they ever discover the truth of what happened to Danny and will the girls be able to save their friendship in the face of tragedy?</p>	<p>Older Teen Reads</p> 

	<b>Villadsen, Lise</b>	<b>In Your Orbit</b>	Astrid and her older sister Cecilie have always been close, but with Cecilie's anxiety and depression getting worse, Astrid is starting to struggle to cope. She wants to care for her, to be empathetic and to always be there; but always being there takes its toll. A supportive and sympathetic story told through a different perspective on mental health.	Older Teen Reads 
	<b>Wein, Elizabeth</b>	<b>Stateless</b>	In 1937, Stella North holds a Nansen passport; she is officially known as stateless. With her superb pilot abilities, Stella is determined to prove her identity as the sole female contestant in a European air race. But this friendly race turns out to be more competitive than intended and when it turns deadly, Stella must investigate to uncover the mystery.	Older Teen Reads  
	<b>Winter, Tamsin</b>	<b>Bad Influence</b>	Amelia has pale skin and red hair and has been putting up with constant bullying from her year group after one of the popular boys nicknamed her Maggot. When the new boy Evan takes an interest in her she finally begins to hope she can shake off her 'loser status'. Then Evan persuades her to send him a semi-naked picture, which he promised to delete, she never imagined it would go viral. An uplifting story about making mistakes and being true to yourself.	Younger Teen Reads 
	<b>Wood, Laura</b>	<b>The Agency For Scandal</b>	Set in 19th century London, Isobel works for a secret detective agency that tries to take down powerful and dangerous men, in order to help her family's poor fortune. In trying to stop a powerful politician, she is drawn into a world where she needs to work with her crush to bring down the villain in this historical detective story.	Younger Teen Reads



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