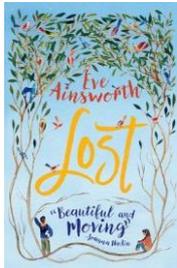


## Recommended Reads Year 8 2019-20



### **Ainsworth, Eve – Lost**

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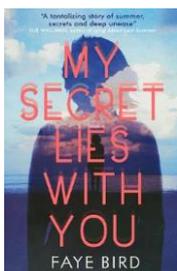
Alfie's mum has died and he and his dad are struggling to come to terms with it. His new friend Alice and the power of sport (football, in this case) help him deal with his emotions and realise it's ok to grieve.



### **Almond, David – The Colour of the Sun**

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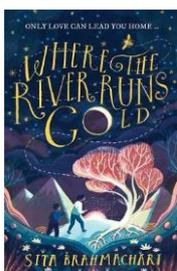
The story spans one day in the life of Davie. Still grieving for his father, who heads into the sunlit hills above his Tyneside town, looking for peace but stumbling upon the death of a teenage boy. He sets out to solve the mystery of the boy's death and uncover the killer.



### **Bird, Faye – My Secret Lies With You**

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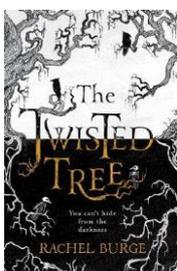
Cait isn't looking forward to holidaying in Wales with her mum and her mum's new boyfriend as she is still grieving for her dad. She gets to know some local teenagers and uncovers a mystery about a girl who visited the town last year and the disappearance of a local girl this year.



### **Brahmachari, Sita – Where the River Runs Gold**

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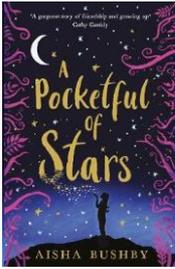
Climate change has destroyed much of the natural world and there are no bees or insects left to pollinate crops. Children must labour on farms, pollinating crops by hand to allow the nation to eat. When Shifa and her sister are sent to a farm to work she knows she needs to find a way to escape as her sister won't survive the hard labour.



### **Burge, Rachel – The Twisted Tree**

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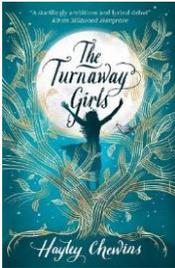
Martha has the ability to read someone's character simply from touching their clothes. She visits her grandmother in the forest to learn more about this skill, but her grandmother is dead, and something monstrous is lurking in the woods.



**Bushby, Aisha – A Pocketful of Stars**

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Safiya and her mother haven't been getting on recently but when her mum falls ill and goes into a coma something mysterious happens and Safiya finds herself transported back to her mother's childhood home in Kuwait. Slowly she begins to understand her mother more and also the person that she has become.



**Chewins, Hayley – The Turnaway Girls**

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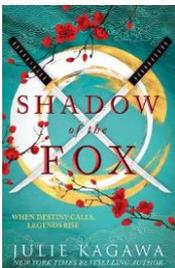
A mysterious, lyrical novel in which Delphernia, cloistered on Blightsend, is required to create "shimmer", gold made from music. Except that she's not very good at it and when she finally leaves the cloister, she discovers the outside world is no easier to live in.



**Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore – A Strange Kind of Brave**

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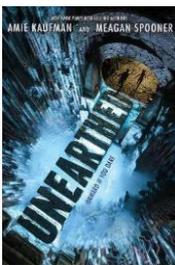
Luca and his mother arrive in Clanfedden to make a new start, but local, untouchable, criminal Jake McCormack has plans to thwart them. Allie, Luca's new friend, knows Jake of old and needs to warn them about the impending disaster Jake intends to contrive.



**Kagawa, Julie – Shadow of the Fox**

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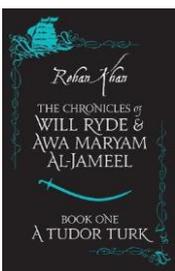
Set in Japan of 1000 years ago, the scattered pieces of an ancient scroll can summon a sea dragon that will grant one wish only. Yumeko holds one missing piece, and samurai Kage wants it from her.



**Kaufman, Amie – Unearthed**

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A gripping sci-fi action story. Earth intercepts a message from a long extinct alien race, the Undying. Their advanced technology has the potential to undo environmental damage on earth but is the alien race actually extinct and could they be out to destroy the human race?



**Khan, Rehan – A Tudor Turk**

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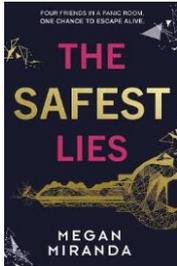
A tremendous historical novel set across 16th Europe, from the Ottoman Empire to dismal rainy London. Awa and Will are sent by Sultan Murad III to retrieve the Staff of Moses, used to part the Red Sea, from thieves.



**Lueddecke, Lisa – A Storm of Ice and Stars**

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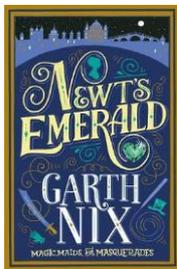
Set in the same world as *A Shiver of Snow and Sky*, Janna refuses to stop helping people who arrive at her barricaded village seeking refuge. She is banished to the wintry outside - how will she survive?



**Miranda, Megan – The Safest Lies**

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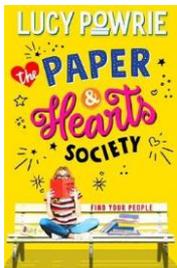
A gripping psychological thriller. Kelsey's mum hasn't been out the house since she escaped from her kidnappers 17 years ago. Kelsey has been brought up to keep a low profile and off the grid. A car accident propels her into the media spotlight and now her mum's kidnappers know where they can be found.



**Nix, Garth – Newt's Emerald**

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A regency fantasy novel involving a stolen jewel and international espionage. Eighteen year old Lady Truthful 'Newt', disguises herself as a man in regency London to uncover the thief and get the Newington Emerald back.



**Powrie, Lucy – The Paper & Hearts Society**

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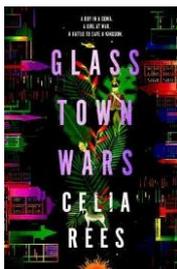
Tabby is fed up with trying to fit in with her classmates. She decides to embrace her geek side and joins a new club The Paper & Hearts Society which celebrates books, much more her style than going out to parties.



**Rawsthorne, Paula – The New Boy**

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A thrilling read from the very first page. Zoe has just started college and is determined not to get sucked in to living her life through social media. At first she resists liking the new boy Jack but eventually gets won over and they start going out but were her first thoughts of him correct, is Jack too good to be true?

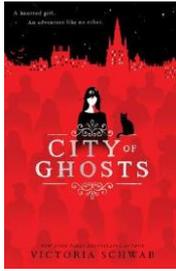


**Rees, Celia – Glass Town Wars**

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Tom and Augusta meet in an alternative gamers' world, where Augusta is fighting to save her kingdom from takeover by her rival. A compelling mix of romance, action and tension.

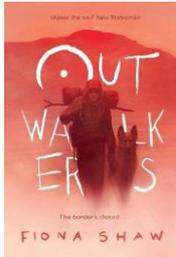




### **Schwab, Victoria – City of Ghosts**

Having almost drowned, Cass has developed the ability to see the ghosts of Edinburgh and enter their spirit world. But it's a world that's far more dangerous than first appears.

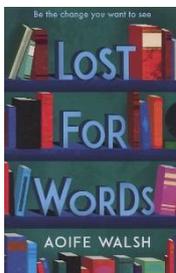
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### **Shaw, Fiona – Outwalkers**

A gripping action packed dystopia novel set in England in the near future. England is in lockdown and the government has micro-chipped everyone to keep track of them, big brother is watching you. A group of outcast teenagers decide to defy the authority and escape to Scotland and save the population from total government control.

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### **Walsh, Aoife – Lost for Words**

Dallas is rocked by grief after her mother is killed in a car accident. With her world turned upside down she has to move in to her mother's partner Gemma's house with her brothers and step sister in a house too small for them all. When she learns that their local library is to close she is determined not to lose another thing she loves and starts a campaign to save it.

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