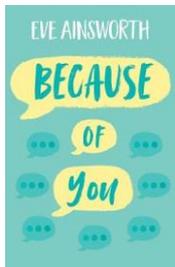


Recommended Reads Year 9 2019-20



Ainsworth, Eve – Because of You

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Poppy rapidly finds her world changing; her mum's boyfriend and daughter are moving in, her dad is never around, and to top it off she has found herself the victim of bullies at school. A quick and relatable read finds Poppy's world rapidly changing. Who can you turn to when your life is quickly turning into a nightmare?



Arsdale, Peternelle Van – The Cold is in her Bones

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Lonely Milla lives on the family farm, and she hopes she and visitor Iris can be friends. But Iris brings a secret: demons are possessing local girls, including Iris, and Milla sets out to save her.



Bourne, Holly – What Magic is This?

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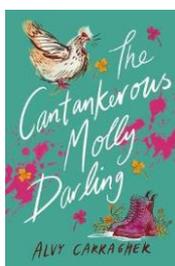
Sophia, Mia and Alexis fancy themselves as witches and attempt to cast spells to avenge Sophia being spurned. But their meddling has unexpected consequences.



Cameron, Sophie – Last Bus to Everland

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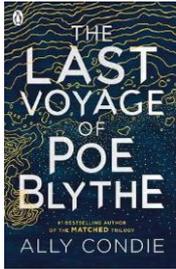
Brody is fed up of bullies, playing second fiddle to his genius brother and not fitting in. So when Nico takes him to Everland, a magical, feel-good party place, why would he ever want to leave?



Carragher, Alvy – The Cantankerous Molly Darling

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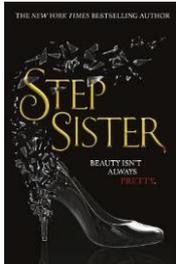
Molly Darling just wants a simple life, living on her family's farm in rural Ireland. Instead what she gets is a dad who has disappeared, a mum who is hiding in the attic and worst of all her beloved chickens have vanished.



Condie, Ally – The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe

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A dystopian romance story. Poe is out for revenge after a group of raiders kill the boy she loved. All she has left is her ship and her crew and she is determined to protect them at any cost.



Donnelly, Jennifer – Stepsister

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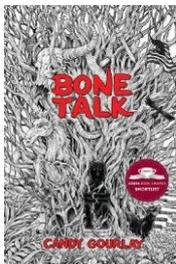
A retelling of Cinderella, picking up the story of her stepsisters after she goes off to marry the Prince. Her youngest stepsister is Isabelle, she is fearless and brave and fences and rides better than any boy but not looked for qualities in a girl. Can Isabelle change from the bully she used to be and find her own happily ever after.



Dunlap, Shannon – Izzy + Tristan

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A modern take on the ancient Tristan and Iseult tale. Star-crossed lovers Izzy and Tristan face violence, disapproval and impossible decisions. How will their relationship survive?



Gourley, Candy – Bone Talk

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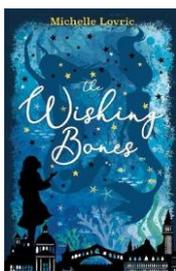
Set over 100 years ago in the Philippines, this is a challenging historical novel involving coming of age, remote mountain tribes and their customs, colonialism and exploitation.



Kuipers, Alice – Me and Me

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Lark is faced with an excruciating choice of saving the life of a child or of her boyfriend. The consequences of each choice rips Lark's life into parallel universes.



Lovric, Michelle – The Wishing Bones

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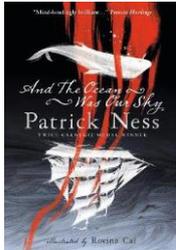
A magical fantasy adventure set in 1740s Venice. A place which seems serene but which is full of fantastical beasts, witches, mermaids and gore.



Mallinder, Kate – Summer of no Regrets

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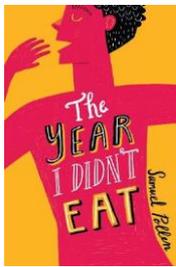
The final GCSE exam has finished. Four sixteen year old friends pledge to live a regret-free summer, doing whatever they want no matter how scary it may be.



Ness, Patrick – And the Ocean Was Our Sky

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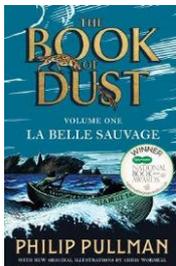
Re-imagined, inverted world of Moby Dick, where whales hunt men. Short but effective, and a bit surreal, with fabulous two-tone illustrations.



Pollen, Samuel – The Year I Didn't Eat

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Max's friend is Ana. Short for anorexia. Based on the author's own experience, the story explores how Ana increasingly controls Max's life until he feels totally alone.



Pullman, Phillip – La Belle Sauvage

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Ten years before the start of the His Dark Materials series, Malcolm has to transport infant Lyra Belacqua down the Thames to safety. First of a brand new trilogy.



Sheldon, Dyan – Hello, I Must be Going

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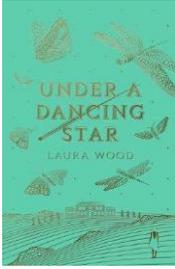
Three friends are left devastated by the death of their fourth friend, Sorrel, in a car accident. Sorrel watches over them as they struggle with their grief, trying to move on with their lives, in particular their demanding, challenging parents.



Sigmarsdottir, Sif – The Sharp Edge of a Snowflake

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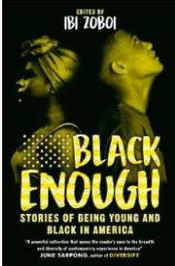
A Nordic Noir crime thriller set in Iceland following the lives of two young women who move there. Hannah, who's mother has just died and has been expelled from her sixth form and Imogen who works for a marketing company but is also a social media celebrity as an instagram influencer.



Wood, Laura – Under a Dancing Star

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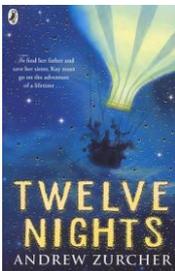
It's 1930s England and Bea's parents want her married off to keep the family estate alive. Bea has other ideas and heads off to Italy with her bohemian uncle. She spends an idyllic summer there and a whole new world opens up to her when she meets Ben, a young artist.



Zoboi, Ibi (edited by) – Black Enough

T+

A collection of short stories about what it's like to be young and black in America.



Zürcher, Andrew – Twelve Nights

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Kay's father goes missing from work, as if he'd never existed at all. Two mysterious men arrive to eliminate the remnants of his life, so Kay and her sister set out to find him in an alternative world.

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