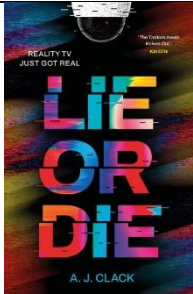

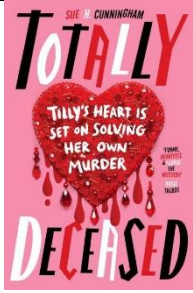


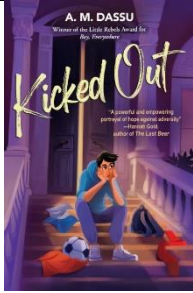




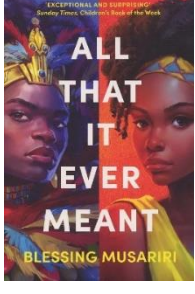
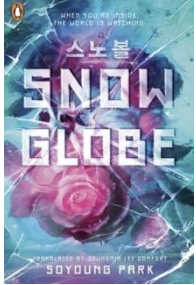

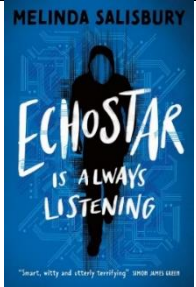


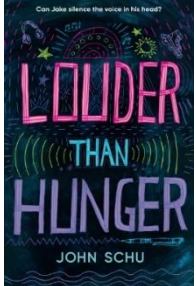



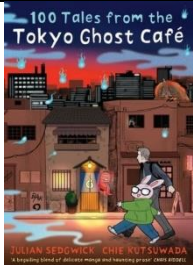


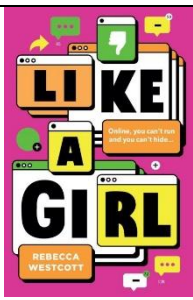




**2024-25 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 9**

	<p><b>Lie or Die</b></p>	<p><b>Clack, A J</b></p>	<p>In a society obsessed with wealth and fame, Kass Kennedy feels overshadowed by her best friend Thea. In an attempt to build bridges, Kass agrees to take part in the hottest new reality show. But when 10 strangers become trapped in the TV studio with cameras watching their every move, Kass and Thea are completely unaware of the twisted game they signed up for. There is only one rule: Trust no one!</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p> 
	<p><b>Totally Deceased</b></p>	<p><b>Cunningham, Sue H</b></p>	<p>When Jess wakes up after a heart transplant she is shocked to find the owner of the heart haunting her. Tilly believes she was murdered and wants Jess to help find the truth. Two different backgrounds but can the girls solve the mystery of Tilly's death in this funny novel?</p>	<p><b>Older Teen Reads</b></p>  
	<p><b>Kicked Out!</b></p>	<p><b>Dassu, A M</b></p>	<p>Ali and Sami are looking forward to the best summer ever with their friend Mark. However, they find themselves kicked out of Mark's house while another friend is accused of theft. The friends decide to hold a football competition to help their friend and have some unexpected help to boost their funds. Can the friends survive all that is being thrown at them and can they make a difference?</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p>
	<p><b>The Things We Leave Behind</b></p>	<p><b>Furniss, Clare</b></p>	<p>Clem, now a refugee in Scotland, recounts her escape from London to the country after a politician's rise to power and totalitarianism. After Clem and her young stepsister Billie attended a protest where chaos erupted, she was forced to flee to her grandfather's village and then on to Scotland. As Clem reflects on her flight to freedom, she grapples with questions about her family's fate and the harsh realities she faced along her journey.</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p>  

	<p><b>If My Words Had Wings</b></p>	<p><b>Jawando, Danielle</b></p>	<p>After two years inside, fifteen-year-old Tyrell is just completing his sentence in a young offenders prison. During this time, a visiting poet introduces him to the transformative power of spoken word and how to use his voice. But as he re-enters society can he continue to use that power and strength to change his life or will he only ever be seen as a criminal?</p>	<p><b>Older Teen Reads</b></p>  
	<p><b>King of Nothing</b></p>	<p><b>Lessore, Nathanael</b></p>	<p>Anton and his friends rule Year 9. With his father in prison, Anton feels he has a reputation to uphold, and his mum fears he'll follow the same path. After getting into trouble, Anton's mum makes him join the Happy Campers, where he meets Matthew, the school's biggest loser. Despite Anton's attempts to blow him off, Matthew is determined they will be friends. The story humorously explores fitting in, peer pressure, resisting toxic masculinity, and the true meaning of friendship.</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p> 
	<p><b>The Thread That Connects Us</b></p>	<p><b>Mohamud, Ayaan</b></p>	<p>A beautiful story of family and secrets. Safiya worked hard to rebuild her family after her dad left for Somalia. She now struggles to trust. When her dad returns with a new family, her life shatters again. Halima, forced to move to England, resents her stepdad and faces bullies at school. When the girls meet, they clash. However, as they uncover secrets from their parents' past, they realise that their sisterhood might be the key to solving their problems.</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p> 
	<p><b>All That It Ever Meant</b></p>	<p><b>Musariri, Blessing</b></p>	<p>Mati's family is struggling after her mother's death. Her Baba withdraws, her sister Chichi rebels, and her brother Tana craves love and normality. After Chichi's worst stunt, Baba takes them to his homeland in Zimbabwe. Joining them is Meticais, a spirit only Mati can see. With Meticais's guidance, Mati navigates her grief and the challenge of living between two cultures, while the family learns to move forward without their mother. A poignant tale of grief, love, and family.</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p> 

	<b>Snowglobe</b>	<b>Park, Soyung</b>	<p>The world has been plunged into a new ice age and people struggle to survive – apart from in Snowglobe, a domed city where the weather is always perfect, life is luxurious - and constantly televised for those outside. Chobahm lives in poverty and dreams of life as a TV director in Snowglobe. However, when her chance to move to the city comes, she discovers the utopia has a hidden dark side and what follows is a page-turning dystopian thriller, ideal for fans of Squid Game, Succession and the Truman Show!</p>	<b>Younger Teen Reads</b> 
	<b>EchoStar is Always Listening</b>	<b>Salisbury, Melinda</b>	<p>This gripping thriller unveils the dark side of new technologies and online connections. Ruby Brookes and her best friend Deva win spots at the Ash Tree Foundation Performing Arts Camp, but only if they boost their grades. When Deva's marks skyrocket, leaving Ruby behind, she's puzzled and jealous. Then Ruby discovers Deva's secret—a mysterious app called EchoStar. Desperate to catch up, Ruby starts using it too, only to realize EchoStar is far more sinister, always watching and listening.</p>	<b>Younger Teen Reads</b>  
	<b>Louder Than Hunger</b>	<b>Schu, John</b>	<p>Jake is isolated both at school and at home, finding solace from the poems of Emily Dickinson and with his beloved grandma. The Voice inside him is louder than anything else, drowning out his hunger and anxiety, until his mum sends him to the facility at Whispering Pines. There, Jake must confront his loneliness, discover who he is, and find a reason to keep going—if he can silence the Voice. A powerful verse-novel capturing a young man's struggle to reclaim his mind and redefine his relationship with food.</p>	<b>Younger Teen Reads</b> 

	<p><b>100 Stories from the Tokyo Ghost Cafe</b></p>	<p><b>Sedgwick, Julian</b></p>	<p>Lost and alone in Japan, Akira must find his family and rescue his sister, but he can't remember from what. With new friends Julian and Chie, he journeys across northern Japan, facing yokai monsters and infamous ghosts, including an immortal cat and haunted houses. Blending prose &amp; manga, this is a unique reading experience with ghost stories ranging from terrifying to hilarious to emotionally stirring, enriched with Japanese words and folklore. A fascinating read.</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p>
	<p><b>Us in the Before and After</b></p>	<p><b>Valentine, Jenny</b></p>	<p>A beautiful story of friendship, love, loss and grief. Sixteen-year-olds Elk and Mab have been inseparable since age eleven when they met in a park. Years later, a tragic accident changes everything. In their ghostly conversations, we learn about their lives, families, and dreams and watch as Elk reluctantly falls for Mab's brother, France. Their friendship is threatened and becomes the catalyst for the tragedy.</p>	<p><b>Older Teen Reads</b></p> 
	<p><b>Like a Girl</b></p>	<p><b>Westcott, Rebecca</b></p>	<p>Eden has one goal at school, remain out of sight of the Glossies, a trio of popular girls led by her former friend Bea. However, she's thrust into the spotlight when she beats one the Glossies in a running race. Enraged, the Glossies begin giving her tasks to do - mean things to do to other people, which she refuses as she does not want to be like them. Despite both physical and cyber bullying, Eden continues to stand up for herself and is no longer afraid to be seen.</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p>
	<p><b>A Season for Scandal</b></p>	<p><b>Wood, Laura</b></p>	<p>Could Marigold Bloom's newly ex-fiancé be right? Is she 'too much'? She is determined to stand up for herself and move on without Simon. But when her family's business is threatened, a chance encounter with the bad-tempered Oliver Lockhart offers Mari hope and a new direction – towards Mrs Finch and The Aviary. Is Mari ready to become a secret agent? Even when her first case involves posing as Oliver's fiancée to investigate the mysterious return of his long-lost sister, Helène?</p>	<p><b>Younger Teen Reads</b></p> 



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