

## 2021-22 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 7



**Bradford, Chris**

**The Soul Hunters**

Genna is attacked late one night in a city park and a stranger comes to her rescue. A week later, Phoenix saves her again, and it is then that Genna learns that deadly hunters are chasing her across time to take her soul. This fast-paced fantasy adventure story will have you gripped from the start, as Genna and Phoenix race to save themselves - and the entire human race.

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**Conaghan, Brian**

**Cardboard Cowboys**

Meet Lenny. He doesn't like school, and people tease him for being overweight. Meet Bruce. He lives in a cardboard house by the canal and wears a red bobble hat. An unexpected friendship is formed, and a road trip begins to take shape that will change both of their lives.

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**De La Cruz, Melissa**

**The Thirteenth Fairy**

A magical and fantastical tale about a young girl called Filomena who is obsessed with the 'Never After' books series. Then, the main character in the books, Jack, turns up in Filomena's town asking for her help. Together they enter a world of fairies, dragons and sorcery; determined to find the story and the truth of the thirteenth fairy before the kingdom is ruined forever.

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**Earle, Phil**

**Edgar & Adolf**

This is a heart-warming story set before and during World War Two and the early eighties. Adi is a young man whose grandfather, Adolf, has set him a mission - to return an important item to someone who was very dear to him; a footballer named Edgar, who lives in Scotland. The story spans the decades and tells the tale of how football and friendship can unite despite all the odds. Dyslexia-friendly text.

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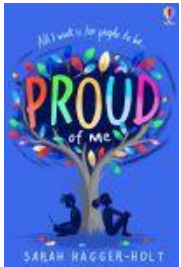


**Getten, Kereen**

**When Life Gives You Mangoes**

Clara lives in a small village where nothing much happens. Then a new girl, Rudy, arrives from England, and the girls spend the summer discovering the island - eating mangoes, playing in the river and sneaking up to the big house on the hill. As the summer hurricanes move in, and family secrets surface, it is up to Clara to finally realise her lost memories of last summer, with the help of Papa, Rudy, and her mysterious uncle.

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**Hagger-Holt, Sarah**

**Proud of Me**

Becky & Josh are inseparable since birth until life changing events lead to a web of secrecy and lies that threatens their bond. Will they ever learn to trust their families fully, more importantly will they learn to love themselves for who they are? A sensitive introduction to same sex relationships, the love of others and finding one's true self.

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**Higson, Charlie**

**Worst. Holiday. Ever**

Stan wrestles with expectations, anxieties and lots of new experiences when he ends up on holiday in Italy with a school friend he doesn't really know. Very funny.

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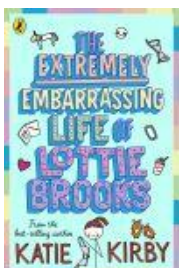


**James, Lauren**

**The Deep-sea Duke**

Combining science-fiction, androids, climate change, friendships and a gentle LGBTQ+ romance, this is a refreshing and unusual read. Hugo, Ada and Dorian travel to Dorian's home planet, Hydrox, for the holidays. However, they encounter a dangerous sea creature and a colony of refugee butterflies. Can the unlikely trio save the planet before it's too late? Dyslexia friendly text.

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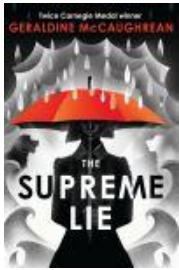


**Kirby, Katie**

**The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks**

The hilarious and light-hearted diaries of Lottie Brooks aged 11 and 3/4. She has just started in Year Seven; her best friend has moved to Australia, and she has more food-related nicknames than she would care to remember. Join Lottie as she negotiates fun, friendships and frappuccinos, not to mention a few embarrassing incidents along the way!

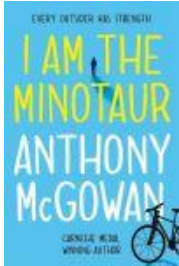
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**McCaughrean, Geraldine**, **The Supreme Lie**

When a natural disaster strikes, a young maidservant is persuaded to impersonate the State Ruler in an attempt to maintain order. A complex tale that explores how people attempt to wield and influence power through words and action. Plenty to consider and discuss.

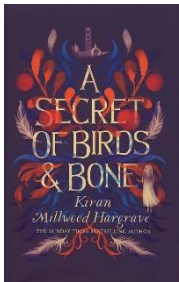
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**McGowan, Anthony**, **I am the Minotaur**

Matthew is a lonely boy, called 'Stinky Mog' and bullied at school for being smelly. He is a young carer for his mother who has depression and anxiety - the hot water doesn't work, and they are always hungry. Then Matthew tries to impress the prettiest girl at school, Ari, by hatching a plan to get back her stolen bike. Will the plan work, and will he learn a thing or two about friendship along the way?

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**Millwood-Hargrave, Kiran**, **A Secret of Birds & Bone**

Sofia, her younger brother Ermin and her mother live in the city of Siena. Mamma is a bone-builder, carving beautiful keepsakes for people. However, one day her beloved Mamma is arrested, and the children are sent to the local orphanage. It is up to Sofia to reveal the secrets of her mother's disappearance, which are entangled in the very magic and mystery of Siena itself.

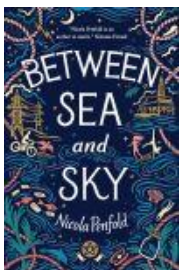
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**Palmer, Tom**, **Arctic Star**

Frank, Joseph and Stephen are three best friends, on board a Royal Navy convoy ship during World War 2. They are delivering supplies through the icy waters of the Arctic Seas, described by Churchill as 'the worst journey in the world'. Will the boys survive the perishing cold and torpedo attacks to make it back home? A well-researched and thrilling story from one of the best historical storytellers we have.

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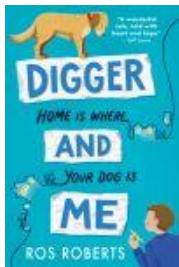


**Penfold, Nicola**, **Between Sea and Sky**

An evocative and powerfully told story about two sisters living on a floating oyster farm, due to the land being damaged by an environmental disaster. A boy called Nat comes to join them for the summer, harbouring a secret that could threaten and risk all that Pearl and Clover hold dear to them.

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**Roberts, Ros**

**Digger and Me**

James is struggling to adapt to living between two households. When his beloved dog Digger falls ill, the gentle encouragement by a new teacher to write poetry, somehow seems to help.

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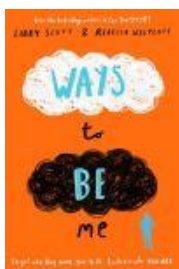


**Sarig King, Amy**

**The Year We Fell From Space**

Liberty Johansen has a lot to deal with. Her parents are separating, her sister Jilly is in a world of her own and school is, well, school. In order to cope, space-mad Liberty assigns each person a different planet, in the hope that the stars will eventually align and her family solar system will finally stop spinning.

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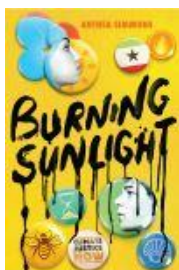


**Scott, Libby**

**Ways To Be Me**

This is the prequel to 'Can you see me?' where ten-year old Tally is finding life a little bit challenging both at home and school. Life is confusing and frustrating. Then her parents tell her about a condition that could change everything - autism. Join Tally in this life-affirming and authentic story, at the beginning of her autistic journey.

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**Simmons, Anthea**

**Burning Sunlight**

Zaynab has recently arrived from Somaliland to live in rural Devon. Lucas is intrigued by her passion for campaigning against climate change, and they join forces. However, things take a turn for the worse when Zaynab discovers a fossil fuel plan that could affect her home country and thousands of lives... will she be able to make her voice heard before it's too late, and will Lucas choose to take a stand with her?

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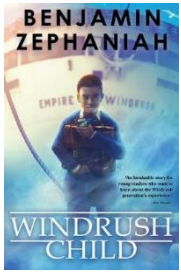
**Woltz, Anna**

**Talking to Alaska**

Parker and Sven have started a new school and become arch enemies. Parker is recovering from the trauma of witnessing an armed robbery; Sven has epilepsy but wants to make his mark in a different way. When Parker discovers that her dog, Alaska, is now Sven's assistance dog, she hatches a plan to steal back her beloved hound. An uplifting and engaging story about friendship, adversity, and the love of dogs!

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**Zephaniah,  
Benjamin**

**Windrush  
Child**

Leonard's father takes the opportunity to go to the UK on the Windrush ship from Jamaica to build a better life for his wife and child. Ten years later they follow him to England.

Life in England is hard for Leonard, the food is awful, it's cold and wet and he misses his grandmother and on top of that not everyone in Manchester is happy to see a black face in their city.

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CF = Children's Fiction

T = Younger Teen Reads



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