
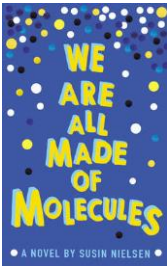
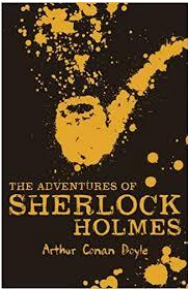
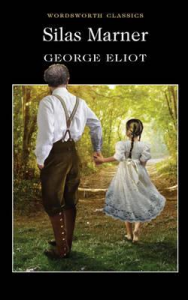
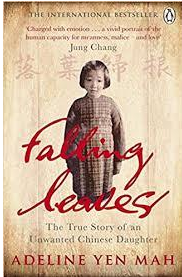
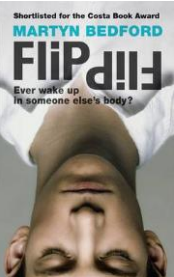

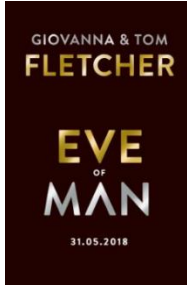


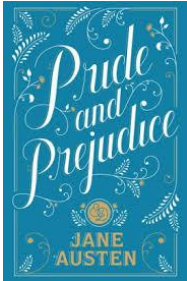
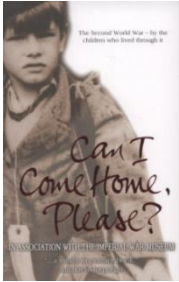
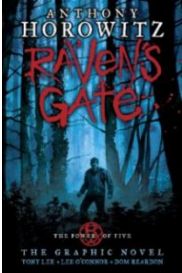
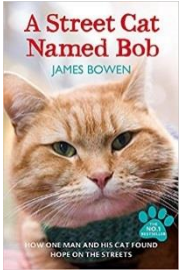
Reading List - Year 9

Title	Author	Synopsis
<p>How I Live Now</p> 	<p>Meg Rosoff</p>	<p>Fifteen-year-old Daisy is sent from Manhattan to England to visit her aunt and cousins that she's never met before. Her aunt goes away on business soon after Daisy arrives. The next day bombs go off as London is attacked and occupied by an unnamed enemy. As power fails, and systems fail, the farm becomes more isolated. Despite the war, it's a kind of Eden, with no adults in charge and no rules, a place where Daisy's uncanny bond with her cousins grows into something rare and extraordinary. But the war is everywhere, and Daisy's world will be turned upside down and a perfect summer will explode into a million bewildering pieces</p>
<p>Refugee</p> 	<p>Alan Gratz</p>	<p>JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world... ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America... MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe... All three children go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals.</p> <p>But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.</p>
<p>Will There Be Lies</p> 	<p>Nick Lake</p>	<p>Shelby Jane Cooper is seventeen, pretty and quiet. It's just Shelby and her mom, Shaylene, a court stenographer who wears pyjama jeans, stitches tapestry, eats ice-cream for dinner and likes to keep Shelby safe. So safe she barely goes out. So safe she doesn't go to school. Because anything could happen, to a girl like Shelby. Anything. When Shelby gets knocked down by a car, it's not just her leg that's broken: Shelby's world is shattered. Her mom turns up to collect her and drives off into the night, like it's the beginning of a road trip, like two criminals on the run, like Thelma and Louise or Bonnie and Clyde.</p>

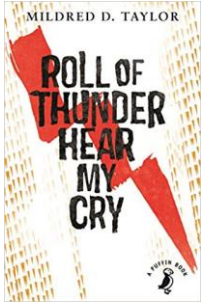
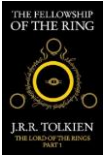


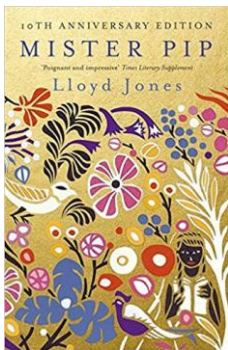

<p>One</p> 	<p>Sarah Crossan</p>	<p>Grace and Tippi don't like being stared and sneered at, but they're used to it. They're conjoined twins – united in blood and bone. What they want is to be looked at in turn, like they truly are two people. They want friends and what about love? But a heart-wrenching decision lies ahead for them. One that could change their lives more than they ever asked for...</p>
<p>We Are All Made Of Molecules</p> 	<p>Susan Nielsen</p>	<p>Meet Stewart. He's geeky, gifted and sees things a bit differently to most people. His mum has died and he misses her all the more now he and Dad have moved in with Ashley and her mum. Meet Ashley. She's popular, cool and sees things very differently to her new family. Her dad has come out and moved out - but not far enough. And now she has to live with a freakazoid step-brother. Stewart can't quite fit in at his new school, and Ashley can't quite get used to her totally awkward home, which is now filled with some rather questionable decor.</p> <p>And things are about to get a whole lot more mixed up when these two very different people attract the attention of school hunk Jared...</p>
<p>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</p> 	<p>Arthus Conan Doyle</p>	<p>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes is a collection of twelve short stories by Arthur Conan Doyle, featuring his fictional detective Sherlock Holmes.</p>
<p>Silas Marner</p> 	<p>George Eliot</p>	<p>This book tells the sad story of the unjustly exiled Silas Marner - a handloom linen weaver of Raveloe in the agricultural heartland of England - and how he is restored to life by the unlikely means of the orphan child Eppie. "Silas Marner" is a tender and moving tale of sin and repentance set in a vanished rural world where Eppie's bonds of affection for Silas are put to the test.</p>

<p>Falling Leaves</p> 	<p>Adeline Yen Mah</p>	<p>The story of an unwanted Chinese daughter growing up during the Communist Revolution, blamed for her mother's death, ignored by her millionaire father and unwanted by her Eurasian step mother. A story of greed, hatred and jealousy; a domestic drama played against the extraordinary political events in China and Hong Kong.</p>
<p>Flip</p> 	<p>Martyn Bedford</p>	<p>Ever wake up in someone else's body? Fourteen-year-old Alex Gray wakes up one morning to discover he's not in his own bedroom. More surprising is that he doesn't recognize his hands, or his legs... When he looks in the mirror he gets the shock of his life! How is it possible that Alex has become another boy - a boy who everyone calls Philip? And how have six whole months passed overnight? This is a riveting psychological thriller by a brilliant new voice in children's books.</p>
<p>Find Me</p> 	<p>Romily Bernard</p>	<p>"A girl is dead... A killer's closing in... And two little words are the only clue... "Find Me". These are the words that Wick Tate finds in Tessa Wayne's diary. And now Tessa has been found ... dead. Does someone out there really expect Wick to uncover the truth about her death? An expert computer hacker, Wick has the skills for the job, but with the threat of her ex-con dad returning, the detective hunting him sniffing around and new foster parents to keep happy, getting involved with a murder case is the last thing she wants to do. Until her little sister, Lily, is the next target. Foster child. Daughter of a felon. Loner hacker-girl.</p>
<p>Eve Of Man</p> 	<p>Giovanna and Tom Fletcher</p>	<p>All her life Eve has been kept away from the opposite sex. Kept from the truth of her past. But at sixteen it's time for Eve to face her destiny. Three potential males have been selected for her. The future of humanity is in her hands. She's always accepted her fate. Until she meets Bram. Eve wants control over her life. She wants freedom. But how do you choose between love and the future of the human race?</p>

<p><i>Pride and Prejudice</i></p> 	<p>Jane Austen</p>	<p>Elizabeth Bennet finds her neighbour Fitzwilliam Darcy arrogant and conceited. The fact that he has meddled in the romantic relationship between her sister Jane and local aristocrat Charles Bingley makes him still more detestable. Darcy however is charmed by Elizabeth's wit and beauty, and has set his sight on her hand in marriage. Will Elizabeth's pride prevail?</p>
<p><i>Can I Come Home Please?</i></p> 	<p>Phil Robins</p>	<p>Using taped interviews from the Imperial War Museum's Sound Archive, Phil Robins gathered together this compelling collection of first-hand accounts from people who grew up during the Second World War. As well as British children's stories of evacuation and the Blitz, this book also includes memories from survivors of the Holocaust in Europe and from German children. It is illustrated with many contemporary photographs, and includes a time line and index.</p>
<p><i>Raven's Gate</i></p> 	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>	<p>Sent to Yorkshire on a rehabilitation programme, Matt Freeman finds himself in the midst of a sinister conspiracy of witchcraft and murder. He uncovers a terrible secret: the Old Ones - monstrous godlike beings once banished from our world - are trying to return. Matt is about to discover that he alone stands between the forces of evil and the annihilation of humanity.</p>
<p><i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i></p> 	<p>James Bowen</p>	<p>When James Bowen found an injured, ginger street cat curled up in the hallway of his sheltered accommodation, he had no idea just how much his life was about to change. James was living hand to mouth on the streets of London and the last thing he needed was a pet. Yet James couldn't resist helping the strikingly intelligent tom cat, whom he quickly christened Bob. He slowly nursed Bob back to health and then sent the cat on his way, imagining he would never see him again. But Bob had other ideas. Soon the two were inseparable and their diverse, comic and occasionally dangerous adventures would transform both their lives, slowly healing the scars of each other's troubled pasts.</p>

<p>The Book Of Dust Vol 1: La Belle Sauvage</p> 	<p>Philip Pullman</p>	<p>Malcolm Polstead and his daemon, Asta, live with his parents at the Trout Inn near Oxford. Malcolm is eleven, and he spends most of his time paddling up and down the River Thames in his beloved canoe, named <i>La Belle Sauvage</i>. Just across the river is the Godstow Priory, where the nuns live. And right now they have a tiny guest with them: a baby by the name of Lyra Belacqua...</p>
<p>The Gone series</p> 	<p>Michael Grant</p>	<p>Suddenly it's a world without adults and normal has crashed and burned. When life as you know it ends at 15, everything changes. In the blink of an eye all the adults disappear in a small town in southern California and no one knows why. Cut off from the outside world, those that are left are trapped, and there's no help on the way. They must do all they can to survive. Chaos rules the streets. Gangs begin to form. Sides are chosen - strong or weak.</p>
<p>The Ghosts of Heaven</p> 	<p>Marcus Sedgwick</p>	<p>This is a surprising book, just when you think you understand it, the unexpected taps you on the shoulder again. There are four quarters to this story; they travel across time, yet somehow are connected and can be read in any order. The writing is clever, each story has a main character, each one different to the one that has gone before, yet linked in a vital way. If you do choose to read the stories in a different order to the one the author has chosen, will your experience be different, will you have an altered understanding, will you feel the same when you turn the final page? Compelling yet often uncomfortable, sharp yet subtle, this will make you feel, think and question what you know.</p>
<p>Jane Eyre</p> 	<p>Charlotte Brontë</p>	<p>Orphaned as a young child, Jane Eyre has an unhappy start to life living with her cruel aunt and cousins and later enduring the hardships of Lowood school. After taking up a post as a governess, her life begins to improve, helped by her growing friendship with Mr Rochester, her surly employer. But can she achieve true happiness in a place filled with dark secrets?</p>

<p><i>The Three Musketeers</i></p> 	<p>Alexandre Dumas</p>	<p>The Three Musketeers tells the story of the early adventures of the young D'Artagnan and his three friends from the regiment of the King's Musketeers - Athos, Porthos and Aramis.</p> <p>Under the watchful eye of their patron M. de Treville, the four defend the honour of the regiment against the guards of Cardinal Richelieu, and the honour of the queen against the Cardinal himself as the power struggles of seventeenth century France are vividly played out in the background.</p> <p>But their most dangerous encounter is with the Cardinal's spy, Milady, one of literature's most memorable female villains.</p>
<p><i>Stone Cold</i></p> 	<p>Robert Swindells</p>	<p>Stone Cold is an exciting and disturbing thriller by Robert Swindells. A tense, exciting thriller combined with a perceptive and harrowing portrait of life on the streets as a serial killer preying on the young and vulnerable homeless. 17-year-old Link is distrustful of people until he pairs up with Deb, homeless like him. But what Deb doesn't tell him is that she's an ambitious young journalist on a self-imposed assignment to track down the killer and that she's prepared to use herself as bait...</p>
<p><i>Roll of Thunder</i></p> 	<p>Mildred D Taylor</p>	<p>The classic tale of growing up black in 1930s Mississippi. Racist attacks. Violence. Burnings. A lightning strike for your heart. Cassie's mother tells her that colour doesn't matter. Nobody is better than anyone else. But outside their cosy home in the Deep South, it's a different story. Blacks can't sit in the same bus seats as whites, or use the same water fountain. Sinister night riders roam the land, bringing death and terror. Worst of all: if you're black and you speak up, chances are someone you love will die violently. How will Cassie bear the injustice she sees all around her?</p>
<p><i>The Lord Of The Rings Trilogy</i></p> 	<p>J R R Tolkien</p>	<p>In the dark land of Mordor, evil sorcerer Sauron has gathered the Rings of Power which will give him total dominion over Middle Earth. Only one ring remains – one which must be destroyed at any cost. Meanwhile, in a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself entrusted with the missing Ring. But when sinister strangers on dark horses shatter the peace of the Shire,</p>

		Frodo is launched into a terrifying quest to the shadowland of Mordor, and an epic battle to save everything that's good...
<p>Mister Pip</p> 	Lloyd Jones	<p>A small village on a lush tropical island in the South Pacific. Eighty-six days have passed since Matilda's last day of school as, quietly, war is encroaching from the other end of the island. When the villagers' safe, predictable lives come to a halt, Bougainville's children are surprised to find the island's only white man, a recluse, re-opening the school. Pop Eye, aka Mr Watts, explains he will introduce the children to Mr Dickens. Matilda and the others think a foreigner is coming to the island and prepare a list of much needed items. They are shocked to discover their acquaintance with Mr Dickens will be through Mr Watts' inspiring reading of Great Expectations. But on an island at war, the power of fiction has dangerous consequences.</p> <p>Imagination and beliefs are challenged by guns. Mister Pip is an unforgettable tale of survival by story.</p>
<p>Bog Child</p> 	Siobhan Dowd	<p>Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds something that makes his heart stop. Curled up deep in the bog is the body of a child: a child who appears to have been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him – his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck – a little voice comes to him in his dreams. Slowly, the mystery of the bog child unfurls... Set in 1980s Ireland during the Troubles, <i>Bog Child</i> is an astonishing novel exploring the sacrifices made in the name of peace, and the unflinching strength of the human spirit.</p>
<p>The Darkest Mind</p> 	Alexandra Bracken	<p>A mysterious disease has killed most of America's children. Ruby might have survived, but she and the others have emerged with something far worse than a virus: frightening abilities they cannot control. Pressured by the government, Ruby's parents sent her to Thurmond, a brutal state 'rehabilitation camp', where she has learned to fear and suppress her new power. But what if mastering it is a whole generation's only chance for survival?</p>