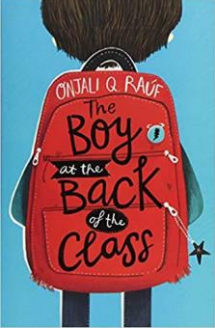
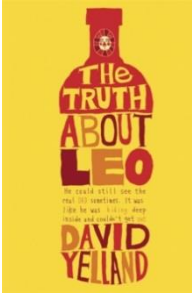
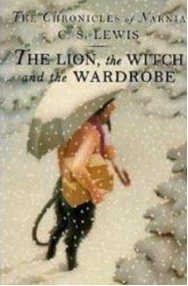


## Reading List - Year 8

Title	Author	Synopsis
<p><b>Wonder</b></p> 	R J Palacio	<p>Wonder' is the funny, sweet and incredibly moving story of Auggie Pullman. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, this shy, bright ten-year-old has been home-schooled by his parents for his whole life, in an attempt to protect him from the stares and cruelty of the outside world. Now, for the first time, Auggie is being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. The thing is, Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>
<p><b>The Hunger Games Series</b></p> 	Suzanne Collins	<p>Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place. Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called The Hunger Games. There is only one rule: kill or be killed. When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence. But Katniss has been close to death before. For her, survival is second nature</p>
<p><b>The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time</b></p> 	Mark Haddon	<p>Christopher is 15 and lives in Swindon with his father. He has Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism. He is obsessed with maths, science and Sherlock Holmes but finds it hard to understand other people. When he discovers a dead dog on a neighbour's lawn he decides to solve the mystery and write a detective thriller about it. As in all good detective stories, however, the more he unearths, the deeper the mystery gets - for both Christopher and the rest of his family.</p>
<p><b>Garbage King</b></p> 	Elizabeth Laird	<p>This is the story of children who live on the very edge of destitution. Dani and Mamo, and the gang of street boys that they join, have nothing and share everything. Their courage, loyalty and determination enable them to survive in the harshest of worlds.</p>



<p><b>Skulduggery Pleasant Series</b></p> 	Derek Landy	<p>Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...</p>
<p><b>Watership Down</b></p> 	Richard Adams	<p>Sandleford Warren is in danger. Hazel's younger brother Fiver is convinced that a great evil is about to befall the land, but no one will listen. And why would they when it is Spring and the grass is fat and succulent? So together Hazel and Fiver and a few other brave rabbits secretly leave behind the safety of the warren and hop tentatively out into a vast and strange world.</p>
<p><b>Gangsta Rap</b></p> 	Benjamin Zephaniah	<p>Ray has trouble at home, and he has trouble at school - until he's permanently excluded and ends up sleeping on the floor of a record shop. What happens to a boy like Ray? If he's lucky, maybe he gets a chance to shine.</p>
<p><b>No Turning Back</b></p> 	Beverley Naidoo	<p>Set in South Africa in the 1990s, a time when an increasing number of young black South Africans are dealing with the violence, the legacy of disrupted schooling and the continued struggle for survival.</p> <p>The story focuses on one boy's struggle for survival as he leaves the violence of his home and joins a gang of children living on the streets.</p>
<p><b>A Series Of Unfortunate Events</b></p> 	Lemony Snicket	<p>Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings, Violet, Klaus and Sunny lead lives filled with misery and woe. From the very beginning when the children are at the beach and receive terrible news, disaster lurks at their heels, as they encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast.</p>

<p><b><i>The Boy At The Back Of The Classroom</i></b></p> 	<p>Onjalie Q Rauf</p>	<p>The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.</p> <p>There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it.</p> <p>He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!</p> <p>But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.</p>
<p><b><i>The Truth About Leo</i></b></p> 	<p>David Yellman</p>	<p>Leo's life with his father is a mess but there is no way Leo is going to let anyone know that. As much as possible he covers up for his father's drinking, just as his father tries to cover it up to Leo after losing control so many times. But Leo needs a space to escape; he needs his dreams and hopes so that he can escape from home and can get away from his horrible teacher.</p>
<p><b><i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i></b></p> 	<p>C S Lewis</p>	<p>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</p> <p>"It's a magic wardrobe. There's a wood inside it, and it's snowing! Come and see," begged Lucy. Lucy has stumbled upon a marvellous land of fauns and centaurs, nymphs and talking animals.</p> <p>But soon she discovers that it is ruled by the cruel White Witch, and can only be freed by Aslan, the great Lion and four children This is the second adventure in the exciting Chronicles of Narnia.</p>



<p><b>The Dark Is Rising</b></p> 	<p>Susan Cooper</p>	<p>'This night will be bad, and tomorrow will be beyond imagining'. It's Christmas-time in the Stanton family house: presents, carol singing, good cheer.</p> <p>But for eleven-year-old Will Stanton something sinister has begun, inching round his subconscious, shouting silent warnings he can't decipher. Then on Midwinter Day Will wakes up to a different world - silent, covered in snow and ancient forest, a world of another time. A world where evil lurks. Because Will is not the ordinary boy he always thought he was.</p>
<p><b>A Wrinkle In Time</b></p> 	<p>Susan Cooper</p>	<p>When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'. How Charles, his sister Meg and friend Calvin find and free his father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which</p>
<p><b>Framed</b></p> 	<p>Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>	<p>Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage - and when he's not trying to persuade his sisters to play football, Dylan is in charge of the petrol log. And, that means he gets to keep track of everyone coming in and out of Manod - what car they drive, what they're called, even their favourite flavour of crisps. But, when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded. Who are these people - and what have they got to hide</p>
<p><b>Refugee</b></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><b>Little Women</b></p> 	<p>Louisa May Alcott</p>	<p>The four sisters, each with a striking and strong character, between them represent any girls growing up at any time. Meg, the eldest, is sixteen and very pretty; fifteen year old Jo is a tomboy who loves reading; delicate, thirteen year old Beth plays the piano beautifully while twelve year old Amy, is pretty but a little bit selfish and indulged. How their sisters fill their time with creative activities and good work and how they all fall in love in their different ways with the boy next door is full of period charm as well as being applicable for modern readers.</p>
<p><b>Magisterium series</b></p> 	<p>Holly Black and Cassandra Clare</p>	<p>Most people would do anything to get into the Magisterium and pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. Call has been told his whole life that he should never trust a magician. And so he tries his best to do his worst but fails at failing. Now he must enter the Magisterium.</p> <p>It's a place that's both sensational and sinister. And Call realizes it has dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future. The Iron Trial is just the beginning. Call's biggest test is still to come...</p>
<p><b>Anne of Green Gables</b></p> 	<p>L M Montgomery</p>	<p>A brother and sister send for a boy to help them on their farm, Green Gables. By mistake they are sent an 11-year-old girl. She picks a fight with anyone who mentions the colour of her hair and causes havoc, but ends up being loved.</p>
<p><b>Face</b></p> 	<p>Benjamin Zephaniah</p>	<p>In this startling debut novel from Benjamin Zephaniah, the author tackles the moving and compelling story of a young man, Martin, whose life is completely changed when his face is badly scarred in a joyriding accident.</p>

<p><b>Running On The Roof Of The World</b></p> 	<p>Jess Butterworth</p>	<p>Tash and her best friend Sam have grown up used to following the rules in occupied Tibet. But when a man sets himself on fire as an act of protest, Tash barely escapes after her house is raided and her parents are arrested. She, Sam and their two yaks set out on a dangerous journey across the Himalayas to reach India and the Dalai Lama, who she hopes will be able to save her parents</p>
<p><b>Girl Missing</b></p> 	<p>Sophie McKenzie</p>	<p>Lauren has always known she was adopted, but when she begins to suspect she was kidnapped from an American family as a baby, suddenly her life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? And could her adoptive parents really be responsible for such a terrible crime? A family trip to the US gives her the chance to run away and search for the truth. But the past hides murky secrets, and Lauren's kidnappers will do anything to keep her silent...</p>
<p><b>Apple and Rain</b></p> 	<p>Sarah Crossan</p>	<p>When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels whole again.</p> <p>She will have an answer to her burning question - why did you go? And she will have someone who understands what it means to be a teenager - unlike Nana.</p> <p>But just like the stormy Christmas Eve when she left, her mother's homecoming is bitter sweet, and Apple wonders who is really looking after whom.</p> <p>It's only when Apple meets someone more lost than she is, that she begins to see things as they really are.</p>