

‘WAR AND DISPLACEMENT’

Recommended Reading List

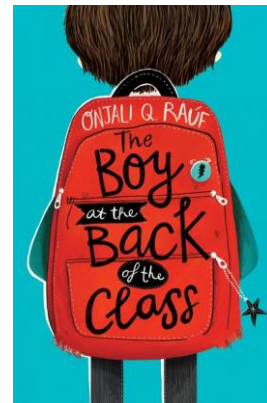
A selection of books available in the Anglo European Library to read around the ‘War and Displacement’ topic, studied in Year 7

The Boy at the Back of the Class

Onjali Q Rauf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He is nine years old (just like me), but he is very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

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. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan.... .



Carrie's War

Nina Bawden

Carrie and her little brother are evacuated to Wales and billeted at the home of the bullying Mr Evans and his timid sister Lou. Unhappy at home, they love visiting fellow evacuee, Albert, at the farm of Druid's Bottom. Here they meet Hepzibah Green, who knows magical stories, and Mister Johnny, who speaks a language all his own.

But then things go wrong, and Carrie takes things into her own hands - without guessing the awful consequences.



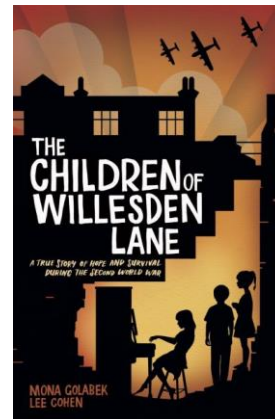
Children of Willesden Lane

Mona Golabek

Fourteen-year-old Lisa Jura was a musical prodigy who hoped to become a concert pianist. But when Hitler's armies advanced on pre-war Vienna, Lisa's parents were forced to make a difficult decision. Able to secure passage for only one of their three daughters through the Kindertransport, they chose to send gifted Lisa to London for safety.

As she yearned to be reunited with her family while she lived in a home for refugee children on Willesden Lane, Lisa's music became a beacon of hope.

A memoir of courage, survival, and the power of music to uplift the human spirit, this compelling tribute to one special young woman and the lives she touched will both educate and inspire young readers.

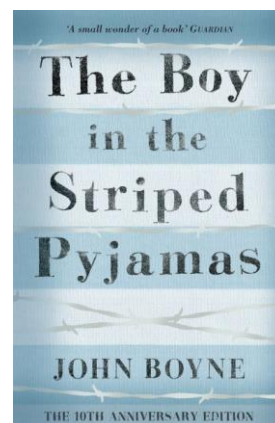


The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

John Boyne

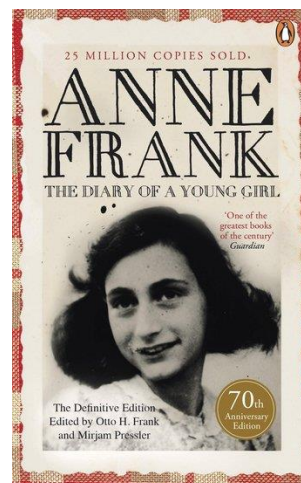
When his father is promoted, Bruno moves to a place far away with a tall fence and his curiosity leads him to a tragic friendship with a child from the other side of the fence.

The story of "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" is very difficult to describe. Usually we give some clues about the book on the jacket, but in this case we think that would spoil the reading of the book. We think it is important that you start to read without knowing what it is about.



The Diary of Anne Frank

In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, the Franks and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annexe" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and surprisingly humorous, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.



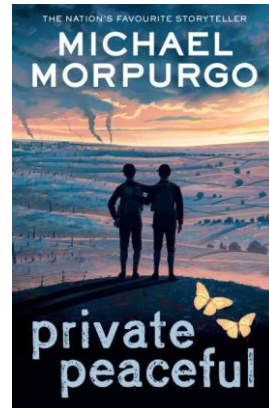
Private Peaceful

Michael Morpurgo

A stunning novel of the First World War.

For young Private Thomas Peaceful, looking back over his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside. Mother, his brothers Charlie and Big Joe, and their friend Molly, come vividly alive in his mind.

But every moment Tommo spends thinking about his life, means another moment closer to something he cannot bear to think about - a time when the war and its consequences will change his life forever.

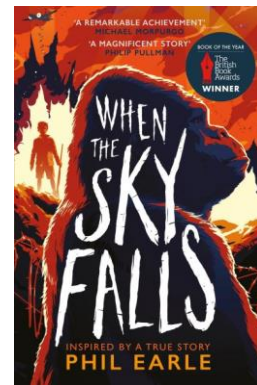


When The Sky Falls

Phil Earle

Inspired by a true story.

It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast.

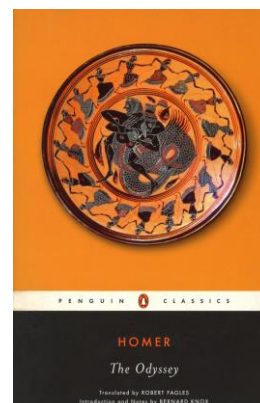


The Odyssey

Homer

Trouble is brewing at the home of the hero Odysseus, who has spent years fighting in the Trojan Wars and is now captive of the beautiful nymph Calypso. Hordes of suitors to his wife have invaded the family house, and Odysseus' son Telemachus sets out to find his father. Freed from the clutches of Calypso after the intervention of Jupiter, Odysseus begins his epic return journey.

The timeless themes of the Odyssey - survival, courage, loyalty and hospitality - have resonated with readers through the ages, making it the most enduring classic in western civilization.



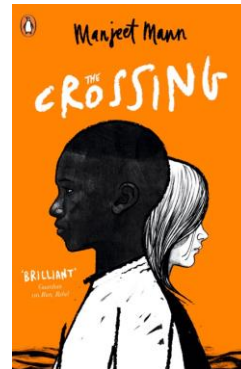
For Older or More Mature Readers

The Crossing

Manjeet Mann

Natalie's world has turned upside down. She's lost her mum and her brother is descending further and further into anger and violence with a far-right gang who march the streets of Dover. Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes is a step into the unknown - into a strange country and a hidden future.

A twist of fate brings these two teens from opposite sides of the channel together, but will their journey end in hope or despair?

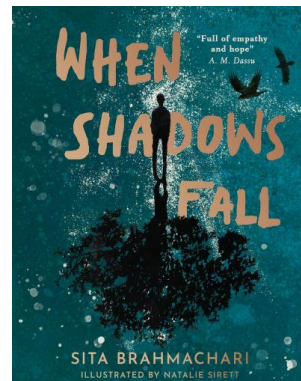


When Shadows Fall

Sita Brahmachari

Kai, Orla and Zak grew up together, their days spent on the patch of wilderness in between their homes, a small green space in a sprawling grey city. Music, laughter and friendship bind them together and they have big plans for their future - until Kai's family suffers a huge loss.

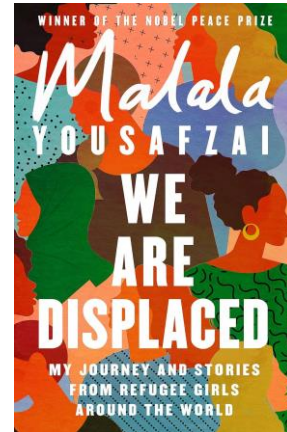
Trying to cope with his own grief, as well as watching it tear his family apart, Kai is drawn into a new and more dangerous crowd, until his dreams for the future are a distant memory. Excluded from school and retreating from his loved ones, it seems as though his path is set, his story foretold. Orla, Zak and new classmate Om are determined to help him find his way back. But are they too late? (content advisory)



We Are Displaced

Malala Yousafzai

In this powerful and emotional New York Times bestseller, Nobel Peace Prize winner and activist Malala Yousafzai shares various stories of displacement, including her own. Part memoir, part communal storytelling, *We Are Displaced* introduces readers to some of the incredible girls Malala has met on her many journeys and lets each tell her story - girls who have lost their community, relatives and often the only world they've ever known, but have not lost hope. In a time of immigration crises, war and border conflicts, *We Are Displaced* is an important reminder that every single one of the 79.5 million currently displaced is a person - often a young person - with dreams for a better, safer world.



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