

## Year 7 Recommended Reading List<sup>1</sup>

A selection of books available in the Anglo European Library aimed at Year 7.

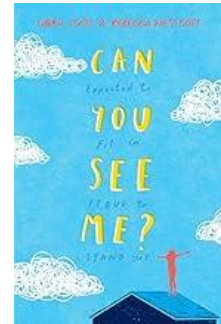
### General

#### **Can You See Me?**

**Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott (F/SCO)**

An empowering read, follow 11-year-old Tally's journey as she navigates the challenges of school, friendship, and self-discovery, providing readers with an empathetic perspective on autism.

***Autobiography/Autism***



#### **Freedom (1783)**

**Catherine Johnson (F/JOH)**

A passionate story about slavery and one child's real experience. Nathaniel doesn't want to go on a ship and leave his family behind in Jamaica, but this is 1783 and he doesn't have a choice as he is a slave. But Nathaniel clings to hope that once he reaches England there is a chance for freedom.

***Historical Fiction/Slavery***



#### **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**

**J.K. Rowling (F/ROW)**

The magical book that started the best-selling series of books and movies. Aged 11, Harry Potter discovers he is a wizard and is transported to a whole new world of adventures when he starts at Hogwarts, The School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

***Adventure/Fantasy/Friendship***

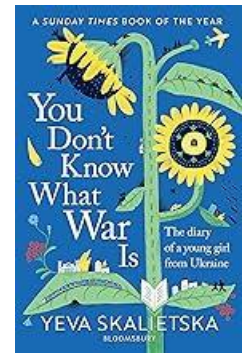


<sup>1</sup> Compiled using information from [www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk](http://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk) and the Anglo European Library Collection.

**You Don't Know What War Is – The Diary of a Young Girl from Ukraine**  
**Yeva Skalietska (TS/SKA)**

This is the gripping and moving diary of young Ukrainian refugee Yeva Skalietska. It follows twelve days in Ukraine that changed 12-year-old Yeva's life forever. She was woken in the early hours to the terrifying sounds of shelling. Russia had invaded Ukraine, and her beloved Kharkiv home was no longer the haven it should have been. Sheltering in a basement, Yeva decided to write down her story.

***True Story/Ukraine/Conflict***



**The Goldfish Boy**  
**Lisa Thompson (F/THO)**

Matthew finds it almost impossible to leave his room and venture outside due to his OCD and anxiety. But when a small child in his neighbourhood vanishes, he finds his heightened attention to detail an ideal skill when he turns detective to try and solve the mystery.

***Inclusive/Mystery***



**Some Places More Than Others**  
**Renée Watson (F/WAT)**

Almost 12-year-old Amara desperately wants to visit family in New York and find out more about her father's roots. But when she finally gets there, the family relationships and situations are far from her idealised expectations.

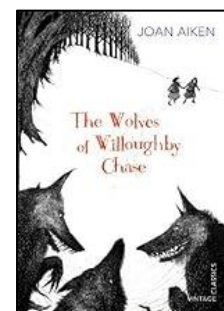
***Family***



**The Wolves of Willoughby Chase**  
**Joan Aiken (F/AIK)**

1832, in an alternative reality, King James III rules and the country is plagued by wolves from the Channel Tunnel. But for Sylvia and Bonnie, it isn't clear whether it's the wolves or their governess Miss Slighcarp they should be more afraid of.

***Adventure/Classic***

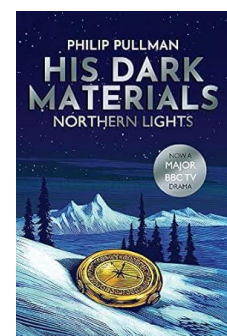


**His Dark Materials Series (Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass.**

**Philip Pullman (F/PUL)**

A highly recommended alternative reality trilogy to get year 7s hooked on reading. The series follows Lyra who discovers an expedition to find other worlds very different from her own and a chain of events catapult her into several perilous journeys in search of the truth.

***Fantasy/Adventure***

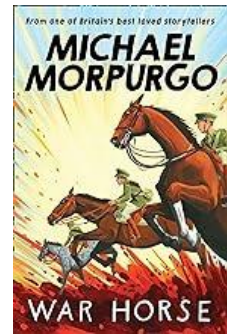


## **War Horse**

**Michael Morpurgo (F/MOR)**

A gripping description of the horrors of war, told from the perspective of Joey, a horse, who sees the senselessness of war and the importance of friendships more than the soldiers around him.

***Animal story/War***

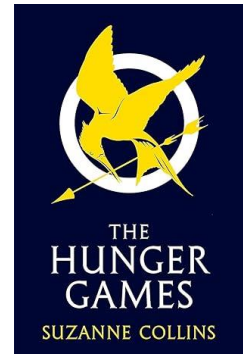


## **The Hunger Games (trilogy)**

**Suzanne Collins (F/COL) 12+**

In an alternative world, two young people from each district are selected to fight to the death in a reality TV show. A volunteer, Katniss vows to win. A more mature series of novels.

***Dystopia/Adventure***

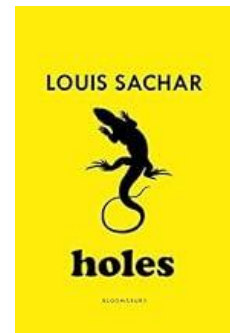


## **Holes**

**Louis Sachar (F/SAC)**

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when an injustice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake), he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie, and Stanley must dig up the truth. Wonderfully inventive, compelling, and hilarious.

***Friendship/Mystery***



## **The Book Thief**

**Markus Zusak (F/ZUS)**

Narrated by Death, this book tells the story of a young girl in Nazi Germany during World War II.

***Historical fiction/war***



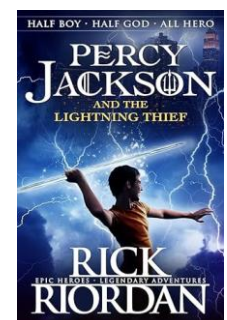
## **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**

**Rick Riordan (F/RIC)**

Half boy. Half God. All Hero.

Percy Jackson was just a normal kid, he went to school (got expelled a lot, but that was not his fault), played sports and hung out with his best friend, until he accidentally vaporized his maths teacher. Now, Percy spends his time at Camp Half Blood, battling monsters and trying to stay alive, but Zeus thinks that Percy has stolen his lightning bolt and staying alive is going to be even harder...

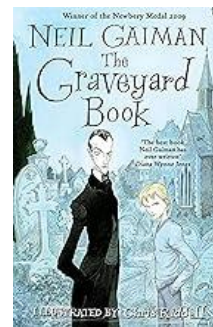
***Fantasy/Myths/Adventure***



**The Graveyard Book**  
**Neil Gaiman (F/GAI)**

Jack murders every member of a family except a child upstairs. When the child crawls to a graveyard nearby, Mr and Mrs Owens, both ghosts decide to bring him up.

**Ghost Story**



**The London Eye Mystery**  
**Siobhan Dowd (F/DOW)**

A story about family, self-belief and bravery, this book is a brilliantly inventive crime-caper.

When their cousin Salim fails to get off the pod after a trip on the London Eye the family have no idea where he has disappeared to. Ted doesn't see the world like most people and teaming up with his sister Kat, they follow a trail of clues across London. But with time ticking dangerously by, can Ted solve the mystery before it's too late?

**Family/Crime/Adventure/Mystery**



**Heartstopper**

**Alice Oseman (Graphic Novel)**

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. A bestselling LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between.

**LGBTQ+/ Romance/ School life.**



**Challenging Books for Year 7**

**Black Brother, Black Brother**  
**Jewell Parker Rhodes (F/RHO)**

A favourite of the Anglo Bibliomaniacs book club, this is a powerful coming-of-age story about two brothers - one who presents as white, the other as Black - and the ways they are forced to navigate a world that doesn't treat them equally.

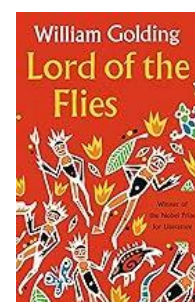
**Racism/School life/family**



**Lord of the Flies**  
**William Golding (F/GOL)**

When a plane evacuating a group of schoolboys crashes on a remote island, the boys are left to fend for themselves with no adult supervision. A modern classic.

**Classic**

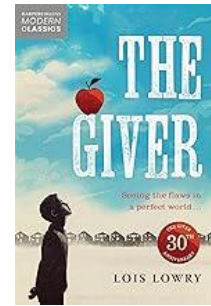


## **The Giver**

**Lois Lowry (F/LOW)**

12 year-old Jonas lives in a world with no poverty, no crime and where everyone is the same. But when he takes the role of 'receiver of memory' he becomes one of the only people to understand how the world he lives in came about.

**Science fiction/Dystopia**



## **Chinese Cinderella**

**Adeline Yen Mah (TS/MAH)**

The true story of a young Chinese girl's struggle to find acceptance within her own family and her survival amongst siblings and parents who think she represents bad luck.

**Diverse/Family**

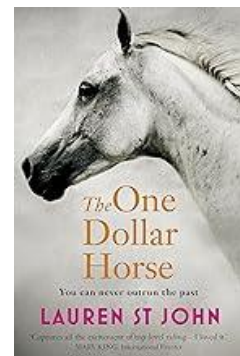


## **The One-Dollar Horse**

**Lauren St. John (F/STJ)**

Fifteen-year-old Casey Blue lives in East London's grimmest tower block but her dream is to win the Badminton Horse Trials. When she rescues a starving, half-wild horse, she's convinced that the impossible can be made possible. But she has reckoned without the consequences of her father's criminal record, or the distraction of a boy with whom she refuses to fall in love. Casey learns the hard way that no matter how high you jump, or how fast you gallop, you can never outrun the past.

**Animal/Contemporary**

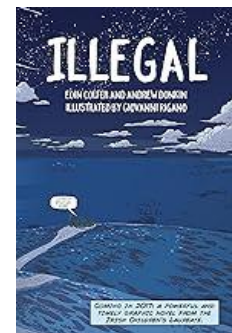


## **Illegal**

**Andrew Donkin, Eoin Colfer (Graphic Novel G)**

Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.

**Refugee/Hope/Contemporary**



For further suggestions, please pop into the Library and speak to the Librarian, alternatively search for your favourite author or genre on Oliver.