

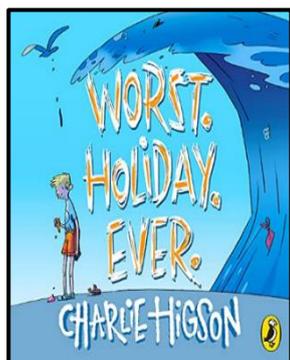
KS3 Reading List

The KS3 Reading List is a guide of recommended texts to encourage extra-curricular reading. If you require more information or help choosing books, please find Miss Ford in the library.

Feeling Different & Growing Up:

The Goldfish Boy, Lisa Thompson 😊

When a toddler goes missing in Matthew's home town, he realises he may have vital information that could help. However, Matthew's Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) makes his life extremely challenging. Can he find a way forward through his condition to help this case?

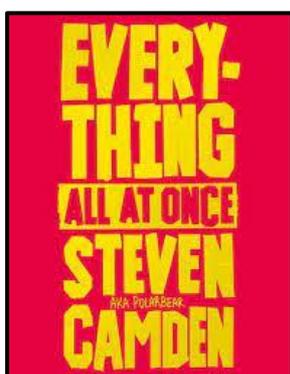
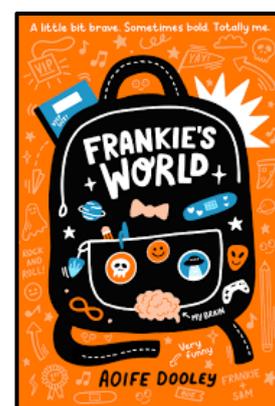


Worst. Holiday. Ever., Charlie Higson 😊

Stan is about to go on his first holiday with friends, but he is clouded by fear. He narrates his trip and the anxiety he is battling with an honesty and bravery which helps us not only understand his worries, but teaches us how to overcome them.

Frankie's World, Aoife Dodley 😊

Frankie has never felt like she fitted in, but can't quite work out why. In this accessible graphic novel, Dodley explores neurodiversity. 'Frankie's World' tells the tale of trying to understand a world that doesn't understand you.



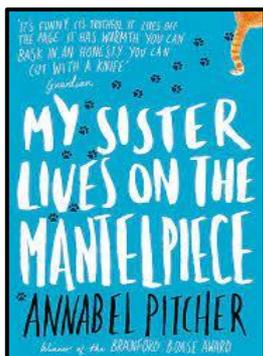
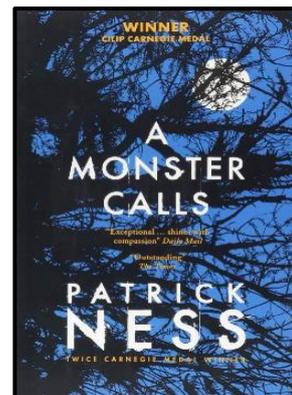
Everything all at Once, Steven Camden

Camden's collections of poems describe the first week in a new secondary school. Each poem deals with a different aspect of teenage school life, asking how to deal with being 'the biggest to the smallest, in the secondary school jungle'.

Life and Family:

A Monster Calls, Patrick Ness

Conor is struggling to process his mother's illness, and is experiencing frequent nightmares he can't control. When one of his nightmares becomes a reality, Conor must face the monsters. Patrick Ness writes of the boy's immense courage and strength, asking what to do when your world gets turned upside down. Find 'A Monster Calls' in the library.

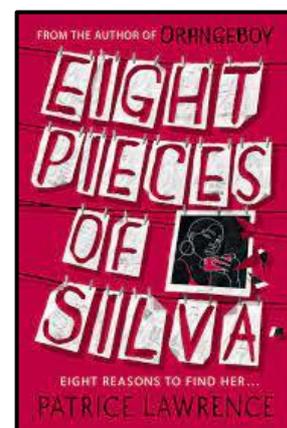


My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece, Annabel Pitcher

When 10 year old Jamie's sister dies, he struggles to understand his emotions. His childlike perspective of grief, bullying, and tricky family dynamics is an honest and sensitive account of trying to navigate all the world's confusing issues.

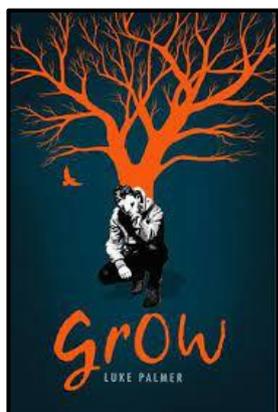
Eight Pieces of Silva, Patrice Lawrence

When Becks' big sister never returns home, Becks decides to uncover the truth. With only eight pieces of evidence, she desperately tries to find her sister, all whilst juggling love, friendship, and family.



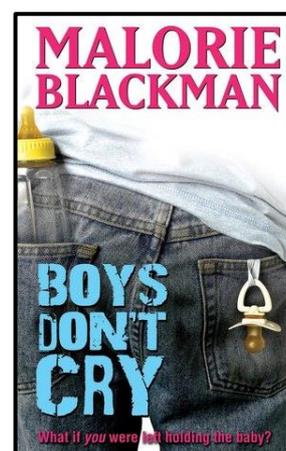
Grow, Luke Palmer

Sixteen-year-old Josh lost his father in a terrorist attack. Palmer documents Josh's experience with grief, but at the core of the novel is a lesson in multiculturalism and radicalisation. 'Grow' is about the personal effects political situations can have on the individual, and how we can grow from these.

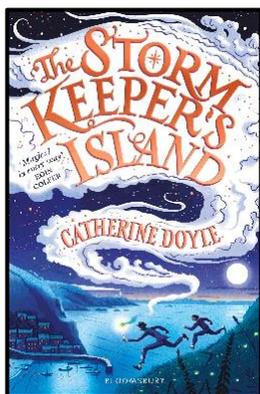


Boys Don't Cry, Malorie Blackman

Dante is about to go off to university and start a new life, then his ex-girlfriend shows up and hands him a baby, his baby. Dante's life has now rapidly changed and he must find a way to adjust. Blackman explores the emotional depth and capacity for love of a boy forced into fatherhood.



Action and Adventure

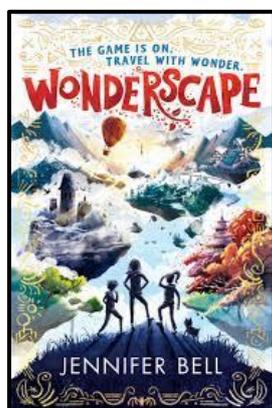
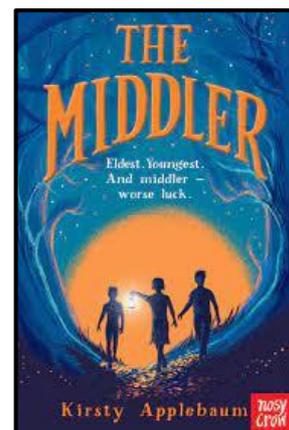


The Storm Keeper's Island, Catherine Doyle

In the first book of the trilogy, the island is holding a battle to become the islander's next champion, but who will win? This modern take on an ancient war is a magical and mystical adventure about keeping your home safe and fulfilling your legacy. Find 'The Storm Keeper's Island' in the library.

The Middler, Kirsty Applebaum

Maggie is a 'middler' (a middle child) who is jealous of the 'eldests' and sick of never being listened to, but when her home town begins to reveal a dark secret, how can she make her voice heard? Kirsty Applebaum reveals the power of friendship, kindness, and greed through Maggie's adventures to uncover the truth. Find 'The Middler' in the library.

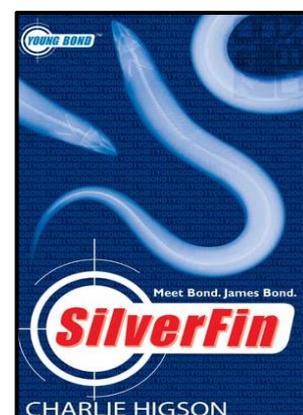


Wonderscape, Jennifer Bell

When three friends accidentally fall into a time portal which lands them in the future of 'Wonderscape', they must find their way home by solving puzzles and winning games. These challenges will not only help them home, but discover their strengths and face their fears. Find 'Wonderscape' in the library.

Silverfin, Charlie Higson

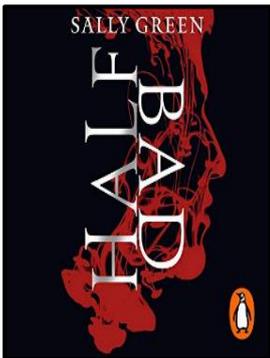
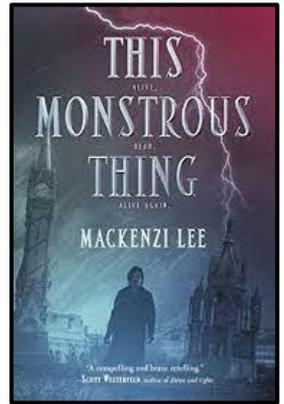
'Before the name became a legend. Before the boy became the man'. Silverfin tells the story of how James Bond earned his infamous name. The book follows James all the way from a schoolboy to becoming the most famous spy in the world. Find 'Silverfin' in the library.



Thriller/Dystopia:

The Monstrous Thing, Mackenzie Lee

In this gothic world, Alasdair attempts to bring his brother Oliver back from the dead, but when Oliver resurrects as a monster, the brothers must choose to stay together or separate. Lee's modern retelling of Frankenstein asks not only what it means to be human, but at what cost?

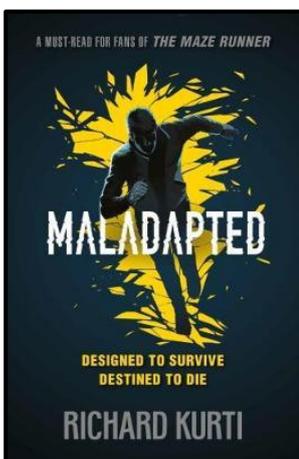
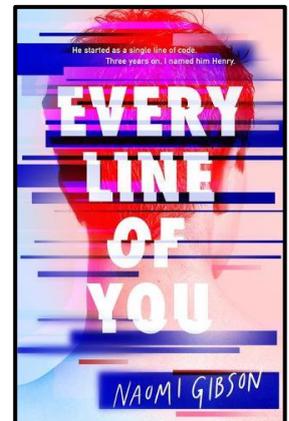


Half Bad, Sally Green

In a dystopian world where witches live alongside humans, a boy is trapped between the two sides. He is both the greatest threat and the greatest weapon, but when he wants to escape, where can he turn? Who can he trust? In the first of 3 books, Green writes a novel of alienation and the unwavering will to survive. Find 'Half Bad' in the library.

Every Line of you, Naomi Gibson

When everything in Lydia's life seems to be falling apart, she turns to her A.I creation and new best friend, Henry. She crafts the perfect boyfriend, until Henry's abilities become out of her control. This psychological thriller explores love, humanity and the frightening power of technology.



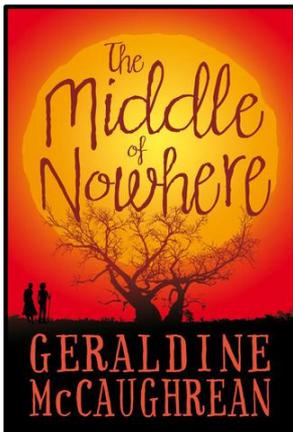
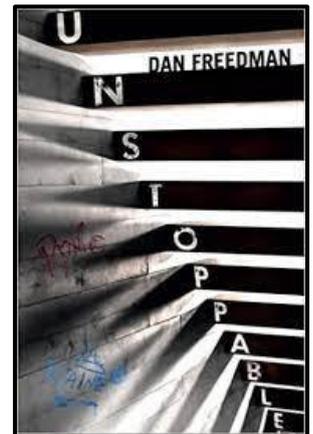
Maladapted, Richard Kurti

Cillian is the sole survivor of a terrorist attack. After the events, he searches for if and why he was saved, but during his search uncovers more than he anticipated. This dystopian thriller forces Cillian to confront who and what he is.

Challenging Reads:

Unstoppable, Dan Freedman

Teenage twins Kaine and Roxy are on their way to becoming professional athletes; Kaine's a footballer and Roxy plays tennis. The twins are fighting against immense pressure, anxieties of failure, and the determination to become the best in their fields. They currently hate each other, but will their struggles bring them closer?

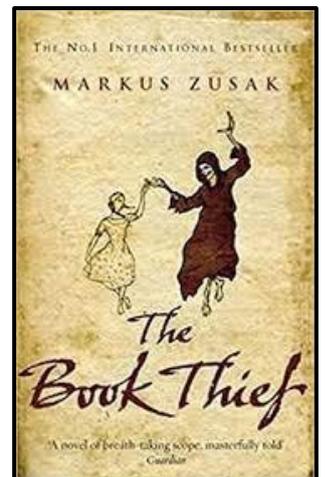


The Middle of Nowhere, Geraldine McCaughrean

Life in the Australian outback is already tough, but when a deadly snake kills Comity's mother, she has a whole new struggle. As her father retreats into his grief, Comity turns to the local yard boy Fred for a companion. Their friendship crosses over the class divides entrenched in her society, and soon people start showing their disapproval.

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

In 1939 Nazi Germany, Liesel finds a book that will change her life and ignite her love for reading. As she continues to steal more and more books, she finds herself in danger. When Liesel's family hide a Jew in their house, Liesel's life changes immensely.



Thief, Malorie Blackman

Lydia is the new girl in school, so when an important school trophy goes missing, everyone blames her. Slowly, Lydia starts getting accused of more and more things she didn't do. The only thing Lydia can think to do is run. Find 'Thief' in the library.

