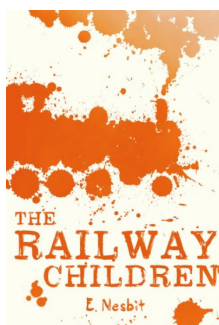


## Year 7 Reading List

A list of recommended reading books, covering a diverse range of subjects, are suggested below, with an extensive range of further options available from the school library.



### **The Railway Children - E Nesbit**

When Father is taken away unexpectedly, Roberta, Peter, Phyllis and their mother have to leave their comfortable life in London to go and live in a small cottage in the country. The children seek solace in the nearby railway station, and make friends with Perks the Porter and the Station Master himself. Each day, the children run down the field to the railway track and wave at the passing London train, sending their love to Father. Little do they know that the kindly old gentleman passenger who waves back holds the key to their father's return.



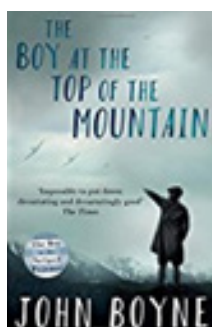
### **The Astounding Broccoli Boy - Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared, and he has memorised every page of it. But Rory isn't prepared when he suddenly and inexplicably turns green. Stuck in an isolation ward, Rory is as confused as the doctors about his strange condition. But what if turning green actually means you are turning into a superhero? Rory can't wait to sneak out of the hospital and see what his powers might be!



### **Clownfish - Alan Durant**

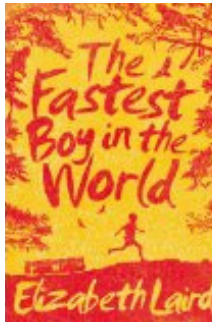
Dak's dad has been dead for seven days when suddenly he reappears. He's the same in almost every way, with one startling exception: Dad has turned into a clownfish, and now lives in a tank at their local aquarium. Deciding to keep Dad's transformation a secret, Dak visits him at the aquarium as often as he can, and ends up spending so much time there that they offer him a job. This is how he comes to meet Violet, the owner's prickly but kind-hearted niece. When the aquarium is threatened with closure, the pair must work together to save it.



### **The Boy at the Top of the Mountain - John Boyne**

When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.

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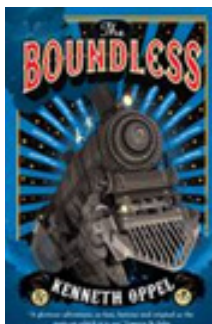
## **The Fastest Boy in the World - Elizabeth Laird**

Solomon loves to run. He and his grandfather have taken a trip to Addis Ababa to see the Ethiopian running team appearing in a victory parade in the city and Solomon is desperate to catch a glimpse of his heroes. When grandfather collapses, Solomon knows that getting help from his village is up to him. It's a twenty-mile run from the city to home, and grandfather's life hangs in the balance. Can the small bare-footed runner with the big heart do it?



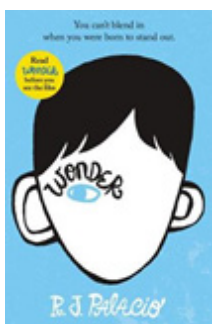
## **Operation Eiffel Tower - Ellen Caldecott**

Lauren, Jack, Ruby and Billy live by the seaside with their mum and dad. But their parents are always arguing, and then their dad moves out. Lauren and Jack decide they have to get them together again and so begins Operation Eiffel Tower. Unable to afford to send their parents on a trip to Paris, they set up a dinner for two under the Eiffel Tower in the local crazy golf attraction. But will it get their parents talking again?



## **The Boundless - Kenneth Oppel**

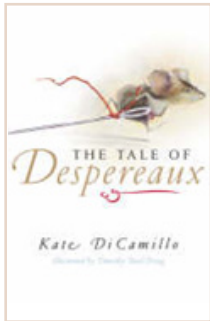
Will and his father, a former railway engineer, board the biggest and best train ever built. Truly the Titanic of trains, The Boundless is some seven miles long and is a city on the move! Filled with fascinating characters Will should be having the trip of his life but someone on board is a killer. Another is travelling on a life or death matter, and Will is going to meet them both before much longer.



## **Wonder – R J Palacio**

'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.' Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted, but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

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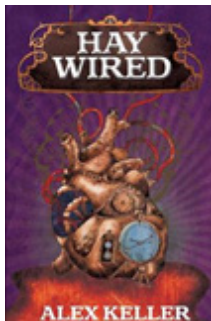
## **The Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo**

The Tale of Despereaux is the story of a tiny, fragile looking mouse with a huge heart. It's a fairytale of heroes and villains; of a beautiful princess who inspires love and courage in the unlikely hero; of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in a dark, bleak dungeon and longs for the light and of a servant-girl, whose one wish is to be a princess.



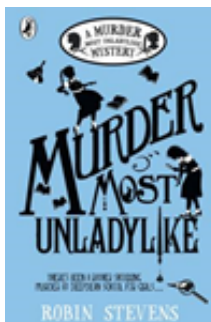
## **The Glass Swallow - Julia Golding**

Rain designs exquisite stained glass for the windows of her city. But the law is clear, it is forbidden for girls to be part of the Glassmakers' Guild. To keep her secret hidden, she leaves home and travels to the strange new country of Magharna. When Peri, an untouchable, witnesses Rain's capture by a gang of bandits, both his fate and his heart become tied to hers. Can Rain and Peri's love survive the prejudices against them?



## **Haywired - Alex Keller**

In the quiet village of Little Wainesford, Ludwig Von Guggenstein is about to have his usual existence turned inside out. When he and his father are blamed for a fatal accident during the harvest, a monstrous family secret is revealed. Soon Ludwig will begin to uncover diabolical plans that span countries and generations while ghoulish machines hunt him down. He must fight for survival, in a world gone haywire.



## **Murder Most Unladylike - Robin Stevens**

When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident, but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.