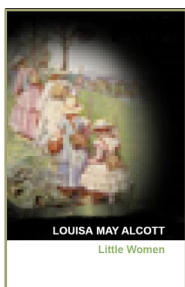


Year 8 Reading List

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.



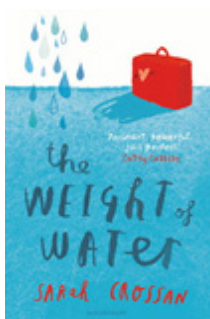
Little Women - Louisa M Alcott

A heart-warming tale of love, sisterhood and hardship during the New England Civil War, Little Women tells the story of the lovable March family. Meg, Beth, Jo and Amy try to support their mother at home while their father is away at war and enter into various scrapes and adventures as they do so.



Stargazing for Beginners - Jenny McLachlan

Science geek Meg is left to look after her little sister for ten days after her free-spirited mum leaves suddenly to follow up yet another of her Big Important Causes. But while Meg may understand how the universe was formed, baby Elsa is a complete mystery to her. Mum's disappearance has come at the worst time: Meg is desperate to win a competition to get the chance to visit NASA headquarters in Houston.



The Weight of Water - Sarah Crossa

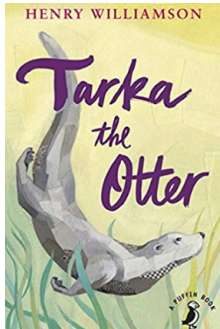
Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag full of clothes, Kasienka and her mother head for a new life in England. Life is lonely for Kasienka; her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But then someone special swims into her life and Kasienka learns that there may be another way to stay afloat.



The Boy Who Lost His Face - Louis Sachar

David was only trying to be cool when he helped some other boys steal an old lady's cane. But when the plan backfires, he is the one whom she 'curses'. Now David can't seem to do anything right. The cool kids taunt him and his only friends are weirdos. He even walks into Spanish class with his fly unzipped! And when he finally gets his nerve up to ask out a cute girl, his trousers fall down midway! Is it really the curse at work or is David just turning into a total loser?

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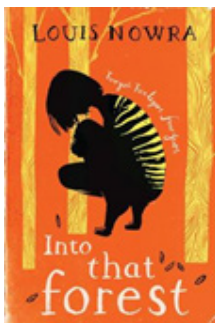
Tarka the Otter - Henry Williamson

Tarka the otter grows up with his mother and sisters, learning how to swim and catch fish, and to fear the sound of the hunter's horn. Soon, though, he must fend for himself and he travels through woods and rivers, and out to sea in a fierce battle for survival. Eventually, chased by a pack of hounds, Tarka comes face to face with Deadlock, his most fearsome enemy...



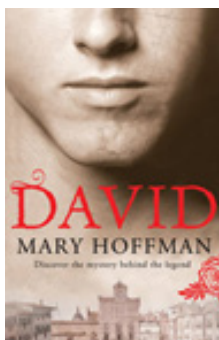
Fire colour one - Jenny Valentine

Iris's father, Ernest, is at the end of his life and she hasn't even met him. Her best friend, Thurston, is somewhere on the other side of the world. Everything she thought she knew is up in flames. Now her mother has declared war and means to get her hands on Ernest's priceless art collection. But Ernest has other ideas.



Into That Forest - Louis Nowra

"We were lost, and the only thing that could help us were the tigers. The more I looked at its black eyes, the more I saw kindness, and I knew it were saying to us, come, I'll take you home." This is the story of two girls lost in the Tasmanian bush, saved and raised by two Tasmanian tigers. The creatures are in danger because of local hunters and so, like the girls, face a battle for survival.



David - Mary Hoffman

Michelangelo's statue of David is renowned all over the world. Thousands flock to Florence to admire the artistry behind this Renaissance masterpiece, and to admire the beauty of the human form captured in the marble. But the identity of the model for this statue that has been so revered for over five hundred years has been lost. What if that person were Gabriele, an eighteen-year-old who, by becoming Michelangelo's model, finds himself drawn into a world of spies, politics, sabotage and murder?

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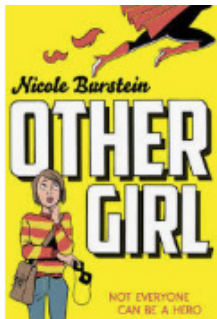
Knife - R J Anderson

Once upon a time, a fairy is born. She lives in an old oak tree at the bottom of a garden with the rest of the fairy folk. Never has she known a time when life hasn't been hard, with many dangers and much adversity. But when she becomes the Hunter of the group and learns to do battle in the outside world, her adventures really take off. Don't read this book if you're expecting fairy dust, the last thing Knife is likely to wield is a magic wand!



The Diamond Thief - Sharon Gosling

No-one performs on the circus trapeze like Remy Brunel. It's as though she's flying without wings. But Remy leads another life too: prowling through the streets of Victorian London as a jewel thief. When she is forced to steal one of the world's most valuable diamonds, she uncovers a sinister plot. Meanwhile, a young detective is determined to find the jewel...



Other Girl - Nicole Burstein

Louise and Erica have been best friends forever. Closer than sisters, they depend on each other for almost everything. Just one problem: Erica has superpowers. When she isn't doing loop-the-loops in the sky or burning things with her heat pulse powers, she needs Louise to hold her non-super life together. After all, the girls still have homework, parents and boys to figure out. But being a superhero's BFF is not easy, especially as trouble has a way of seeking them out.



Orphan Monster Spy - Matt Killeen

A teenage spy. A Nazi boarding school. The performance of a lifetime. Sarah has played many roles, but now she faces her most challenging one of all. Because there's only one way for a Jewish orphan spy to survive at a school for the Nazi elite. And that's to become a monster like them. They think she is just a little girl. But she is the weapon they never saw coming, with a mission to destroy them all.