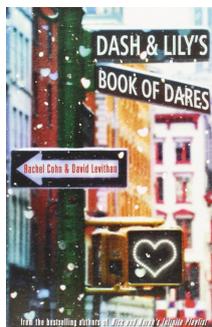


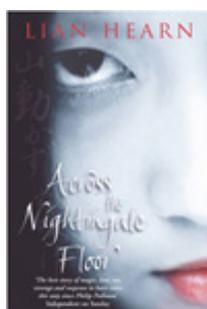
## Year 9 Reading List

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.



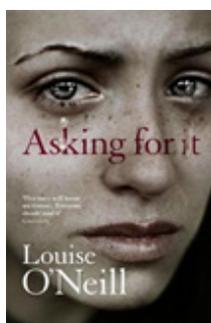
### **Dash and Lily's Book of Dares - Rachel Cohn and David Levithan**

At the urge of her lucky-in-love brother, Lily leaves a red notebook full of dares on her favourite bookshop shelf, just waiting for the right guy to come along and accept. Dash isn't one to back down from a challenge and the Book of Dares is the perfect thing to keep him occupied...



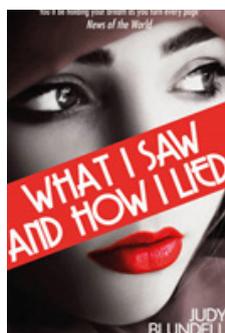
### **Across the Nightingale Floor - Lian Hearn**

Brought up in a remote mountain village among the Hidden, a reclusive and spiritual people, Takeo has learned only the ways of peace. Why, then, does he possess the deadly skills that make him so valuable to the sinister Tribe? These supernatural powers will lead him to his violent destiny within the fortress of a murderous warlord, and to an impossible longing for a girl who can never be his.



### **Asking for it - Louise O'Neill**

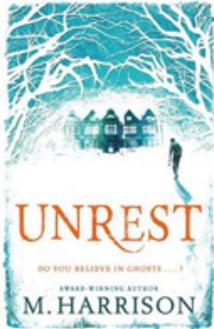
Emma O'Donovan is a girl who loves male attention, who is a bully and who lies and cheats. She is a girl who goes to a party, who dresses provocatively, who drinks too much and who takes drugs. And she is a girl who wakes up on her front porch the next day in extreme pain. She's been abused, and there are photographs of it all over the Internet.



### **What I Saw and How I Lied - Judy Blundell**

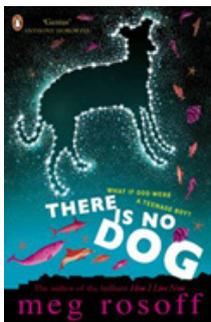
Summer's ending, Evie's stepfather is finally home from the Second World War, and Evie is tired of her glamorous mother treating her like a little girl. Then a mysterious stranger appears; a handsome ex-GI who served with Evie's stepfather. Slowly, Evie realizes that she is falling in love with him, but he has dark secrets, and a strange control over her parents.

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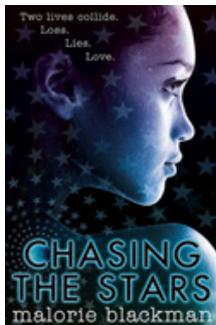
### **Unrest - Michelle Harrison**

Seventeen year old Elliott hasn't slept properly for six months, not since the accident that nearly killed him. Now he is afraid to go to sleep. Convinced that his brush with death has opened up connections with the spirit world, Elliott secures a live-in job at one of England's most haunted locations, determined to find out the truth.



### **There is no Dog - Meg Rossof**

Imagine that God is a typical teenage boy named Bob. He is lazy, careless, self-obsessed, girl-mad and about to meet Lucy, the most beautiful girl on earth. Unfortunately, whenever Bob falls in love, disaster follows. Let us pray that Bob does not fall in love with Lucy.



### **Chasing the Stars - Malorie Blackman**

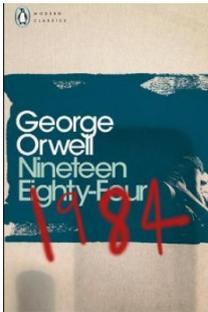
Based on the Shakespeare story of Othello, this is a science fiction tale of love, danger, treachery, and jealousy. Nathan and Vee are head over heels in love, but not everyone is pleased. Surrounded by rumours, deception and even murder, is it possible to live out a happy ever after?



### **The Woman In Black - Susan Hill**

'It was nine thirty on Christmas Eve...' So begins this classic ghost story, set in the eerie Eel Marsh House. A young lawyer leaves bustling Victorian London to head to the market town of Crythin Gifford and put the affairs of recently-deceased Alice Drablow into order. But her house and its grounds are haunted by the mysterious and chilling figure of the woman in black.

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## **Nineteen Eighty Four - George Orwell**

Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in, which demands absolute obedience and controls him through the all-seeing telescreens and the watchful eye of Big Brother.



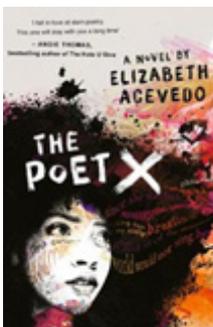
## **Throne of Glass - Sarah J Maas**

In the dark, filthy salt mines of Endovier, Celaena, an eighteen year old girl is serving a life sentence. She is a trained assassin, the best of her kind, but she made a fatal mistake. She got caught. Young Captain Westfall offers her a deal: her freedom in return for one huge sacrifice. Celaena must represent the prince in a to-the-death tournament. Win or lose, Celaena is about to discover her true destiny.



## **Beast - Ally Kennan**

In the depths of a reservoir lives a monstrous creature, unknown to anyone except the teenage boy who feeds it. Six years ago it was a baby. Now it's grown into a powerful predator. Stephen has other problems, too. He has a mother he never sees and a father he wishes were dead. His foster family are scared of him, he's never been one to play by the rules. But the Beast in its rusting cage is his biggest problem of all and he can't keep it a secret much longer.



## **The Poet X - Elizabeth Acevedo**

Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But X has secrets, her feelings for a boy in her Biology class and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed, and a slam poetry club, will pull those secrets into the spotlight.

Winner of the Carnegie Medal in 2019.