

Year 7

Abomination	Robert Swindells	Martha is twelve - and very different from other kids, because of her parents. Strict members of a religious group - the Brethren - their rules dominate Martha's life. And one rule is the most important of all: she must never ever invite anyone home. If she does, their shameful secret - Abomination - could be revealed. But as Martha makes her first real friend in Scott, a new boy at school, she begins to wonder. Is she doing the right thing by helping to keep Abomination a secret? And just how far will her parents go to prevent the truth from being known?
A Kestrel for a Knave	Barry Hines	Life is tough and cheerless for Billy Casper, a disillusioned teenager growing up in a small Yorkshire mining town. Violence is commonplace and he is frequently cold and hungry. Yet he is determined to be a survivor and when he finds Kes, a kestrel hawk he discovers a passion in life.
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	The story is narrated in the first person as an autobiographical memoir told by the titular horse named Black Beauty—beginning with his carefree days as a colt on an English farm with his mother, to his difficult life pulling cabs in London, to his happy retirement in the country.
Coraline	Neil Gaiman	An adventurous 11-year-old girl finds another world that is a strangely idealized version of her frustrating home, but it has sinister secrets. When Coraline moves to an old house, she feels bored and neglected by her parents. She finds a hidden door with a bricked up passage.
I Am David	Anne Holm	The story of a young boy who, with the help of a prison guard, escapes from a concentration camp in an unnamed Eastern European country and journeys to Denmark.
Kit's Wilderness	David Almond	Kit has just moved to Stoneygate with his family, to live with his ageing grandfather who is gradually succumbing to Alzheimer's Disease. Here Kit meets Askew, a surly and threatening figure who masterminds the game called Death, a frightening ritual of hypnotism; and Kit makes friends with Allie, the clever school troublemaker. As Kit struggles to adjust to his new life and the gradual failing of his beloved grandfather, these two friendships pull him towards a terrifying resolution. Haunted by ghosts of the past, Kit must confront death and - ultimately - life.
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy March are four sisters living with their mother in New England. Their father is away serving as a chaplain in the Civil War, and the sisters struggle to support themselves and keep their household running despite the fact that the family recently lost its fortune. In the process, they become close friends with their wealthy neighbour, Theodore Laurence, known as "Laurie."
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell	An autobiographical account of five years in the childhood of naturalist Gerald Durrell, age 10 at the start of the saga, of his family, pets and life during a sojourn on the island of Corfu.
No Fixed Address	Susan Nielsen	Felix Knutsson is nearly thirteen, lives with his mother and pet gerbil Horatio, and is brilliant at memorising facts and trivia. So far, pretty normal. But Felix and his mum Astrid have a secret: they are living in a van.
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman	Lyra is a young girl, raised at Jordan College in Oxford. However, when she thwarts a plot to save her father's life, she is flung into a world of intrigue, manipulation and war on a scale even she can't imagine. When her friend Roger is stolen away, Lyra decides to find him and bring him back to his rightful home.
Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Set against the foggy backdrop of London and the English countryside, each story in this collection unravels an exciting new mystery, from mistaken identity and portentous omens to counterfeit currency and jewellery theft.
Skellig	David Almond	Michael's family has just moved to an old fixer-upper. But his baby sister is in the hospital with a heart problem, and Michael feels devastated and helpless. As Skellig begins to inhabit Michael's dreams, he and his new friend, Mina, help Skellig into an abandoned house.
The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank	The real diary of a teenage girl that begins on Anne's 13th birthday (12 June 1942) when she gets a diary. It tells the story of her family who live in Frankfurt, Germany and suddenly have to go into hiding as a result of Hitler and the Nazi Party's treatment of Jews in Europe during the second world war.
The House of Silk	Anthony Horowitz	A fine art dealer named Edmund Carstairs visits Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson to beg for their help. He is being menaced by a strange man in a flat cap - a wanted criminal who seems to have followed him all the way from America.
The Midnight Palace	Carlos Ruiz Zafon	When a mysterious threat re-enters the lives of twins Ben and Sheere, separated as babies and reunited as teenagers in 1930s Calcutta, the siblings must confront an unspeakable terror, with the help of their secret society of fellow orphans.
The Secret Garden	Francis Hodgson Burnett	Mary Lennox is living in India with her wealthy British family. She is a selfish and disagreeable 10-year-old girl who has been spoiled by her servants and neglected by her unloving parents. When a cholera epidemic kills her parents and the servants, Mary is orphaned.

Two Weeks With The Queen	Robert Gleitzman	When his brother becomes seriously ill with leukaemia, Colin is sent to stay with relatives in England. Determined to get the best help possible, he decides to approach the Queen, and failing her, the best cancer doctor in the world. Along the way, he strikes up a touching friendship with a gay man whose partner is dying from AIDS.
Watership Down	Richard Adams	A young rabbit, Fiver, has premonitions of danger and warns his brother Hazel. Together with several other of the younger rabbits, they begin to consider leaving Cowslip. Fiver's psychic power is established, but his warning is difficult for the others to heed: as rabbits, they are so much bound by tradition that an irrevocable break is not easy to contemplate.
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	The incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.