

Year 8

<p>Adventures of a Young Naturalist Sir David Attenborough</p>	<p>In 1954, David Attenborough, a young television presenter, was offered the opportunity of a lifetime - to travel the world finding rare and elusive animals for the London Zoo's collection, and to film the expedition for the BBC for a new show called Zoo Quest. This is the story of those voyages. Staying with local tribes while trekking in search of giant anteaters in Guyana, Komodo dragons in Indonesia, and armadillos in Paraguay, he and the rest of the team contended with cannibal fish, aggressive tree porcupines, and escape-artist wild pigs, as well as treacherous terrain and unpredictable weather, to record the incredible beauty and biodiversity of these regions.</p>
<p>A Monster Calls Patrick Ness</p>	<p>The story of thirteen-year-old Conor O'Malley who is struggling to cope with the consequences of his mother's illness. He is repeatedly visited in the middle of the night by a monster who tells stories.</p>
<p>Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter Adeline Yen Mah</p>	<p>The autobiography of a young Chinese girl. Born the fifth child to an affluent Chinese family, her life begins tragically. Adeline's mother died shortly after her birth due to complications bought on by the delivery, marking her as cursed, or 'bad luck', by her siblings.</p>
<p>Coram Boy Jamila Gavin</p>	<p>Otis takes babies and money off desperate mothers, promising to deliver them to the Coram Foundling Hospital in London. Instead, he murders them and buries them by the roadside, to the helpless horror of his mentally ill son, Mish.</p>
<p>How I live Now Meg Rosoff</p>	<p>An American girl, sent to the English countryside to stay with relatives, finds love and purpose while fighting for her survival as war envelops the world around her. American teenager Elizabeth "Daisy" is sent by her estranged father away from New York to the countryside of England to stay with her Aunt Penn.</p>
<p>Life of Pi Yann Martel</p>	<p>The story of a young man who survives a harrowing shipwreck and months in a lifeboat with a large Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.</p>
<p>Looking for JJ Anne Cassidy</p>	<p>Three children walked away from the cottages on the edge of town toward Berwick Waters. Later that day, only two of them came back. . . . Alice Tully knows exactly what happened that spring day six years ago, though it's still hard for her to believe it. She'll never be able to forget, even though she's trying to lead a normal life--she has a job, friends, and a boyfriend whom she adores. But Alice's past is dangerous, and violent, and sad . . . and it's about to rip her new life apart.</p>
<p>Maggott Moon Sally Gardner</p>	<p>The story of a dyslexic schoolboy, Standish Treadwell, who lives in an alternative 1950s Britain ruled by a ruthless regime. As his family and friends disappear around him, Standish finds himself involved in a plot to win the race to the moon.</p>
<p>Mud, Sweat and Tears Bear Grylls</p>	<p>Autobiography. Bear Grylls writes about three periods before his success as a television personality. First, he recounts his youth on the Isle Of Wight, at prep school, and attending Eton College.</p>
<p>One Sarah Crossan</p>	<p>Tippi and Grace share everything - clothes, friends...even their body. This is the sensitive and moving story of conjoined twin sisters.</p>
<p>Rook Anthony McGowan</p>	<p>When Nicky and his learning-disabled brother Kenny come across a rook being attacked by a sparrowhawk, they chase off the raptor and rescue the rook. Kenny is convinced that a good dollop of love and affection is all that's needed to keep the bird alive but Nicky is sceptical. And in any case, Nicky has other things to worry about, like avoiding the bully at school and finding a way to talk to the girl he likes.</p>
<p>Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different Karen Blumenthal</p>	<p>Biography. From the start, his path was never predictable. Steve Jobs was given up for adoption at birth, he dropped out of college after one semester, and at the age of twenty-one, he created Apple in his parents' garage with his friend Steve Wozniack. An avid seeker of disciplines of the mind and body, he battled cancer for eight years, became the ultimate CEO, and made the world want just about every product he touched.</p>
<p>The Giver Lois Lowry</p>	<p>The story of a brilliant boy named Jonas who happens to live in a society that is being controlled by the rules and tradition of The Elders. Through his wisdom and mannerism, Jonas is selected as the Receiver of Memory, a post that distinguishes him from others and gives him authority.</p>
<p>The Graveyard Book Neil Gaiman</p>	<p>The story of the boy Nobody "Bod" Owens who is adopted and raised by the supernatural occupants of a graveyard after his family is brutally murdered.</p>
<p>Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson</p>	<p>Set in the days of sailing ships and pirates, Treasure Island tells of the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his search for the buried treasure of an evil pirate, Captain Flint.</p>