

The King David High School aims to foster young people who are curious, enthusiastic and have a genuine love of learning.

Extended learning and reading around the subject fires students' enthusiasm, improves their achievement, helps them take control of their own education and develops the independence that is the foundation for lifelong learning.

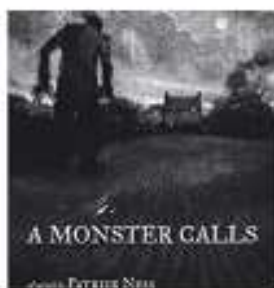
## Year 7 to Year 9

### Reading for pleasure: recommended reads for year 7



#### Life - On The Refrigerator Door - Alice Kuipers

- Sad but in the best way!
- Told entirely through notes between a mum and her daughter
- A fast paced 'quick read'



#### A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness

- Genre defying brilliant book!
- Has won LOTS of awards for brilliant writing
- About loss, being angry, bullying, fairytales and so much more!



#### The House with Chicken Legs- Sophie Anderson

- Carnegie Shortlisted
- Based on Baba Yaga Folktales
- Imaginative with great themes of friendship, destiny and a house with a mind of its own!



#### The Song From Somewhere Else - A F Harrold

- Magical realism perfect for fans of Roald Dahl and Neil Gaiman.
- A brilliantly atmospheric and poignant story
- About finding friendship where you least expect it



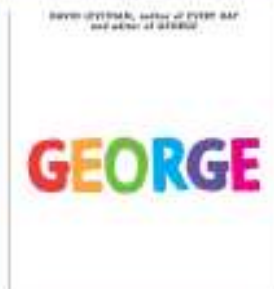
#### Welcome To Nowhere - Elizabeth Laird

- Best book for empathy
- Great characters and plot
- Based on real life accounts of life as a Syrian refugee



#### Smile - Raina Telgemeier

- Graphic novel (comic book)
- About life with braces
- Funny & heartwarming it's unlike anything you've read before



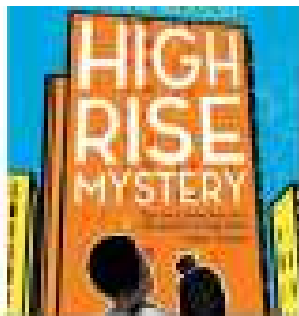
#### George - Alex Gino

- Simply told but powerful
- Warm, funny and inspiring
- "When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl."



#### Rooftoppers - Katherine Rundell

- Classic adventure
- About life with braces
- Funny & heartwarming it's unlike anything you've read before



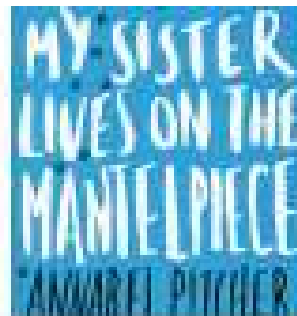
**High Rise Mystery - Sharna Jackson**

- First in a new mystery series!
- Set in the modern day about a murder in a London tower block.
- Smart & savvy female characters.



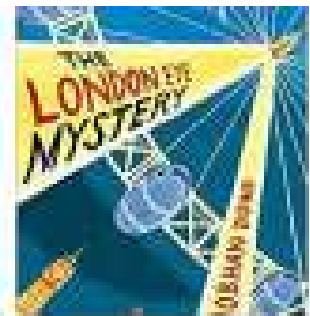
**Once - Morris Gleitzman**

- Set during WW2
- A young Jewish boy is determined to rescue his parents from the Nazis
- An emotional and vivid tale with 3 more books in the series



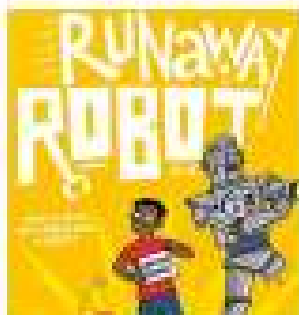
**My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece - Anabel Pitcher**

- Heartbreaking but also funny
- about the tragedy that tears a family apart after a terrorist attack, and how they rebuild their lives.



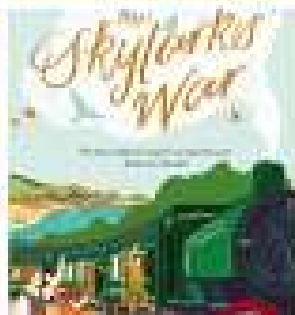
**The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd**

- Unforgettable thriller
- Ted Fox, a pigeon
- the analytical mind becomes an asset as he and his peers together the information surrounding their cousin's disappearance and begin to unravel the mystery



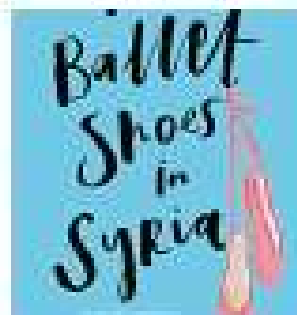
**Runaway Robot - Frank Cottrell Boyce**

- Zingy adventure full of characters you'll love
- It will have you laughing out loud one minute, it tears the next



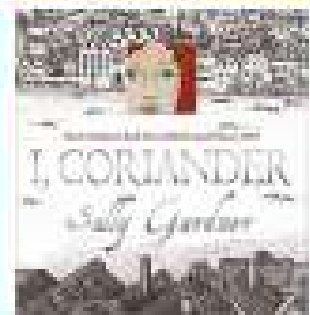
**The Skyliner War - Hilary McKay**

- Set against the back drop of WW1
- Fragment family drama
- Excellent and vivid characters



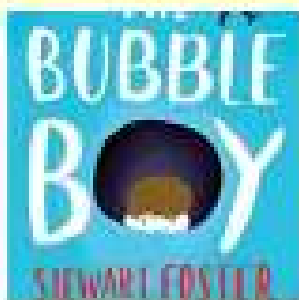
**No Ballet Shoes in Syria - Catherine Bruhn**

- About Ballet
- About championing the rights of refugees
- Beautiful, captivating writing



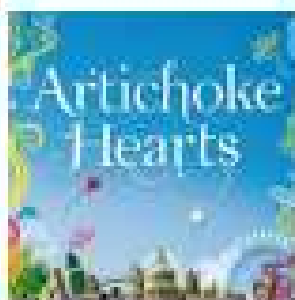
**I, Coriander - Sally Gardner**

- Part historical fiction, part fairy tale
- A terrific page turner, involving kidnapping, murder and romance, as well as being an abundance of vivid characters



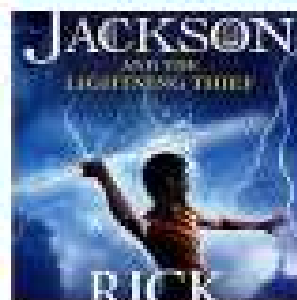
**The Bubble Boy - Stewart Foster**

- One boy who realised something his dad has always tried to shield him from is a sterile room in a hospital, his life changes drastically when a new nurse appears...
- Moving and gripping
- Brilliant for raising empathy



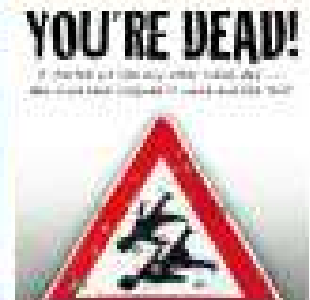
**Artichoke Hearts - Sita Brahmachari**

- Set in modern multicultural London
- Follows story of 12 year old Mia & her poorly Grandmother
- About families and grief and love and growing up



**Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan**

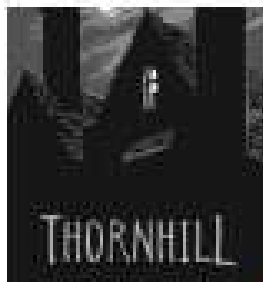
- Mythology and the modern world collide in the best book of this phenomenally successful series
- The returnees of the son of a Greek God



**Ring, Ring, You're Dead! - Harinder Dhillon**

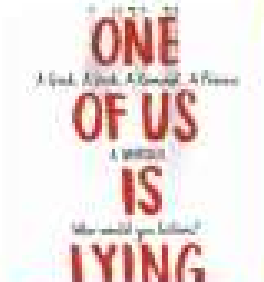
- When a mysterious gunman takes a class hostage, the rest of Miss school is evacuated, but Maria determined to stay behind - she thinks she might know the gunman...
- Brilliant twist at the end

# Reading for pleasure: recommended reads for year 8



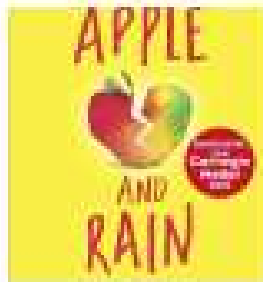
**Thornhill - Pam Smy**

- Told through a combination of wordless illustrated pages and diary entries this is an atmospheric and chilling read
- Compassionate



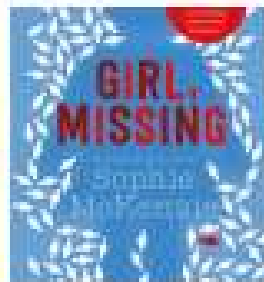
**One of Us is Lying - Karen Mollenaar**

- Engaging twisted teen mystery with plenty of twists
- 5 characters walk into detention and only 4 walk out alive. Everyone is a suspect, and everyone has something to hide.



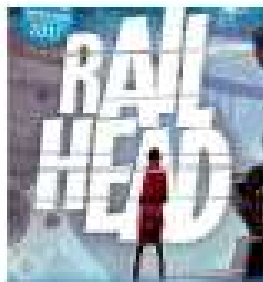
**Apple and Rain - Sarah Crossan**

- Compelling family drama - Apple's mum returns after 11 years away
- You will laugh & cry!
- Beautifully written with a steady helping of poetry sprinkled throughout



**Girl Missing - Sophie McKenzie**

- Gripping thriller, inspired by the real-life case of a toddler who went missing in the early 90s
- Compulsive Reading



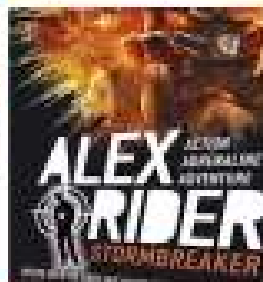
**Rail Head - Philip Reeve**

- Thrilling Sci-Fi adventure/conspiracy thriller
- Astonishing world building with talking trains & intergalactic travel
- Intriguingly inventive



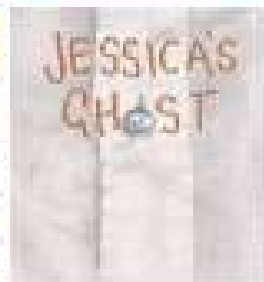
**The Recruit (Chrono) - Robert Muchamore**

- First in bestselling series
- CHRONO agents are aged between 13 & 17, slipping under adult radar they get info that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.



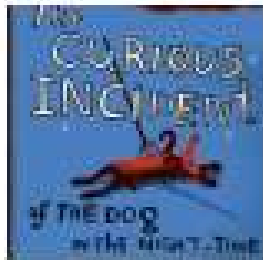
**Alex Rider - Anthony Browne**

- Stormbreaker is the first in this hugely popular series
- 14-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6
- Teenage spy
- Major danger!



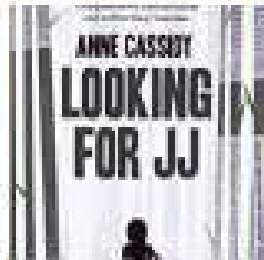
**Jessica's Ghost - Andrew Morris**

- Friendship
- Bullying
- Frances is the only one who has been able to see Jessica since she died...



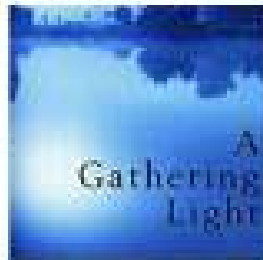
**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Mark Haddon**

- Modern Classic
- 15-year-old Christopher is obsessed with maths, science and libraries but finds it hard to understand other people



**Looking For JJ - Anne Cassidy**

- When a 15-year-old girl kills her best friend, she is convicted of manslaughter and locked away. Seven years later she is released on parole with a new identity
- Gritty & compulsive reading



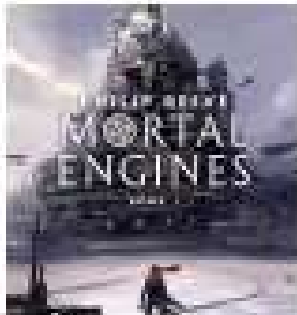
**A Gathering Light - Jennifer Donnelly**

- Great History
- Wester
- Warfare
- Historical Fiction
- Coming of age story with a touch of romance



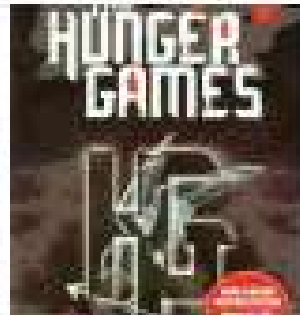
**Orbiting Jupiter - Gary Shteynberg**

- Supposedly written in the space setting and also made into a pocket jam
- Your heart will yearn for 14 year old Isaac and his quest to find his daughter in his next jam



**Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve**

- Fantastic and imaginative with a definite steampunk vibe
- Trillion cities roam the world capturing and eating smaller towns
- Recent film version:



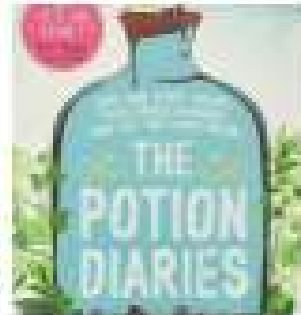
**The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins**

- Definitely worth a read if you've not got round to it yet
- Page turning dystopian fiction
- The book is better than the film!



**Everything Everything - Nicola Yoon**

- Story of secrets, lies, love and discovery
- Nobody is allowed to the world, stepping outside her home could kill her, but Her City means it's not dead...



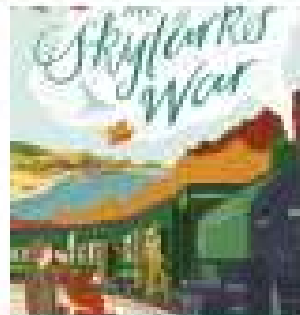
**The Potion Diaries - Amy Alward**

- Good old fashioned quest meets social media
- Page turning around the world adventure
- Unicorns, abominables, mermaids, and potion making



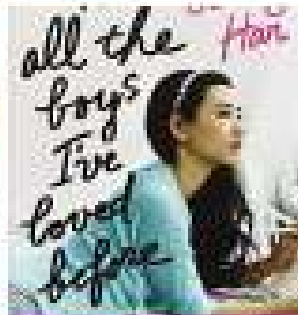
**Itch - Steven Meyer**

- An accidental, wooden, prize hero
- Science is his weapon, Claws are his gadgets
- Adventure ensues when Ich finds an alien nest on the Periodic Table



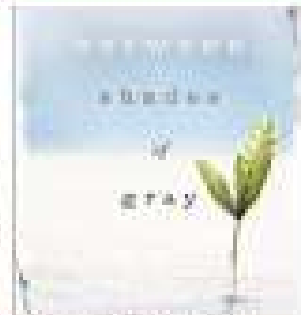
**The Skylarks' War - Hilary McKay**

- Historical fiction following the loves and losses of a family growing up against the harsh backdrop of World War One
- Superb characters



**All the Boys Love Lacey Before - Jenny Han**

- Read the book that inspired the Netflix series
- When Lacey's letters are mysteriously mailed out her love life goes from imaginary to out of control



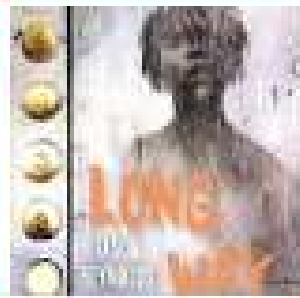
**Between Shades of Gray - Ruta Sepetys**

- Haunting and powerful Second World War novel
- Also been made into the film Ashes in the Snow
- Sepetys excels at writing the history you don't get taught at school



**Wonder - R.J. Palacio**

- Boy with a terrible facial deformity, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents. He enrolls in 5th for the first time, he's being sent to a real school
- Funny, kind and very moving



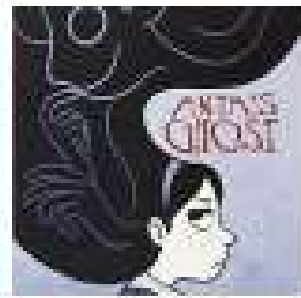
**Long Way Down - Jason Reynolds**

- WB's brother is shot dead, WB is ready to follow "the rules" and get revenge...
- Tense & powerful - Carnegie shortlisted
- Told in real time during a lift journey in a block of flats



**Orion Lost - Alastair Chinheim**

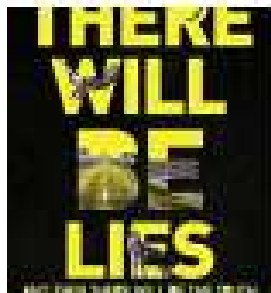
- Hugely gripping, with incredible twists
- Fast paced, with a great start
- Unputdownable science fiction adventure... perfect for fans of Star Wars



**Angie's Ghost - Vera Brosgol**

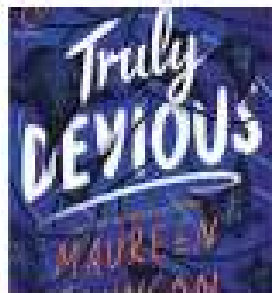
- Graphic novel
- Of all the things Angie inherited to live at the bottom of an old well, a new friend was not one of them. Especially not a new friend who's been dead for a century...

# Reading for pleasure: recommended reads for year 9+



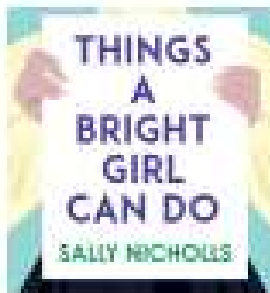
**There Will Be Lies - Nick Lake**

- If the person who keeps you safe also tells you lies, who can you trust?
- Great twisty turny plot
- Page turner (with talking coyotes!)



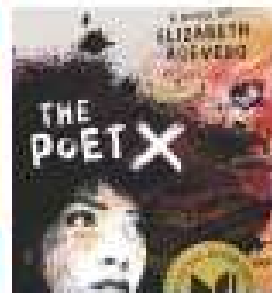
**Truly Devious - Maxine Johnson**

- Puzzled mysteries unfold in this compellingly readable novel
- Alternating past and present scenes
- Multilayered, intricate detective story



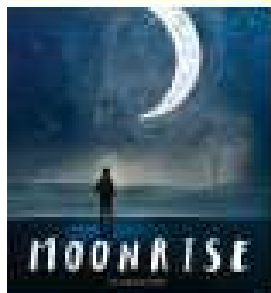
**Things A Bright Girl Can Do - Sally Nicholls**

- Carnegie Shortlisted
- Fascinating look at the battle for women's rights from multiple (wonderful) narrators
- Best book about WWI without ever leaving the shores of Britain



**The Poet X - Elizabeth Acevedo**

- Verse Novel
- About Slam poetry and finding your voice
- Deals with first love, religion and creativity in a gripping and utterly believable way



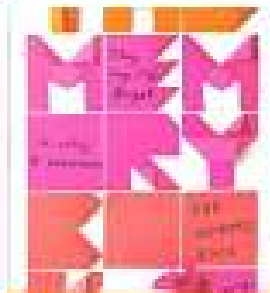
**Moonrise - Sarah Crossan**

- Examining the effects of the death penalty
- Powerfully told in free verse by a multi award winning author
- Compelling but quiet read



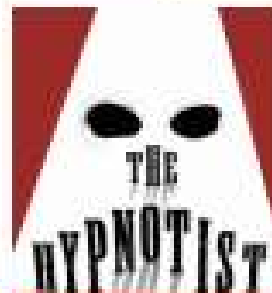
**The Hate You Give - Angie Thomas**

- Amazing characterisation and dialogue
- Well characterised witness to the brutal reality of her youngest friend at the hands of a racist officer



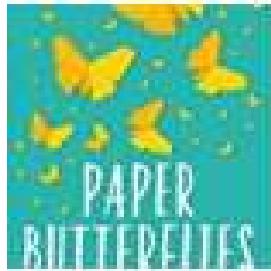
**The Memory Book - Lara Avery**

- Heartbreaking read that will inspire thought
- Shows that a real genetic disease that will slowly start to steal her memories and then her health
- Told through Summer's notes to her future self



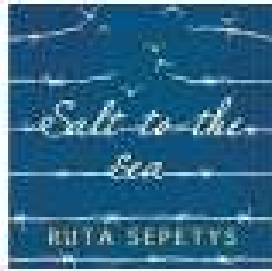
**The Hypnotist - Lisa Moore**

- Set in the American South during the 1950s
- Did the powerful read with a strong, well woven message
- With a dash of horror!



**Paper Butterflies - Lisa Heathfield**

- With an obsessive researcher and a patient, Jane finds that a butterfly trapped in a net
- Deals with all food subjects with elegance
- There's a huge and unexpected plot twist



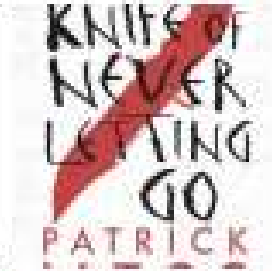
**Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys**

- Gripping, moving read
- About the memory that never get taught in school - the forgotten stories of being lost in war
- Simply and elegantly written and the chosen recipient of the Walter & Betty



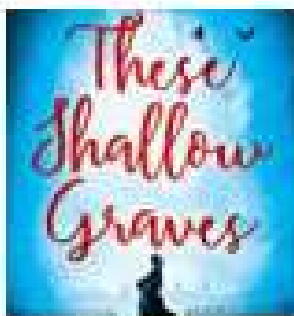
**This is Where it Ends - Marika Mijangc**

- Told in real time by multiple narrators as a school shooting unfolds
- Emotional and compelling
- Diverse cast of characters



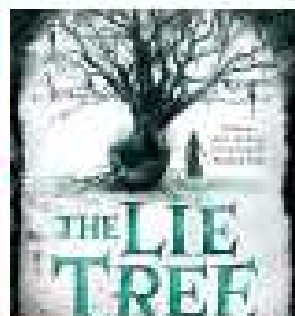
**The Knife of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness**

- Told from the only boy in a dystopian future that since the weather was invented with the first game, humans have everything the man think, and they have everything to think
- Fast but moving & award winning story



**These Shallow Graves - Jennifer Donnelly**

- Page turning historical fiction that will keep you guessing right to the end
- Smart & savvy female character
- Immersive 19th century New York setting



**The Lie Tree - Francessca Hardy**

- Set just after the publication of 'The Origin of the Species' science and nature collide in this Victorian thriller
- Delicately creepy
- Mystery and intrigue



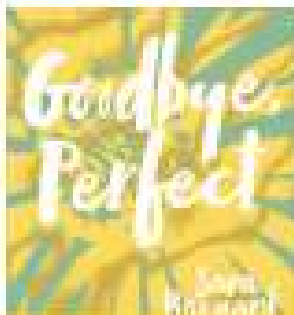
**The Monsters We Deserve - Marcus Sedgwick**

- Atmospheric and haunting
- An unusual read - a metafictional ghost story about the very process of writing a book
- Creative, witty and philosophical



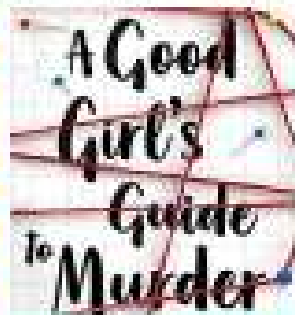
**Internment - Sandra Alameddine**

- Set in a haunting near future, Luke Alami & his parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens
- A heart racing, eye-opening fight for freedom
- Challenges readers to fight against ideas that were a reality today



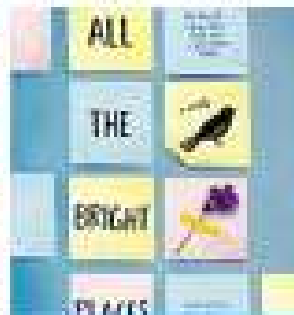
**Goodbye Perfect - Sara Barnard**

- Brilliant honest writing
- Set against the backdrop of stressful GCSE exams
- Explores ideas about perfection, love, friendship and family



**A Good Girl's Guide To Murder - Holly Jackson**

- Twisted-logic crime thriller
- You'll like this if you enjoyed One Of Us Is Lying
- Compulsively readable and elegantly plotted



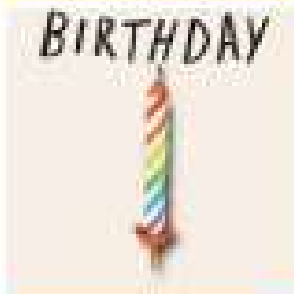
**All The Bright Places - Jennifer Wren**

- A compelling and beautiful story about a girl who learns to live from a boy who wants to die
- Honest & poignant
- Film adaptation due 2020



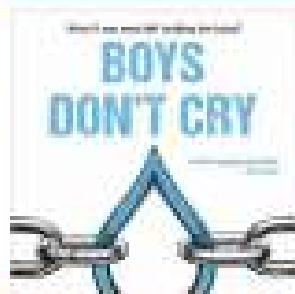
**Furious Thing - Jenny Downham**

- Explores the myriad ways in which a sense of self can be whisked away and what might happen when the lights come back on
- It's a book about being brave, about being angry and about coping on



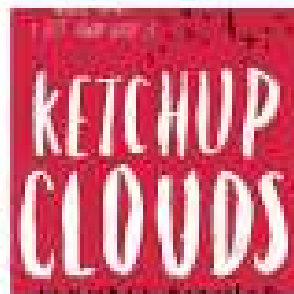
**Birthday - Meredith Russo**

- Tell us one day every year, over six years, this is a story about how change pulls people apart... and how love brings them back together
- A beautifully written teenager coming of age story



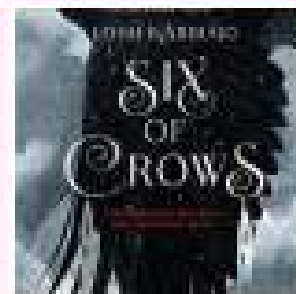
**Boys Don't Cry - Malorie Blackman**

- Don't be waiting for his A level results to arrive in the post, but what he gets instead is an engagement on the doorstep with a baby due soon in his
- Succeed and survive look at the heartbreaking journey of teenage fatherhood



**Ketchup Clouds - Anabel Fisher**

- A girl with a guilty conscience writes to criminals on death row in America
- Plans powerful protest & delivers with total badass
- A gripping and moving story about secrets, lies and growing up



**Six Of Crows - Leigh Bardugo**

- Sweeping fantasy epic
- Cassian, Inej set in a Game Of Thrones-esque world
- Great ensemble cast & page turning action