

A glowing lightbulb hanging from a black cord against a dark, textured background. The lightbulb is illuminated, casting a warm yellow glow. The background is a dark, mottled grey.

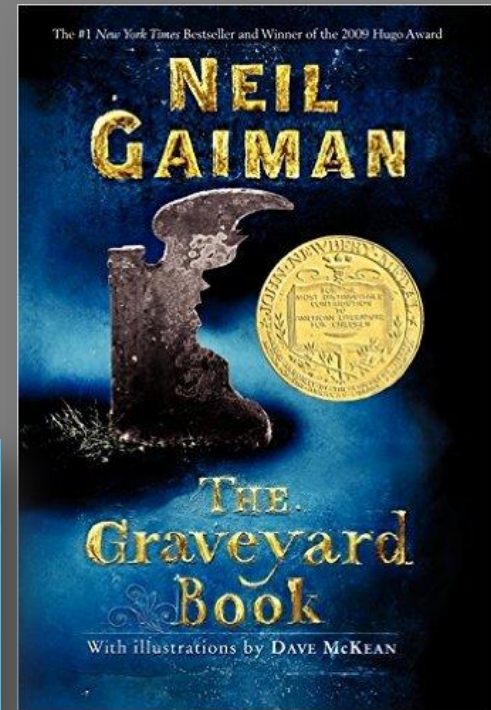
# Year 7 Suggested Book Titles

Kelmscott literacy department

# The Graveyard

By Neil Gaiman

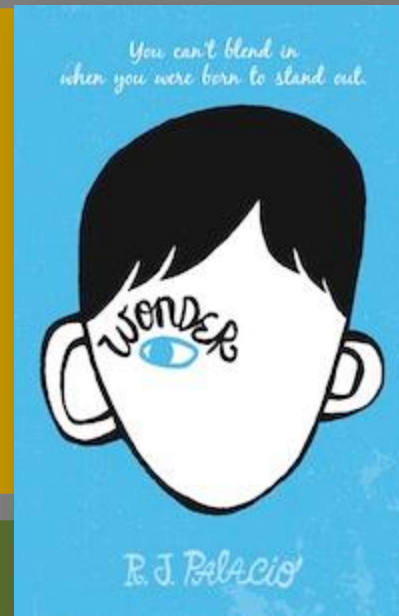
Blurb: Jack murders every member of his family except a child upstairs. When the child crawls to a graveyard nearby. Mr and Mrs Owens, both ghost, decide to bring him up.



# The Garbage King

By Elizabeth Laird

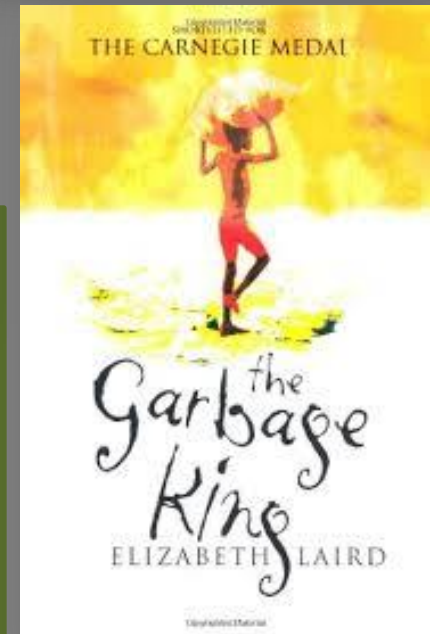
Blurb: Mamo is from a very poor family where everyone had died except for him and his sister, Tiggist. Mamo is kidnapped by a slave trader who claims to be his Uncle Merga.



# Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

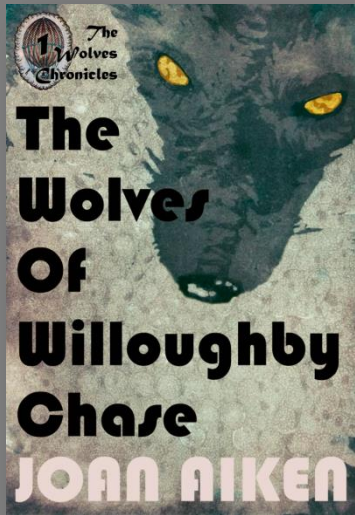
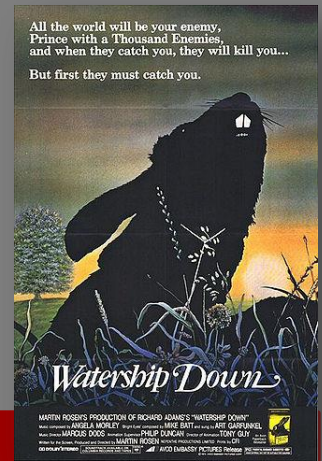
Blurb: Augie wants to be love every other ten year old. But whenever anyone looks at him they treat him differently because of a terrible face abnormality. Can he convince everyone that he's just like them?



# Watership Down

By Richards Adams

Blurb: Fiver has a sixth sense for danger and he presents Hazel to lead a group of rabbits to escape certain disaster and search for a new home.



## The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

By Joan Aiken

Blurb: In an alternative reality, King James II rules in 1832 and the country is plagued by wolves from the Channel Tunnel. But for Sylvia and Bonnie it isn't clear whether it's the wolves or their governess Miss Slighcarp they should be more afraid of.

## The Dark is Rising

By Susan Cooper

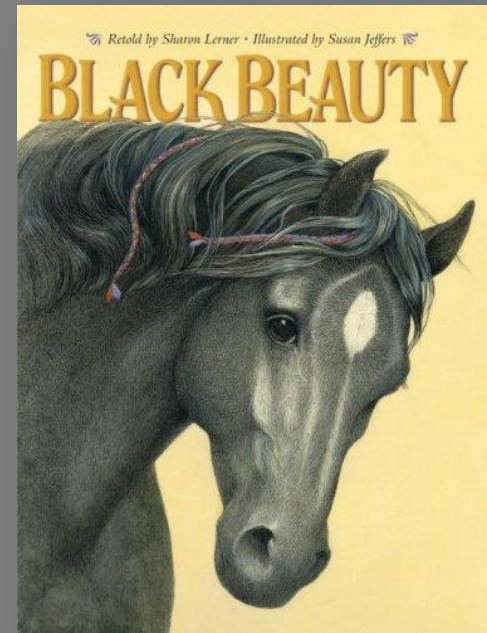
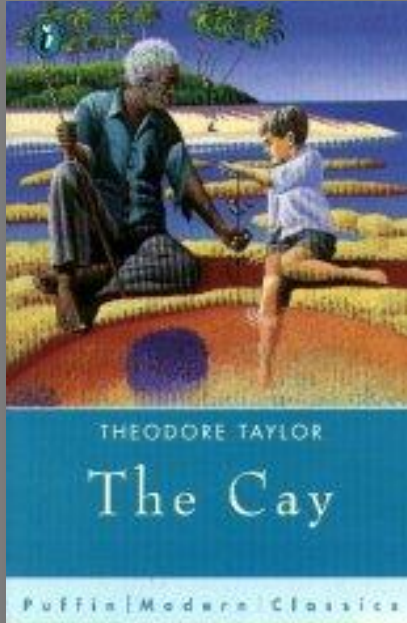
Blurb: Just prior to his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, Will discovers he's the last person left with the power of the Old Ones, and his mission is to guard the Light and drive out the Dark.



# The Cay

By Theodore Taylor

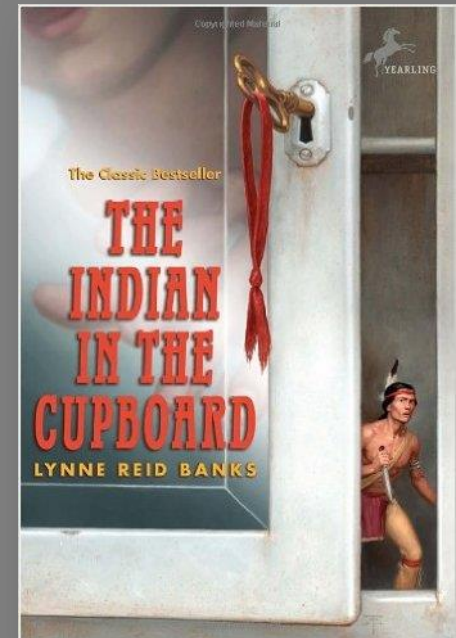
Blurb: When World War II breaks out 12 year old Philip and his mother board the S.S. Hato but the ship is torpedoed and Philip is blinded by the blow on the head and left stranded on an island with a man named Timothy.



# Black Beauty

By Anna Sewell

Blurb: Victorian London is vividly portrayed through the eyes of a horse – Black Beauty.

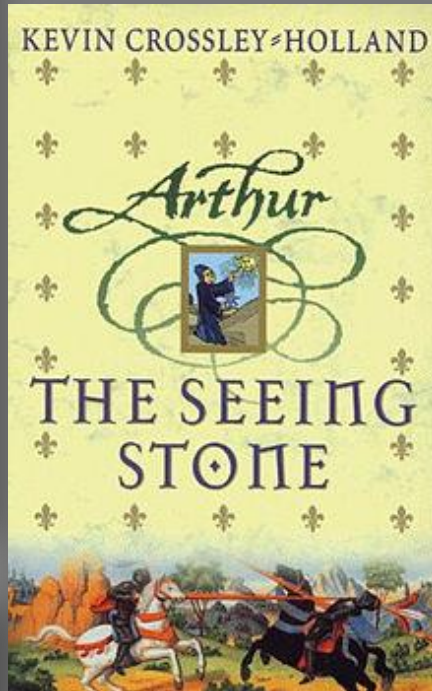
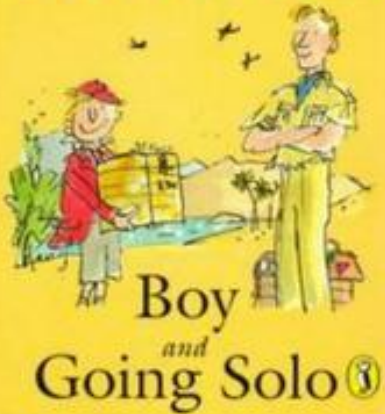


# The Indian in the Cupboard Trilogy

By Lynne Reid Banks

Blurb: Omri is disappointed with his birthday present – a little red plastic Indian figure – until it comes alive and becomes a real person.

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## The Seeing Stone

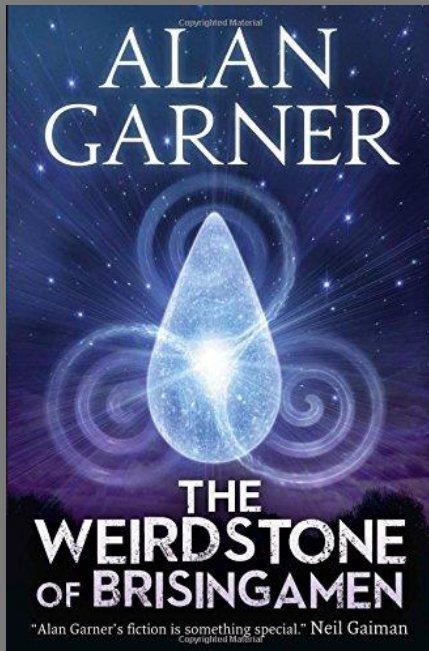
By Kevin Crossley-Holland

Blurb: The stories of a young King Arthur are told in 100 short chapters. Ideal for reluctant boy readers in Year 7.

## Boy and Going Solo

By Roald Dahl

Blurb: Roald Dahl's funny autobiographies – Boy, charting his childhood and school days, and Going Solo chronicling his early adult life.



## The Weirdstone of Brisingamen

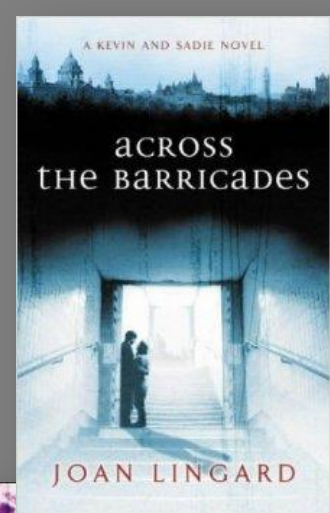
By Alan Garner

Blurb: Colin and Susan are saved from mysterious creatures by a wizard who has been searching for a lost magic stone for over 100 years. Can the two children defeat the dark forces at work?

# Across the Barricades

By John Lingard

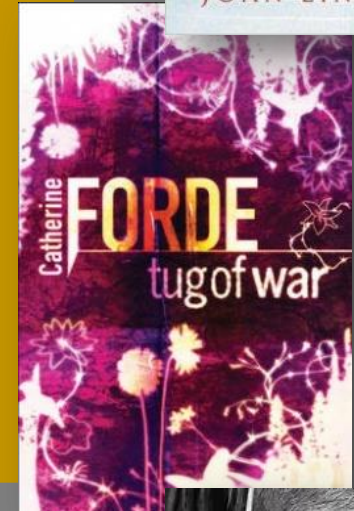
Blurb: Kevin and Sade live in Belfast, and the two of them being seen together isn't an option. A gritty story of religious divide and distrust.



# Tug of War

By Catherine Forde

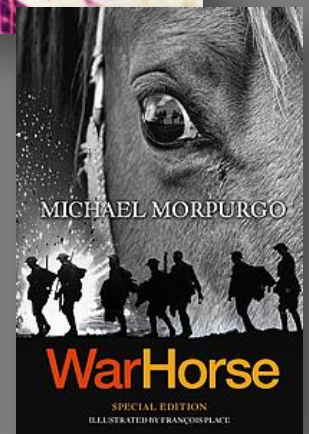
Blurb: When Molly is evacuated to the countryside after terrorist attacks, she finds herself with a wonderful foster mum on an idyllic farm. Her new life is perfect. When her real mother visits and she finds out her brother is being abused Molly faces a choice, and she isn't sure she wants to leave her new life behind.



# War Horse

By Michael Morpurgo

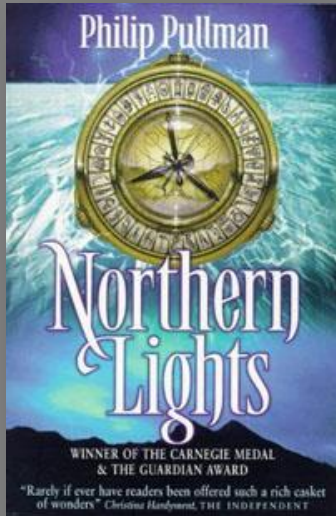
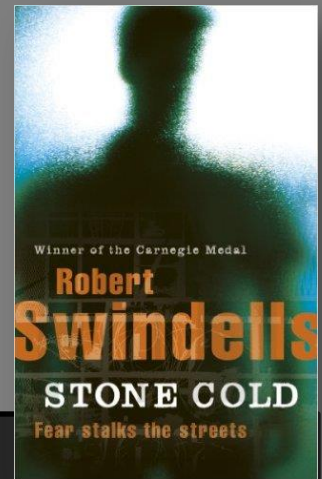
Blurb: A gripping description of the horrors of war, told from the perspective of Joey, a horse, who sees the senselessness of war and the importance of friendships more clearly than the soldiers around him.



# Stone Cold

By Robert Swindells

Blurb: There's a serial killer targeting the young and homeless and Deb, an intrepid undercover journalist is determined to catch the killer – using herself as bait.



## Northern Lights

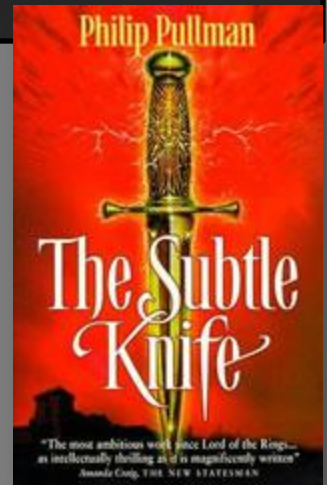
By Philip Pullman

Blurb: When Lyra finds out there's an expedition to find other worlds very different to her own, a chain of events is set in motion catapulting Lyra into perilous journeys and a search for the truth.

## The Subtle Knife

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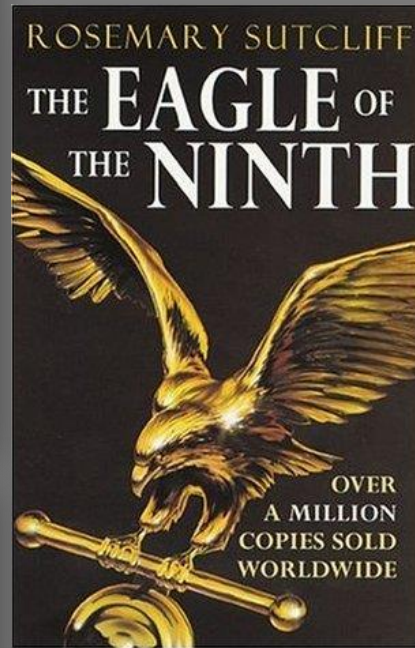




# Cue for Treason

By Geoffrey Trease

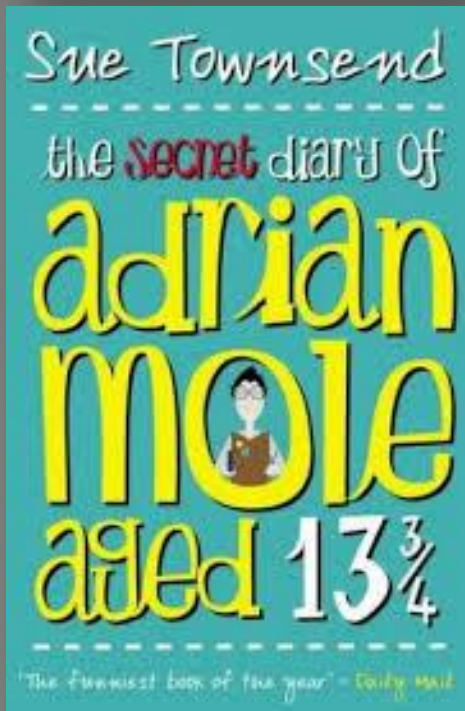
Blurb: Two young runaways become actors in London, where they meet William Shakespeare. They then foil a plot to kill the Queen.



# The Eagle of the Ninth

By Rosemary Sutcliffe

Blurb: Thousands of Roman Soldiers marched into the mist and were never seen again. Young Marcus Aquilla sets out to find out what happened to them.



# The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole

Aged 13  $\frac{3}{4}$

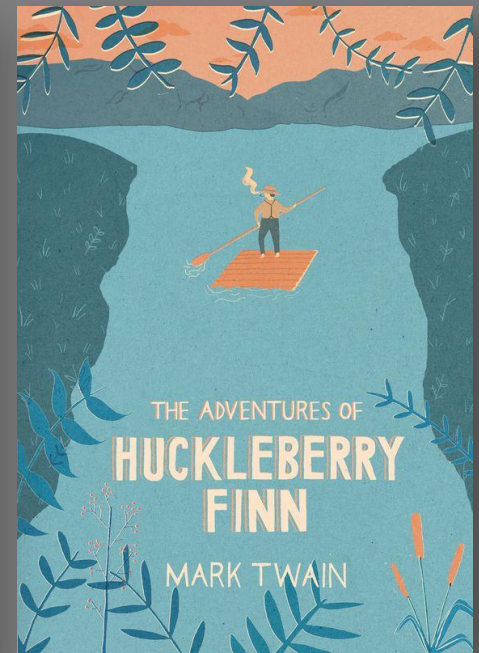
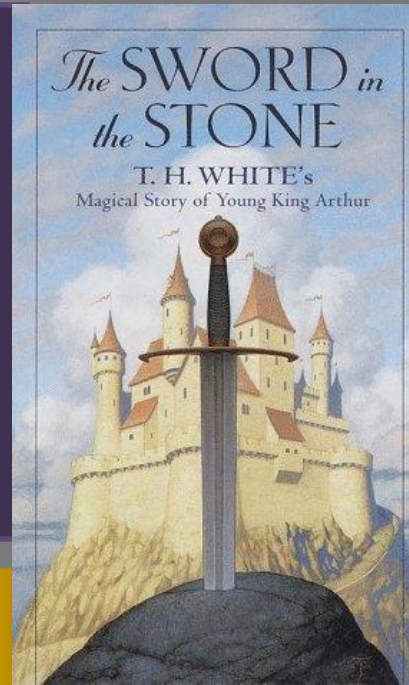
By Sue Townsend

Blurb: A fictional diary charting the teenage angst and dreams of Adrian Mole. Very funny.

# Raptor

By Paul Zindel

Blurb: In a world of mutant dinosaurs in Utah, Zach tries to find which dinosaur infected him with reptilian blood.



# The Sword in the Stone

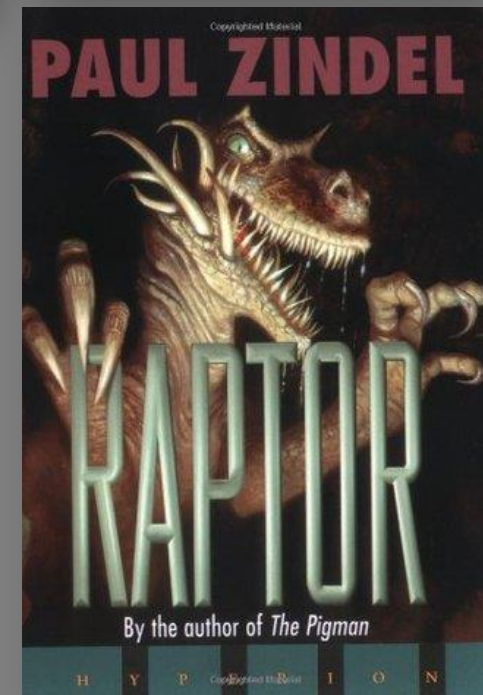
By T.H White

Blurb: An entertaining fantasy adventure set in medieval England following the life of King Arthur.

# The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

By Mark Twain

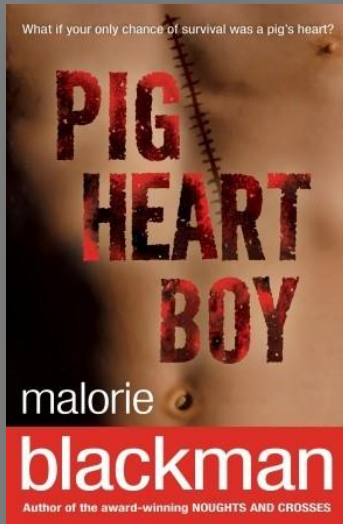
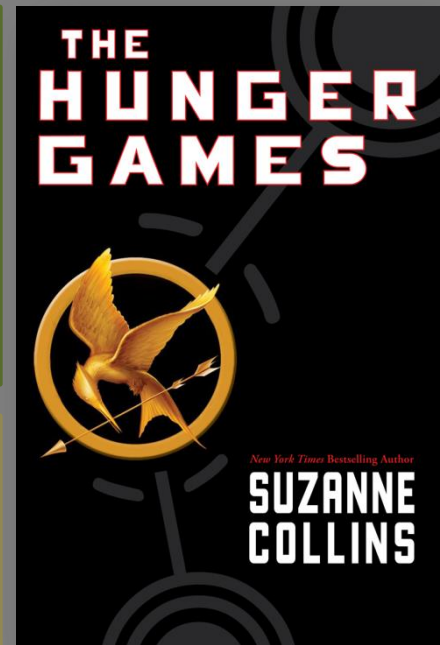
Blurb: Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer have made lots of money, but all Huck wants is to escape his guardian, Miss Sawyer.



# The Hunger Games

By Suzanne Collins

Blurb: One person from each district in the country is selected to fight to the death in a reality TV lottery. Katniss vows to win.



## Pig Heart

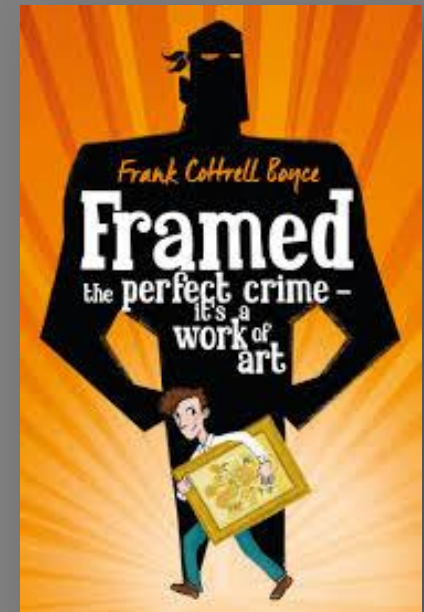
By Malorie Blackman

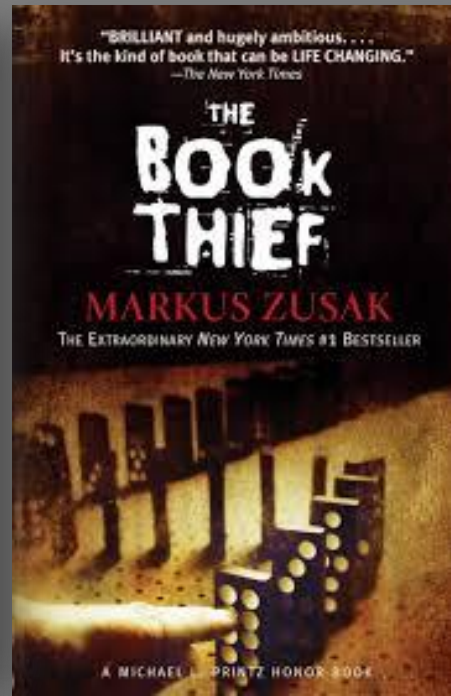
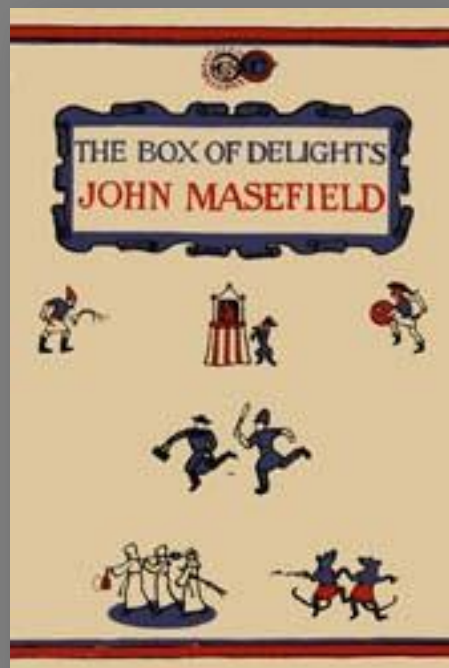
Blurb: 13 year old Cameron is dying and his only hope is a heart transplant. When there are no human hearts available his father finds a doctor willing to use a pig's heart.

## Framed

By Frank Cottrell Boyce

Blurb: Framed tells the story of how paintings moved from the National Gallery in London to a cave in North Wales after the lives of the village folk, especially Dylan.





# The Book Thief

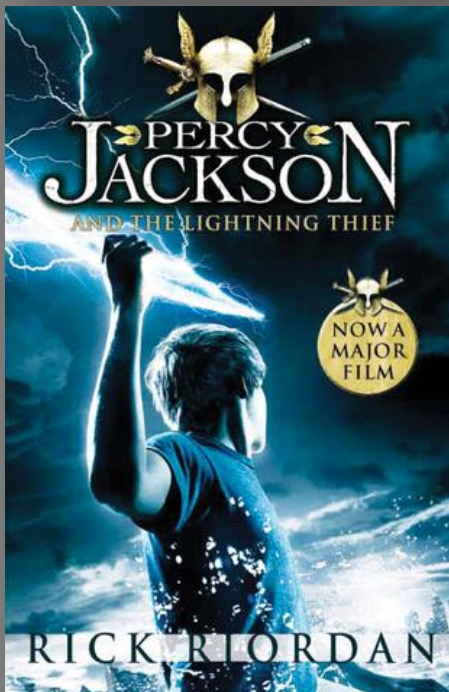
By Marcus Zusak

Blurb: Narrated by Death, this book tells the story of a young girl in Nazi Germany hiding for safety in World War 2.

# The Box of Delights

By John Mansfield

Blurb: Kay Harker receives a box from an old man called Cole which has magic powers, letting him shrink, fly and travel back in time. But Cole is being followed.



# Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

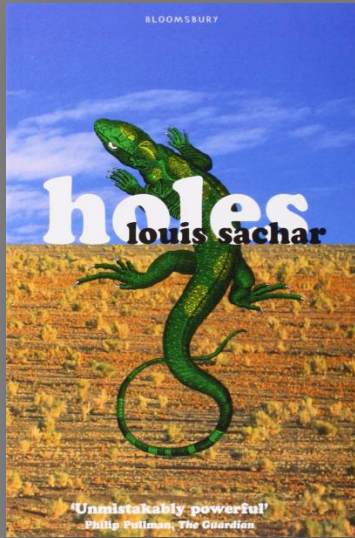
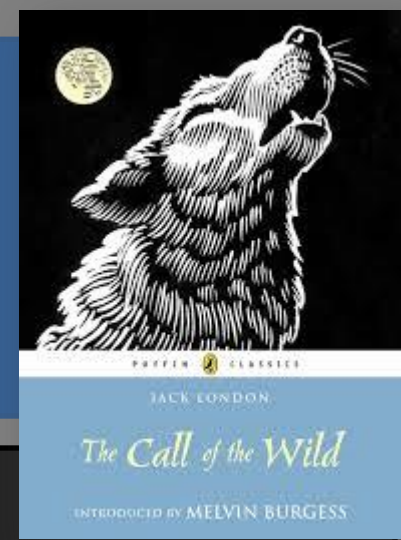
By Rick Riordan

Blurb: Percy is a twelve year old boy who had been expelled from every school he has ever attended. When his class takes a field trip to the art gallery his Maths teacher Mrs Dodds attacks him.

# The Call of the Wild

By Jack London

Blurb: Buck is stolen from his California home and shipped north to Klondike to become a sled dog. Can he survive the cold, the work and the lead dog Spitz?



## Holes

By Louis Sachar

Blurb: Stanley Yelnats IV family has been cursed since his great great grandfather's time and Stanley has been wrongly accused of stealing the shoes Clyde "Sweet Feet" Livingston, a star basketball player.

## Twelve Minutes to Midnight

By Christopher Edge

Blurb: Penelope Tredwell aged 13, is heiress to the best selling magazine, The Penny Dreadful. But no one knows that she is the real author of the deathly stories.

