

Recommended Reads Year 11 2019-20



Ahmed, Samira – Internment

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Set in a futuristic United States, what happens when Muslims are interred in special camps as they are considered a threat to National Security. Can Layla demonstrate the injustice of it all and overturn the policy.



Albertalli, Becky; Silvera, Adam – What If It's Us

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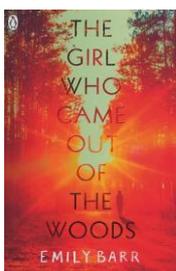
Arthur and Bem accidentally meet in New York. Follow them as they discover if this is really love at first sight and can it turn into happy ever after



Barnard, Sara – Fierce Fragile Hearts

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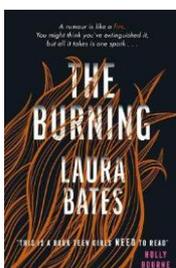
Coming out of the care system can be traumatic but can Suzanne make a go of things in a world seemingly set against her



Barr, Emily – The Girl Who Came Out of the Woods

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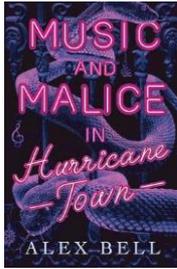
Arty lives with her family and a handful of other people in a commune in India, hidden from the world. But when a virus strikes, she is sent out to find help and unwittingly causes a chain of events beyond anyone's imagination. Can she survive in a modern world?



Bates, Laura – The Burning

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Intertwining modern day issues with historical events shows how some attitudes have not changed. Anna allowed her boyfriend to take a naked picture of her that went viral, can she every move on from that. But her history project shows that attitudes to women have always been unfair and gives her the courage to stand up for herself.



Bell, Alex – Music and Malice in Hurricane Town

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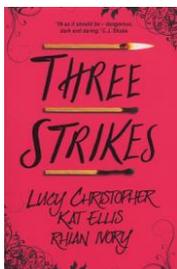
Jude Lomax is a trumpet player asked to play at the funeral of a celebrity Ivory Monette . But Ivory's spirit enters Jude and together they must discover who killed Ivory. At atmospheric mystery written by an acclaimed novelist.



Cameron, Sophie – Last Bus to Everland

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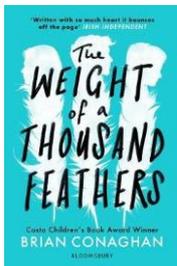
Brody's life is not great. He is bullied at school, his brother is a genius and Brody cannot compete. Then he meets Nico, a flamboyant character who shows Brody it is ok to just be yourself.



Christopher Lucy; Ellis Kat; Ivory, Rhian – Three Strikes

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3 stories to be read on a cold winter night. Not for the faint-hearted but for those who like a supernatural story but with a hint of menace



Conaghan, Brian – The Weight of a Thousand Feathers

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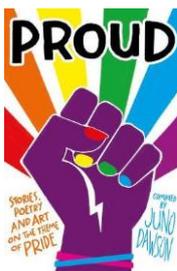
What do you do if your Mum, who is suffering from MS, asks you to help her die? Bobby is put in that predicament but what will he do - what his Mum wants or what he knows is right?



Dawson, Juno – Meat Market

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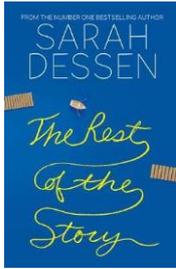
Jana Novak is spotted by a model agency and goes on a meteoric rise to fame. But the modelling world is full of difficult situations as Jana finds out. A hard hitting look at a supposedly glamorous world



Dawson, Juno (compiled by) – Proud

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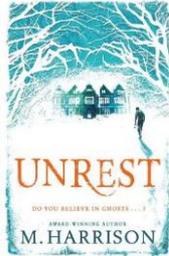
A selection of short stories and poems by both acclaimed authors and new talent, all on the subject of LGBTQ+. Funny, emotional and enlightening



Dessen, Sarah – The Rest of the Story

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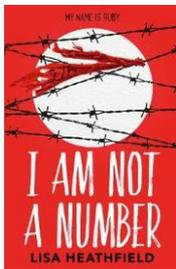
Emma has to go and stay with her late mother's family for the summer - a family she barely knows. Join her on a voyage of discovery both about her family and about herself.



Harrison, Michelle – Unrest

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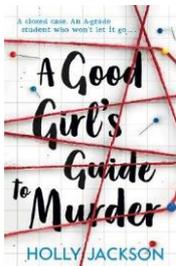
Elliott is convinced he has a link to the spirit world so he to proof it he goes to work at a haunted museum. But even he couldn't have predicted the effect his abilities have and how they could endanger other people. An atmospheric thriller from the writer of the 13 Treasures series



Heathfield, Lisa – I Am Not a Number

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Ruby is in a prison for political prisoners but has to find a way to let the wider world know what is happening. With connotations of Nazi Germany, this is a timely look at how the world deals with dissenting factions.



Jackson, Holly – A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

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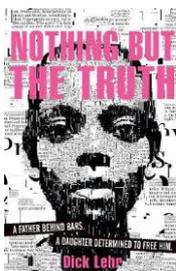
A murder happened 5 years ago. A girl was murdered, her boyfriend committed suicide so he must have done he crime - everyone says so. But when Pip investigates it as a project, things are not quite as straightforward as people thought. Can you solve the crime along with Pip?



Khan, Muhammad – Kick the Moon

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Can a Muslim boy and a white girl have a relationship? The answer is Yes but not everyone is happy about it. When Kelly finds herself in an impossible situation, can Ilyas overcome his fears and play the superhero he likes to read about.



Lehr, Dick – Nothing but the Truth

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A teenage girl has grown up in the shadow of her father, convicted of a gang-related murder. She is convinced it is all too convenient so with the help of a local reporter decides to prove his innocence. But not everyone wants the truth to come out.



Mafi, Tahereh – A Very Large Expanse of Sea

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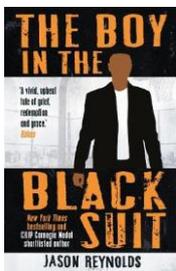
Shirin is a Muslim girl in America struggling with the prejudice of being someone in a hijab. She is determined to fight her corner but it is a struggle. Then she meets Ocean but can she let her guard down and allow him to really get to know her.



Norriss, Andrew – Mike

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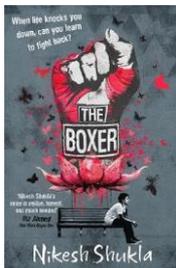
Floyd is a talented tennis player, his parents are happy to support and encourage him. But is it really what Floyd wants or is he just doing it for his parents? Then he meets Mike, who no one else can see. Can Mike help him realise that he needs to do what he wants and not realise his parents ambitions



Reynolds, Jason – The Boy in the Black Suit

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Matt needs a job as his Dad can't cope after the death of Matt's mother. Working in an undertaker's is not quite what Matt had in mind but it does show him how grief can be personal and give him some pointers to help all of his family.



Shukla, Nikesh – The Boxer

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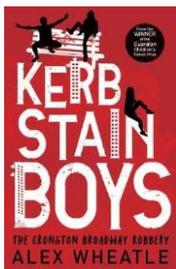
Told over the 10 rounds of Sunny's first boxing match, he reflects on a recent racist attack which caused him to move house and take up boxing. The match gives him time to realise how far he has travelled mentally in that time



Smith-Barton, Emma – The Million Pieces of Neena Gill

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Neena has been the model daughter and student but when he brother dies, the effect on her and the family is catastrophic. A compelling look at the effects of mental trauma but a book to inspire and demonstrate that there is always hope



Wheatle, Alex – Kerb-Stain Boys

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Briggy lives on a tough London estate where money is tight. So in order to get some much needed cash, Briggy and his friends decide to rob the local Post Office. What can possibly go wrong?

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