Year 9: 20 books



Better Than the Movies

Author: Painter, Lynn Availability: 1/1

Perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood, this "sweet and funny" (Kerry Winfrey, author of Waiting for Tom Hanks) teen rom-com is hopelessly romantic with enemies to lovers and grumpy x sunshine energy! Liz hates her annoyingly attractive neighbour but he's the only in with her long-term crush...



Boy Next Door, The

Author: Ireland, Jenny Availability: 1/1

The new novel by Carnegie Medal nominated author Jenny Ireland. Perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Jennifer Niven. Now she wasn't Molly Cassidy, St Anne's pain-in-the-hole princess. She was nine-year-old Molly who was my best friend in the whole world. Nobody had put her in the recovery position. All these people and they'd just left her like that . . . I held her hand until the ambulance came. Finbar and Molly live next door to each other. When they were children, they spent hours and hours together. They were best friends. Until they weren't. Now 18, Fin and Molly move in very different circles. Molly is popular, pretty, dating the most handsome boy in the whole school. Fin has one friend and he's pretty sure he hates his dad and his little sister. At a party one night, though, they're pulled together in a way neither of them expects and then follows a year that will see them experiencing life-changing challenges, friendships, love and everything in between. Praise for Jenny Ireland: Everything a YA contemporary novel should be: full of warmth, growth, and romance . . . beautifully relatable and a powerful reminder of the importance of empathy' - Paper Lanterns'Romance with substance' - Irish TimesJenny Ireland, nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2024



Crongton: Liccle Bit: Book 1

Author: Wheatle, Alex Availability: 1/1

Voice-driven debut YA novel, full of humour and friendship, about a teenage boy who gets caught up in gang culture on an inner city estate. 'A gripping tale of family and friends, love and loyalty' Malorie Blackman, Children's Laureate



DUNE: The Graphic Novel, Book 1: Dune

Author: Herbert, Frank Availability: 1/1

The definitive graphic novel adaptation of Dune, the groundbreaking science-fiction classic by Frank Herbert Dune, Frank Herbert's epic science-fiction masterpiece set in the far future amidst a sprawling feudal interstellar society, tells the story of Paul Atreides as he and his family accept control of the desert planet Arrakis. A stunning blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism, and politics, Dune is a powerful, fanstastical tale that takes an unprecedented look into our universe, and is transformed by the graphic novel format. Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson's adaptation retains the integrity of the original novel, and Raúl Allén and Patricia Martín's magnificent illustrations, along with cover art by Bill Sienkiewicz, bring the book to life for a new generation of readers.



Good Girl's Guide to Murder, A

Author: Jackson, Holly

Availability: 1/1

The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. Almost everyone. Having grown up in the small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Adeleke chooses the case as the topic for her final project. But when Pip starts uncovering secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden, what starts out as a project begins to become Pip's dangerous reality . . . Perfect for fans of One of Us Is Lying, We Were Liars, Gone Girl and The Hazel Wood.



HappyHead

Author: Silver, Josh Availability: 1/1

Squid Game meets They Both Die at the End in this thought-provoking LGBTQ+ thriller



Heartstopper, Volume 5

Author: Oseman, Alice

Availability: 1/2

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. The bestselling LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between: this is the fifth volume of the beloved HEARTSTOPPER series.



Hunger Games, The (Book 1)

Author: Collins, Suzanne

Availability: 2/2

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before - and survival, for her, is second nature. 'The Hunger Games' is a searing novel set in a future with unsettling parallels to our present. Welcome to the deadliest reality TV show ever...



Keedie

Author: McNicoll, Elle Availability: 1/1

Set in Juniper five years before A Kind of Spark comes a powerful coming-of-age story from award-winning author Elle McNicoll. Before there was Addie, there was Keedie. Firecracker Keedie has had enough of bullies and has had enough of conforming to convention. As she sets out to right wrongs and stand up for the truth, the sleepy town of Juniper is about to wake up and see that Keedie is one of a kind. Return to the world of Juniper in the highly-anticipated prequel to the award winning A kind of Spark



Knife of Never Letting Go, The

Author: Ness, Patrick Availability: 1/1

This is an unflinching novel about the impossible choices of growing up, by an award-winning writer. Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans... Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run...



Last Hawk, The

Author: Wein, Elizabeth

Availability: 1/1

Critically acclaimed author Elizabeth Wein returns with a thrilling, female-led aviation adventure set against the backdrop of Hitler's Germany and the last days of the Nazi regime.



Loop, The (Book 1)

Author: Oliver, Ben Availability: 1/1

Luka Kane has been inside hi-tech prison the Loop for over two years. A death sentence is hanging over his head but his day-to-day routine is mind-numbingly repetitive. Then everything changes. Soon, Luka has to face a new reality: breaking out of the Loop might be his only chance to save himself - and the world ...



Naruto, Vol. 1

Author: Kishimoto, Masashi

Availability: 1/1

The world's most popular ninja comic! Naruto is a young shinobi with an incorrigible knack for mischief. He's got a wild sense of humor, but Naruto is completely serious about his mission to be the world's greatest ninja! Twelve years ago the Village Hidden in the Leaves was attacked by a fearsome threat. A nine-tailed fox spirit claimed the life of the village leader, the Hokage, and many others. Today, the village is at peace and a troublemaking kid named Naruto is struggling to graduate from Ninja Academy. His goal may be to become the next Hokage, but his true destiny will be much more complicated. The adventure begins now!



Powerless

Author: Roberts, Lauren Availability: 0/1

Only the extraordinary belong in the kingdom of Ilya . . . The exceptional. The Elites. The Elites have possessed powers for decades, gifted to them by the Plague, while those born Ordinary are just that, banished from the kingdom and shunned from society. No one knows this better than Paedyn Gray, an Ordinary posing as an Elite. When she unsuspectingly saves one of Ilya's princes, Kai Azer, she's thrown into the Purging Trials, a brutal competition to showcase her 'Elite' powers. If the Trials and the opponents don't kill her, the prince she's fighting feelings for will if he discovers what Paedyn really is . . . completely Ordinary. Be swept away by the first in the smash hit, dagger-to-the-throat romantasy trilogy that's taken the world by storm. Also Available: Reckless and Powerful Fearless available to pre-order nowFollow Lauren Roberts on TikTok and Instagram @LaurenRobertsLibrary



Red Queen, The Book 1

Author: Aveyard, Victoria

Availability: 3/3

This is a world divided by blood - red or silver. The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like superpowers. And to Mare Barrow, a seventeen-year-old Red girl from the poverty-stricken Stilts, it seems like nothing will ever change. That is, until she finds herself working in the Silver Palace. Here, surrounded by the people she hates the most, Mare discovers that, despite her red blood, she possesses a deadly power of her own. One that threatens to destroy the balance of power. Fearful of Mare's potential, the Silvers hide her in plain view, declaring her a long-lost Silver princess, now engaged to a Silver prince. Despite knowing that one misstep would mean her death, Mare works silently to help the Red Guard, a militant resistance group, and bring down the Silver regime. But this is a world of betrayal and lies, and Mare has entered a dangerous dance - Reds against Silvers, prince against prince, and Mare against her own heart . . .



The inheritance games

Author: Barnes, Jennifer Lynn

Availability: 1/1

Barnes is a master of puzzles and plot twists' E. Lockhart, author of We Were Liars . An addictive and twisty thriller, full of dark family secrets and deadly stakes. Perfect for fans of Karen McManus and Holly Jackson. A BILLION-DOLLAR FORTUNE TO DIE FOR . . . She came from nothing. Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why. They had everything. Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money. Now there's only one rule: winner takes all. Soon she is caught in a deadly game that everyone in this strange family is playing. But just how far will they go to keep their fortune? 'Impossible to put down' Buzzfeed DON'T MISS THE HAWTHORNE LEGACY - THE UMISSABLE SEQUEL TO THE INHERITANCE GAMES, AVAILABLE NOW!



This Book Kills

Author: Guron, Ravena

Availability: 1/1

"I'll make it clear from the start: I did not kill Hugh Henry Van Boren. I didn't even help. Well, not intentionally." When Hugh Henry Van Boren, one of the most popular and richest kids in Jess Choudhary's school, is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be... Jess, a student under strict instructions to keep her record clean or risk losing her scholarship, finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story she wrote. And then Jess receives an anonymous text thanking her for the inspiration. With time running out, Jess knows if she doesn't solve this mystery she'll finally have something in common with Hugh Henry.



This Book Won't Burn

Author: Ahmed, Samira

Availability: 1/1

From the New York Times bestselling author of Internment comes a timely and gripping social-suspense novel about book banning, activism, and standing up for what you believe.



Unraveller

Author: Hardinge, Frances

Availability: 1/1

In a world where anyone can create life-destroying curses, only one person has the power to unravel them. Kellen does not fully understand his talent, but uses it to help those who have been cursed, including his ally and closest friend, Nettle. But Kellen himself is cursed, and unless he and Nettle can release him, he is in danger of unravelling everything – and everyone – around him. For fans of Leigh Bardugo and Neil Gaiman comes Frances Hardinge's spectacular novel Unraveller. Called her 'best yet' by the Guardian, Hardinge expertly weaves together mythology and mystery in a richly-detailed world besieged by curses.



Young Gothic

Author: Bennett, M.A. Availability: 1/1

The monsters aren't just in their heads. Dark and atmospheric, join Eve, Griffin, Hal and Ren as they discover the deadly secrets of the Villa Diodati ... will they all make it out alive? Perfect for fans of Wednesday and Stranger Things, this is a gothic horror with a closed circle murder mystery that will keep you guessing until the last page.