

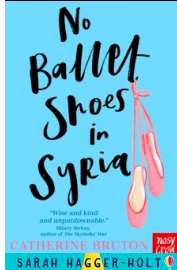
Y7 — Growing Up

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The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett

Tiffany Aching is in trouble: she's armed only with a frying pan, her Grandma's dubious book of magic and — strangest of all — tiny blue men in kilts, the Wee Free men, who have come looking for a new hag.



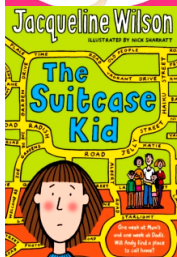
No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton

Aya just arrived in Britain with her mum and brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya goes to a local ballet class, the teacher spots her talent. At the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to stay in the country, and to find her father.



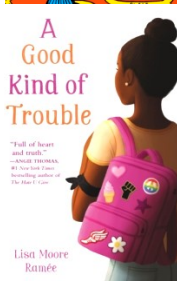
Nothing Ever Happens Here by Sarah Hagger-Holt

When her dad comes out as Danielle, a trans woman, Izzy is terrified her family will be torn apart. And what will people at school say? Izzy's always been shy, but now all eyes are on her. Can she face her fears, find her voice and stand up for what's right?



The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson

When her parents divorce, Andy can't decide whether to live with Mum or Dad. She moves from house to house each week, but doesn't feel like she belongs anywhere. Why can't things just go back to normal?



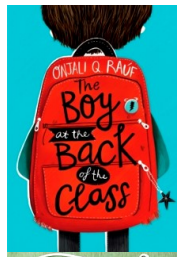
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée

After experiencing a powerful protest, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking, and shows support for Black Lives Matter at school. Soon everyone is taking sides, and Shay is scared do to the wrong thing, but even more scared to do the *right* thing...



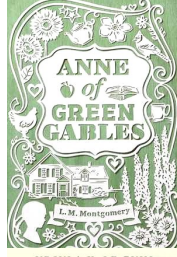
Fig Swims the World by Lou Abercrombie

Fig is good at a lot of things: making lists, playing the piano, mathematics. But it's never enough for her mother, who every year sets Fig an impossible resolution. So Fig decides to set her own challenge instead: she's going to swim her way round the world. There's just one tiny problem... Fig can't swim.



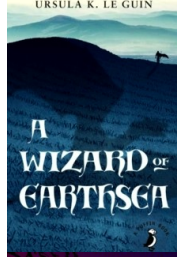
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

When Ahmet starts at his new school, his classmates are confused by him—he doesn't talk, he doesn't smile, he doesn't even like sweets! But soon they learn about his life as a refugee, and discover the special power of kindness and empathy.



Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery

Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert are in for a big surprise—waiting for an orphan boy to help with the work at Green Gables - but a skinny, red-haired girl turns up instead. It's not long before Anne finds herself in trouble, but she's definitely here to stay.



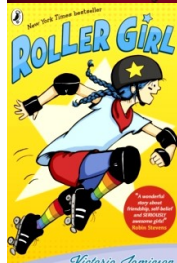
Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin

As a reckless, awkward boy, the great wizard Sparrowhawk discovered was tempted by pride to try spells beyond his means, and he let loose an evil shadow-beast in his land. Only he can destroy it, and the quest leads him to the farthest corner of Earthsea.



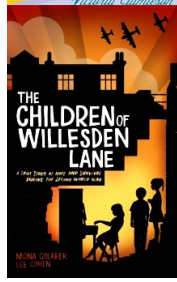
Back Home by Michelle Magorian

After five happy years in America during the Second World War, Rusty must return to England: the place she used to call home. But it doesn't feel like home. Rusty's mother is like a stranger, her little brother doesn't know her, and why does the food taste so bad?



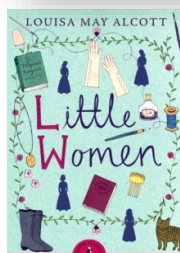
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead, with Astrid's biggest rival...



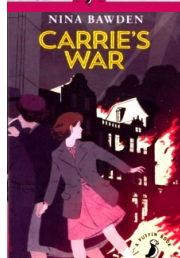
The Children of Willesden Lane by Mona Golabek

Lisa Jura was a musical prodigy who hoped to become a concert pianist. But when Hitler's armies advanced on Vienna, Lisa's parents were forced to make a difficult decision: able to secure passage for only one of their daughters through the Kindertransport, they chose to send gifted Lisa to London for safety.



Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Meg longs for marriage; Amy wants to be a painter; Beth is content to stay at home; while Jo wants adventure and a life without limits. Four decidedly different sisters, growing up during the American Civil War, each facing their own unique challenge.



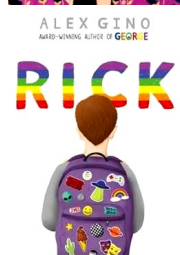
Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

Carrie and Nick are evacuated from London to a small town in Wales, placed with strict Mr Evans. Their friend Albert is luckier, living with Hepzibah Green who tells wonderful stories, and the strange Mister Johnny, who speaks a language of his own.



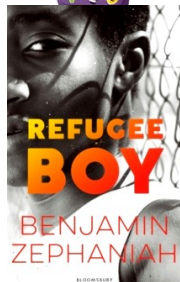
A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When wealthy Sara Crewe arrives at boarding school in London, she is determined to make friends, and seems to be succeeding — until tragedy strikes. Sara must fight harder than she thought possible to remain both strong and kind in very difficult circumstances.



Rick by Alex Gino

Everyone thinks they have Rick figured out, but the truth is even he isn't sure who he really is. Joining the Rainbow Spectrum club at his new school gives him the chance to work some things out.



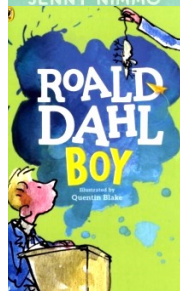
Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah

Alem's father is Ethiopian, his mother Eritrean. Their countries are at war, and Alem is welcome in neither place. So Alem is excited to spend a holiday in London with his father - until he wakes up to find him gone. Now Alem is alone in a strange country, and he must forge his own path.



The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo

Gwyn's grandmother leaves him five gifts: a brooch, a piece of dried seaweed, a tin whistle, a scarf, and a broken toy horse. She tells him they will help make him a magician - but can Gwyn use them to bring his missing sister, Bethan, home?



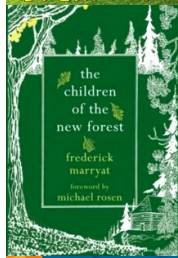
Boy by Roald Dahl

As a boy, all sorts of unusual things happened to Roald Dahl. There are stories of holidays in fishing boats, and the days of tasting chocolate for Cadbury's. You'll hear tales of horrible school bullies, sweet shops, and the motor-car accident when Roald's nose was nearly sliced clean off...



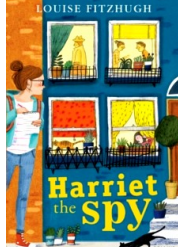
Dream On Bali Rai

Baljit works in his dad's chippy but dreams of football stardom. When the chance of a lifetime comes along in the form of a national team's rep, he is sure that his parents will disapprove and so a chain of lies begins.



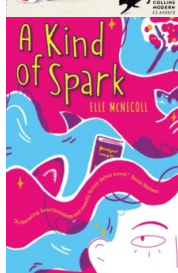
Children of the New Forest by Frederick Marryat

Cavaliers and Roundheads battle it out in the turbulent setting of the English Civil War and provide the background for this classic tale of four orphans as they face adversity, survival in the forest, reconciliation and eventual forgiveness.



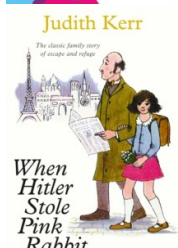
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

After school every day, Harriet takes her notebook and proceeds through her spy route. She writes brutally honest notes on all the people she sees, which comes back to bite her when her notebook is knocked out of her hands and read by her classmates. Now she's in trouble with everyone...



A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll

Addie is campaigning for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her hometown. Addie knows there's more to their story, just like there's more to hers. Can Addie challenge how people in her town see her and her autism, and make her voice heard?



When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

One day, Anna's father was missing. Then she and her brother Max were being rushed by their mother, in alarming secrecy, away from everything they knew - home and schoolmates and well-loved toys - right out of Germany...



Guts by Raina Telgemeier

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, but it soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships.



Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

Pauline longs to be an actress. Petrova is happiest playing with cars and engines. And if she could, Posy would dance all day! But when their benefactor Great-Uncle Matthew disappears, the Fossil girls share a future of a dazzling life on stage, where their dreams and fears will soon come true...