

Recommended Reads for Year 9:

Action, Mysteries & Thrillers

Bodyguard: Hostage (& sequels) by C. Bradford
Heist Society (& sequels) by Ally Carter
Dead and Buried (& sequels) by Anne Cassidy
Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks, The Everest Files or Lie, Kill, Walk Away by Matt Dickinson
Killing Mr Griffin by Lois Duncan
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
by Mark Haddon
Silverfin or The Enemy (& sequels) by C Higson
Stormbreaker (& sequels) by Anthony Horowitz
We Were Liars by E Lockheart
Here We Lie, Sweetfreak, Blood Ties or Girl Missing
(& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie
One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus
The New Recruit or Dropzone by Andy McNab
Blame or Itch (& sequels) by Simon Mayo
The Recruit (Cherub), The Escape (Henderson's Boys) or Rock War (& sequels) by R Muchamore
Daniel X, Maximum Ride or Confessions of Murder Suspect series by James Patterson
13 Minutes by Sarah Pinborough
Remade or TimeRiders (& sequels) -Alex Scarrow
She is Not Invisible by Marcus Sedgwick
Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) - R Stevens

Autobiographies/Memoirs

I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings by M. Angelou
A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen
Hope in a Ballet Shoe: Orphaned by War, Saved by Ballet by Michaela & Elaine DePrince
Wave: Life After the Tsunami by S. Deraniyagala
One Dog at a Time: Saving the Strays of Helmland
(& sequels) by Pen Farthing
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
In Real Life by Joey Graceffa
Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan
Mud, Sweat and Tears by Bear Grylls
Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby
The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
Every Falling Star by Sunju Lee & SE McClelland
Today Everything Changes by Andy McNab
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah
Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama
Touching the Void by Joe Simpson

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Night by Elie Wiesel

Classics & Modern Literature

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Great Expectations or Oliver Twist by C Dickens
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Tess of the D'ubervilles by Thomas Hardy
Brave New World by Alex Huxley
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
1984 or Animal Farm by George Orwell
Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman
The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred Taylor
The Adventures of Huck Finn by Mark Twain

Complex/Difficult Issues

Change is Gonna Come – various BAME authors
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Noughts & Crosses or Boys Don't Cry - M Blackman
Blubber or anything by Judy Blume
Am I Normal Yet? by Holly Bourne
The Bunker Diary by Kevin Brooks
Junk or The Hit by Melvin Burgess
Open: A Toolkit for How Magic and Messed Up Life Can Be (teenage issues) by Gemma Cairney
Looking for JJ or Moth Girls by Anne Cassidy
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by S. Chbosky
Stolen by Lucy Christopher
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
One, We Come Apart, Apple and Rain or The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan
Before I Die by Jenny Downam
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Heroic, The Bubble Wrap Boy, Being Billy, Saving Daisy, Mind the Gap by Phil Earle
Mockingbird or Seeing Red by Kathryn Erskine
The Universe versus Alex Woods by G. Extence
If I Stay & Where She Went by G. Forman
Fault in Our Stars, Looking for Alaska or Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
The Outsiders by SE Hinton

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Ways to Live Forever by Sally Nichols
We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielson
All the Bright Places or ***Holding Up the Universe*** by Jennifer Niven
Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver
Panther by David Owen
My Sister's Keeper or ***Small Great Things*** - J Picoult
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece or ***Ketchup Clouds*** by Annabel Pitcher
Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley
Extraordinary Means by Robin Schneider
The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
Stone Cold by Robert Swindells
Anita and Me by Meera Syal
Broken Soup by Jenny Valentine
It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
My Name is Leon by Kit de Waal
A Boy Called Hope or ***The Art of Being Normal*** by Lara Williamson
Teacher's Dead, Face or Terror Kid by B. Zephaniah

Conflict, War, Genocide & the Refugee Experience

The Boy at the Top of the Mountain or ***The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*** by John Boyne
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Dog Tags: Semper Fido or ***Strays*** by CA London
All Fall Down by Sally Nichols
Fallen Angels or ***Sunrise over Fallujah*** by WD Myers
The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult
The Red Pencil by Andrea David Pinkney
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wren
Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Dystopian & Science Fiction

Feed by MT Anderson
The Girl With All the Gifts by MR Carey
City of Bones (& sequels) by Cassandra Clare
Matched (& sequels) by Ally Condie
The Maze Runner (& sequels) by J. Dashner
The Gender Game by Bella Forrest
Gone (& sequels) by Michael Grant
Department 19 (& sequels) by Will Hill
I Am Number Four (& sequels) by Pittacus Lore

The Giver & Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry
Legend (& sequels) by Marie Lu
The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)- P Ness
MetaWars: Fight for Future (&sequels) by J. Norton
Replica or ***Delirium*** (& sequels) by Lauren Oliver
Divergent (& sequels) by Veronica Roth
Lord Loss or ***Zom-B*** (& sequels) by D Shan
Unwind (& sequels) by Neal Shusterman
Slated (& sequels) by Teri Terry
Uglies (& sequels) by Scott Westerfield
The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey
Blood Red Road by Moira Young

Humorous books

The Teenage Worrier's Guide to Life - Asquith
Taking the Plunge (& sequels) by Helen Bailey
The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot
Swim the Fly (& sequels) by Don Calame
Diary of a Chav (& sequels) by Grace Dent
An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
The Reformed Vampire Support Group by Jinks
Hellbent or ***Henry Tumour*** by Anthony McGowan
Ten Things We Shouldn't Have Done – S Mylnowski
A Midsummer Tights Dream by Louise Rennison
The Rosie Project (& sequel) by Graeme Simsion

Relationships

Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler
Slammed by Colleen Hoover
Hold Back the Stars by Katie Khan
Falling Fast (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie
Beauty by Robin McKinley
One Day by David Nicholls
Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
Our Chemical Hearts by Krystal Sutherland
If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson
Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
Girl Online (& sequels) by Zoe Sugg

Note to parents: While some of the books from this list are written for children, others are written for young adult readers (13+) or adults; this means there may be 'gritty' content. Generally by Year 9/10 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask your child's teacher.