



# LOVE READING

Summer 2020

The Queen's Park High School *Love Reading* newsletter aims to point you in the direction of books you'll love. Whether these are new releases or tried-and-tested favourites, we're sure you'll find something here to spark your imagination.



## WRANGLESTONE Darren Charlton

In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice.

Then homebody Peter puts the camp in danger by naively allowing a stranger to come ashore and he's forced to leave the community of Wranglestone. Now he must help rancher Cooper, the boy he's always watched from afar, herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over. But as love blossoms, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past. One that forces the pair to question everything they've ever known.

**Recommended reading age: 13+**

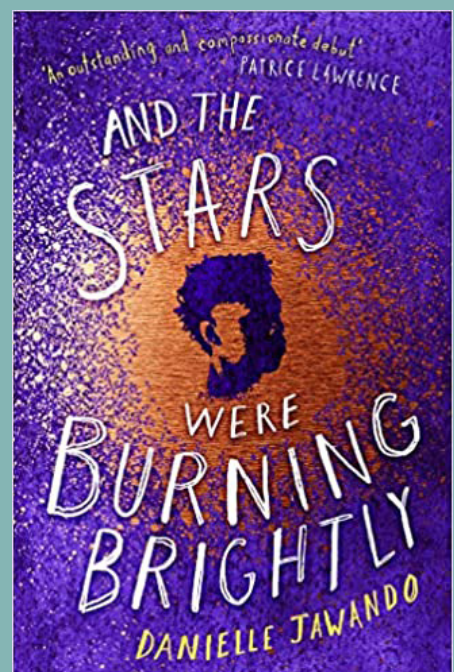
## AND THE STARS WERE BURNING BRIGHTLY Danielle Jawando

When fifteen-year-old Nathan discovers that his older brother Al, has taken his own life, his whole world is torn apart. Al was special. Al was talented. Al had so many dreams ... so why did he do it?

Convinced that his brother was in trouble, Nathan decides to retrace Al's footsteps. As he does, he meets Megan, Al's former classmate, who is as determined as Nathan to keep Al's memory alive.

Together they start seeking answers, but will either of them be able to handle the truth about Al's death when they eventually discover what happened?

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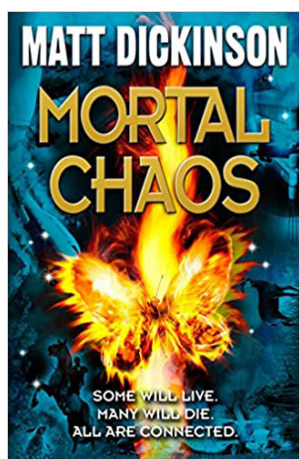


# RECOMMENDED FOR YEARS 7 & 8

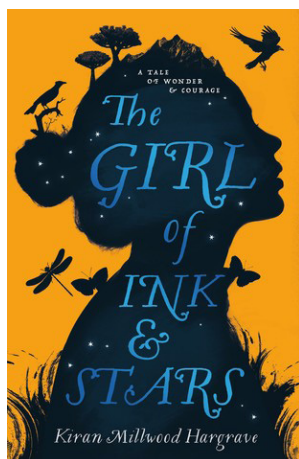
## ACTION AND ADVENTURE



**THE BODYGUARD: RECRUIT**  
Chris Bradford

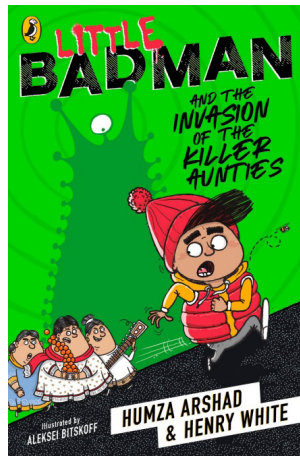


**MORTAL CHAOS**  
Matt Dickinson

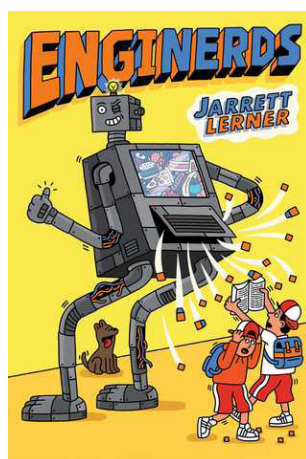


**THE GIRL OF INK AND STARS**  
Kiran Millwood Hargrave

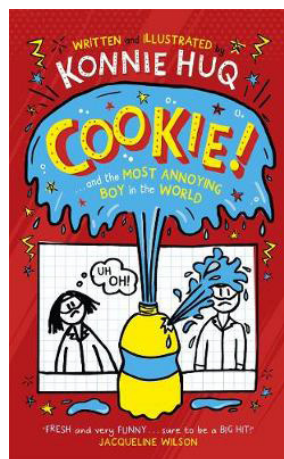
## COMEDY



**LITTLE BADMAN**  
Humza Arshad & Henry White



**ENGINERDS**  
Jarrett Lerner



**COOKIE!**  
Konnie Huq

## DRAMA



**LENNY'S BOOK OF EVERYTHING**  
Karen Foxlee



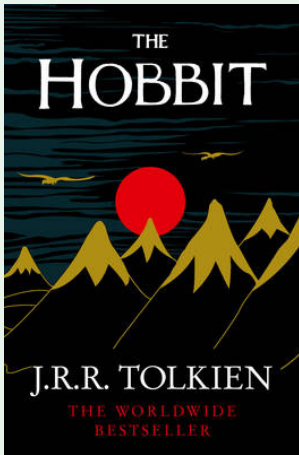
**OH MY GODS**  
Alexandra Sheppard



**BROWN GIRL DREAMING**  
Jacqueline Woodson

# WHAT WE'RE READING

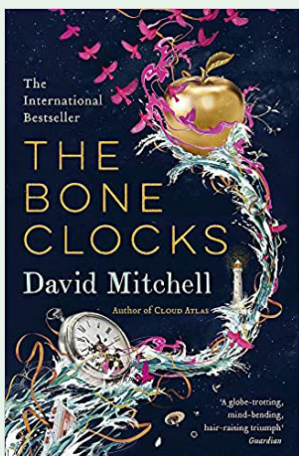
Sometimes the best recommendations come from people we know. Here are the books that our students can't get enough of.



## The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkein

I have just finished *The Hobbit* and I found it amazing because it was action packed and filled with excitement. It is about a little hobbit who goes on a quest with 13 dwarves and 1 wizard to try and get their homeland back. I would recommend it to people who love a book that keeps you interested and who like fantasy and adventure. I would rate it 10/10 stars, and when you finish this book the sequel is the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

- Ben B, Year 8



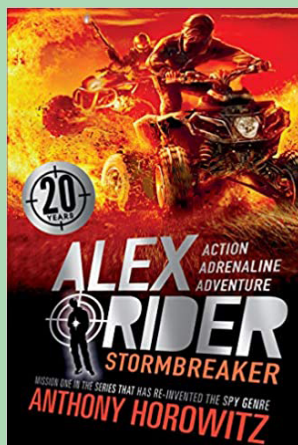
## The Bone Clocks David Mitchell

The plot is hard to describe, as it follows the journeys of multiple different lives at different times. I enjoyed it most because of the different paths it took on telling a story, and the altered view on reality it offered. It is very surreal and could be hard to wrap your head around on the first reading. The only "blurb" available is a quote on the back of the book: 'What is born must one day die. So says the contract of life, yes? I am here to tell you, however, that in rare instances this iron clause may be...rewritten.'

- Isaac, Year 10

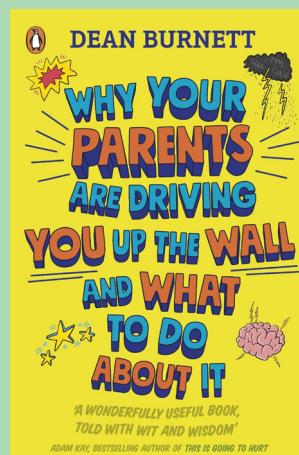
## THE ALEX RIDER SERIES Anthony Horowitz

Recommended by Elen, Year 7, who describes it as "fast paced and adventurous".



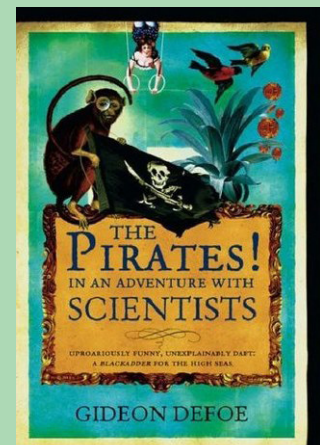
## WHY YOUR PARENTS ARE DRIVING YOU UP THE WALL Dean Burnett

Recommended by Isla, Year 7, who calls it "wonderfully useful!"



## PIRATES! IN AN ADVENTURE WITH SCIENTISTS Gideon Defoe

Recommended by Jayden, Year 8, who says it is "a great book".



# RECOMMENDED FOR YEAR 9+



**PERFECT IF YOU LOVE... POETIC WRITING AND BOLD CHARACTERS**

## **THE POET X** **Elizabeth Acevedo**

Xiomara has always kept her words to herself.

When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But X has secrets - her feelings for a boy in her bio class, and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed. And a slam poetry club that will pull those secrets into the spotlight. Because in spite of a world that might not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to stay silent.

**PERFECT IF YOU LOVE... DARK, GRITTY HORROR**  
**\*\*NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER READERS**

## **THE BUNKER DIARY** **Kevin Brooks**

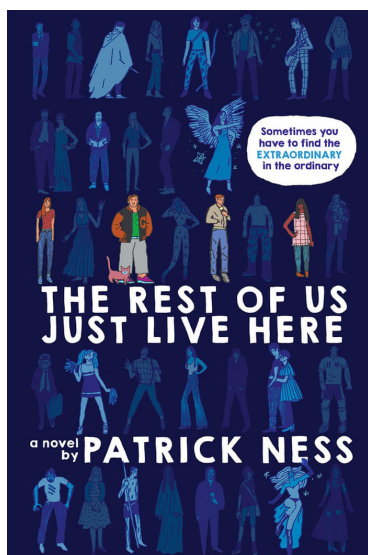
Linus wakes up in a cold, dark, underground bunker with no recollection of how he got there. The last thing he remembers is helping a blind man get his case into the back of a van. The only way in and out of the bunker is a lift, controlled by whoever has captured him. Linus' theory that he has been kidnapped for ransom is soon dismissed as the lift delivers five more prisoners. Pushed to the limits of human endurance with constant physical and mental torture, how long will the six survive being the playthings of their captor?



**PERFECT IF YOU LOVE... FUNNY, ORIGINAL WRITING THAT DEALS WITH BIG ISSUES**

## **THE REST OF US JUST LIVE HERE** **Patrick Ness**

What if you weren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you were like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life.



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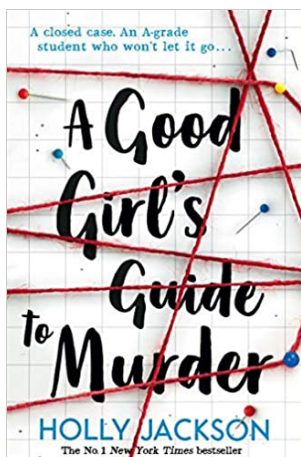
## DYSTOPIAN / THRILLERS



**ORPHAN MONSTER SPY**  
Matt Killeen

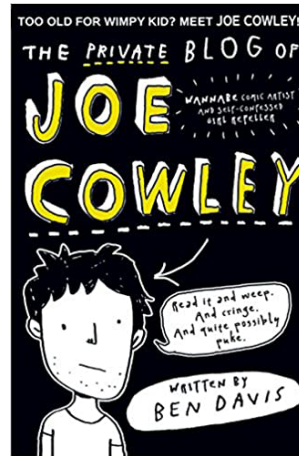


**SCYTHE #1**  
Neal Shusterman

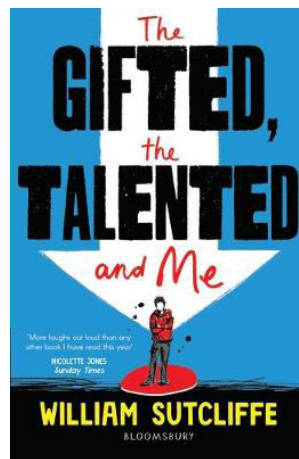


**A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER**  
Holly Jackson

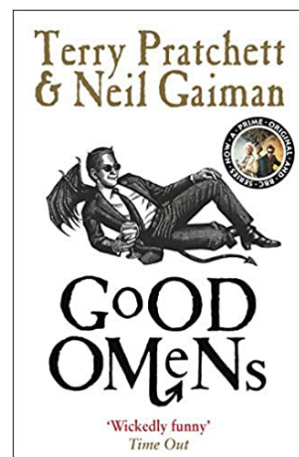
## COMEDY



**THE PRIVATE BLOG OF JOE COWLEY**  
Ben Davis

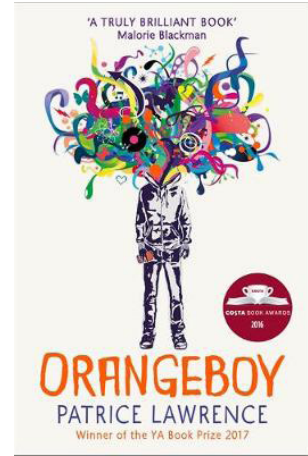


**THE GIFTED, THE TALENTED, AND ME**  
William Sutcliffe

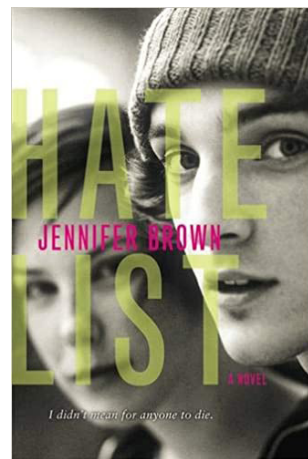


**GOOD OMENS**  
Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett

## DRAMA



**ORANGEBOY**  
Patrice Lawrence

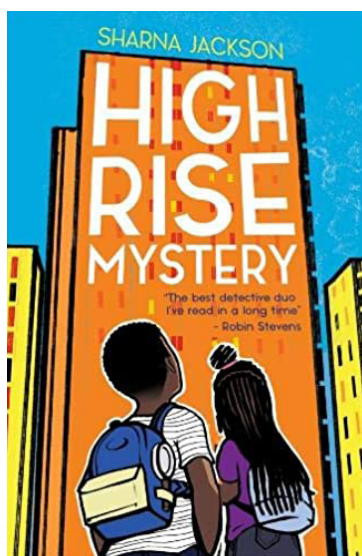


**HATE LIST**  
Jennifer Brown



**TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE**  
Jenny Han

# FOCUS ON... DIVERSE VOICES



## PERFECT IF YOU LOVE... MURDER MYSTERIES

### HIGH RISE MYSTERY

**Sharna Jackson**

The detective duo everyone is dying to meet! Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway. The first whodunnit in a new mystery series.

**Recommended age: 11+**

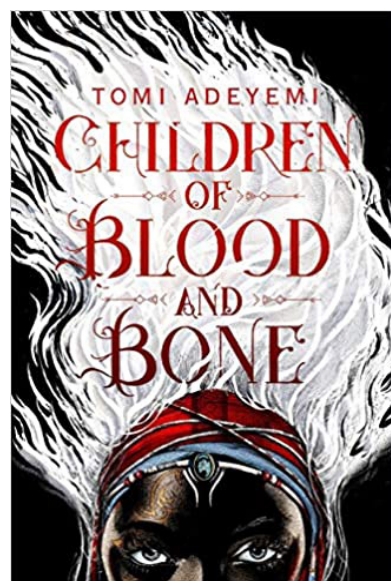
## PERFECT IF YOU LOVE... GRIPPING FANTASY ADVENTURE STORIES

### CHILDREN OF BLOOD AND BONE

**Tomi Adeyemi**

Magic has gone from the world, vanished when Zelig's mother was violently murdered by the King's men. Now the Maji clans, marked out by their silver hair, live in constant fear. Zelig longs to rebel, but her chance doesn't come until she finds herself having to protect a runaway princess, Amari, who is carrying a scroll that can bring magic back to the world.

**Recommended age: 12+**



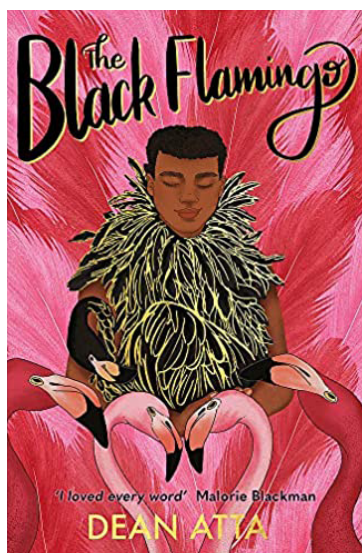
## PERFECT IF YOU LOVE... POETIC WRITING, LGBTQ+ FICTION

### THE BLACK FLAMINGO

**Dean Atta**

The Black Flamingo follows Michael as he comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen and finds his wings at university as a drag artist. An exploration of a mixed-race LGBTQ+ experience in Britain, *The Black Flamingo* is a bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness and finding your inner strength. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.

**Recommended age: 13+**

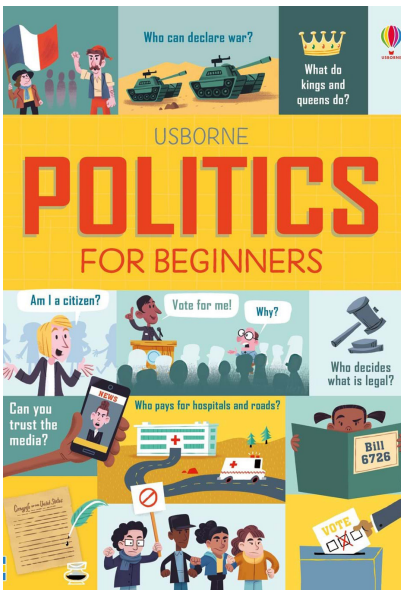
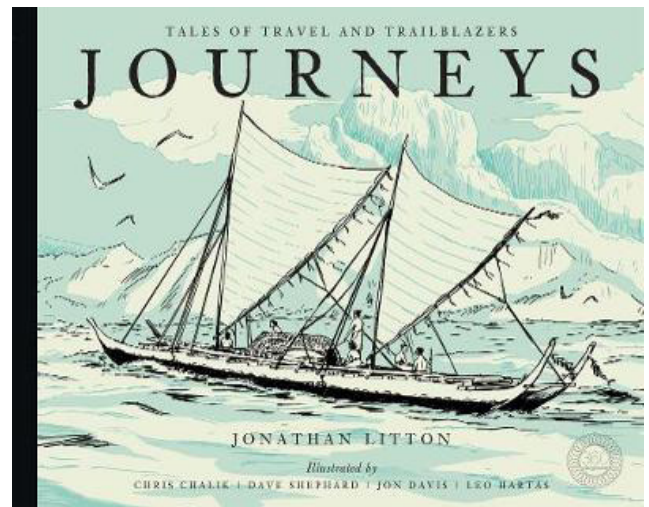


# NON-FICTION

## IDEAL FOR... ASPIRING GLOBETROTTERS

### JOURNEYS: TALES OF TRAVEL AND TRAILBLAZERS Jonathan Litton

Read your way around the world with some of history's greatest storymakers. As well as the usual suspects, explore some lesser-known but equally amazing journeys, including that of Nobu Shirase – who raced Scott and Amundsen to the South Pole – and Henry “Box” Brown – a slave who posted himself to freedom.



## IDEAL FOR... THOSE WHO LOVE A DEBATE

### POLITICS FOR BEGINNERS Usborne

What is an election? Who gets to be Prime Minister or President? What does immigration mean? This essential introduction to politics for children answers all these questions and many more. Topics debated include capitalism, socialism and nationalism, terrorism, voting systems, free speech and human rights.

“This entertaining book does an admirable job of explaining politics... An excellent trigger for debate.” - The Sunday Times

## IDEAL FOR... INSPIRING ECO-AWARE TEENS

### CHALLENGE EVERYTHING Blue Sandford

The only official handbook from Extinction Rebellion, this youth-driven, youth-oriented manifesto speaks loud and clear to the legions of young people who feel disenchanted with world leaders, and angry at the greed of big business dictating the downward direction of the world, all enhanced by strikingly designed slogans and illustrations.

