



# Moving On

Great books to read as you start secondary school



Hampshire  
County Council

## AHMED, SUFIYA

### Rosie Raja: Churchill's Spy

Forced to leave British ruled India for her own safety, Rosie discovers that her Dad is a spy and follows him to Occupied France in 1941. Together they embark on a mission with the French Resistance. Brilliantly combines authentic historical detail with a thrilling spy story.

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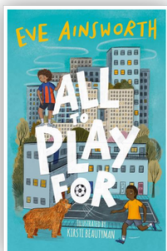


## AINSWORTH, EVE

### All to play for

Lewis really wants to play for the local football team; convincing Mum is the problem. Then Lewis' talent is spotted by the local football coach and Lewis knows he must find a way to live his dream. A powerful story of following your true path.

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## BALEN, KATYA

### Birdsong

A car accident leaves Annie no longer able to play her beloved flute. Noah, Annie's new friend, loves nature and together they find a way to overcome their sadness and fill their world with hope. A story of hope and friendship.

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## BALEN, KATYA

### The Light in Everything

Two very different children are forced to share their lives when their respective lone parents fall in love. Their story deals with difficult subjects and huge emotions but is also full of beauty, hope and promise. A terrific read.

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## CANNING, P J



### 21% Monster

Darren Devlin and Marek Masters meet in drastic circumstances, and now they must combine their uniquely developed powers to combat the secret organisation that is threatening to destroy them. A gripping, fast-paced adventure.



## CONWAY, ANNE-MARIE

### How to be more Hedgehog

Lily has a stammer. To make things worse, a video has been uploaded of her practising a class presentation, and now everyone is whispering behind her back. Will Lily make the decision to run away, or find the courage to speak out and stand up to the bullies?

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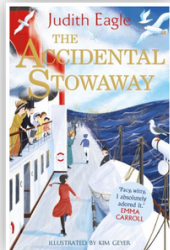


## EAGLE, JUDITH

### Accidental Stowaway

Patch finds herself a stowaway on board a ship bound for New York. With new friends to make and a mystery to solve, will she succeed before she is discovered? A great historical story with plenty of twists and turns.

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## FARR, DAVID

### Book of Stolen Dreams

A ruthless dictator and a book that is very highly prized. When their dad is captured, Rachel and Robert realise it is up to them to solve the mystery of the book of stolen dreams. A magical fantasy borne from the experience of the author's family during WW2.

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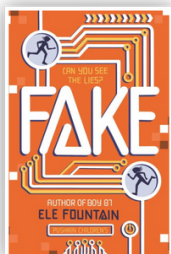


## FOUNTAIN, ELE

### Fake

Jess is fourteen and allowed to go to school for the first time. She is an expert in cyber-hacking which is both brilliant and dangerous in helping her younger sister with life-saving medication. A fast-paced thriller with dystopian themes and virtual reality secrets and lies.

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## GETTEN, KEREEN

### If you read this

Brie hates that Dad is never home, especially since Mum died. Things are about to change as Brie becomes 12 and a series of letters written by her Mum take her on one last treasure hunt. What will she find, and will her life ever be the same? A story of grief and hope.



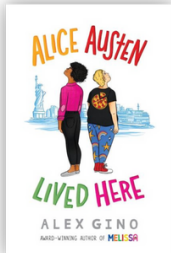
## GINO, ALEX



### Alice Austen Lived Here

Two non-binary friends are delighted to discover more about the gay community in their own neighbourhood when they are invited to enter a local history competition at school. Set in America.

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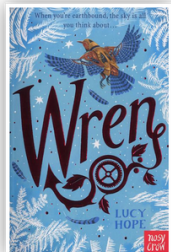


## HOPE, LUCY

### Wren

A singing ruin of a castle in Wales, a disapproving father, and a secret hidden dragon. Thus begins the story of Wren, strong and inventive, drawn into the mystery of her crumbling home and longing to escape her dreary destiny.

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## LANDMAN, TANYA

### Midwinter Burning

When Alfie is evacuated to Devon at the beginning of the war, he soon settles into farming life. He is strangely drawn to the ancient stones, and even makes a new friend....but not everything is as it seems as the true horror of the Midwinter Burning ritual is revealed.

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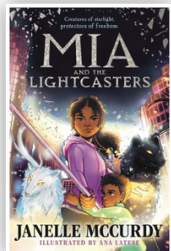


## MCCURDY, JANELLE

### Mia and the Lightcasters

When Mia's city is threatened she is reluctantly thrown into the role of 'the only one who can save the city!' She must hone her Tamer skills and make sense of the legends surrounding the city in order to save it. A great fantasy adventure.

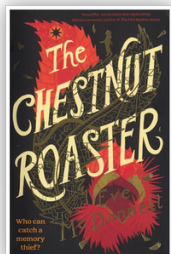
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## MCDONNELL, EVE

### The Chestnut Roaster

Piaf is twelve, and remembers everything since the day she was born. So why has everyone in Paris forgotten the entire year of 1888? Piaf and her twin brother Luc set out on a dangerous mission to catch the memory thief. A gripping and intriguing gothic tale.



## MITCHELL, TOM



### When Things Went Wild

Kit never wanted to move from Nottingham. Now in the wilds of the Highlands, having found a missing tracker, he feels more under threat than ever! Will he and his annoying little brother, work out what happened to Adler, the Golden Eagle no one wants to talk about? An amusing whodunnit adventure.

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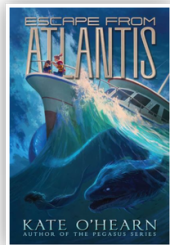


## O'HEARN, KATE

### Escape from Atlantis

When Riley and Alfie's boat gets caught in a storm in the Bermuda Triangle they wash ashore on the mysterious, mythological island of Atlantis. They are determined to escape but have to work out who might help them and who might force them to stay.

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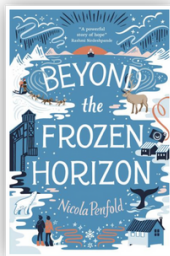
## PENFOLD, NICOLA



### Beyond the Frozen Horizon

Will Rory discover why the people of Pyramiden loathe the scientists of Greenlight? Will secrets from the past uncover a web of secrets and lies? A story of hope, conservation, and love.

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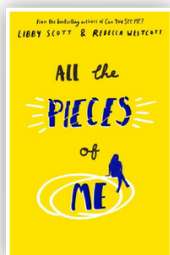
## SCOTT, L & WESTCOTT, R



### All the pieces of me

All Tally wants to do is fit in. Can she be true to herself and navigate the ever-changing rules on friendship? How can she make the world understand that her Autism doesn't have to be a barrier? A poignant insight into one girl's struggle with secondary school.

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## GOODFELLOW, MATT 821GOO

### Let's Chase Stars Together

A wonderfully poignant read covering all the issues that teenagers today face. The poems speak out to the reader in a way that no other narrative could. Hope and humour blended across the pages.



Here are just a few ideas of the great books you might like to read as you start secondary school.

Many of these books will be available in your school library or you can borrow them, free of charge, from your local public library. Click the book cover or title to see the availability of each.

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 = Younger Teen Reads

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