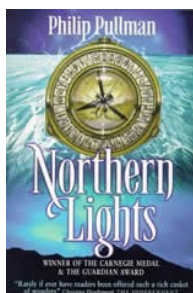


## Year 9 Reading List

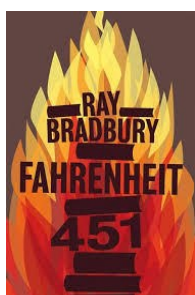
All these books are available in the library. If you enjoy an author read other books they have written but don't be afraid to try other genres. The more you read the more you will enjoy it!



### Northern Lights

**Philip Pullman**

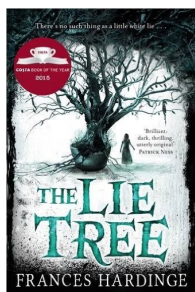
Part one of Philip Pullman's magnificent trilogy '*His Dark Materials*', is the story of Lyra, a young girl with an exceptional destiny. Brought up in Jordan College, Oxford Lyra uncovers a secret about her mysterious guardian which leads her on dangerous journey to the kingdoms of the North. Her journey has consequences beyond her own world. A masterpiece.



### Fahrenheit 451

**Ray Bradbury**

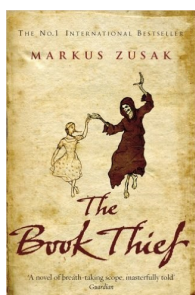
Books are banned in this legendary science fiction novel where 'firemen' scour the frightened and suppressed cities for those who hide books. Guy Montag is a book-burning fireman undergoing a crisis of faith. A terrifying glimpse about censorship in a post-literate future.



### The Lie Tree

**Frances Hardinge**

Part horror story, part detective story and part historical story this page-turner is set in the Victorian scientific society. Faith is the feisty intelligent heroine who shows great courage and determination in uncovering a web of secrets and deceptions in a male-dominated world. Dark and thrilling.



### The Book Thief

**Marcus Zusak**

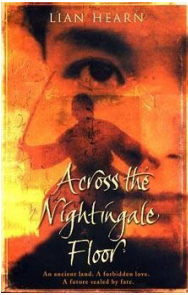
Liesel and her family are living under the horror of the Nazi regime during the Second World War. When her parents are taken away to a concentration camp she lives with a foster family. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of Himmel Street when the bombs begin to fall. Narrated by Death it is a grim but also uplifting and triumphant novel.



### The Knife of Never Letting Go

**Patrick Ness**

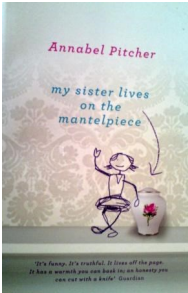
In Prentisstown, everyone can hear everyone's thoughts. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. There are no women. Or are there? A well-written and fast paced adventure set in a dystopian future. The first book of the Chaos Walking trilogy.



## Across the Nightingale Floor

Lian Hearn

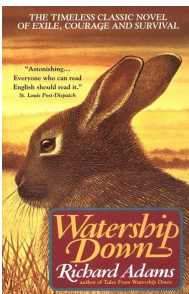
Lian Hearn's powerful bestseller is an epic story set in a mythical, feudal, Japanese land, a world both beautiful and cruel. An intense love story of two young people takes place against a background of warring clans, secret alliances, high honour and lightning swordplay. The first book in the *Tales of the Otori* series.



## My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece

Annabel Pitcher

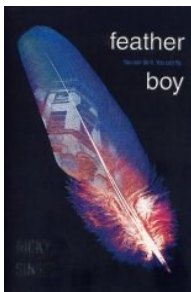
Jamie's family has been torn apart by his sister's death in a terrorist suicide bombing. Beginning a new life in the Lake District with his older sister and his father, who mourns his daughter through alcohol and a wild rage against her killers, Jamie knows he should feel sadder than he does. The truth is, he can hardly remember his sister. The story explores intolerance, grief and the power of love to heal.



## Watership Down

Richard Adams

This best-selling novel tells the story of a band of rabbits who leave their warren because one of their number, the telepathic Hazel, senses danger - and journey hazardously across the Berkshire downs in search of safety. A tale of courage, adventure and survival.



## Feather Boy

Nicky Singer

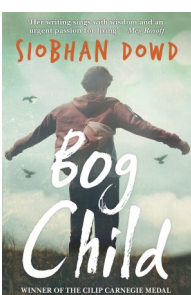
Robert is a boy who can do anything - or so old Edith Sorrel at the nursing home tells him. Robert doesn't think so, knowing as he does that he is the school geek. But something compels him to do what Edith asks - to visit old Chance House, where a boy once fell to his death from the top floor flat, to confront his fears and find some answers. A beautifully written story about self-empowerment.



## Blood Red Road

Moira Young

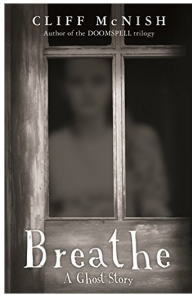
Every step of Saba's journey sizzles with danger... In a lawless land, where life is cheap and survival is hard, Saba has been brought up in isolated Silverlake. She never sees the dangers of the destructive society outside. When her twin brother is snatched by mysterious black-robed riders, she sets out on an epic quest to rescue him. Dystopian thriller with a strong, feisty heroine.



Bog Child

Siobhan Dowd

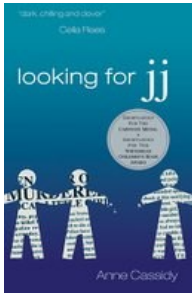
Digging for peat in the mountain, Fergus finds the body of a child and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him - his brother in prison, his feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck, blackmailed into acting as courier, the mystery of the bog child unfurls .



## Breathe: a Ghost Story

Cliff McNish

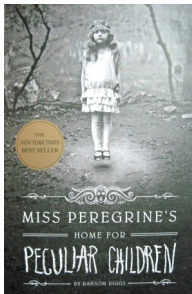
Jack is used to danger. His asthma has nearly killed him more than once. But his new home has a danger he's never known before - the spirits of the dead. They can't breathe, but in Jack's house they chase, hide and scream. Only Jack can see them. Only he can hear them. And only he can learn their secrets in time to save himself. Genuinely scary.



## Looking for JJ

Anne Cassidy

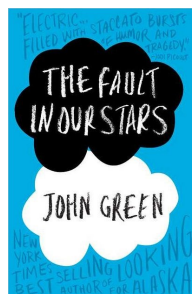
A gripping and emotionally searing novel from a talented author, *Looking for JJ* explores the circumstances and motives behind the murder of a child - by her friend. Six years later, JJ has now been released, and has a new identity. But is there any way that she can lead a normal life?



## Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Ransom Riggs

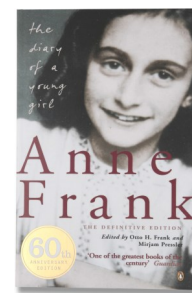
A horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. A chilling and strange novel with haunting vintage photographs.



## The Fault in Our Stars

John Green

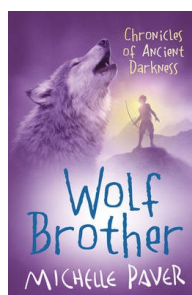
Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. A thought-provoking love story.



## The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne Frank

In July 1942, thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the horrors of Nazi occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes not only the daily frustrations of living in such close quarters, but also her thoughts, feelings and longings as she grows up. Her diary symbolises the horrors of the Holocaust and the strength of the human spirit.



## Wolf Brother

Michelle Paver

First in the Chronicle of Darkness series following orphaned Torak and his friendship with a wolf cub as he travels on a terrifying quest through prehistoric lands.