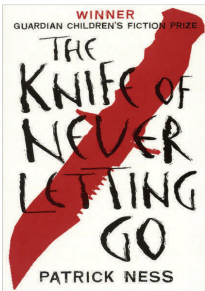




Claremont Fan Court School Reading List, Year 9

There are merely suggestions . All books are available in the school library.
If you enjoy reading a novel, look for others by the same author.

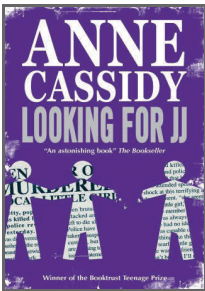


THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO

Patrick Ness

(and others in the Chaos Walking series)

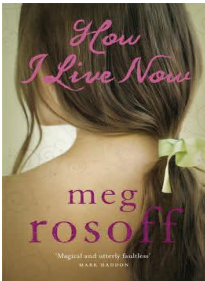
Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans. Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run.



LOOKING FOR JJ

Anne Cassidy

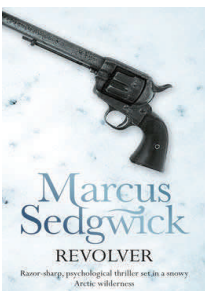
This explores the circumstances and motives behind the murder of a child - by her friend. Six years later, JJ has now been released, and has a new identity. But is there any way that she can lead a normal life?



HOW I LIVE NOW

Meg Rosoff

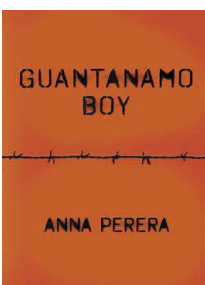
When Daisy first arrives in England she falls in love with a new way of life and also, passionately, with her cousin Edmund. When war breaks out, the two teenagers are swept apart. Everyone is struggling for survival. Daisy and Edmund both come through but while Daisy copes with the altered state of things, Edmund's suffering when his world implodes changes him. He loses a part of himself that can never be replaced.



REVOLVER

Marcus Sedgwick

1910. A cabin north of the Arctic Circle. 15-year-old Sig Anderson is alone. Alone, except for the corpse of his father, who died after falling through a weak spot on the ice-covered lake. His sister and step-mother have gone to the local town for help. Then comes a knock at the door. A man with a gun at his hip. As Sig learns the truth about his father and this man he realises he has a choice and his mind his drawn to that of his father's prized possession locked in a box in the storeroom. A revolver - and to use it or not...



GUANTANAMO BOY

Anne Perera

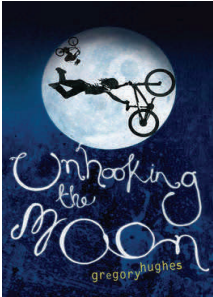
Khalid, a 15-year-old Muslim boy from Rochdale, is abducted from Pakistan while on holiday with his family. He is taken to Guantanamo Bay and held without charge, where his hopes and dreams are crushed under the cruelest of circumstances. An innocent denied his freedom at a time when Western boys are finding theirs, Khalid tries and fails to understand what's happening to him and cannot fail to be a changed young man.



THE VANISHING OF KATHERINA LINDEN

Helen Grant

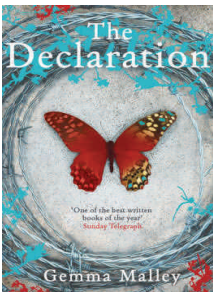
On the day Katharina Linden disappears, Pia is the last person to see her alive. Terror is spreading through the town. How could a girl vanish in a place where everybody knows everybody else? Pia is determined to find out what happened to Katharina. But then the next girl disappears.



UNHOOKING THE MOON

Gregory Hughes

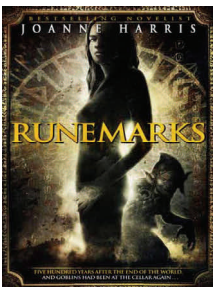
Meet the Rat: a football-playing, gangster-baiting 10-year-old. When she foresaw her father's death, she decided to head for New York. Meet her older brother Bob: protector of the Rat, but more often her follower, he is determined to find their uncle and discover a new life for them both. On their adventures across the flatlands of Winnipeg and through the exciting streets of New York, Bob and the Rat escape numerous dangers. But is their uncle a rich business man or something more sinister? And will they ever find him?



THE DECLARATION

Gemma Malley

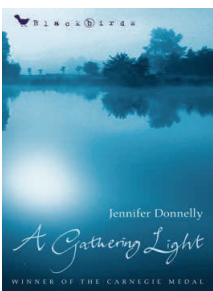
A powerful story about a world which has gone mad - a world where life is forever, except for the likes of Peter and Anna (who shouldn't be there at all according to the declaration) who are struggling to escape the past in order to find a better future.



RUNEMARKS

Joanne Harris

Maddy Smith was born with a rusty-coloured runemark on her hand - a symbol of the old gods and definitely cause for suspicion. For magic is dangerous. Or so everyone thinks. But Maddy enjoys working magic. Even if it is just to control some pesky goblins.



A GATHERING LIGHT

Jennifer Donnelly

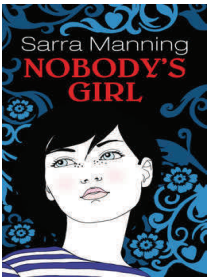
When Mattie Gokey is given a bundle of letters to burn she fully intends to execute the wishes of the giver, Grace Brown. When Grace Brown is found drowned the next day in Big Moose Lake, Mattie finds that it is not as easy to burn those letters as she had thought. And, as she reads, a riveting story emerges - not only Grace Brown's story but also Mattie's hopes and ambitions for the future and her relationships with her friends and family.



NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

Malorie Blackman

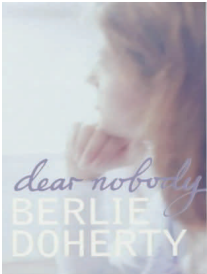
Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Until the first steps are taken towards more social equality and Noughts are allowed into Cross schools. Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum - a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger.



NOBODY'S GIRL

Sarra Manning

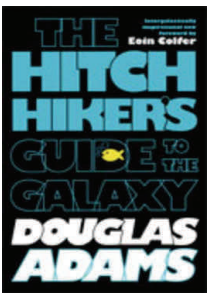
17 years old but with a mum who is over protective and dad she never knew, Bea is craving independence and when she gets her moment she takes it. First to Spain and then to Paris where her father apparently lives but not before she meets the gorgeous Toph. Her life will never be the same again particularly when she has to go back and confront her mother in London.



DEAR NOBODY

Berlie Doherty

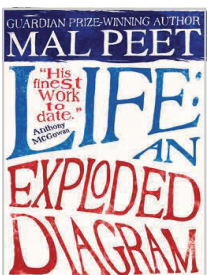
Helen and Chris are doing A-levels when Helen discovers she is pregnant. Each tells their own side of the story, Helen in letters to her unborn child - Dear Nobody - in which she tries to sort out her feelings. An extraordinarily moving novel, honest and compassionate.



HITCH-HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Douglas Adams

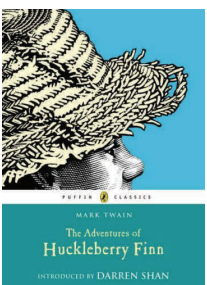
DON'T PANIC. Useful advice for Arthur Dent who is about to discover that along with his house, the Earth, is going to be destroyed by the Vogons and he is about to become embroiled in the search for the ultimate question to life the universe and everything (as we know the answer is 42). Together with his friend, Ford Prefect, the pair venture out across the galaxy on the craziest, strangest road trip of all time.



LIFE: AN EXPLODED DIAGRAM

Mal Peet

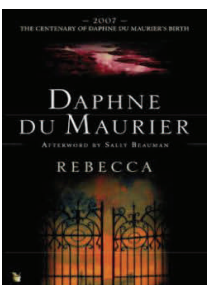
Against the backdrop of the Cold War and events leading up to the Cuban Missile Crisis, Clem lives with his family in Norfolk. His life changes when he meets Frankie, the daughter of a wealthy farmer, and experiences first love. Told in flashback by Clem, living and working in New York City as a designer, the story moves from the past of his parents and grandmother to his own teenage years.



THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN

Mark Twain

Huckleberry Finn had a tough life with his drunk father until an adventure with Tom Sawyer changed everything. But when Huck's dad returns and kidnaps him, he must escape down the Mississippi river with runaway slave, Jim. They encounter trouble at every turn, from floods and gunfights to armed bandits and the long arm of the law.



REBECCA

Daphne Du Maurier

Working as a lady's companion, our heroine knows her place. Life looks bleak until, on a trip to the South of France, she meets Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower whose sudden proposal of marriage takes her by surprise. She accepts, but whisked from glamorous Monte Carlo to the ominous and brooding Manderley, the new Mrs de Winter finds Max a changed man. And the memory of his dead wife Rebecca is forever kept alive by the forbidding Mrs Danvers.