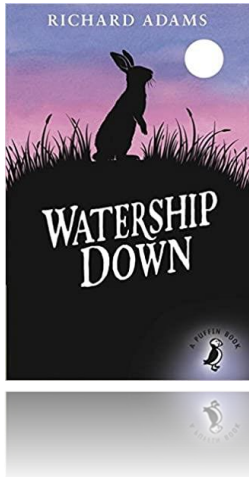


**YEAR 7**  
**SUGGESTIONS FOR READING**



**“ONCE YOU LEARN THE JOY OF READING A WHOLE WORLD OF  
DISCOVERY OPENS UP AND YOU NEVER LOOK BACK.”**

**TOBY REYNOLDS**

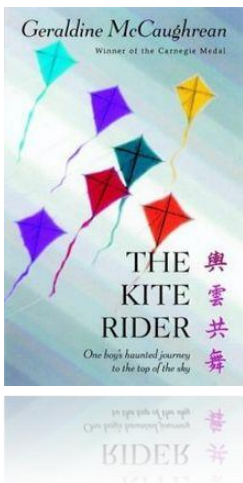


## WATERSHIP DOWN

**RICHARD ADAMS**

An epic story that has been beloved for generations, Watership Down has become one of the most famous animal stories ever written.

Fiver, a young rabbit, is very worried. He senses something terrible is about to happen to the warren. His brother Hazel knows that his sixth sense is never wrong. So, there is nothing else for it. They must leave immediately. And so begins a long and perilous journey of a small band of rabbits in search of a safe home. Fiver's vision finally leads them to Watership Down, but here they face their most difficult challenge.

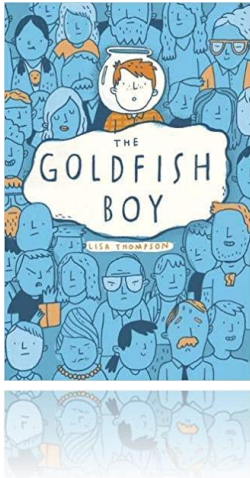


## THE KITE RIDER

**GERALDINE MCCAUGHREAN**

Haoyou's father is dead – his spirit lives among the clouds above Ancient China. Feeling powerless when the man responsible for his father's death demands to marry his mother, Haoyou determines to follow in his father's footsteps and joins a travelling circus. The Jade Circus offers him the chance to escape his enemies and perform: strapped to a kite, he takes to the skies, and soon amazes audiences across the land – including the infamous Kublai Khan himself. But is the circus master leading him into even greater danger?

Set in thirteenth-century China, this is an outstanding novel from critically acclaimed author Geraldine McCaughrean. A fascinating and exciting tale exploring greed, loyalty and friendship, it is a highly original story that will capture readers' imaginations.

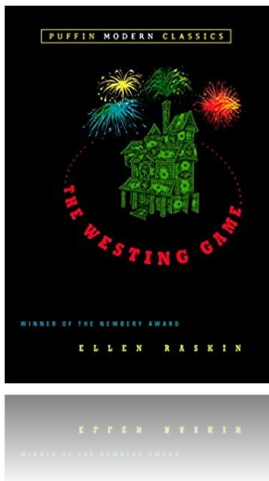


## THE GOLDFISH BOY

LISA THOMPSON

Twelve-year-old Matthew Corbin hasn't been to school for weeks. He passes much of his time observing the goings-on of the local neighbourhood from his bedroom window. He even makes little notes about neighbours' movements. Their everyday activity is nothing out of the ordinary – chatting, gardening, jogging, and going off to work or the shops.

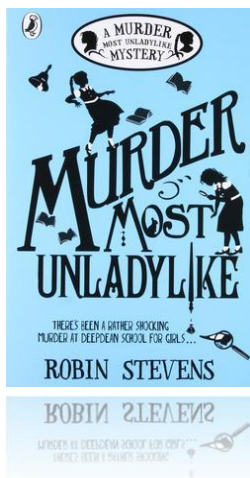
Until, that is, a toddler goes missing, and Matthew realises he may be one of the few people who can help shed some light on the disappearance. However, Matthew has Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and everyday life has become increasingly challenging. Can he possibly play a major role in an investigation into the abduction of a child, perhaps without even leaving his house?



## THE WESTING GAME

ELLEN RASKIN

A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, game-loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger – and a possible murderer – to inherit his vast fortune, one thing's for sure: Sam Westing may be dead... but that won't stop him from playing one last game!



## MURDER MOST UNLADYLIKE

ROBIN STEVENS

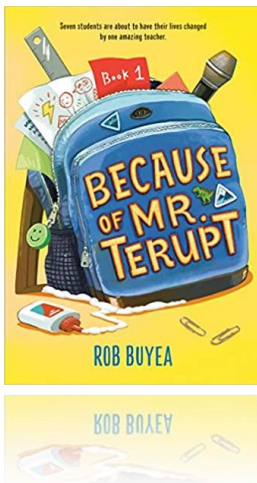
When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up a secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they can't find a truly exciting mystery to investigate. Then Hazel discovers the body of the Science Mistress, Miss Bell...



## THE GARBAGE KING

**ELIZABETH LAIRD**

When Mamo's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Dani is rich, educated – and fleeing his tyrannical father. Together they join a gang of homeless street boys who survive only by mutual bonds of trust and total dependence on each other.



## BECAUSE OF MR TERUPT

**ROB BUYEA**

It's the start of a new year at Snow Hill School, and seven students find themselves thrown together in Mr Terupt's fifth grade class. There's... Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school.

They don't have much in common, and they've never got along. Not until a certain new teacher arrives and helps them to find strength inside themselves – and in each other. But when Mr Terupt suffers a terrible accident, will his students be able to remember the lessons he taught them? Or will their lives go back to the way they were before – before fifth grade and before Mr Terupt?

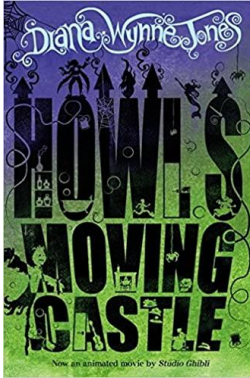


## THE ISLAND

**ARMIN GREDER**

When the people of the Island discover a man and a tattered raft on their beach, they are reluctant to take him in. He doesn't look like them. But they cannot send him back to the sea where he will surely perish. Instead, they put him aside but even that doesn't solve their problem.





## HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE

**DIANA WYNNE-JONES**

Sophie Hatter is cursed with an old body by the Witch of the Waste and the spell can only be broken by the dreaded Wizard Howl who lives in his moving castle and likes to eat the souls of young girls. Sophie sets out on a quest to break her curse with Michael, Howl's apprentice, and Calcifer the Fire Demon and finds adventure along the way.

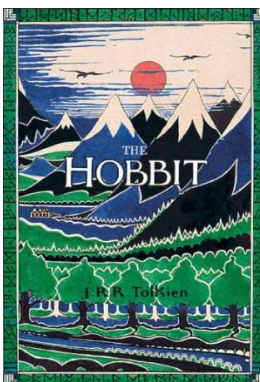


## NORTHERN LIGHTS

**PHILIP PULLMAN**

Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.

Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...

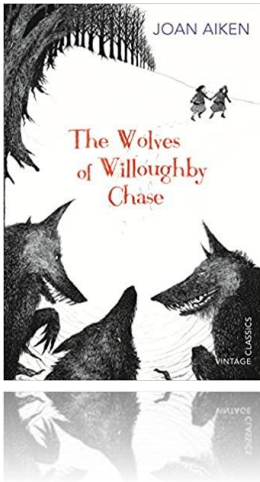


## THE HOBBIT

**J R R TOLKIEN**

The Hobbit tells a fantastic story of adventure, danger, friendship, and courage, and serves as a prequel to the even more immersive and epic book series, The Lord of the Rings.

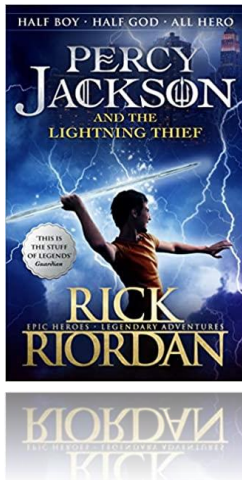




## THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE

**JOAN AIKEN**

Long ago, at a time in history that never happened, England was overrun with wolves. But as Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia discover, real danger often lies closer to home. Their new governess, Miss Slighcarp, doesn't seem at all nice. She shuts Bonnie in a cupboard, fires the faithful servants and sends the cousins far away from Willoughby Chase to a place they will never be found. Can Bonnie and Sylvia outwit the wicked Miss Slighcarp and her network of criminals, forgers and snitches?

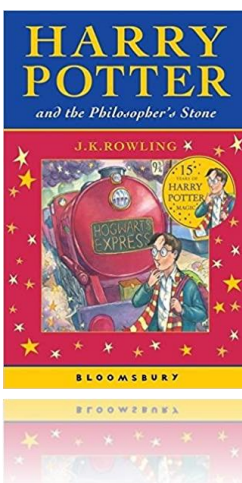


## PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF

**RICK RIORDAN**

I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporised my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive.

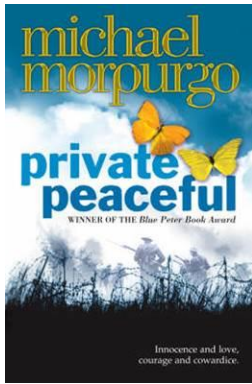
This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt – and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea...



## HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

**J K ROWLING**

The first novel in the Harry Potter series and Rowling's debut novel, it follows Harry Potter, a young wizard who discovers his magical heritage on his eleventh birthday, when he receives a letter of acceptance to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry makes close friends and a few enemies during his first year at the school, and with the help of his friends, Harry faces an attempted comeback by the dark wizard Lord Voldemort, who killed Harry's parents, but failed to kill Harry when he was just fifteen months old.

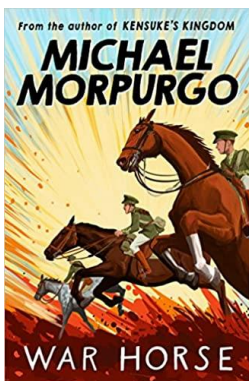


## PRIVATE PEACEFUL

**MICHAEL MORPURGO**

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front, as he looks back over the formative events of his life: his father's early death, his relationship with his loving mother and brothers, Big Joe and Charlie, and their beloved schoolfriend Molly – all set among an evocative and beautifully realised rural landscape.

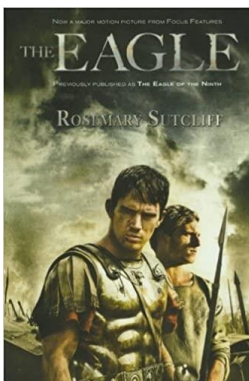
Passionate, beguiling and moving, this story is also an unflinching examination of the horrors of war and the injustice surrounding the execution of soldiers by firing squad, on the – often false – grounds of desertion or cowardice. Former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo uses all his superb storytelling skills to weave this powerful, poignant tale of the horrors of World War I, which will touch readers of all ages.



## WAR HORSE

**MICHAEL MORPURGO**

In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.



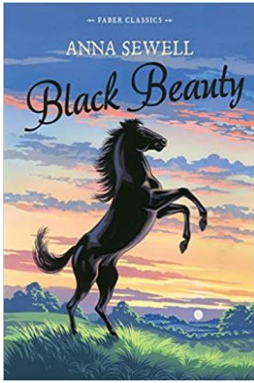
## THE EAGLE

**ROSEMARY SUTCLIFF**

The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of Northern Britain – and they were never seen again. Thousands of men disappeared and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now...

Marcus has to find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody expects him to return.

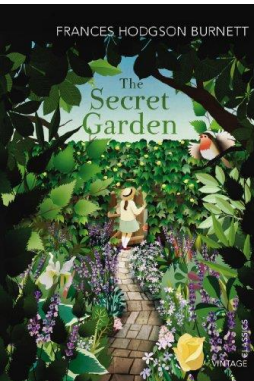




## BLACK BEAUTY

**ANNA SEWELL**

*Black Beauty* is born in a beautiful meadow and cared for by gentle humans. But life takes him far from home, from the stable of a gentleman, to gruelling work as a cab horse in the city. Where will Black Beauty's journey lead him next? And is there anyone he can truly trust?



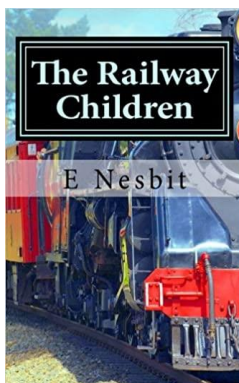
## THE SECRET GARDEN

**FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT**

Once upon a time... a walled garden bloomed under the summer skies in the north of England. But it was locked up and left all alone. And it stayed all alone, for many years. Until...

What little girl can turn a whole household upside down and breathe new life back into a strange, old manor? The wonderfully contrary, strong-willed, angry, misunderstood Mary Lennox.

When Mary Lennox is sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle, everybody says she is the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It is true, too. Mary is pale, spoilt and quite contrary. But she is also horribly lonely. Then one day she hears about a garden in the grounds of the Manor that has been kept locked and hidden for years. And when a friendly robin helps Mary find the key, she discovers the most magical place anyone could imagine...



## THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

**E NESBIT**

Roberta, Peter and Phyllis leave their London home and move with their mother to a small cottage in the country where life is very different. With their mother now busy writing to earn money, the railway becomes a source of fascination and solace to the children. They make friends with Perks the Porter and the station master, and discover new and exciting things about the trains. However, mystery remains – where is their father? Then the terrible truth is discovered.

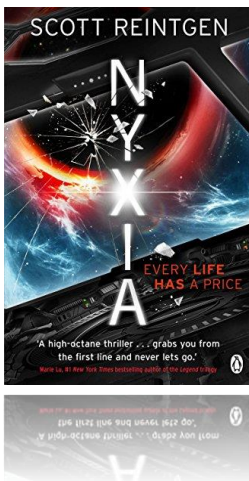




## A WRINKLE IN TIME

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'. How Charles, his sister Meg and friend Calvin find and free his father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which.



## NYXIA

SCOTT REINTGEN

*'And just like that, I'm leaving Earth behind...'*

Emmett Atwater is just a poor kid plucked from the streets of Detroit. But now he and nine teenagers like him are travelling to a distant planet aboard the Babel corporation's lightship.

Before they get there, they are told, two of them will be eliminated.

The eight who make it will land on an alien world, where they will hunt for Nyxia, the most extraordinary substance in the universe.

But first Emmett must endure frightening tests, rivalry with his fellow chosen ones and the fear that Babel aren't telling the truth.

Because if Babel aren't, they'll be trapped, light years from home.

And all alone...

