


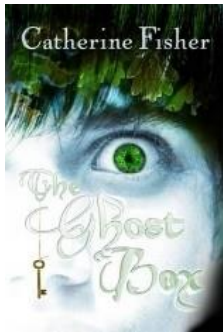




Years 7 and 8 Reading Recommendations from Antares, our Carrington School Library

Please ask us in Antares if you would like any more recommendations, or if you would like some non-fiction recommendations. Happy reading!

	<p><i>If you liked Ghost Boys you might like:</i></p> <p>Trash by Andy Mulligan</p> <p>Three boys live in poverty on a dumpsite, sifting rubbish and looking for things to sell. One day they discover a deadly secret which they must decipher and try to fathom, and which they must risk their lives to keep hidden from the police.</p> <p>Genre: Mystery, adventure</p> 
	<p>Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy</p> <p>The adventures of rookie detective Valkyrie Cain and her mentor Skulduggery Pleasant. These are darkly comic mystery adventure books and enormously popular.</p> <p>Genre: Fantasy, mystery</p>
	<p>Dream On by Bali Rai</p> <p>While Baljit shovels chips in his dad's chippy, he dreams of football stardom. Then the chance of a life-time comes along - a trial for the Premier League. But Baljit is sure his parents will disapprove and so the lies begin. Will Baljit's parents cost him his dream - or will his own lies trip him up?</p> <p>Genre: Sport, teen life Quick read, Dyslexia friendly</p> 
	<p><i>If you liked The Hunger Games you might like:</i></p> <p>Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi</p> <p>This is a West-African inspired fantasy set in the fictional land of Orisha. It is an action-packed, fast-paced adventure about restoring magic to the world and completing a ritual before the approaching solstice is over and magic is lost forever.</p> <p>Genre: Fantasy</p> 

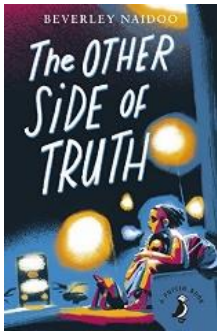


The Ghost Box by Catherine Fisher

Sarah finds herself responsible for freeing the soul of a frustrated ghost, who will punish her if she fails. Everything depends on her unlocking the strange silver box that appeared in her room one night. But will freeing the ghost turn out to be a huge mistake?

Genre: Horror
Quick read, dyslexia friendly

Dyslexia friendly

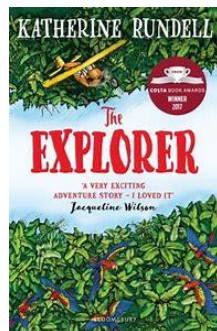


If you liked Ghost Boys you might like:

The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo

When twelve-year-old Sade's mother is killed, she and her little brother Femi are forced to flee from their home in Nigeria to Britain. Once in Britain, they face challenge after challenge to be accepted in their new country. This is a very powerful novel, exploring the issues of family and freedom and the difficulties which come with being a refugee.

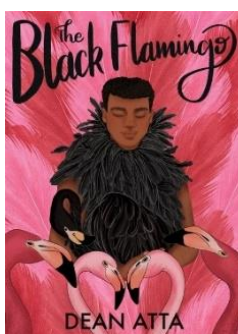
Genre: Historical fiction



The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

This story is about four children whose plane crash lands in the Amazon Rainforest. They have many adventures including swimming with river dolphins, eating tarantulas and discovering a ruined city.

Genre: Adventure



The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

This verse novel is about a boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen and then finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness.

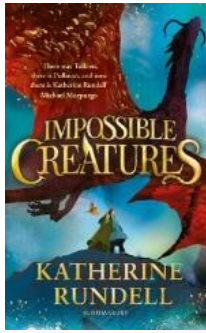
Genre: Teen life



Raven's Gate by Anthony Horowitz

The first book in The Power of Five series, this is a supernatural thriller which will have you gripped. When Matt gets into trouble with the police, he's sent to be fostered in Yorkshire. It's not long before he senses there's something wrong with his guardian; with the whole village. Then Matt learns about the Old Ones and begins to understand just how he is different. But no one will believe him; no one can help.

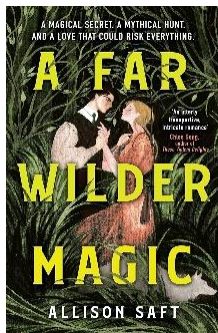
Genre: Fantasy



Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell

This is a delightful fantasy adventure with a host of magical creatures. A boy and girl have to discover why magical creatures are suddenly dying. They consult sphinxes, battle kraken, and negotiate with dragons. But the closer they get to the dark truth of what's happening, the clearer it becomes: no one else can fix this, they have to do it themselves.

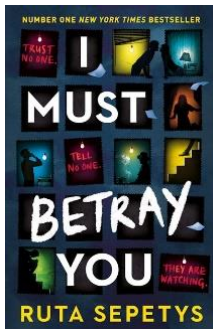
Genre: Fantasy, adventure



A Far Wilder Magic by Allison Saft

In the gothic town of Wickdon the people have a tradition known as the Halfmoon Hunt. The townspeople who kills the legendary fox-like hala will earn fame and riches. Outcast Maggie and troubled Wes make an unlikely team - can they survive long enough to win the hunt?

Genre: Fantasy romance



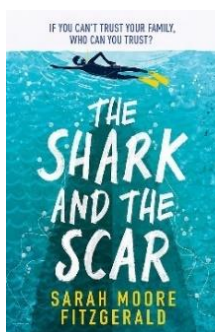
If you liked Ghost Boys you might like:

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

Cristian lives in a country repressed by a cruel dictator. When he is blackmailed by the secret police, he is faced with an impossible choice- will he betray those closest to him, or will he resist and risk the lives of those he loves? Based in Romania in 1989, this thrilling story based on true events will grip you from the very start.



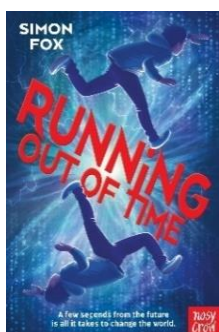
Genre: Historical fiction



The Shark and the Scar by Sarah Moore Fitzgerald

Thirteen-year-old Jay survived a shark attack. He has a big scar on his body, and he doesn't remember exactly what happened. One day Jay discovers something that makes him realise his dad has been lying to him. What really happened on that awful day? And how can he ever trust anyone again? This is a story about family relationships and friendships, set against a backdrop of surfing.

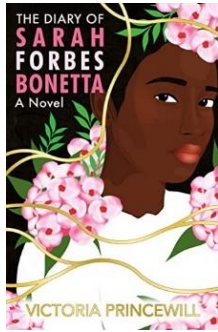
Genre: Mystery, teen life



Running out of Time by Simon Fox

Alex has an extraordinary gift- he can steal time. Now, on the run with his dad from their country's brutal government, he will need to use this gift to stay alive. Alex's grandmother says there is someone who can steal *all* the time in the world- but how can that be true?

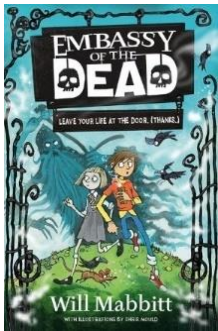
Genre: Sci-fi, thriller



The Diary of Sarah Forbes Bonetta by Victoria Princewill

This book is based on the true story of the extraordinary life of orphaned African princess Sarah Forbes Bonetta. In 1850, when she was around eight years old, she was rescued by a Captain from the Royal Navy and taken to England where she became the protégé of Queen Victoria. The story will transport you back to Victorian England to the life of a young black girl living between two cultures.

Genre: Historical fiction



Embassy of the Dead by Will Mabbitt

In this spookily funny book, the living meet the dead and survival is a race against time. When Jake opens a strange box containing a severed finger, he accidentally summons a grim reaper to drag him to the Eternal Void and now he's running for his life! But luckily Jake isn't alone - he can see and speak to ghosts.

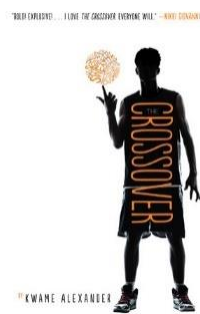
Genre: Comedy, horror



King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

In King and the Dragonflies, King's brother, Khalid, has recently died, but King is convinced he has returned to him as a dragonfly. King must keep this secret to himself as he watches grief transform his family. At the same time, he is helping his friend escape an abusive father. This is a powerful book dealing with issues of grief and sexuality.

Genre: Teen life



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked 12-year-old Josh Bell.

He and his twin brother Jordan are sons of a former pro basketball player, making their way through school as best they can - navigating first crushes, homework, family tensions, and most importantly to them, basketball.

Genre: Teen life, sport, verse novel

Verse novel

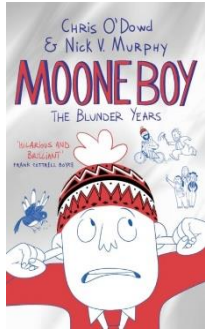


World Piece by Josh Tierney and Agroszka

16-year-old Lucas accidentally triggers an ancient alien artefact that suddenly transforms Earth into a small glowing orb no larger than a basketball! Transported to a mysterious realm with nothing but what's on his back and the planet in his hands, Lucas encounters a friendly alien, Lully, who offers to help. What awaits him in this new realm where worlds are the size of your palm, and can he find out how to restore Earth?

Genre: Sci-fi, manga

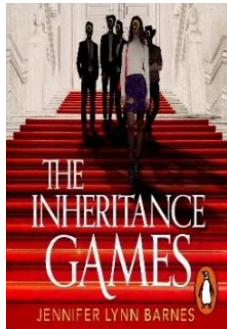
Manga



Moone Boy: The Blunder Years by Chris O'Dowd and Nick V. Murphy

Martin Moone is eleven and completely fed up with being the only boy in a family of girls. He's desperate for a decent wingman to help him navigate his idiotic life. So, when his mate suggests Martin get an imaginary friend—or "IF" for short—he decides to give it a go, leading to a hilarious story.

Genre: Comedy



If you liked The Hunger Games you might like:

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, will Avery be able to survive?

Genre: Mystery, thriller



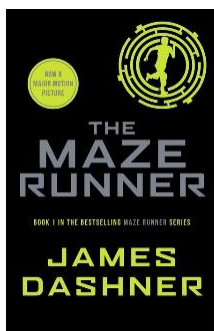
A Wrinkle in Time by Hope Larson

Graphic novel

This is a graphic novel based on the book by Madeleine L'Engle. Late one night, three otherworldly creatures appear and sweep three teenagers away on a mission to save Mr. Murry, who has gone missing while doing top-secret work for the government.

They travel via tesseract — a wrinkle that transports them across space and time — to the planet Camazotz, where they discover a dark force that threatens not only Mr. Murry but the safety of the whole universe.

Genre: Sci-Fi, graphic novel



If you liked The Hunger Games you might like:

The Maze Runner by James Dashner



Thomas finds himself with an army of boys in The Glade, an encampment at the centre of a terrible maze. The Gladers have no idea why they are there or what has happened in the world outside. They must find a way out or die.

Genre: Dystopian, science fiction



If you liked Ghost Boys you might like:

The Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

This captivating story revolves around Hanneke, a teenage Dutch girl who, in 1943, spends her days on secret missions helping neighbours and friends buy food and other sought-after items otherwise not accessible during the Nazi occupation. One day, she is asked to help find a young Jewish girl who had been in hiding but has now disappeared without a trace.



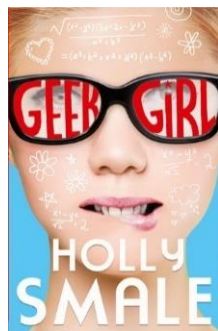
Genre: Historical fiction



The Highland Falcon Thief by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman

An 11-year-old boy accompanies his uncle on the last journey of a royal train and is swept up in an investigation to uncover the perpetrator of a jewel theft. A fast-paced tale of friendship, mystery and bravery.

Genre: Mystery, adventure



Geek Girl by Holly Smale

Harriet knows a lot of things but she hasn't got a clue about fashion or boys and is utterly socially inept. One day, when she is spotted by a top modelling agent, Harriet grabs the chance to reinvent herself - even if it means stealing her Best Friend's dream, incurring the wrath of her arch enemy Alexa, and repeatedly humiliating herself in front of the impossibly handsome supermodel Nick.

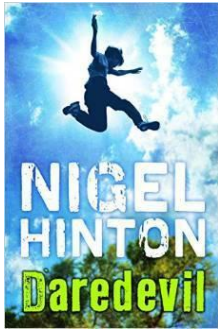
Genre: Teen life, romance



The Way of the Warrior by Chris Bradford

In August 1611, Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan and is rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi. Jack's only hope is to become a samurai warrior but life at the samurai school is a constant fight for survival. With courage in his heart and his sword held high, can Jack prove himself and face his deadliest rival yet?

Genre: Action, historical



Daredevil by Nigel Hinton

When your big brother dares you to do something, you do it, no questions asked. That's Ben's problem. He'd do anything Sam tells him to, even if it's hard, even if it's dangerous, even when he knows it will all go horribly wrong. This is a tense thriller as Ben gets caught up in an ever-escalating series of dares that see him drinking and shoplifting. Will he ever be able to break Sam's spell over him?

Dyslexia
friendly

Genre: Teen life, thriller
Quick read, Dyslexia friendly



Kicking Off by Eve Ainsworth

It's 1917 and Britain is at war. Shy teenager Hettie wants to help the war effort, and signs up to work in the local munitions factory. Inside this factory are young women who are going to make sporting history. Can Hettie find the courage to join them, and in doing so, find her own place in the world? This book is based on the thrilling true story of a ladies' football team in the First World War.

Genre: Historical, sport