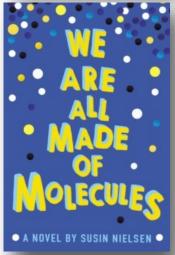
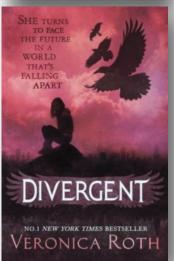


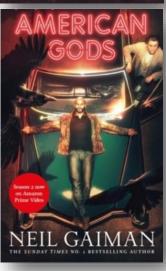
RECOMMENDED READS FOR KS4

Awesome
MUST READ
Novels for
14+ Year Olds









Stretching Reads



THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

John Green

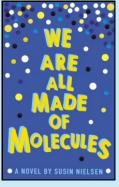
Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely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



THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO

Patrick Ness

Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run...



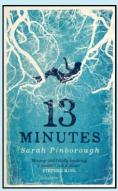
WE ARE ALL MADE OF MOLECULES

Susie Nielson

Meet Stewart. He's geeky, gifted and sees things a bit differently to most people. His mum has died and he misses her all the more now he and Dad have moved in with Ashley and her mum.

Meet Ashley. She's popular, cool and sees things very differently to her new family. Her dad has come out and moved out -

but not far enough. And now she has to live with a freakazoid step-brother. And things are about to get a whole lot more mixed up when these two very different people attract the attention of school hunk, Jared.

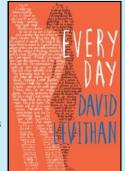


13 MINUTES

Sarah Pinborough

I was dead for 13 minutes. I don't remember how I ended up in the icy water but I do know this - it wasn't an accident and I wasn't suicidal.

My friends love me, I'm sure of it. But that doesn't mean they didn't try to kill me. Does it?



EVERYDAY

David Levithan

Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that.

Never get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. And that's fine until A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

From that moment, the rules by which A has

been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone he wants to be with - every day ...



AMERICAN GODS

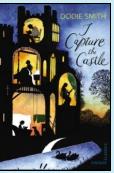
Neil Gaiman

Shadow Moon has served his time. But hours before his release from prison, his beloved wife is killed in a freak accident. Dazed, he boards a plane home where he meets the enigmatic Mr Wednesday, who professes both to know Shadow and to be king of America. Together they embark on a profoundly strange road trip across the USA, encountering a kaleidoscopic cast of

characters along the way. Yet all around them a storm threatens to break. The war has already begun, an epic struggle for the very soul of America, and Shadow is standing squarely in its path.

I CAPTURE THE CASTLE

Dodie Smith



This is the diary of Cassandra Mortmain, which tells of her extraordinary family and their crumbling castle home.

Cassandra's father was once a famous writer, but now he mainly reads detective novels while his family slide into genteel poverty.

Her sister Rose is bored and beautiful, and desperate to marry riches. Their stepmother Topaz has habit of striding through

the countryside wearing only her wellington boots.

But all their lives will be soon be transformed by the arrival of new neighbours from America, and Cassandra finds herself falling in love...



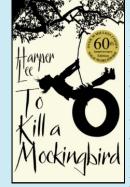
THE LORD OF THE RINGS

J R R Tolkien

Sauron has gathered to him all the Rings of Power. All he lacks in his plans for dominion is the One Ring - the ring that rules them all - which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as the Ring is entrusted to his care. He must leave his home and make a perilous journey to the Crack of Doom. There he must destroy the Ring forever and

foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.



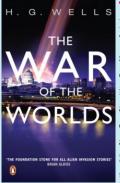
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Harper Lee

'Shoot all the Bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a Mockingbird.' A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel - a black man charged with the rape of a white girl.

Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to

race and class in the Deep South of the thirties.



THE WAR OF THE WORLDS H G Wells

The night after a shooting star is seen streaking through the sky from Mars, a cylinder is discovered on Horsell Common in London. Locals approach the cylinder armed just with a white flag only to be quickly killed by an all-destroying heat-ray, as terrifying tentacled invaders emerge. Soon the whole of human civilisation is under threat, as powerful Martians build gigantic killing machines, destroy all in

their path.



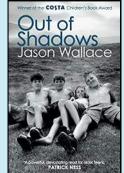
THE HATE U GIVE

Angie Thomas

The GuardianSixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs.

The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.

Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.



OUT OF SHADOWS

Jason Wallace

For Robert, packed off to boarding school in Zimbabwe - everything is terrifyingly new. Branded an outsider from the moment he opens his mouth and unable to decode the subtle power struggles of the classroom, he longs for the safety of his old life in England. And then he meets Ivan. Clever, cunning, seductive Ivan, who offers him not only friendship, but power. As Robert is

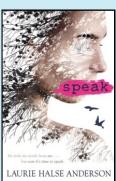
drawn slowly into Ivan's destructive web, he begins to question things he'd always held true and, as Ivan's grip tightens, he finds himself caught up in something far more dangerous than he could have imagined.



RUN, REBEL

Manjeet Mann

Amber is trapped - by her father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. Now she's ready to fight - for her mother, for her sister, for herself. Freedom always comes at a price. Run, Rebel is a trailblazing verse novel that thunders with rhythm, heart and soul.



SPEAK

Laurie Halse Anderson

'Speak up for yourself - we want to know what you have to say.' From my first day at Merryweather High, I know this is a lie. Nobody will even talk to me, let alone listen - all because I called the cops on an endof-summer party. But if I could only tell LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON everyone why I called the police that

night... If I could explain what happened to me... If I could speak... Then everything might change.



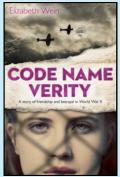
BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY

Ruta Sepetys

One night fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother and young brother are hauled from their home by Soviet guards, thrown into cattle cars and sent away.

They are being deported to Siberia. An unimaginable and harrowing journey has begun. Lina doesn't know if she'll ever see her father or her friends again.

But she refuses to give up hope. Lina hopes for her family. For her country. For her future. For love - first love, with the boy she barely knows but knows she does not want to lose . . . Will hope keep Lina alive?



CODE NAME VERITY

Elizabeth Wein

Only in wartime could a stalwart lass from Manchester rub shoulders with a Scottish aristocrat, one a pilot, the other a special operations executive.

When a vital mission goes wrong, and one of the friends has to bail out of a faulty plane over France, she is captured by the Gestapo and becomes a prisoner of war. The story begins in 'Verity's' own words, as

she writes her account for her captors. Truth or lies? Honour or betrayal? Everything they've ever believed in is put to the test...



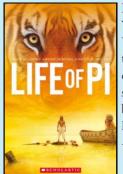
AFTER THE FIRE

Will Hill

The things I've seen are burned into me, like scars that refuse to fade. Father John controls everything inside The Fence. And Father John likes rules. Especially about never talking to Outsiders. Because Father John knows the truth. He knows what is right, and what is wrong. He knows what is coming.

Moonbeam is starting to doubt, though.

She's starting to see the lies behind Father John's words. She wants him to be found out. What if the only way out of the darkness is to light a fire?



LIFE OF PI

Yann Martel

What happens when a cargo ship sinks in the Pacific Ocean, leaving only one lifeboat of survivors? And what happens if those survivors are a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orang-utan and a Bengal tiger called Richard Parker? Sixteen -year-old Pi Patel is about to find out .



THE BOOK THIEF

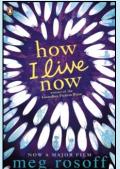
Marcus Zuzak

1939, Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp.

Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall. It's a small story

about: a girl, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist fighter, and quite a lot of thievery.

ANOTHER THING YOU SHOULD KNOW - DEATH WILL VISIT THE BOOK THIEF THREE TIMES



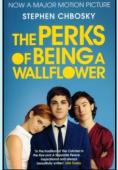
HOW I LIVE NOW

Meg Rosoff

Fifteen-year-old Daisy thinks she knows all about love. Her dad has sent her away for the summer, to live in the English countryside with cousins she's never even met. There she'll discover what real love is: something violent, mysterious and wonderful.

There her world will be turned upside down and a perfect summer will explode into a mil-

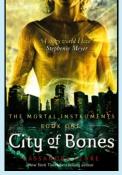
lion bewildering pieces. How will Daisy live then?



THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

Stephen Chbosky

Charlie is a freshman. Shy, introspective, intelligent beyond his years yet socially awkward, he is a wallflower, caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it. But Charlie can't stay on the sideline forever. Standing on the fringes of life offers a unique perspective.

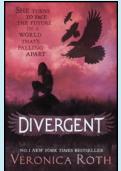


THE MORTAL INSTRUMENT

Cassandra Clare

Sixteen-year-old Clary is an ordinary teenager, who likes hanging out in Brooklyn with her friends. But everything changes the night she witnesses a murder, committed by a group of teens armed with medieval weaponry. The murderous group are Shadowhunters, secret warriors dedicated to driving demons out of this dimension and back into their own. Drawn inexorably into a

terrifying world, Clary slowly begins to learn the truth about her family - and the battle for the fate of the world.



DIVERGENT

Veronica Roth

For sixteen-year-old Tris, the world changes in a heartbeat when she is forced to make a terrible choice.

Turning her back on her family, Tris ventures out, alone, determined to find out where she truly belongs. Shocked by the brutality of her new life, Tris can trust no one. And yet she is drawn to a boy who seems to

both threaten and protect her.

The hardest choices may yet lie ahead....