



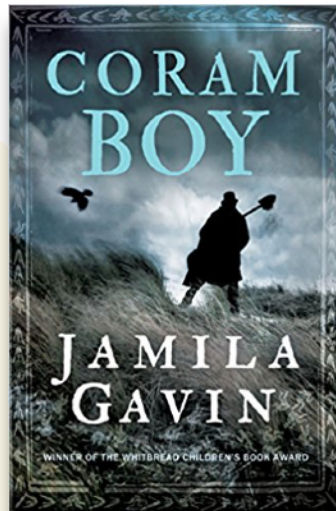
# Reading List...

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...for Year 6

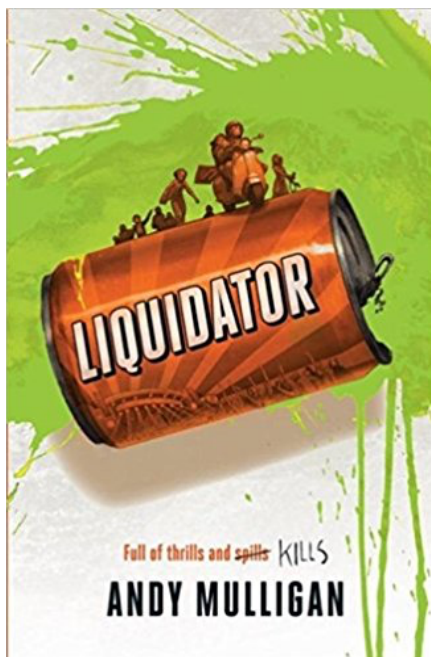
"A great piece of historical fiction. The Coram man takes babies and money from desperate women and tells them he will deliver their children to a foundling hospital, but he doesn't, he murders them and buries the remains. His son is horrified by this and manages to save one boy Aaron who grows into a talented musician. Aaron's roots are going to catch up with him - can he keep out of the clutches of the terrifying Coram man forever?"



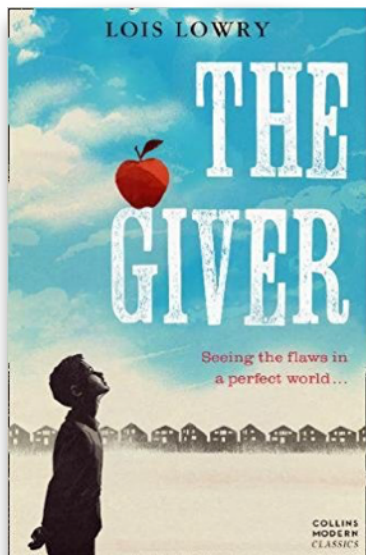
## Recommended by Isla Dawes

Isla was the owner operator of the Barnes, Kew and Sheen bookshops and is a specialist in children's literature.

"Stargirl is the child of hippy parents, so far she has been home schooled, but now she has to enter an American high school. She is completely different to everyone else, she walks up to people in the canteen and starts playing on the banjo to them, the other kids don't know what to make of her at all - apart from Leo who is smitten right from the start. This is a love story, but it is more than that it is a celebration of difference and how far people's acceptance can go."

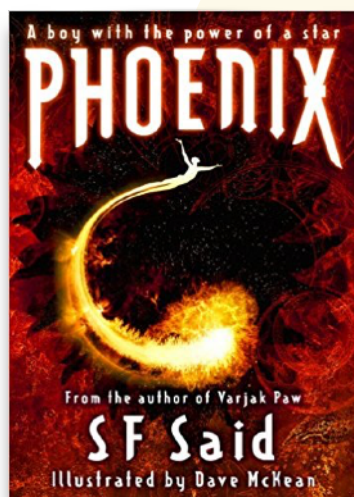


"It starts with a bunch of kids being sent off to local firms for work experience. Vicky is sent to a law firm and they work for Liquidator, the coolest energy drink there is. What she uncovers though is far from palatable, a child is dying and Liquidator are at fault and trying to cover it up. Vicky & her classmates are up against big business and with their new found work experience skills it is up to them to bring the truth into the public domain. Fast paced and very funny this is a great thriller."

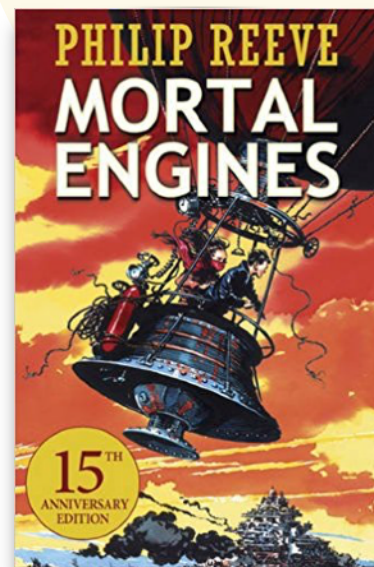


"This modern classic is really the forerunner of all the dystopian teen fiction around today. It is the future and no-one wants for anything, 12 year old Jonas is perfectly happy when the Elders tell him he will be a Receiver of Memory for the rest of his life, that is until he starts to receive some memories. What he discovers is that all is not what it seems and that the peace and tranquillity of the world that he knows comes at a terrible price."

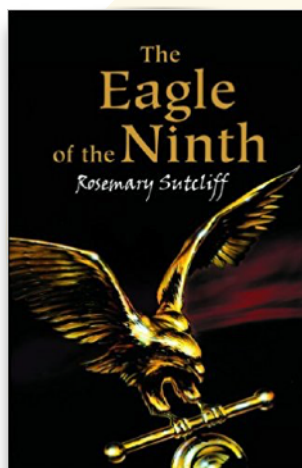
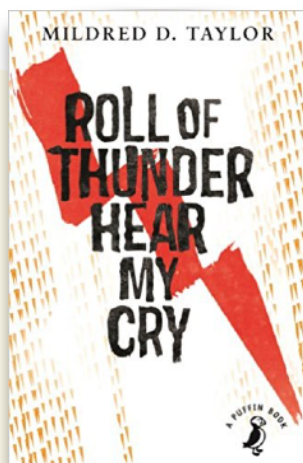
"Welcome to the world of steampunk. From the wonderful imagination of Philip Reeve comes this thrilling adventure. Set in a world where cities are on the move (quite literally) and they must fight for survival by eating smaller towns as they come across them in space and in particular in the Great Hunting Ground of the cosmos. Two youngsters are thrown together in a battle of life and death, Tom who works in the Natural History Museum and a disfigured girl who also happens to be an assassin - great stuff."



"A great sci-fi thriller from the wonderful S F Said. Lucky thinks he is a normal human boy but when he wakes to find the stars singing to him, his life is going to change dramatically. In a world where humans and aliens are at war Lucky must run for his life and the only people who can help are an alien starship crew and in particular an alien warrior girl. Fused beautifully with the atmospheric drawings of Dave McKean this is a great story beautifully told."



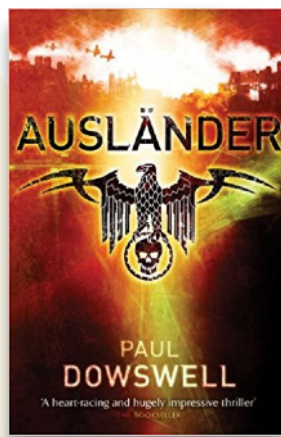
"An American classic, this is the story of Cassie a young African American girl growing up in Mississippi during the great depression. It is a powerful story of racism and standing up for your rights as well as a great way to learn about an important part of American history."



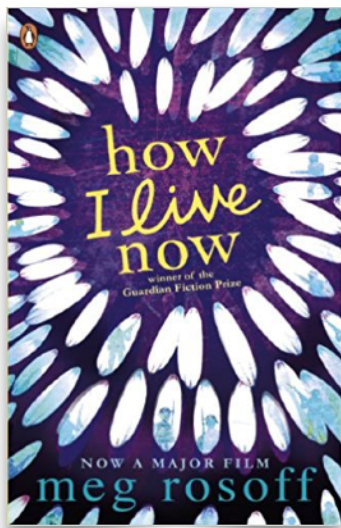
"A modern classic set in Roman Britain. The Ninth Legion have entirely disappeared and no-one knows what happened to them. Marcus is a young centurion and his father lead the Ninth Legion, so he and his servant head north to Hadrian's Wall to find the truth of what happened to the four thousand men who so mysteriously disappeared."



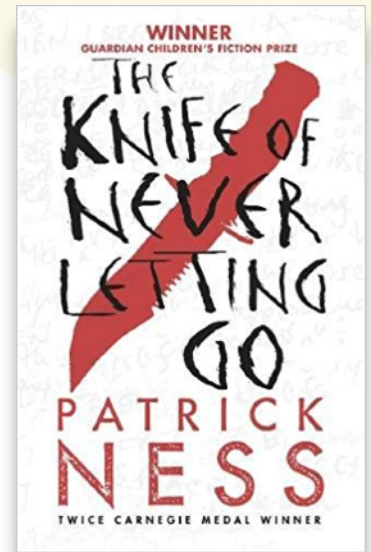
"As the German army walk into Poland Peter's parents are killed and he is sent to an orphanage. Peter is a perfect Aryan specimen, tall strong, blond, and he is selected to be sent to a high ranking Nazi family for adoption. The Kaltenbach family are thrilled to be given a boy like this, but Peter has other ideas. He doesn't want to be part of the Hitler youth and so he sets off on a very dangerous path of resistance from within Berlin in 1942 - a great historical thriller."



"Tod is the last boy, he lives in a town of men and he is the youngest and on the brink of entering manhood. The setting is a colonised planet where you can hear everything that everyone thinks all the time, it is a stressful place to be, but it is all that Tod knows and when he finds a patch of silence one day everything changes. Suddenly he begins to see that he has been lied to and he must run for his life. With terrifying villains and a wonderful dog, this sci fi thriller is one of the most exhilarating reads there is, truly terrifying and touching."

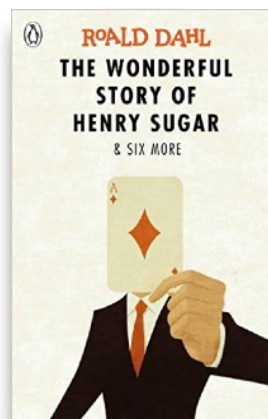


"Daisy is a precocious, messed up New York teenager and she is packed off to England to stay with her cousins who she has never met. What she finds is a close and loving family who accept her unquestioningly and Edmond who she falls for utterly. When war suddenly breaks out this bucolic life is torn apart and she and Edmond are separated she must begin to understand what is really important and work out how to live her life now. A wonderful book of bravery, love, and coming of age."



"One of the most talented writers of today, this novel won the Costa book of the year award and is a great read for adult and children alike. It is the story of Faith, whose father is found dead in mysterious circumstances. What Faith uncovers is the existence of the Lie Tree, a rare plant which feeds on lies, and the bigger the lie the more it grows. Faith has a talent for lying it seems but will she end up like her father so entangled in his own lies that it leads to her death."

Wonderfully written and deeply atmospheric, this is a real treat. It is worth saying that anything from Hardinge is well worth reading - she is up there with the likes of Philip Pullman."



"This is sort of pre- Tales of the Unexpected. It is a novella and a collection of short stories in one volume, all of which are very good but it is the novella about Henry Sugar which is the star of the show. Henry tries an ancient Indian technique of staring into a flame to acquire the gift of seeing with your eyes closed. His patience bears fruit and he becomes a fantastically rich man, but the question of what to do with such wealth and it is from questionable sources so when the law begins to catch up with Henry what will he do. This wonderfully twisty tale is a treat for anyone of any age."

