

# Reading List

# Brilliant Books Year 7

## Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell



Sophie is the only survivor of a shipwreck that killed her family. She was found floating in a cello case in the English Channel. So when the Welfare Agency threaten to send her to an orphanage, she decides to run away to Paris. Here she meets Matteo and his network of rooftop urchins who live in the sky. Together they are going to find out if her mum really is

dead.



## GONE by Michael Grant

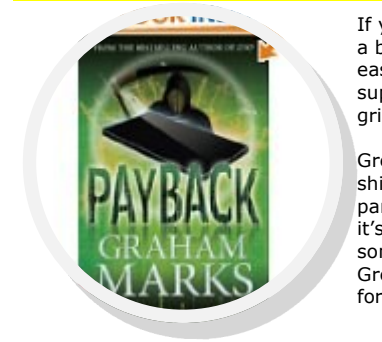


In the blink of an eye all the adults in a small town in California disappear. And no one knows why. Cut off from the outside world, the remaining teenagers are trapped and there's no help on the way. Gangs begin to form. What is the mysterious wall that encircles the town and why have some kids started to develop strange powers? It's only when your world collapses around you that you find out who you

really are.



## Payback by Graham Marks

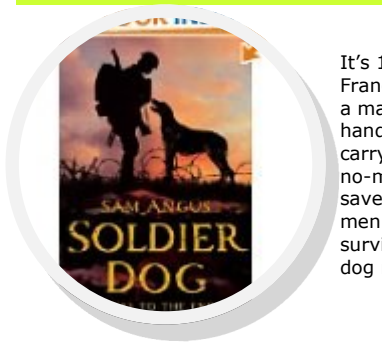


If you find it hard to get into a book, do not fear — this easier read is a scary and supernatural tale that will grip you from the start.

Greg is attracted to a small shiny object he finds in the park. He soon finds out that it's not a mobile phone but something more sinister. Greg has been chosen. But for what?



## Soldier Dog by Sam Angus



It's 1917. In the trenches of France Stanley is a boy fighting a man's war. He is a dog handler whose loyal dog must carry a message across no-man's land, which could save the lives of hundreds of men. Only the brave will survive. Will Stanley and his dog make it home?



## After Tomorrow by Gillian Cross



The banks have crashed and rioting breaks out in the streets. Money is worthless. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, the only hope is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger awaits on the other side. What would you do? Run or stay?

## The Savages by Matt Whyman



Meet the Savages...they aren't your average family next door. What exactly is their secret? For starters, Sasha Savage has a problem: how does she tell her parents that Jack, her new boyfriend, is not like them? He's a vegetarian for one thing... If you like funny, dark and delicious stories, this is the book for you.

## Tongue Tied by Paul Jennings



Eight twisted short stories to leave you tongue tied. Have you ever swallowed a live fish? Seen bugs in hailstones? Had luminous teeth or been a ghost? No? Well read these funny, amazing stories and boggle your brain.

## The Messenger Bird by Ruth Eastham



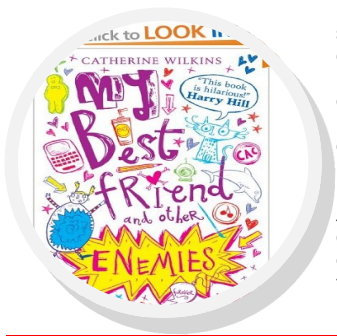
Nathan's dad has been arrested for breaking the Official Secrets Act. Now he faces life in prison. But as he's dragged away he tells Nathan to follow a trail that could prove his innocence. The first clue is a letter written during World War Two.

## My Parents Are Out of Control by Pete Johnson



When Louis's parents start asking him for tips on how to be cool, he wasn't worried. In fact, watching them bump fists and learn words like **safe** and **wicked** was funny. That's until his dad turns up at school dressed as a gangster rapper. But what can he do to stop his mum and dad ruining his life?

## My Best Friend and Other Enemies by Catherine Wilkins



Jessica and Natalie have been best friends since primary school. They've shared some of the best times ever! And nothing can change that, not even the arrival at school of new girl, Amelia. Except it changes everything. Amelia is mean and a snob, and she and Natalie start acting as if Jessica doesn't exist. But Jessica has a plan to get even and it relies on using her felt tip pens...

## The Book Thief by Marcus Zusac



Here is a small fact : you are going to die.

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 and of course the power of books.

## The Devil's Triangle



Sam Cutler and his best friend, Callum, are stranded, having crossed to a strange parallel world through the Bermuda Triangle. At first he's desperate to get home, but then events take a dramatic twist and he discovers there are things he must do before he can return. Meanwhile, Sam's sister, Niamh, is still trying to uncover the truth about the boy's disappearance and prove their father wasn't involved.