## Year 7 English Reading List

There are lots of books out there, but here is a selection of books we, personally, recommend students to read in Year 7. We'd like all students to read a range of authors and styles of books as this will help prepare students for their exams and later in life.

Title	Author	Description	Key Words
A Monster's Calls	Patrick Ness	Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.	Real-life Growing up Emotional
<u>Boy</u>	Roald Dahl	In Boy, Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his envious position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Roald Dahl's boyhood was as full of excitement and the unexpected as are his world-famous, best-selling books. Packed with anecdotes—some funny, some painful, all interesting—this is a book that's sure to please.	Growing up Comical True
Boy 87	Ele Fountain	Shif is just an ordinary schoolboy who loves chess and playing with his best friend. But, one day, he is forced to leave home to avoid conscription into the army. He embarks on an epic journey, in which he encounters dangers and cruelties - and great acts of human kindness - as he bravely makes his way to a future he can only imagine.	Real-life Refugees
Boy in the Tower	Polly Ho-Yen	Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out	Family Thriller Invasion
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White	Some Pig. Humble. Radiant. These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter.	Animals Growing up
Cirque Du Freak*	Darren Shan	Cirque du Freak is the saga of a young boy whose visit to a mysterious freak show leads him on a journey into a dark world of vampires. Filled with grotesque creatures, murderous vampires, and a petrifying ending, Cirque du Freak will chill, thrill, and leave readers begging for more.	Horror Adventure Vampires

\*= a series of books \_\_ = books related to topics covered in lessons

Crater Lake	Jennifer Killick	Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who	Mystery
2.000. LUNC		stops their coach? Why is no one around when	Adventure
		Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand	
		new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just	
		the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to	
		save their classmates from an alien fate far worse	
		than death. But whatever happens, they must	
		Never. Ever. Fall asleep!	
Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank	Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last	Historical True
GIII		years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic—a powerful reminder	Thue
		of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament	
		to the human spirit.	
Going Solo	Roald Dahl	Here is the action-packed sequel to <i>Boy</i> , a tale of	Growing up
		Dahl's exploits as a World War II pilot. Told with	Comical
		the same irresistible appeal that has made Roald	True
		Dahl one the world's best-loved writers, <i>Going</i>	
		Solo brings you directly into the action and into	
Journey to the Biyer	Eva Ibbotson	the mind of this fascinating man.	Adventure
Journey to the River Sea		Sent in 1910 to live with distant relatives who own a rubber plantation along the Amazon River,	Auventure
-		English orphan Maia is excited. She believes she	
		is in for brightly colored macaws, enormous	
		butterflies, and "curtains of sweetly scented	
		orchids trailing from the trees." Her British	
		classmates warn her of man-eating alligators and	
		wild, murderous Indians. Unfortunately, no one	
		cautions Maia about her nasty, xenophobic	
		cousins, who douse the house in bug spray and forbid her from venturing beyond their coiffed	
		compound. Maia, however, is resourceful enough	
		to find herself smack in the middle of more	
		excitement than she ever imagined, from a	
		mysterious "Indian" with an inheritance, to an	
		itinerant actor dreading his impending	
		adolescence, to a remarkable journey down the	
King of Charles	Sugar Cr	Amazon in search of the legendary giant sloth.	Faultan
King of Shadows	Susan Cooper	Shortly after arriving in England, Nat goes to bed	Fantasy Adventure
		ill and awakens transported back in time four hundred years to another London, and another	Auventure
		production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."	
		Amid the bustle and excitement of an	
		Elizabethan theatrical production, Nat finds the	
		warm, nurturing father figure missing from his	
		life in none other than William Shakespeare	
		himself. Does Nat have to remain trapped in the	
		past forever, or give up the friendship he's so	
My Family and	Gerald Durrell	longed for in his own time When the unconventional Durrell family can no	Comical
<u>My Family and</u> Other Animals		longer endure the damp, gray English climate,	Family
		they do what any sensible family would do: sell	Animals
		their house and relocate to the sunny Greek isle	
		of Corfu. <i>My Family and Other Animals</i> was	
		intended to embrace the natural history of the	
		island but ended up as a delightful account of	
		Durrell's family's experiences, from the many	
		eccentric hangers-on to the ceaseless procession	

		of puppies, toads, scorpions, geckoes, ladybugs, glowworms, octopuses, bats, and butterflies into	
Norse Mythology	Neil Gaiman	their home. Neil Gaiman, long inspired by ancient mythology in creating the fantastical realms of his fiction, presents a bravura rendition of the Norse gods and their world from their origin though their upheaval in Ragnarok. In <i>Norse Mythology</i> , Gaiman stays true to the myths in envisioning the major Norse pantheon: Odin, the highest of the high, wise, daring, and cunning; Thor, Odin's son, incredibly strong yet not the wisest of gods; and Loki—son of a giant—blood brother to Odin and a tricketor and unsurposcable manipulator	Myths
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman	and a trickster and unsurpassable manipulator. When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her dæmon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them to the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies - and where a team of scientists is conducting experiments too horrible to be spoken about. Lyra overcomes these strange terrors, only to find something yet more perilous waiting for her - something with consequences which may even reach <i>beyond</i> the Northern Lights	Adventure Fantasy Action
Oh My Gods	Alexandra Shepperd	Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic. But, for Helen Thomas, it's tragic. She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London! Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting an actually cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus. She needs to rein in her chaotic family before they blow their cover AND her chances at a half-normal social life.	Comical Real-life Myths
Once	Morris Gleitzman	<i>Once</i> by Morris Gleitzman is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War. Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least Once.	Historical Action
Pax	Sara Pennypacker	Pax was only a kit when his family was killed, and "his boy" Peter rescued him from abandonment and certain death. Now the war front approaches, and when Peter's father enlists, Peter has to move in with his grandpa. Far worse than being forced to leave home is the fact that Pax can't go. Peter listens to his stern father—as he usually does— and throws Pax's favourite toy soldier into the woods. When the fox runs to retrieve it, Peter and his dad get back in the car and leave him there— alone. But before Peter makes it through even one night under his grandfather's roof, regret and duty spur him to action; he packs for a trek to get his best friend back and sneaks into the night. This is the story of Peter, Pax, and their independent struggles to return to one another	Animals Adventure

		against all odds. Told from the alternating viewpoints of Peter and Pax.	
Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse - Percy could have sworn his pre- algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him. When Percy's mom finds out, she knows it's time that he knew the truth about where he came from, and that he go to the one place he'll be safe. She sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods (on Long Island), where he learns that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon a mystery unfolds and together with his friends—one a satyr and the other the demigod daughter of Athena - Percy sets out on a quest across the United States to reach the gates of the Underworld (located in a recording studio in Hollywood) and prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.	Adventure Myths Fantasy Action
Podkin One-Ear	Kieran Larwood	Podkin One-Ear is a legend: a fearsome warrior rabbit whose reputation for cunning and triumph in battle has travelled the ages. But how did he become such a mighty fighter? The answer may surprise you When a travelling bard arrives at Thornwood Warren on Midwinter night, he is warmly welcomed. In return for food and lodging, he settles down to tell of how Podkin One-Ear - and soon the rabbits are enthralled to hear the story of how one lost little rabbit overcame the cruellest enemy imaginable, and became the greatest warrior their land has ever known.	Fantasy Adventure
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	From the Children's Laureate of England, a stunning novel of the First World War, a boy who is on its front lines, and a childhood remembered. "They've gone now, and I'm alone at last. I have the whole night ahead of me, and I won't waste a single moment of it I want tonight to be long, as long as my life" For young Private Peaceful, looking back over his childhood while he is on night watch in the battlefields of the First World War, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside: his mother, Charlie, Big Joe, and Molly, the love of his life. Too young to be enlisted, Thomas has followed his brother to war and now, every moment he spends thinking about his life, means another moment closer to danger.	Historical Action Growing up
Rooftoppers	Katherine Rundell	Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means still possible. You should never ignore a possible. So when the Welfare Agency writes to	Historical

		her guardian threatening to send Sophie to an	
		orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands	
		and flees to Paris to look for her mother, starting	
		with the only clue she has - the address of the	
		cello maker. Evading the French authorities, she	
		meets Matteo and his network of rooftoppers -	
		urchins who live in the sky. Together they scour	
		the city for Sophie's mother before she is caught	
		and sent back to London, and most importantly	
		before she loses hope.	
Skellig	David Almond	Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the	Real-life
		chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house,	Emotional
		Michael retreats to the garage and finds a	Fantasy
		mysterious stranger who is something like a bird	
		and something like an angel	
Spook's Apprentice	Joseph	Thomas Ward is the seventh son of a seventh son	Adventure
	Delaney	and has been apprenticed to the local Spook. The	Ghosts
		job is hard, the Spook is distant and many	Fantasy
		apprentices have failed before Thomas. Somehow	
		Thomas must learn how to exorcise ghosts,	
		contain witches and bind boggarts. But when he	
		is tricked into freeing Mother Malkin, the most	
		evil witch in the County, the horror begins	
Stormbreaker *	Antony	They told him his uncle died in an accident. He	Action
Stormbreaker	Horowitz		Adventure
	110101112	wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. But when	Mystery
		fourteen-year-old Alex finds his uncle's	iviyotery
		windshield riddled with bullet holes, he knows it	
		was no accident. What he doesn't know yet is that	
		his uncle was killed while on a top-secret	
		mission. But he is about to, and once he does,	
		there is no turning back. Finding himself in the	
		middle of terrorists, Alex must outsmart the	
		people who want him dead. The government has	
		given him the technology, but only he can	
		provide the courage. Should he fail, every child in	
		England will be murdered in cold blood.	
The Amazing Edie	Rosie Jones	Edie Eckhart might be wobbly, but she's not	Growing up
Eckheart		going to let that stop her! A sparky middle-grade	Disability
		series from TV comedian Rosie Jones. Perfect for	Relationships
		fans of Jacqueline Wilson and DORK DIARIES.	
		"Do you like chicken?" Oscar asked me. I nodded.	
		"Then take a wing." Oscar offered me his arm and	
		we linked each other into the school hall.	
		Edie has Cerebral palsy, but she's used to it	
		because she's spent her whole life being a bit	
		wobbly. She can't wait to start secondary school	
		with her best friend Oscar and share sausage rolls	
		with him at breaktime. But when Oscar scuppers	
		these plans by getting his first ever girlfriend,	
		GROSS, Edie eventually decides to stop feeling	
		sorry for herself and find a boyfriend, so she can	
		prove to Oscar she's grown up too. She muses:	
		when Thor was stripped of his power and	
		banished to Earth by Odin, did he mope around	
		and throw his hammer out of the pram? No he	
		got on with it, bossed around Earth and found	
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		love like an absolute legend'.	
		But while she's plotting, she accidentally gets cast	
		as the lead role in the school play. As Edie	
		devotes her time to the performing arts, she finds	
		a new friend, as well as talents - and feelings - she	
		never knew she had. She soon realises that life in	
The Boy at the back	Onjali Q. Raúf	the spotlight might just be her thing after all	Real-life
of the class	Orijali Q. Kaul	There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting	Emotional
		in it. He's eight years old (just like me), but he's	
		very strange. He never talks and never smiles and	
		doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets,	
		which are my favorite! But the truth is, Ahmet	
		really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee	
		who's run away from a War. A real one. With	
		bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And	
		the more I find out about him, the more I want to	
		be his friend. That's where my best friends Josie,	
		Michael and Tom come in. Because you see,	
The Deulsie Dising*	Current Constant	together we've come up with a plan.	A atian
The Dark is Rising*	Susan Cooper	On holiday in Cornwall, the three Drew children discover an ancient map in the attic of the house	Action Adventure
		that they are staying in. They know immediately	Fantasy
		that it is special. It is even more than that the	
		key to finding a grail, a source of power to fight	
		the forces of evil known as the Dark. And in	
		searching for it themselves, the Drews put their	
		very lives in peril. This is the first volume of	
		Susan Cooper's brilliant and absorbing fantasy	
		sequence known as The Dark Is Rising.	
The Graveyard	Neil Gaiman	Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a	Fantasy
Book		perfectly normal boy. Well, he would be perfectly	
		normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being	
		raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the	
		living nor the world of the dead. There are	
		dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard:	
		the strange and terrible menace of the Sleer; a	
		gravestone entrance to a desert that leads to the	
		city of ghouls; friendship with a witch, and so	
		much more. But it is in the land of the living that	
		real danger lurks, for it is there that the man Jack	
		lives and he has already killed Bod's family.	
The Nowhere Emporium	Ross Mackenzie	When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium	Mystery Adventure
	WIGUNETIZIE	arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long,	Auventure
		the 'shop from nowhere' and its owner, Mr	
		Silver draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of	
		magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's	
		apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the	
		Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and	
		rooms rooms that contain wonders beyond	
		anything Daniel has ever imagined.	
The Odyssey	Geraldine	After ten years of war, Odysseus turns his back	Myths
	McCaughrean	on Troy and sets sail for home. But his voyage	
		takes another ten years and he must face many	
		dangers including Polyphemus the greedy one-	

		eyed giant, Scylla the six-headed sea monster and even the wrath of the gods themselves before	
		he is reunited with his wife and son.	
The Other Side of	Beverley	After the murder of their mother, twelve-year-old	Adventure
Truth	Naidoo	Sade and her younger brother are smuggled out	Mystery
		of Nigeria by their journalist father to escape the	
		corrupt military government and growing	
		violence. They are sent to their uncle in London,	
		but when they arrive, he is missing and they are	
		abandoned, passed between foster homes. Their	
		father escapes to England to find them but he	
		will be sent back to Nigeria unless Sade can find a	
		way to tell the world what happened to her	
		family.	
The Skylark's War	Hilary McKay	Clarry and her older brother Peter live for their	Historical
		summers in Cornwall, staying with their	Growing up
		grandparents and running free with their	
		charismatic cousin, Rupert. But normal life	
		resumes each September - boarding school for	
		Peter and Rupert, and a boring life for Clarry at	
		home with her absent father, as the shadow of a	
		terrible war looms ever closer. When Rupert goes	
		off to fight at the front, Clarry feels their skylark	
		summers are finally slipping away from them.	
The Somerset	Emma Carroll	A sinking boat A girl in disguise A	Historical
Tsunami		disappearing sea When Fortune Sharpe carves	Growing up
		a boat from a tree with her beloved brother Jem,	
		she's only having a bit of fun. But now is not the	
		time for a girl to be drawing attention to herself	
		and she is sent away to find work dressed as a	
		boy. Luckily a rich manor house is hiring. Yet	
		Barrow Hall's inhabitants harbour dangerous	
		secrets of their own, the suspicious owner is	
		hunting for witches, and the house itself is a little	
		too close to the sea	
The Sword in the	T.H. White	Before there was a famous king named Arthur,	Myths
Stone		there was a curious boy named Wart and a kind	
		old wizard named Merlyn. Transformed by	
		Merlyn into the forms of his fantasy, Wart learns	
		the value of history from a snake, of education	
		from a badger, and of courage from a hawkthe	
		lessons that help turn a boy into a man. Together,	
		Wart and Merlyn take the reader through this timeless story of childhood and adventureThe	
		Sword in the Stone. T.H. White's classic tale of	
		the young Arthur's questioning and discovery of	
		his life is unparalleled for its wit and wisdom,	
		and for its colourful characters, from the wise	
		Merlyn to the heroic Robin Wood to the	
		warmhearted King Pellinore.	
The Terrible Thing	John Boyne	There's nothing unusual about the Brockets.	Emotional
That Happened to		Normal, respectable, and proud of it, they turn	
Barnaby Brocket		up their noses at anyone strange or different. But	
-		from the moment Barnaby Brocket comes into	
		the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To	
		his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of	
		gravity - and floats. Desperate to please his	
		parents, Barnaby does his best to keep both feet	
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		on the ground – but he just can't do it. One	
		fateful day, the Brockets decide enough is enough. They never asked for a weird,	
		abnormal, <i>floating</i> child. Barnaby has to go	
		Betrayed, frightened and alone, Barnaby floats	
		into the path of a very special hot air balloon –	
		and so begins a magical journey around the	
The Wolves of	Joan Aiken	world, with a cast of extraordinary new friends.	Action
Willoughby Chase	JUAN AIKEN	Wicked wolves and a grim governess threaten Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia when Bonnie's	Adventure
Winoughby Chase		parents leave Willoughby Chase for a sea voyage.	Auventure
		Left in the care of the cruel Miss Slighcarp, the	
		girls can hardly believe what is happening to	
		their once happy home. The servants are	
		dismissed, the furniture is sold, and Bonnie and	
		Sylvia are sent to a prison-like orphan school. It	
		seems as if the endless hours of drudgery will	
		never cease. With the help of Simon the gooseboy	
		and his flock, they escape. But how will they ever	
		get Willoughby Chase free from the clutches of	
		the evil Miss Slighcarp?	
There's a boy in the	Louis Sachar	Bradley Chalkers is the oldest kid in the fifth	Growing up
girl's bathroom		grade. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights	Signing up
8		with girls. No one likes him—except Carla, the	
		new school counselor. She thinks Bradley is	
		sensitive and generous, and knows that Bradley	
		could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. But	
		when you feel like the most-hated kid in the	
		whole school, believing in yourself can be the	
		hardest thing in the world	
Thornhill	Pam Smy	Parallel plotlines, one told in text and one in art,	Mystery
		inform each other as a young girl unravels the	
		mystery of a ghost next door.	
		Mary is an orphan at the Thornhill Institute for	
		Children at the very moment that it's closing	
		down for good. But when a bully goes too far,	
		Mary's revenge will have a lasting effect on the	
		bully, on Mary, and on Thornhill itself.	
Twelve Minutes to	Christopher	Penelope Tredwell is the feisty 13-year-old	Mystery
Midnight	Edge	orphan heiress of the bestselling magazine, 'The	Adventure
		Penny Dreadful'. Her masterly tales of the	
		macabre are gripping Victorian Britain, even if no	
		one knows she's the author.	
Two Weeks With	Morris	"Dear Your Majesty the Queen, I need to speak to	Comical
the Queen	Gleitzman	you urgently about my brother Luke. He's got	Emotional
		cancer and the doctors in Australia are being	Real-life
		really slack. If I could borrow your top doctor for	
		a few days I know he/she would fix things in no	
		time. Of course Mum and Dad would pay his/her	
		fares even if it meant selling the car or getting a	
		loan. Please contact me at the above address	
		urgently. Yours sincerely,Colin Mudford.	
		P.S.This is not a hoax. Ring the above number	
		and Aunty Iris will tell you. Hang up if a man	
	1	an grupping	
		answers.	
Uncle Monatgue's	Chris Priestley	Uncle Montague lives alone in a big house and	Ghost
Uncle Monatgue's Tales of Terror	Chris Priestley		Ghost Mystery

		fughtoning stoning he knows Det at the stories	
		frightening stories he knows. But as the stories	
		unfold, a newer and more surprising narrative emerges, one that is perhaps the most frightening	
		of all.	
Watership Down	Richard	Set in England's Downs, a once idyllic rural	Animals
	Adams	landscape, this stirring tale of adventure, courage	Adventure
		and survival follows a band of very special	
		creatures on their flight from the intrusion of	
		man and the certain destruction of their home.	
		Led by a stouthearted pair of friends, they	
		journey forth from their native Sandleford	
		Warren through the harrowing trials posed by	
		predators and adversaries, to a mysterious	
\	Cauch Caraca	promised land and a more perfect society.	Destar
Weight of Water	Sarah Crossan	Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag	Poetry Real-life
		filled with clothes, Kasienka and her mother head	Real-life
		for England. Life is lonely for Kasienka. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school	
		friends are scarce. But when someone special	
		swims into her life, Kasienka learns that there	
		might be more than one way for her to stay	
		afloat.	
When Hitler Stole	Judith Kerr	Partly autobiographical, this is first of the	Historical
Pink Rabbit*		internationally acclaimed trilogy by Judith Kerr	Growing up
		telling the unforgettable story of a Jewish family	
		fleeing from Germany at the start of the Second	
		World War. Suppose your country began to	
		change. Suppose that without your noticing, it	
		became dangerous for some people to live in Germany any longer. Suppose you found, to your	
		complete surprise, that your own father was one	
		of those people.	
When the Sky Falls	Phil Earle	Inspired by a true story. It's 1940, and Joseph has	Historical
		been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff	
		woman with no great fondness for children. To	
		Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city	
		zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge	
		silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong	
		and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an	
		affinity with the lonely beast. But when the	
		bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast.	
		Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes	
		to it?	
Yusuf Azeem is not	Saadia Faruqi	Yusuf Azeem has spent all his life in the small	
a hero	-	town of Frey, Texas—and nearly that long waiting	
		for the chance to participate in the regional	
		robotics competition, which he just <i>knows</i> he can	
		win.	
		Only, this year is going to be more difficult than	
		he thought. Because this year is the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, an	
		anniversary that has everyone in his Muslim	
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mosque, Yusuf realizes that the country's anger from two decades ago hasn't gone away. Can he hold onto his joy—and his friendships—in the face of heartache and prejudice?	
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## Challenge Books – these are books we'd suggest students to read if they are wanting something challenging or demanding in Year 7

Title	Author	Description	Genre
Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.	Fantasy
		Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the	Action
		ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a	Adventure
		dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit	
		down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and	
		that means comfort. Written for J.R.R.	
		Tolkien's own children, The Hobbit met with	
		instant critical acclaim when it was first	
		published in 1937. Now recognized as a	
		timeless classic, this introduction to the	
		hobbit Bilbo Baggins, the wizard Gandalf,	
		Gollum, and the spectacular world of Middle-	
		earth recounts of the adventures of a reluctant	
		hero, a powerful and dangerous ring, and the	
		cruel dragon Smaug the Magnificent.	
Alice in	Lewis Carroll	"I can't explain myself, I'm afraid, sir," said	Adventure
Wonderland		Alice, "Because I'm not myself, you see."	
wonachana		When Alice sees a white rabbit take a watch	
		out of its waistcoat pocket she decides to	
		follow it, and a sequence of most unusual	
		events is set in motion.	
War of the	H.G. Wells	When an army of invading Martians lands in	Invasion
Worlds		England, panic and terror seize the	Adventure
wonus		population. As the aliens traverse the country	Auventure
		in huge three-legged machines, incinerating	
		all in their path with a heat ray and spreading	
		noxious toxic gases, the people of the Earth	
		must come to terms with the prospect of the	
		end of human civilization and the beginning of	
		Martian rule.	
Oliver Twist	Charles	The story of Oliver Twist - orphaned, and set	Growing
	Dickens	upon by evil and adversity from his first	-
	DICKENS	breath - shocked readers when it was	up
		published. After running away from the	Adventure
		workhouse and pompous beadle Mr Bumble,	
		Oliver finds himself lured into a den of thieves	
		peopled by vivid and memorable characters -	
		the Artful Dodger, vicious burglar Bill Sikes,	
		his dog Bull's Eye, and prostitute Nancy, all	
		watched over by cunning master-thief Fagin.	
		Combining elements of Gothic Romance, the	
		Newgate Novel and popular melodrama,	
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		Dickens created an entirely new kind of fiction, scathing in its indictment of a cruel	
		society, and pervaded by an unforgettable	
		sense of threat and mystery.	<u> </u>

Jane Eyre	Charlotte Brontë	Orphaned as a child, Jane has felt an outcast her whole young life. Her courage is tested once again when she arrives at Thornfield Hall, where she has been hired by the brooding, proud Edward Rochester to care for his ward Adèle. Jane finds herself drawn to his troubled yet kind spirit. She falls in love. Hard.	Growing up Mystery
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