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Year 11 Reading for Pleasure List

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<p>The Rest Of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness</p> <p>What is you aren't the chosen one? The one who's supposed to fight zombies, or soul-eating ghosts, or whatever this new thing is, the one with the blue lights of death? What if you're Mikey, who just wants to hang out and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school? Again.</p> <p>A satirical view of Young Adult fiction, where the protagonists are not the 'cool kids' trying to save the world. The story follows those normally in the background as the battle for survival rages on.</p>	<p>A Short History Of Nearly Everything: A Journey Through Space and Time by Bill Bryson</p> <p>This book is Bryson's quest to understand everything that's happened from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization. How we got from nothing, to now. Bryson's challenge is to take subjects like geology, chemistry, and particle physics, and see if there is a way to make them exciting and comprehensible to those of us without a science degree. A book that reveals the world in a way most of us have never seen it before.</p>	<p>The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah: The Autobiography by Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p>You will almost certainly have read some of Zaphaniah's work at some point during your school days. Now find out more about the man himself. From the early 1980s when punks and Rastas were on the streets protesting about unemployment and the National Front, to the 90s where he performed in every continent on earth, as well as developing work in South Africa after meeting Nelson Mandela. Read the story of a man whose mission was to take poetry everywhere and to popularise it by reaching people who didn't read books.</p>
<p>The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah</p> <p>Michael likes to hang out with his friends and play with the latest graphic design software. His parents drag him to rallies held by their anti-immigrant group, which rails against the tide of refugees flooding the country. And it all makes sense to Michael. Until Mina, a beautiful girl from the other side of the protest lines, shows up at his school, and turns out to be funny, smart -- and a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan. Suddenly, his parents' politics seem much more complicated. Michael has to decide where he stands, while Mina has to protect her family. Both have to chose what they want their world to look like.</p>	<p>Rapthology: Lessons in Life and Lyrics by Wretch 32</p> <p>Wretch 32 is one of the most influential musicians at work in Britain today. He is also a lyricist of unparalleled ability, and an advocate of music as a tool to educate as well as to entertain in an age of unprecedented social and political change. This ground-breaking autobiography is guidebook to the music that matters, and an insight into the artistic process of one of the most inspiring artists of a generation.</p>	<p>My Anxious Mind: A Teen's Guide to Managing Anxiety and Panic by A. Tompkins and K. Martinez</p> <p>Anxiety can make everything seem unmanageable - from dealing with family and friends to managing schoolwork and extracurricular activities. With exams approaching this year, things can seem tough at times. This book gives you advice and guidance to support your mental health during this vital year, with sections focusing on inter-personal skills, managing stress, and using diet and exercise appropriately. While the book contains advice, always remember to speak to someone you trust at home or in school if you are struggling in any way at all.</p>



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The Moon is Down

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Originally published at the zenith of Nazi Germany's power, *The Moon Is Down* explores the effects of invasion on both the conquered and the conquerors. Occupied by enemy troops, a small, peaceable town comes face-to-face with evil imposed from the outside and betrayal from within the close-knit community. As he delves into the motivations and emotions of the enemy, Steinbeck uncovers profound and often unsettling truths both about war and human nature.

Persepolis

by Marjane Satrapi

One for fans of graphic novels. This funny, sometimes heart-breaking book, tells the story of Satrapi's childhood in Tehrab during the Iranian Revolution. The great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor, we see the Revolution unfold through the eyes of a child whose life is uniquely entwined with the history of her country. The story of an ordinary child growing up in extra-ordinary circumstances.

The Last Lecture: Lessons In Living

by Randy Pausch

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave, 'Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams', wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment.



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