

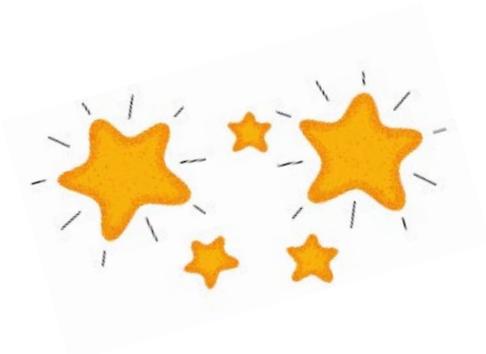


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The Magnus Canon



Year 7 Guide



Welcome to the Magnus Canon

This is a list of books we have created for you to read throughout your time at Magnus, helping to develop a broad perspective of the world around you, increase and improve your vocabulary and give you the chance to unwind with a great story.

The wide range of books on the list will count towards your Magnus Graduation target. Genres include Science Fiction, Mystery, Historical, Dystopian, and Fantasy. The list has some amazing BAME authors, a great selection of Non Fiction titles as well as some wonderful play scripts – there really is something for everyone.

Some of these books will be read during Prep sessions or studied in your English lessons, these are highlighted in this guide.

We want to challenge you to read as many books off this list as possible before Graduation in the Summer.

There will be short quizzes for you to complete with Mrs Jackson in the Library, so make sure you take your time, really enjoy each story and get the most out of each book.

Here is the full Year 7 list...

The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q Rauf

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S Lewis (Prep text and studied in English)

The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank

Wonder – R.J Palacio (Prep text)

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman

A Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare (Studied in English)

After Tomorrow – Gillian Cross

Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo (Prep text)

The Last of the Spirits – Chris Priestley

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece – Annabel Pitcher (Prep text)

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – L. Frank Baum

The Boy in the striped Pyjamas – John Boyne (Prep text)

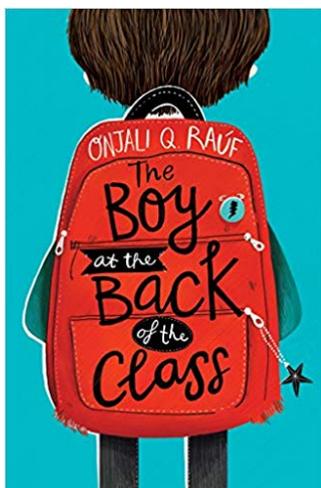
Armistice Runner – Tom Palmer

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – J.K Rowling

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz



Have a look at the following pages for more information on each book. For more details on how to complete The Magnus Canon for graduation, see your English teacher or Mrs Jackson.



There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it.

He's nine 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 favourite!

But then I learned the truth: 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 help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

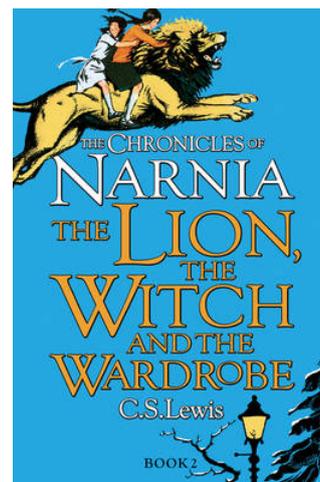
BAME author



They open a door and enter a magical world.

Four adventurers step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

Fantasy / Prep text

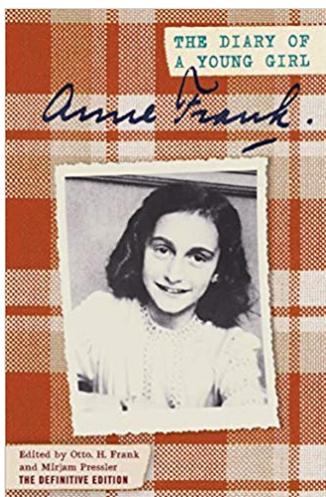


In July 1942, Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the horrors of Nazi occupation, hid in the back of an Amsterdam warehouse. Anne was thirteen when the family went into the Secret Annex and, over the next two years, she vividly describes in her diary the frustrations of living in such confined quarters, the constant threat of discovery, the hunger and fear.

Her diary ends abruptly when, in August 1944, she and her family were finally discovered by the Nazis. Anne Frank died in March 1945, aged fifteen, in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany.

This book provides a deeply moving and unforgettable portrait of Anne Frank – an ordinary and yet extraordinary teenage girl.

Non-fiction / Historical



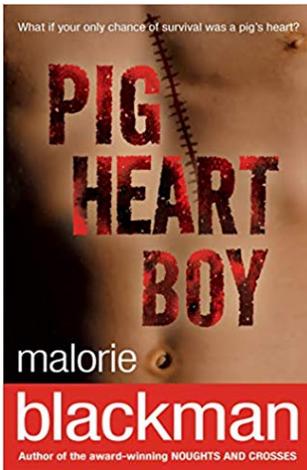
'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school. All he wants is to be accepted. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

Dual narrative / Prep text



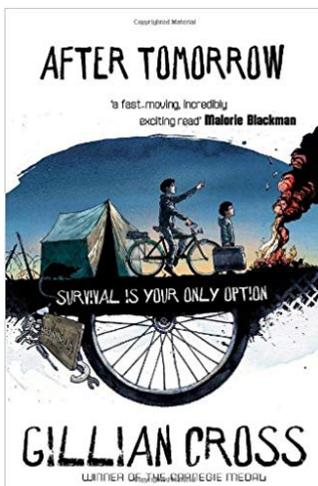
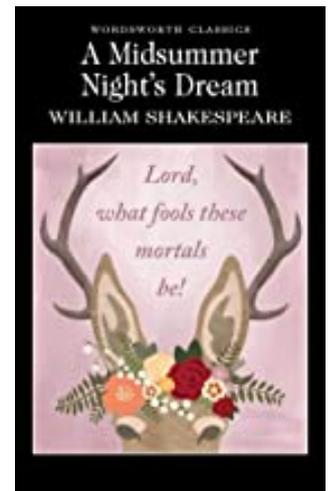


You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.

Science fiction

Shakespeare's most popular comedy, set in an enchanted forest with fairies, sparring lovers and a group of amateur actors who are putting on a play...

Drama text / Studied in English



What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed?

Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe.

For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side...

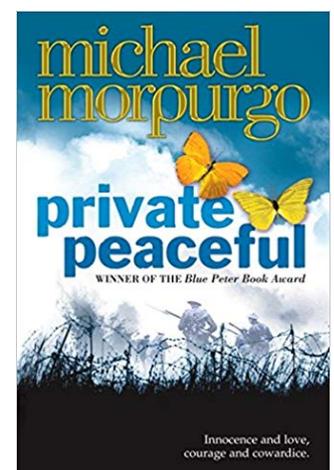
Stay or go. What would you do?

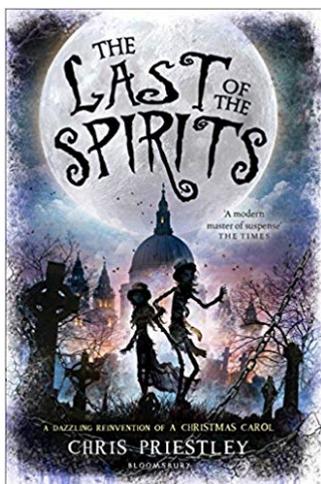
Dystopian

As young Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside.

But the clock is ticking, and every moment Tommo spends remembering how things used to be, means another moment closer to something which will change his life for ever.

Historical fiction / Prep text





On the bleak streets of London, Sam is freezing and hungry. When he is rudely refused help by Ebenezer Scrooge, Sam vows to kill the selfish man.

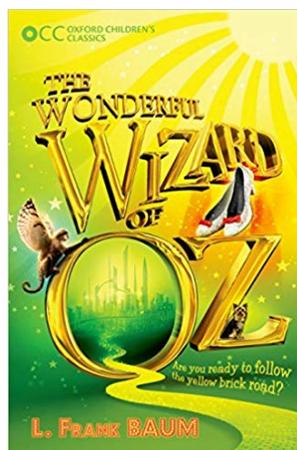
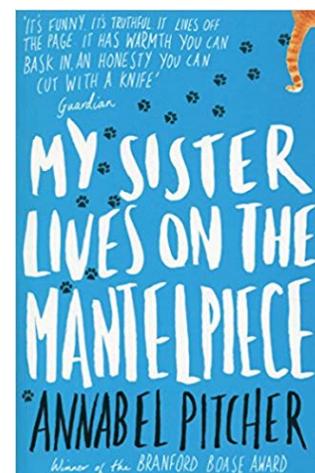
But later, while Sam is huddled in a graveyard, a ghost warns him of the terrible fate that awaits if he chooses the path of murder. And so Sam begins a journey led by terrifying spirits through past, present and future. After which he must decide his own destiny.

Meta-fiction

Ten-year-old Jamie hasn't cried since it happened. He knows he should have – Jasmine cried, Mum cried, Dad still cries. Roger didn't, but then he is just a cat and didn't know Rose that well really.

Everyone kept saying it would get better with time, but that's just one of those lies that grown-ups tell in awkward situations. Five years on, it's worse than ever...'

Family / Topical issues / Prep text



Follow the adventures of young Dorothy Gale and her dog, Toto, as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in a strange land called Oz. Here she meets the Munchkins and joins the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey to the Emerald City, where lives the all-powered Wizard of Oz.

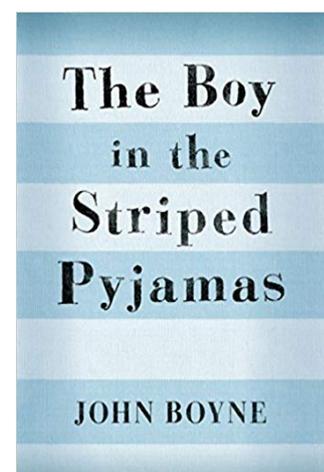
19th Century text / Adventure

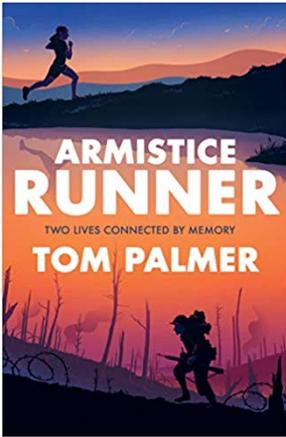
What happens when innocence is confronted by monstrous evil?

Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. He is oblivious to the appalling cruelties being inflicted on the people of Europe by his country. All he knows is that he has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas.

Bruno's friendship with Shmuel will take him from innocence to revelation. And in exploring what he is unwittingly a part of, he will inevitably become subsumed by the terrible process.

Historical fiction / Prep text

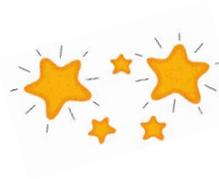




Lily has lots of worries. She's struggling to compete in her junior fell-running races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War.

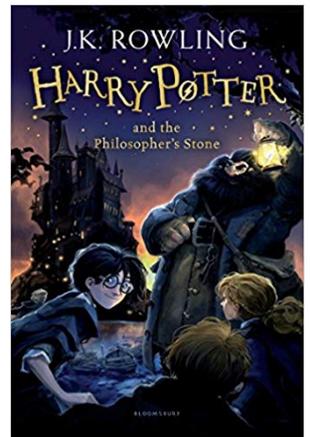
Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran and even give her the inspiration she needs to push through and win?

Topical issues



Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy – until he is rescued by a beetle-eyed giant of a man, enrolls at Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry, learns to play Quidditch and does battle in a deadly duel. The reason: Harry Potter is a Wizard!

Bildungsroman



When MI6 recognises his potential, Alex Rider is armed with secret gadgets and sent on his first mission. But the teenage spy soon find himself in mortal danger.

His first assignment may well be his last...

Mystery



After Tomorrow

Goodreads.com - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17303630-after-tomorrow>

Armistice Runner

Tompalmer.co.uk - <https://tompalmer.co.uk/armistice-runner/>

The Boy at the Back of the Class

hachette.co.uk - <https://www.hachette.co.uk/titles/pippa-curnick/the-boy-at-the-back-of-the-class/9781510105027/>

The Boy in the striped Pyjamas

Amazon.co.uk - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boy-Striped-Pyjamas-John-Boyne/dp/1862305277>

The Diary of a Young Girl

Penguin 2007 edition

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Bloomsbury 2001 edition

The Last of the Spirits

Bloomsbury 2015 edition

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Harpercollins.com - <https://www.harpercollins.com/products/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe-c-s-lewis?variant=32179358924834>

Midsummer Night's Dream

Rsc.org.uk - <https://www.rsc.org.uk/a-midsummer-nights-dream/>

Millions

Macmillan Children's Books 2008 edition

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece

Hotkeybooks.com - <http://hotkeybooks.com/hot-key-carnegie-challenge-book-4-my-sister-lives-on-the-mantelpiece-by-annabel-pitcherby/>

Pig Heart Boy

Heathbooks.co.uk - <https://www.heathbooks.co.uk/product/pig-heart-boy/malorie-blackman/9780552551663/>

Private Peaceful

Harper Collins Children's Books 2004 edition

Stormbreaker

Walker Books 2012 edition

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

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Wonder

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