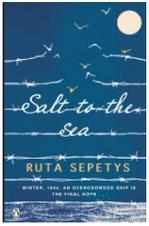
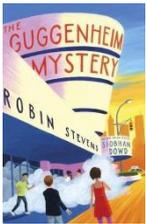


RECOMMENDED READING LIST – YEAR 8 & 9



Salt to the Sea – Ruta Sepetys

It tells the story of four individuals in World War II who make their way to the ill-fated MV Wilhelm Gustloff. The story also touches on the disappearance of the Amber Room, a world-famous, ornately decorated chamber stolen by the Nazis that has never been recovered.



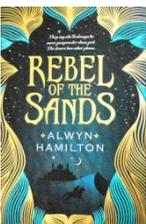
The Guggenheim Mystery – Robin Stevens

When a painting is stolen from the famous Guggenheim Museum in New York City and Ted's Aunt Gloria is framed for the theft, Ted, his sister Kat and cousin Salim set off across the city to find the real thief.



A Storm of Strawberries – Jo Cotterill

Darby loves summer on her family's strawberry farm – but is the weather about to turn? Darby is twelve and has Down's syndrome. Her favourite things are music, chocolate, and her big sister Kaydee. It's nearly time for the annual chocolate hunt, but Kaydee has brought a friend home for the weekend.



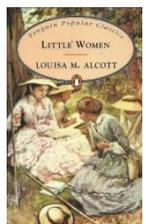
Rebel of the Sands – Alwyn Hamilton

This phenomenal novel is the first in a trilogy packed with shooting contests, train robberies, festivals under the stars, powerful Djinni magic and an electrifying love story.



Paper Towns – John Green

Masterfully written by John Green, this is a thoughtful, insightful and hilarious coming-of-age story.



Little Women – Louisa May Alcott

Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth - four "little women" enduring hardships and enjoying adventures in Civil War New England.



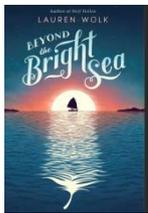
Once – Morris Gleitzman

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.



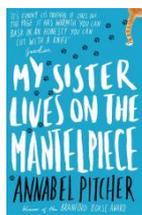
The Other Alice – Michelle Harrison

What happens when a tale with real magic, that was supposed to be finished, never was? This is a story about one of those stories. A fast-paced, tautly woven story stuffed full of imagination, magic and adventure.



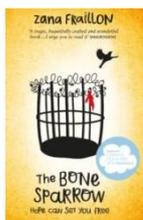
Beyond the Bright Sea – Lauren Wolk

Vivid and heartfelt, Beyond the Bright Sea is a gorgeously crafted, gripping tale of buried treasure and belonging.



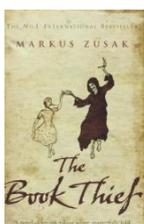
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece – Annabel Pitcher

This is Annabel Pitcher's stunning debut about ten-year-old Jamie, and the way his life and his family are shaped by the sister in an urn on the mantelpiece.



The Bone Sparrow – Zana Fraillon

The Bone Sparrow is a beautiful and vivid reminder of innocent suffering, the importance of freedom and the triumph of hope. It is evidence of the power of a story to speak for humanity.



The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

Set in Germany in the years 1939-1943, The Book Thief tells the story of Liesel, narrated by Death who has in his possession the book she wrote about these years. So, in a way, they are both book thieves.