



Reading For Inspiration, Success and Enjoyment

Reading well means that you will succeed in many areas of your life, including all your school subjects.

You will be able to understand characters and situations that may inspire you.

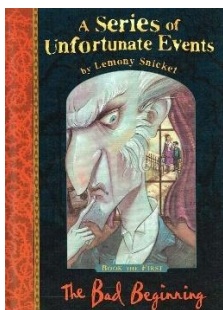
You may also enjoy using your reading skills to explore these new experiences and doing well in life is enjoyable!

RISE to the challenge!

CHS: A School that Reads

Books that we read in...

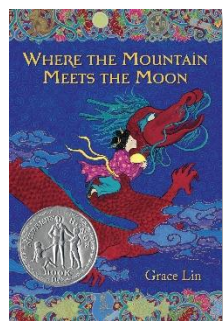
Year 7



'A Series of Unfortunate Events'
by Lemony Snicket

Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent children. They are charming, and resourceful, and have pleasant facial features.

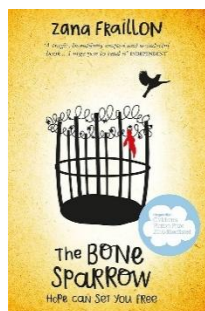
Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky. In *The Bad Beginning*, the siblings encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast.



'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon'
by Grace Lin

In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. While her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man in the Moon, Minli's mother chides him for filling her head with stories.

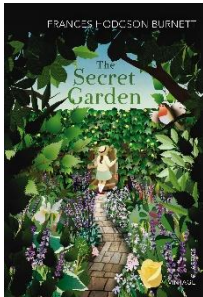
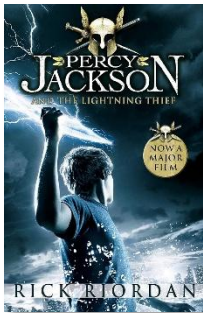
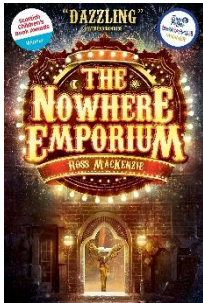
But inspired by these stories, Minli spends one of her precious copper pennies on a beautiful goldfish, which is said to be able to change the fortune of the owner. Her mother reprimands her for the silly purchase, but it pays off when the goldfish talks and offers to show her the path to fortune and wealth!

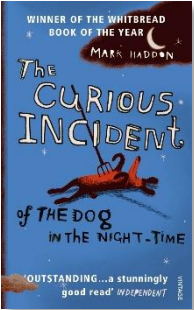
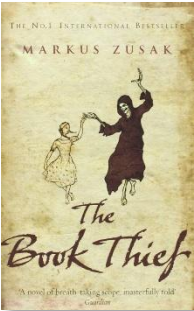
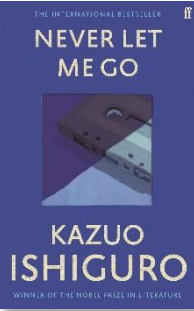


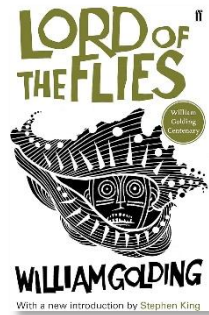
'The Bone Sparrow'
by Zana Fraillon

This is a beautiful, vivid and deeply moving story about a refugee boy who has spent his entire life living in a detention centre.

This novel reminds us all of the importance of freedom, hope, and the power of a story to speak for anyone who's ever struggled to find a safe home.

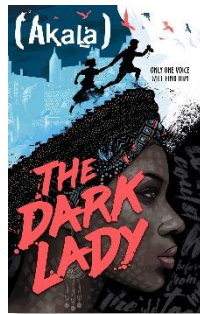
Year 8	 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett	When Mary Lennox is sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle, everybody says she is the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It is true, too. Mary is pale, spoilt and quite contrary. But she is also horribly lonely. Then one day she hears about a garden in the grounds of the Manor that has been kept locked and hidden for years. And when a friendly robin helps Mary find the key, she discovers the most magical place anyone could imagine...
	 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan	In Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, 12-year-old Percy Jackson discovers he is a demigod, the son of the sea god Poseidon. He is sent on a quest with his friends Annabeth and Grover to find Zeus's stolen lightning bolt and prevent a war among the gods. Along the way, they must battle mythological monsters, and Percy learns that a friend is the true thief, not the god Hades, whom they initially suspect.
	 'Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie	When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Recruited as an 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. But when a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save it before it's too late?

Year 9	 ‘The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time’ by Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.
	 ‘The Book Thief’ by Markus Zusak	The Book Thief is a story about a young girl named Liesel in Nazi Germany who finds solace in stealing books and sharing them with others during World War II. Narrated by Death, the novel follows her life with her foster family on Himmel Street as she steals books from Nazi book burnings and the mayor's wife's library, and as her family hides a Jewish man in their basement. The blurb describes it as an extraordinary story about the power of words and humanity in the darkest of times.
Year 10	 ‘Never Let Me Go’ by Kazuo Ishiguro	Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro is about a group of students at the secluded and seemingly idyllic Hailsham boarding school who are told they are special but must eventually accept their fate as "donors" for organ donation. The story, told through the memories of Kathy H, explores the complex relationships of friendship and love between Kathy, Ruth, and Tommy as they come to terms with their purpose and mortality. The novel explores themes of love, loss, memory, and the fragility of life in a dystopian, yet hauntingly familiar, version of England.



'Lord of the Flies'
by William Golding

Lord of the Flies is a dystopian classic about a group of British schoolboys stranded on a deserted island after a plane crash. Initially, they attempt to build a civilized society, but their attempts at order and survival soon devolve into a savage, murderous hunt as their innocence gives way to primitive instincts and a fear of a mythical beast. The story explores themes of human nature, the conflict between civilization and savagery, and the fragility of morality.



'The Dark Lady'
by Akala

Henry is an orphan, an outsider, a thief. He is also a fifteen-year-old invested with magical powers ...

This brilliant, at times brutal, first novel from the amazing imagination that is Akala, will glue you to your seat as you are hurled into a time when London stank and boys like Henry were forced to find their own route through the tangled streets and out the other side.