



## 9plus Booklist by Author - New

When using this booklist, please be aware of the need for guidance to ensure students select texts considered appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels.

PRC ID	Author/Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
1132915	Archer, Brooke Hearts still beating	Putnam	2024	9780593698327	<p>Mara is dead - mostly. Infected with a virus that broke the world and turned her into a monster, Mara awakens in a facility to learn a treatment has been found. No longer a Tick, Mara is placed in an experimental relocation program. But she's sent to live with the best friend she hasn't seen since the world ended. Since their first and only kiss.</p> <p>Rory is alive - barely. And her nightmares are as vicious as the Ticks that infected Mara and permanently injured Rory. Even after the Island - one of the surviving communities - rebuilds itself, Rory fears a tick attack from the mainland at any time. But the Ticks that show up are treated, almost normal - not quite themselves but no longer raging monsters - and among them is the first girl Rory ever loved. And never expected to see alive.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1209866	Ⓞ Barnes, Jennifer Lynn Lovely and the lost, The	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763094	Kira has a great respect for the family she has been adopted into who are skilful search and rescue workers. This is a story about the training and dedication of 4 teens Kira, Jude, Free and Ash, their dogs Silver and Saskia. Mum Cady Bennett gives her tender family the kind of strength and fearlessness that is needed to both deal with searches in the wilderness and the ultimate truths of rescue. Kira's past keeps being a mess, what happened when 11 years earlier as a little girl found in the wilderness, memories almost erased. A dramatic, tough and gritty story.  Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1197190	Ⓞ Bellchambers, Alina Order of masks, The	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761560149	In the cut throat Ravalian Court, alliances, seduction and magic are the key to survival. Circus performer Mira has spent her life on the run and is determined to secure her future by competing in the deadly Trials and winning a place in one of the three magical Royal Orders. Princess Scarlett is fighting to withstand her half-brothers' sinister ambitions and seize power. Mira is the opportunity she has been waiting to. Will Mira and Scarlett be able to navigate the world of magic, ambition and court intrigue - as co-conspirators or as rivals for the throne?  Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1019844	Ⓞ Bourne, Holly You could be so pretty	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474966832	Joni and Belle live their lives at opposing positions in a rebuilt society which claims to be passed all troubles around gender disparity. While one is dedicated to being Pretty and is focused almost solely on receiving validation from social media, the other is proudly Objectionable, a woman who wears no Mask, dresses for comfort and practicality, and who has her eyes open to the dire problems with The Doctrine. This feminist dystopia examines the various ways society manipulates women and meddles with their ideas of worth and possibilities.  Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1151649	Ⓞ Egan, Leanne Lover birds	Farshore	2024	9780008626570	Isabel Williams moves to a new school and she meets Eloise. Isabel criticizes everything about Eloise but why does she make her pulse race? A uplifting story about acceptance and finding yourself and the power of friendship.  Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1103079	⊙ Follmuth, Alexene Farol Twelfth Knight	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781250884893	Jack Orsino is Mr Popular at his Highschool and only got Student Body President because he's a sport hero. Viola Reyes is the one who does all the work and has a lot to be annoyed about. Vi escapes by playing Twelfth Knight - an online role playing game where she can hide her true identity and excel on her own terms. But when Jacks sporting career is collapsing Twelfth Knight will unite these warring teens, and Vi will be forced to decide who she wants to be and who she can trust.  Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
877874	⊙ Forest, Kristina Zyla & Kai	Atom Publishing	2022	9780349003795	While on a school trip to the Pocono Mountains, Zyla and Kai run away together, leaving their friends and family confused. As far as anyone knows, they've been broken up for months. And honestly? Their break-up hadn't surprised anyone. Zyla, a cynic about love, met Kai, a hopeless romantic, while working together at an amusement park the previous summer, and they couldn't have been more different. Alternating between the past and present, we see the love story unfold from Zyla and Kai's perspectives: how they first became the unlikeliest of friends over the summer, how they fell in love during the school year, and why they ultimately broke up. Or did they?  Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1153329	⊙ Gonzales, Sophie Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist, The	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444964653	When Ivy's parents go away for a week, she plans to binge-watch her favourite TV show. But her plans go awry when she wakes up to find the handsome main character of said TV show in her bedroom. Weston may be her soulmate on paper, but what about in real life? In order to deal with this turn of events, Ivy must somehow work with her ex-best friend Mack, and she starts to wonder if perhaps someone else was her soulmate all along...
1078767	⊙ Guron, Ravena Catch your death	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803705422	A classic whodunit thriller which follows three girls who are stuck at Bramble Estate during a snow storm and someone is poisoned. Devi, Lizzie and Jayne are trapped inside a house with a killer and must solve the mystery before it is too late!  Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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1075159	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Jackson, Holly Reappearance of Rachel Price, The	electric monkey	2024	9780008507268	<p>18-year-old Bel has lived her whole life in the shadow of her mother's mysterious disappearance. Sixteen years ago, Rachel Price vanished and young Bel was the only witness. Rachel is gone, presumed dead. The case is dragged up from the past when the Price family agrees to a true crime documentary. Bel can't wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal. But then Rachel Price reappears, and life will never be normal again...</p> <p>Usually read by studwents in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1174864	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Kaufman, Amie Heart of the world, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761067389	<p>When Selly and Leander began their treacherous voyage to the Isles of the Gods, the captain's daughter and the playboy prince were strangers. But amid talk of war and a deadly attack on their ship, the unthinkable happened.</p> <p>They fell in love.</p> <p>Leander's ritual at the island temple was meant to prevent a war between the gods. Instead, it nearly cost him his life, and drew the goddess Barrica back from exile. Now, as her Messenger, Leander is imbued with her deadly magic, and only Selly's presence can stop it from consuming him.</p> <p>But Barrica wasn't the only immortal roused from sleep. The God of Risk, Macean, was awakened by an enemy all thought dead, and across the sea he's calling for war.</p> <p>The fight to save their world will take Selly and Leander from the gilded ballroom of the royal palace to the hallowed halls of an ancient library. Battle lines will be drawn, and bonds will break.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1023642	☉ Kernot, Sharon Birdy	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790606	Following a traumatic incident, Maddy is now mute. She has moved to a remote farmhouse, with her mother and brother, to rest and recuperate. With the help of a therapist, Maddy sets herself small goals each day - journal, smile, walk outside - to build her confidence. She meets Alice, who is still waiting for her own daughter, Birdy, to return home, 45 years after she disappeared. Maddy also meets a new friend, Levi, and she is drawn into the mystery of Birdy's disappearance. Can Maddy learn to trust her new friends, let go of her guilt and shame, and learn to speak again? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1096841	☉ Kwaymullina, Ambelin Liar's test	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790873	Bell Silverleaf is a liar.  It's how she's survived. it's how all Treesingers have survived since they were invaded by the Risen and their fickle gods. But now Bell is in the Queen's Test - she's one of seven girls competing in deadly challenges to determine who will rule for the next twenty-five years. If Bell wins, she'll have the power to help her people and take revenge on the Risen. But first she has to make it through the challenges alive.  She doesn't know how much she's been lied to, or where she fits in a bigger story, a mystery stretching back generations. And she's facing much bigger dangers than the Queen's Test. She's up against the gods themselves.  Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1019861	☉ Lally, Megan That's not my name	Sourcebooks Inc	2024	9781728270111	A teen girl wakes up on the side of a road. She is battered and bruised, with no memory of who she is or how she got there. The police don't know where she came from until a frantic man arrives at the station. He says he is her father and he has her birth certificate and family photos to prove it. Her says her name is Mary....  After a fight, Lola leaves her boyfriends car and storms off into the night. Drew never sees her again. The sheriff and Drew's friends are convinced that Drew murdered Lola, so he needs to find her. The longer Lola is missing, the more danger they are both in.  Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1154375	Lessore, Nathanael King of nothing	Hot Key Books	2024	9781471413247	<p>Anton and his friends are King of Year 9. They're used to ruling the school and Anton wears the crown. The other kids run away when he's about but that's the way he wants it - he's got a reputation to live up to after all.</p> <p>So when he gets into serious trouble at school, he doesn't really care, but his mum most definitely does. She decides it's time for Anton to make some new friends and join the Happy Campers, a local activity group. Anton would quite literally rather do anything else, especially when he finds out Matthew, the biggest loser in school, is also a member.</p> <p>But after Matthew unexpectedly saves Anton's life, Anton figures maybe this kid is worth a shot. As the boys strike up an unlikely friendship, Anton finds himself questioning everything he thought was important. Does he want ruling the school to be his crowning glory or should he set his sights on better things?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1084283	Lynette, Noni Blood traitor, The	Penguin	2023	9781760897550	<p>She'd failed them. All of them. And now she was paying the price. Kiva thought she knew what she wanted - revenge. But feelings change, people change . . . everything has changed. After what happened at the palace, Kiva is desperate to know if her friends and family are safe, and whether those she wronged can ever forgive her.</p> <p>But with the kingdoms closer to the brink of war than they've ever been, and Kiva far away from the conflict, more is at stake than her own broken heart. A fresh start will mean a perilous quest, forcing mortal enemies and uneasy allies together in a race against the clock to save not just Evalon, but all of Wenderall.</p> <p>With her loyalties now set, Kiva can no longer just survive - she must fight for what she believes in. For who she believes in. But with danger coming from every side, and the lives of everyone she loves at risk, does she have what it takes to stand, or will she fall?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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909088	McManus, Karen M. Nothing more to tell	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2022	9780241473689	<p>Four years ago, Brynn left Saint Ambrose School following the shocking murder of her favourite teacher. The case was never solved, but she's sure that the three kids who found Mr Larkin's body know more than they're telling, especially her ex-best friend Tripp Talbot. He's definitely hiding something. On her return to Saint Ambrose, Brynn decides to investigate, but the further she dives into the past, the more secrets she finds. Someone got away with murder and now it is time to uncover the truth....</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209896	McManus, Karen M. Such charming liars	Penguin	2024	9780241676998	<p>For all of Kat's life, it's just been her and her mother, Jamie - except for the forty-eight hours when Jamie was married and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam. That all ended in an epic divorce, and Kat and Liam haven't spoken since.</p> <p>Now Jamie is a jewel thief trying to go straight, but she has one last job at billionaire Ross Sutherland's birthday party. And Kat has figured out a way to tag along. What Kat doesn't know, though, is that there are two surprise guests at the dazzling Sutherland compound that weekend. The last two people she wants to run into. Liam and his father - a serial scammer who has his sights set on Ross Sutherland's youngest daughter.</p> <p>Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when a Sutherland dies, they realize they might actually be in the killer's crosshairs themselves. Somehow Kat and Liam are the new targets, and they can't trust anyone - except each other. Or can they?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1209792	McManus, Karen M. Two can keep a secret	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2019	9780141375656	<p>Echo Ridge, a town near the Canadian border is not safe for teenage girls. In 1996, high school senior Sarah Corcoran vanished while walking home from the library. Then five years ago, homecoming queen Lacey Kilduff was found dead in the aptly named Murderland Halloween Park. Now the killer claims to be back. Echo Ridge is not a good place to be popular.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1209791	<input checked="" type="radio"/> McManus, Karen M. You'll be the death of me	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2021	9780241473665	<p>Skipping school is fun - until someone gets murdered. Ivy, Mateo and Cal used to be close back in middle school. When Cal pulls into campus late for class and runs into Ivy and Mateo, the former friends decide to ditch school, just like old times. Whilst exploring downtown, the trio spot classmate Boney Mahoney acting suspiciously and follow him into an empty building, not expecting him to turn up dead and for them to be the main suspects.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>
1209720	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Nelson, Jandy When the world tips over	Walker Books	2024	9781406363098	<p>Meet the Fall family all living within short distances from each other, lives struggling with abandonment from father, yearning for love, betrayals and believing in magical circumstances that destiny unfolds for them. The Town, Paradise Springs in California amidst rich vineyards holds their histories to be discovered. The Accident, the histories, love stories and revelations are part of this family's world that tips over and for once it's joy and only joy that spills out.. Dizzy is 12 years old, Cassidy is struggling with her mum's desire for something lost, Miles is searching his feelings for Felix and Wynton needs them all. This is a family's love story.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
850746	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Noni, Lynette Gilded cage, The	Hodder & Stoughton	2021	9781529360431	<p>Kiva Meridan is a survivor. She survived not only Zalindov prison, but also the deadly Trial by Ordeal. Now Kiva's purpose goes beyond survival to vengeance. For the past ten years, her only goal has been to reunite with her family and destroy the people responsible for ruining their lives. But now that she has escaped Zalindov, her mission has become more complicated than ever.</p> <p>As Kiva settles into her new life in the capital, she discovers she wasn't the only one who suffered while she was in Zalindov-her siblings and their beliefs have changed too. Soon it's not just her enemies she's keeping secrets from, but her own family as well.</p> <p>Outside the city walls, tensions are brewing from the rebels, along with whispers of a growing threat from the northern kingdoms. Kiva's allegiances are more important than ever, but she's beginning to question where they truly lie.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>



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887077	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Noni, Lynette Prison healer	Penguin	2024	9781760897512	<p>Seventeen-year-old Kiva Meridan has spent the last ten years fighting for survival in the notorious death prison, Zalindov, working as the prison healer.</p> <p>When the Rebel Queen is captured, Kiva is charged with keeping the terminally ill woman alive long enough for her to undergo the Trial by Ordeal: a series of elemental challenges against the torments of air, fire, water, and earth, assigned to only the most dangerous of criminals.</p> <p>Then a coded message from Kiva's family arrives, containing a single order: "Don't let her die. We are coming." Aware that the Trials will kill the sickly queen, Kiva risks her own life to volunteer in her place. If she succeeds, both she and the queen will be granted their freedom.</p> <p>With an incurable plague sweeping Zalindov, a mysterious new inmate fighting for Kiva's heart, and a prison rebellion brewing, Kiva can't escape the terrible feeling that her trials have only just begun.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.</p>
846160	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Punter, Russell & Longo, Massimiliano (ill) & Forlini, Valentino (ill) Macbeth graphic novel	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474948128	<p>As a battle ends and a storm rages, three witches predict that Macbeth will become King of Scotland, and he decides to take fate into his own hands in an attempt to gain the throne. This graphic novel provides an excellent introduction to Shakespeare's play, using illustrations and simplified language. It maintains all of the mystery, drama and suspense of the original while bringing the play to life for new readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1019750	Reed, Mackenzie Rosewood hunt, The	HarperTeen	2023	9780063287624	<p>Lily Rosewood has lived with her grandmother since her dad's death a year ago. She and Gram have always been close. Gram's role as chair of their family's luxury coat business has inspired Lily's love of fashion, and Lily hopes to follow in Gram's footsteps one day.</p> <p>Then Gram dies suddenly, and Lily's world is upended. Gram's quarter of a billion dollar fortune is missing, and Lily has been banned from the manor she and Gram shared.</p> <p>But Gram has always loved games, and even in death, she still has a few tricks up her couture sleeve. When Lily and three other seemingly random teens get letters from Gram sending them on a treasure hunt around Rosetown, they hope the fortune will be the reward. But they're not the only ones hunting for Gram's treasure, and soon the hunt becomes more dangerous than they ever could have imagined</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1174839	Riggs, Ransom Extraordinary disappointments of Leopold Berry, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181474	<p>There it was, beside a big brass lever: a coin slot. Pale blue light pulsed dimly within. Leopold refused to overthink it. Steadying the slight tremor in his hand, he lifted the token to the slot and let it drop plunging him and his best pal, Emmet, into a parallel world of weird familiarity and terrifying unreality.</p> <p>Ransome Riggs weaves the familiar with the peculiar in a stunning tale of loss, triumph, friendship, and magic, reminding everyone everywhere that when you're not the chosen one, sometimes you have to choose yourself.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1124710	Street, Sarah Sea of wolves, A	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444967821	<p>The fifty year old treaty is in tatters and ships are washing up filled with dead bodies. Mersey Drake seeks to free her city from the clutches of a pirate called the Heartless King. Her plan fails when she is captured by the pirate crew. Mersey falls for the ship's cold blooded first mate, a girl called Golde, unaware that a wolf is getting ready to pounce. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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728149	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Talley, Robin Music from another world	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781867202257	<p>It's summer 1977 and Tammy Larson can't be herself anywhere. Not at her strict Christian high school, not at her conservative Orange County church and certainly not at home. Tammy's only outlet is writing secret letters in her diary to activist Harvey Milk...until she's matched with a real-life pen pal who changes everything.</p> <p>Sharon Hawkins bonds with Tammy over punk music and carefully shared secrets, and soon their letters become the one place she can be honest. The rest of her life in San Francisco is full of lies. The kind she tells for others-like helping her brother hide the truth from their mom-and the kind she tells herself. But as antigay fervor in America reaches a frightening new pitch, Sharon and Tammy must rely on their long-distance friendship to discover their deeply personal truths, what they'll stand for... and who they'll rise against.</p> <p>Usually read by student sin years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1124926	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Tan, Su-May Katie goes to KL	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9789815127812	<p>16 year old Katie, finds out her dead mother is not dead after all and her father has been lying to her since she was 7.</p> <p>This story begins its journey in Australia, where Katie immigrated with her father when she was four. She travels to modern day Kuala Lumpur (KL) for her grandmother's death. This is where the adventures and contentions begin when Katie's quest to reconnect with her mother and discover her roots against a backdrop of rising political tension between the Chinese and the Malays. When Katie discovers that her mother is Malay, she finds herself caught between her Chinese cousins and her mother's conservative Muslim community, the Wira group. As Katie bonds with her cousins through KL's underground music scene, she is forced to define her loyalties. Which community should she support and where does she belong?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>

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1082880	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Tozer, Gabrielle Unexpected mess of it all, The	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460761441	<p>Jamila Dakhoul wants to escape her life. Forget everything. Forget that her only friends are strangers on the internet. Forget that she's stuck in a caravan after a fire destroyed her family's house. Forget that Year 12 is a brutal hellhole where bullying is an Olympic sport. Forget Billy Radcliffe once and for all.</p> <p>But as Jamila tries to untangle the messy threads of her life on a weekend away with her family, it becomes clear that she can't outrun her past, no matter how hard she tries ...</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1080662	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Wilkinson, Lili Deep is the fen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066863	<p>Merry doesn't need a happily-ever-after. Her life in the charming, idyllic town of Candlecott is fine just as it is. Simple, happy, and with absolutely no magic. Magic only ever leads to trouble.</p> <p>But Merry's best friend, Teddy, is joining the Toadmen -- a secret society who specialize in backward thinking and suspiciously supernatural traditions --and Merry is determined to stop him. Even if it means teaming up with the person she hates most: her academic archnemesi s, Caraway Boswell, an ice-cold snob who hides his true face under a glamour.</p> <p>An ancient Toad ritual is being held in the sinister Deeping Fen, and if Merry doesn't rescue Teddy before it's finished, she'll lose him forever. But the Toadmen have been keeping dangerous secrets, and so has Caraway. The farther Merry travels into Deeping Fen's foul waters, the more she wonders if she's truly come to save her friend... or if she's walking straight into a trap.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1209764	Winifred Searle, Sarah Sweetness between us, The	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181245	<p>Perley has been diagnosed with diabetes and is trying to get his head around sugar levels and insulin shots. Amandine, part of a respected vampire family, has been turned much younger than she expected after a near-fatal car accident. Bonding over hospital trips and new diets, the two teens form a fast friendship. And Amandine's ability to taste blood sugar levels is a helpful perk for Perley that also provides her an ethical source of sustenance (essential for a vegan-turned-vampire).</p> <p>But as the year passes, Perley and Amandine begin to realise that their coping strategies - and their blood-sipping-turned-romance - may not be as healthy as they first thought. Will they be able to get their lives back to normal? And when so much has changed, what does 'normal' even mean?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
977767	Zail, Suzy Inkflower	Walker Books	2023	9781760653736	<p>Inspired by a true story.</p> <p>I shouldn't be kissing Adam Winter but it's my best chance of forgetting. When I kiss him, I'm not a girl whose father is dying; I'm just a girl, kissing a boy.</p> <p>Lisa's father has six months to live. And a story to tell about a boy sent to Auschwitz. A boy who lost everything and started again. A story he has kept hidden - until now.</p> <p>But Lisa doesn't want to hear it, because she has secrets too. No one at school knows she is Jewish or that her dad is sick. Not even her boyfriend.</p> <p>But that's all about to change ... And so is she.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p>