



Reading List - Year 9

Real Life

Eleanor & Park

By Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, Eleanor & Park is funny, sad, shocking and true. A love story by the author of FanGirl.

Me Mum. Me Dad. Me

By Malcolm Duffy

The story of 14-year-old Geordie Danny, who loves his mum and is won over by his stepfather — until the abuse begins. Well-plotted and surprising. Shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize.

Winger

By Andrew Smith

14-year old Ryan Dean grapples with life, love, and rugby at his posh boarding school in this unforgettable novel that is alternately hilarious and painful, awkward and enlightening.

Piecing Me Together

By Renee Watson

Jade is taking every opportunity to get out of her neighbourhood — but some opportunities feel more demeaning than helpful. A compelling and thoughtful story.

Humorous

Dumplin'

Julie Murphy

Willowdean Dixon, a fearless, funny, and totally unforgettable heroine, takes on her small town's beauty pageant. Now a Netflix film.

Spud

By John van de Ruit

It's 1990. Apartheid is crumbling. Nelson Mandela has just been released from prison. And thirteen-year-old Spud Milton is about to start his first year at an elite boys-only boarding school in South Africa.

Dark Lord: The Teenage Years

By Jamie Thomson

This hilarious book follows Dirk Lloyd (as he is known on earth), as he struggles to reconcile his evil soul with his puny 13-year-old human body.



Escapist

Maladapted

By Richard Kurti

Cillian is the sole survivor of a devastating terrorist attack on a packed Metro train. How did he survive when everyone else was killed?

Book of Lies

By Terri Terry

Quinn and Piper are twins, but they've never met. A tragic event brings them together, and draws them into a family curse that stretches across centuries.

The Burning

By Laura Bates

In modern-day Scotland, 15-year-old Anna uncovers devastating parallels between her own trial by social media and the experiences of a girl accused of witchcraft centuries earlier.

The Plague Dogs

By Richard Adams

Two canine heroes escape from a medical research laboratory, in hopes of finding their original owners. Pursued by the authorities, they learn to survive on their wits.

Nonfiction

A Long Way Home

By Saroo Brierley and Larry Buttrose

Separated from his birth family in Kolkata, Saroo survived on the streets and was eventually brought up half a world away in Australia. This story traces his journey to the family he left behind. Adapted for the screen as Lion.