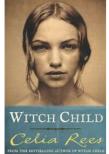
# **Year 9 Literacy**

# **Recommended Reads Top Picks:**

# **Long Way Down** Spanning a mere one minute and seven seconds, Reynolds' new freeverse novel is an intense snapshot of the chain reaction caused by pulling a trigger. Will is visited by the ghosts of victims of gun violence as he prepares to kill someone himself **Enter title here** I'm your protagonist-Reshma Kapoor-and if you have the free time to read this book, then you're probably nothing like me. With a protagonist ENTER accepted!, plagian you'll love to hate, this high school House of Cards is a devilishly smart YA BFFL, agents, fiction, memoirs studying, TITLE love interest novel about a girl who will stop at nothing to get into Stanford. ation, HERE antihero, pronighters, therapy, popularity lawsuit, consussocializing?, plot. **The Night Circus** The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. The black sign, painted in white letters that hangs upon the gates, reads: Opens at Nightfall, Closes at Dawn. the art of being normal Two boys. Two secrets. David Piper has always been an outsider. His parents think he's gay. The school bully thinks he's a freak. Only his two best friends know the real truth - David wants to be a girl.

# Witch Child



When Mary sees her grandmother accused of witchcraft and hung for the crime, she is silently hurried to safety by an unknown woman.

#### The Hate U Give



Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful, gripping and piercingly relevant YA novel about inequality, police violence, 21st century prejudice and one girl's struggle for justice.

# **Recommended Reads By Genre:**

# Fantasy/Magical

**The Graces** – Laure Eve (River is obsessed with the Graces, attracted by their glamour and apparent ability to weave magic. But are they really what they seem?)

**The Book of Dust** – Philip Pullman (Malcolm Polstead is happiest playing with his daemon, Asta, in their canoe, *La Belle Sauvage*. But now as the rain builds, the world around Malcolm and Asta it seems is set to become increasingly far from ordinary)

## Realistic

**Have you seen Luis Velez?** - Catherine Ryan Hide (a moving novel about two strangers who find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear.)

**The Secret Sky**- Atia Abawi (Fatima is a Hazara girl, raised to be obedient and dutiful. Samiullah is a Pashtun boy raised to defend the traditions of his tribe. They were not meant to fall in love. But they do.) **Life: An exploded diagram** – Mal Peet (Clem Ackroyd lives with his parents and grandmother in a claustrophobic home in the bleak Norfolk countryside. Clem's life changes irrevocably when he meets Frankie and experiences first love, in all its pain and glory)

**The Disconnect** –Keren David (When a billionaire phone-tech entrepreneur challenges the Year Eleven pupils in her former school to switch off their phones for six weeks, Esther is determined to rise to the occasion.) DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

# **Dystopian**

**Thirteen** – Tom Hoyle (Born at midnight in London, on the stroke of the new millennium, Adam is the target of a cult that believes boys born on this date must die before the end of their thirteenth year.) **The Crystal Stair** – Catherine Fisher (The human survivors of a devastating natural disaster live in isolated and strictly-governed communities. Caz and Will have already defied the odds escaping the ruins



of a derelict city to reach the relative safety of a Settlement and Caz has never given up hope that her father too is still alive.) DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

#### **Classic Reads**

**To Kill a Mockingbird**- Harper Lee (*Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the thirties.*)

**Jane Eyre** – Charlotte Bronte (Jane comes from nothing but she desires everything life can offer her. And when she finds work as a governess in a mysterious mansion, it seems she has finally met her match with the darkly fascinating Mr Rochester.)

**The Time Machine-** HG Wells (A seminal and hugely imaginative work of early science fiction, H.G. Wells's The Time Machine is the first and greatest modern portrayal of time-travel)

## **Crime**

**After The Fire** – Will Hill (Father John controls everything inside The Fence. And Father John likes rules. Especially about never talking to Outsiders. Because Father John knows the truth.)

**One of Us is Lying** – Karen McManus (*Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive. For fans of Gossip Girl and Pretty Little Liars, this is the perfect high school thriller.*)

#### Historical

**Tilt** – Mary Hoffman (*Pisa, 1299.* In the male-dominated world of Renaissance Italy, Netta is an ambitious young woman and the last in the line of a great family of sculptors and stone-carvers. Determined to throw off the shackles of marriage, Netta sets out to take up her family's legacy and work on fixing the city's leaning tower.) DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

All Fall Down — Sally Nicholls (A deadly contagion races through England... Isabel and her family have nowhere to run from a disease that has killed half of Europe. When the world she knows and loves ends for ever, her only weapon is courage. The Black Death of 1349 was the deadliest plague in human history.)

### **Non-Fiction**

We are all Greta-Valentina Gianella (Follow in Greta Thunberg's footsteps and join the global mission to save our planet from climate change. With in-depth text and data, this necessary and timely book will answer readers' questions on what climate change means, what its consequences will be, and what must be done to protect our planet)

**Speak Up! We are unstoppable** – Laura Coryton (Use your voice to change the world! Don't just read about inspiring women: become one! Launching in time for International Women's Day 2019 - Speak Up! is the must-have empowering book to inspire a whole new generation of rebel girls.)

**Glimmer of Hope. How Tragedy sparked a movement** (Thought provoking collection of essays from the teens who sparked the anti-gun movement in the US.)

#### Thriller/Horror

**The Front Room** – Michelle Magorian (*There's more than one ghost in Michelle Magorian's genuinely creepy new short novel. Hannah, her mum and dad and little brother are on holiday and she's sure there's a sinister presence in their little holiday flat.*) DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

**Mr Sparks** – Danny Weston (*The eponymous Mr Sparks is an ancient wooden ventriloquist's dummy, who claims to be a real boy. He can certainly think and speak for himself, and his character is so cruel and ruthless that to some he seems to be an incarnation of the Devil himself.)* 

