



Drop Everything And Read – Year 7 Book Choices

Book	Plot Summary	Themes & Suggested Reading Age
 <p>A Kind of Spark Elle McNicoll</p>	<p>When 11-year-old Addie, who is autistic, learns about the 16th century women who were persecuted for witchcraft, she starts to lobby for a local memorial in her small Scottish village. With the help of a new girl at school, she fights valiantly against injustice and oppression.</p>	<p>Themes: Neurodiversity, friendship, human rights</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 9-11</p>
 <p>Boy Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Roald Dahl's bestselling autobiography, filled with hilarious anecdotes about his childhood and school days.</p>	<p>Themes: Growing up, school experiences, family, friendship</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 9-11</p>
 <p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone J.K. Rowling</p>	<p>When Harry Potter receives a letter from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, he is whisked away on a magical adventure, during which he tackles many new challenges.</p>	<p>Themes: Magic, friendships, coming-of-age</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 9-11</p>
 <p>High Rise Mystery Sharna Jackson</p>	<p>After finding their community art teacher murdered on their tower block estate ('The Tri'), sisters Nik and Norva are determined to solve this terrible crime. Swinging into action even before the police have arrived, the whip-smart detective duo develop a list of suspects and a plan to identify motives and methods.</p>	<p>Themes: Adventure, mystery, crime, diversity, family</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 9-11</p>

 <p>October, October Katya Balen</p>	<p>October has a happy life living with her dad in the forest - but when Dad gets injured in an accident, she's forced to go and live with her estranged mum in the city, where nothing is natural and everything feels new and frightening.</p>	<p>Themes: Family, animals, nature</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 9-11</p>
 <p>Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief Rick Riordan</p>	<p>In this comic fantasy novel, 12-year-old Percy Jackson discovers that the Greek gods of Olympus are alive and living in modern-day New York.</p>	<p>Themes: Fantasy, adventure, mythology</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 9-11</p>
 <p>Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during World War I, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life</p>	<p>Themes: World War 1, family, friendships, loss</p> <p>Reading Age: 9+ Interest Age: 10-12</p>
 <p>War Horse Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>In the chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times.</p>	<p>Themes: WW1, family, friendship, animals</p> <p>Reading Age: 9-12 Interest Age: 10+</p>