



# Drop Everything And Read – Year 9 Book Choices

Book	Plot Summary	Themes & Suggested Reading Age
 <p><b>Divergent</b> Veronica Roth</p>	<p>In the future there is no war. Humanity is divided up into factions, each serving others through knowledge, truth, selflessness, protection or peace. In this way man's natural war-like tendencies are addressed.</p> <p>Tris does not fit into any faction, she is Divergent. Nevertheless, she leaves the selflessness of her Abnegation faction and becomes a Dauntless - a fearless defender of the new order.</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b> Adventure, dystopia, friendship</p> <p>Reading Age: 10+ Interest Age: 11+</p>
 <p><b>Gone</b> Michael Grant</p>	<p>Fourteen-year-old Sam Templeton is having a completely normal day until his teacher disappears in the middle of a class. But he soon discovers that it isn't only their teacher who is gone - everyone over the age of fifteen has inexplicably disappeared from the small town of Perdido Beach.</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b> Dystopia, thriller, action</p> <p>Reading Age: 12+ Interest Age: 14+</p>
 <p><b>Long Way Down</b> Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>When Shawn, the beloved big brother of 15-year-old Will, is shot dead, Will is ready to follow "the rules" and get revenge. After finding his brother's gun, he gets in the lift from his home on the seventh floor with Shawn's gun –and so begins a surreal journey of discovery, guided by the ghosts of other dead people in Will's life.</p>	<p><b>Themes:</b> Prejudice, bereavement, gang and gun crime</p> <p>Reading Age: 12+ Interest Age: 12-16</p> <p>*Moderate swearing</p>

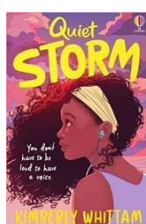


**Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children**  
Ransom Riggs

A family tragedy sets 16-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow - impossible though it seems - they may still be alive.

**Themes:**  
Thriller, horror, Gothic

Reading Age: 12+  
Interest Age: 14+



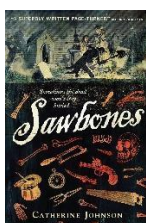
**Quiet Storm**  
Kimberly Whittam

When Storm breaks the record for the fastest Year 7 sprinter her school has ever had, she has the chance to pursue something she really loves but can she find the courage to speak up and branch out?

Storm has to experience rejection, embarrassment and despair before she finally comes to realise that friends should pull one another up, not put one another down. It's a passion for sport and the camaraderie that comes with being part of a team that eventually gives her a voice.

**Themes:**  
Friendship, bullying, sport, diversity

Reading Age: 9+  
Interest Age: 11-14



**Sawbones**  
Catherine Johnson

Sixteen-year-old Ezra McAdam has much to be thankful for: trained up as an apprentice by a well-regarded London surgeon, Ezra's knowledge of human anatomy and skill at the dissection table will secure him a trade for life. However, his world is turned on its head when a failed break-in at his master's house sets off a strange and disturbing series of events that involves grave robbing, body switching ... and murder.

**Themes:**  
Historical, horror, murder mystery, crime

Reading Age: 12+  
Interest Age: 13+