

Holcombe's Year 7 Recommended Reading List

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf *A refugee's story told through the eyes of a curious and kind classmate.*

Wonder by R.J. Palacio *A boy with facial differences teaches his school the power of kindness.*

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold *A girl befriends a lonely polar bear on a remote island.*

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson *A mystery unfolds through the eyes of a boy with OCD.*

Letters in Charcoal by Irene Vasco *A poetic tale of literacy and resilience in rural Colombia.*

Clever Crow by Chris Butterworth & Olivia Lomenech Gill *A beautifully illustrated story about intelligence in the wild.*

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis *Four siblings step through a wardrobe into a magical war-torn world.*

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken *Gothic adventure meets daring heroines in a snowy England.*

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown *A robot learns to survive and connect in the wilderness.*

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett *A lonely girl discovers healing in a hidden garden.*

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell *Jungle survival and friendship after a plane crash.*

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter *A budding comedian finds his voice despite his stammer.*

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook *A daring thief, a stolen jewel, and a wild jungle chase.*

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson *A magical house with legs and a girl who wants to choose her own destiny.*

The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler *A hilarious hotel for magical creatures with a very human manager.*

The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell *Grief and mystery swirl in the ocean depths of Papua New Guinea.*

The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman *A girl's fiery quest to become a master firework-maker.*

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes *A towering metal creature befriends a boy and saves the world.*

The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine *A cat's unapologetic take on his mischievous life.*

The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood *A rabbit warrior's epic tale of bravery and destiny.*