

Holcombe's Year 9 Recommended Reading List

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman *A forbidden love story in a racially divided society.*

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas *A teen witnesses a police shooting and finds her voice in protest.*

Wolf and Bear by Kate Rolfe *A lyrical tale of friendship and transformation in the wild.*

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness *A boy flees a town where everyone can hear his thoughts.*

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak *A girl steals books and survives Nazi Germany with words.*

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys *Four refugees flee war toward one of history's worst maritime disasters.*

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton *A gritty look at class conflict and brotherhood in 1960s America.*

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo *A Dominican girl finds freedom in slam poetry.*

I Am Thunder by Muhammad Khan *A British Muslim teen fights for her identity and voice.*

The Crossing by Manjeet Mann *Two teens on opposite sides of a border find common ground.*

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon *A refugee boy imagines freedom from his detention camp.*

The Giver by Lois Lowry *A boy discovers the dark truth behind his utopian society.*

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds *A boy descends in a lift, haunted by ghosts of revenge.*

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins *A girl fights for survival in a televised death match.*

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold *A murdered girl watches her family grieve and heal.*

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky *A shy teen navigates trauma, friendship, and growing up.*

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie *A Native American teen leaves his reservation for a better education.*

Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird *A girl crosses war-torn Beirut to find medicine for her grandmother.*

The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman *A Victorian mystery with a bold heroine and dark secrets.*

The Earthsea Quartet by Ursula K. Le Guin *A boy wizard learns the cost of power and the balance of magic.*