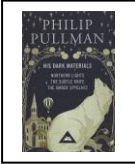
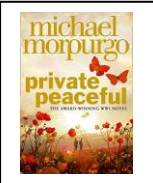



## Autumn Reading Suggestions:

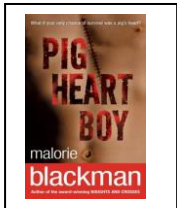
### Year 7-9

 <p>His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman</p>	<p>First published in 1995, and acclaimed as a modern masterpiece, this first book in the series won the UK's top awards for children's literature.</p> <p><i>"Without this child, we shall all die."</i> Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford.</p> <p>The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...</p>
 <p>Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>They've gone now, and I'm alone at last. I have the whole night ahead of me, and I won't waste a single moment of it... I want tonight to be long, as long as my life... As Young Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood from the battlefields of World War 1, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside. But the clock is ticking, and every moment Tommo spends remembering how things used to be means another moment closer to something that will change his life for ever.</p>
 <p>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan</p>	<p>I was just a normal kid, I went to school (got expelled a lot, but that wasn't my fault), played sports and hung out with my best friend. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher.</p>



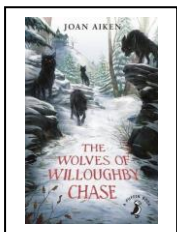
Framed by  
Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage – and when he’s not trying to persuade his sisters to play football, Dylan is in charge of the petrol log. And that means he gets to keep track of everyone coming in and out of Manod – what car they drive, what they’re called, even their favourite flavour of crisps. But when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded. Who are these people – and what have they got to hide?



Pig Heart Boy by  
Malorie Blackman

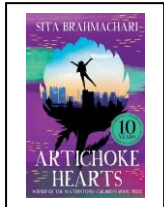
I am drowning in this roaring silence. I am drowning. I’m going to die... Cameron is 13 and desperately in need of a heart transplant when a pioneering doctor approaches his family with a startling proposal. He can give Cameron a new heart - but not one from a human, one from a pig. It’s never been done before. It’s experimental, risky and very controversial. But Cameron is fed up with just sitting on the side of life, always watching and never doing. He has to try - to become the world’s first pig-heart boy.



The Wolves of  
Willoughby Chase  
By Joan Aiken

Wicked wolves and a grim governess threaten Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia when Bonnie’s parents leave Willoughby Chase for a sea voyage. Left in the care of the cruel Miss Slighcarp, the girls can hardly believe what is happening to their once happy home. The servants are dismissed, the furniture is sold, and Bonnie and Sylvia are sent to a prison-like orphan school. It seems as if the endless hours of drudgery will never cease.

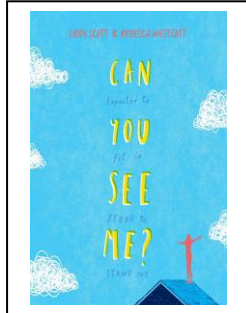
With the help of Simon the gooseboy and his flock, they escape. But how will they ever get Willoughby Chase free from the clutches of the evil Miss Slighcarp?



Artichoke Hearts  
by Sita Brahmachari

Twelve-year-old Mira comes from a chaotic, artistic and outspoken family where it's not always easy to be heard. As her beloved Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her, and also starts to keep some of her own.

She is drawn to mysterious Jide, a boy who is clearly hiding a troubled past and has grown hardened layers - like those of an artichoke - around his heart. As Mira is experiencing grief for the first time, she is also discovering the wondrous and often mystical world around her.

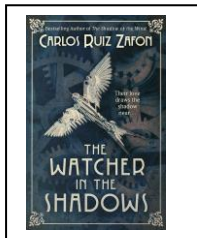


Can You See Me  
by Libby Scott  
and Rebecca  
Westcott

Tally is 11 years old, and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic.

Tally's autism means there are things that bother her even though she wishes they didn't. It means that some people misunderstand her and feel frustrated by her.

People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears - and notices - all of it. And, honestly? That's not the easiest thing to live with.



The Watcher in the  
Shadow by Carlos  
Ruiz Zafon

From the internationally bestselling author of The Shadow of the Wind comes a chilling mystery about one magical summer that turns into a nightmare . . .

When fourteen-year-old Irene Sauvelle moves with her family to Cape House on the coast of Normandy, she's immediately taken by the beauty of the place--its expansive cliffs, coasts, and harbors. There, she meets a local boy named Ishmael, and the two soon fall in love. But a dark plot is about to unfold involving a reclusive toymaker who lives in a gigantic mansion filled with mechanical beings and shadows of the past.

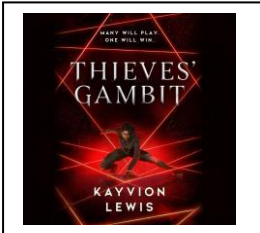


Lion Above the Door  
by Onjali Q Rauf

Leo and his best friend, Sangeetha, are the odd ones out in their school. In fact, they seem to be the odd ones out no matter where they go in their small town. But as Leo's dad is always telling him, it's only because he's extra special, and Sangeetha is extra, extra special. Only thing is, if they're so special, how come Leo never sees anyone who likes him in the history books he loves to read?

But on a special class trip to a nearby cathedral one day, Leo's attention is drawn to a large marble slab high above the doors of the hall, featuring a short list of names. Because right there, bang in the middle of the list, Leo finds himself staring at his own name....

## Year 9+



Thieves Gambit by  
Kayvion Lewis

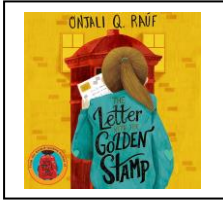
**Challenge:** Join the Thieves' Gambit, a cut-throat competition to crown the world's greatest thief

**Rule 1:** Never fall in love with your opponent

**Rule 2:** The only thief you can trust is yourself

**Endgame:** Win the heist to save your family - and yourself . . .

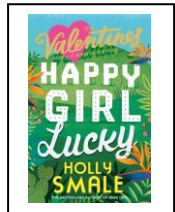
Seventeen-year-old Rosalyn Quest was raised by a legendary family of thieves with one rule: trust no one. When her mother is kidnapped, her only chance to save her is to win the Thieves' Gambit - a deadly competition for the world's best thieves, where the victor is granted one wish. To win, she must outwit all of her backstabbing competitors, including her childhood archnemesis. But can she take victory from the handsome, charming boy who makes a play for her heart and might be hiding the most dangerous secret of all?



The Letter with the Golden Stamp by Onjali Q Rauf

10-year-old Audrey has a secret. A secret no one - not her friends, her teachers, not even her neighbours - knows about. And to keep it hidden she has become one of the best actresses on the planet. As soon as she steps out of the front door, the show is on, and all the world becomes her stage! No-one would ever guess that she is a nurse and doctor for her mam, the family food shopper (and sometimes shoplifter), a medicines collector, and even bedtime-reader for her younger siblings.

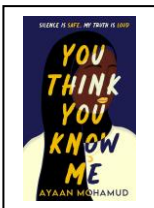
But when Audrey's mam gets sicker, things go from difficult to impossible. If Mam's condition doesn't improve, there's a chance the family will be separated. And so Audrey becomes determined to find a way of to get her mam the best treatment available, so that they won't *ever* need to be apart. The only problem is, the treatment will cost her thousands. Thousands that Audrey doesn't have.



Happy Girl Lucky by Holly Smale

The Valentine sisters - Hope, Faith and Mercy - have everything: fame, success, money and beauty. But what Hope wants most of all is love, and it doesn't matter how far she has to go to find it.

*Except real life isn't like the movies. Unless of course you're a Valentine . . .*



You Think You Know Me by Ayaan Mohamad

*People like me are devils before we are angels.*

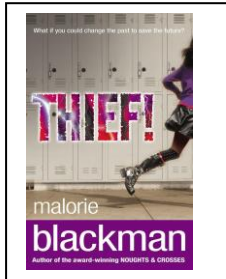
Hanan has always been good and quiet. She accepts her role as her school's perfect Muslim poster girl. She ignores the racist bullies.

*A closed mouth is gold - it helps you get home in one piece.*

Then her friend is murdered and every Muslim is to blame.

*The world is angry at us again.*

	<p>How can she stay silent while her family is ripped apart? It's time for Hanan to stop being the quiet, good girl. It's time for her to stand up and shout.</p>
<div data-bbox="226 352 468 568" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="495 360 757 435" data-label="Caption"> <p>I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys</p> </div>	<p><b>Trapped by an evil dictatorship, will Cristian be forced to betray his family or will he risk everything he loves to resist? A bestselling YA thriller based on real events, from a prizewinning author.</b></p> <p>Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life—and all of theirs—by resisting?</p>
<div data-bbox="244 703 456 962" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="483 711 725 826" data-label="Caption"> <p>The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander</p> </div>	<p>Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, West Africa, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming. But when the unthinkable – a sudden death – occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom...</p>
<div data-bbox="226 1075 488 1318" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="512 1126 745 1241" data-label="Caption"> <p>Blue Book of Nemo by Marion Steffan Ros</p> </div>	<p>Dylan was six when The End came, back in 2018; when the electricity went off for good, and the 'normal' twenty-first century world he knew disappeared. Now he's 14 and he and his mam have survived in their isolated hilltop house above the village of Nebo in north-west Wales. Despite their close relationship, each has their own secrets, thoughts and memories, when emerge as, in turn, they write in a found notebook - the Blue Book of Nebo.</p>

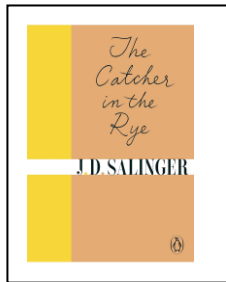


Thief by Malorie Blackman

You're the new girl in school. You're just trying to fit in - and it's not working. Then someone accuses you of theft, and you think things can't get any worse. Until you get caught in a freak storm . . .

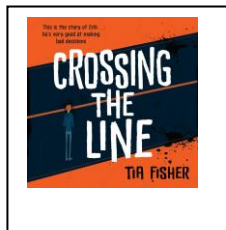
The next thing you know, you're in the future. Being shot at for being out after curfew. You don't even recognise your hometown. And you're heading for a confrontation from your worst nightmare.

What if you could change the past to save the future?



Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger

'If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth.'



Crossing the Line By Tia Fisher

Erik's life has been falling apart ever since his dad died. Homework and being good at school stop feeling important when you're the new man of the house. When Erik's bad behaviour attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence.

Making money feels good but Erik soon learns that a small favour can become a huge debt.

And when his sisters' lives are threatened, Erik will have to cross one more line to save them.

