

2026

50 FICTION PICKS Years 7 & 8

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Cringe Club, Emily Jane Clark
(Online Chat)
Ghost, Jason Reynolds
Glow Up, Lara Bloom, Dee Benson
(Diary)
My Heart & Other Breakables, Alex
Barclay (Diary)
Northern Soul, Phil Earle
Steady for This, Nathanael Lessore
The Crossover, Kwame Alexander
(Graphic Novel or Verse Novel)
The Humiliations of Welton Blake, Alex
Wheatle

LAUGH,
LIFE &
LOVE

**Bad Magic: A Skulduggery
Pleasant Graphic Novel**, Derek
Landy, Matthew Soffe & P.J. Holden
Impossible Creatures, Katherine
Rundell
In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen,
Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Legendarium, Jennifer Bell
Phoenix, S. F. Said
The Forest of a Thousand Eyes,
Frances Hardinge & Emily Gravett
(Picture Book Novella)
The Last Dragon on Mars, Scott
Reintgen

FANTASY
SCI-FI
HORROR

A Monster Calls, Patrick Ness
& Siobhan Dowd (Illustrated)
Can You See Me? Libby Scott &
Rebecca Westcott
Jemima Small Versus the Universe,
Tamsin Winter
October, October, Katya Balen
Sadé and Her Shadow Beasts, Rachel
Fatuoti
The Climbers, Keith Gray
The Falling Boy, David Almond
The Soup Movement, Ben Davis
The Wrong Shoes, Tom Percival
When I See Blue, Lily Bailey

EMPATHY
&
KINDNESS

Fight Back, A.M. Dassu
Ghost Boys, Jewell Parker
Rhodes
Safiyah's War, Hiba Noor Khan
The Closest Thing to Flying, Gill Lewis
The Raven's Song, Zana Fraillon & Bren
MacDibble
The Summer We Turned Green, William
Sutcliffe
When Secrets Set Sail, Sita Brahmachari

RESIST
JUSTICE
EMPOWER

Ali Cross, James Patterson
Beyond the Frozen Horizon,
Nicola Penfold
Electric Life Surge, Rachel Delahaye
Foul Play, Tom Palmer
Hide and Secrets, Sophie McKenzie
Kick, Mitch Johnson
People Like Stars, Patrice Lawrence
Queen of the Tiles, Hanna Alkaf
The Longest Night of Charlie Noon,
Christopher Edge

THRILLS
&
MYSTERY

Birdie, J.P. Rose
Chinglish, Sue Cheung (Diary)
Escape from Amritsar, Bali Rai
Midwinter Burning, Tanya Landman
Sawbones, Catherine Johnson
Shrapnel Boys, Jenny Pearson
The Door of No Return, Kwame
Alexander
The Somerset Tsunami, Emma Carroll
Where the World Ends, Geraldine
McCaughrean

SET
IN THE
PAST