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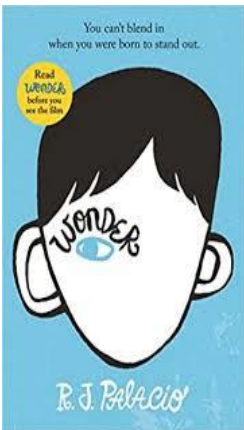
The Coleshill School Summer Reading

Reading for Equality

‘It’s not our disabilities, it’s our abilities that count’.

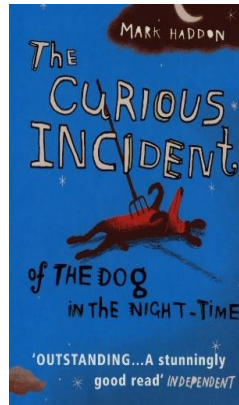
Here at The Coleshill School, we value equality and inclusion above all else. We believe that it is imperative that we understand the experiences of all people and that is why we have created this reading list of books that have disabled characters or are written by a disabled writer. This reading list alone shows that it is not the disability, but the ability that counts!

Wonder



August is an outstanding protagonist and this novel shows how his rare facial condition called Treacher Collins syndrome does not stop him from being able to live a normal life. Be ready for an emotional journey!

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time



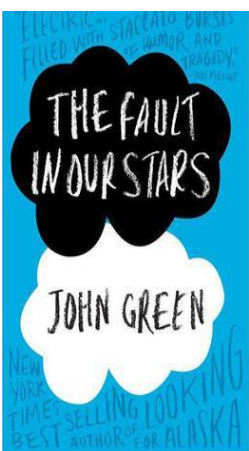
This book is incredibly unique. The narrator, Christopher, has autism and this book allows us to see the world through his eyes. Not only does this book have an interesting narrator, it is also a crime novel!

Everything, Everything



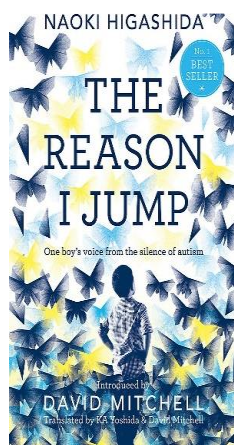
Madeline Whittier is allergic to the outside world. So allergic, in fact, that she has never left the house in all of her seventeen years. She is content enough—until a boy with eyes the colour of the Atlantic Ocean moves in next door. Their complicated romance begins over IM.

The Fault in Our Stars



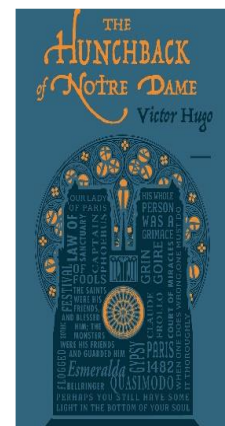
Everyone loves a teenage romance, but not all of them are born in the same way as this one. Augustus is the love interest of Hazel Grace, and they met at a cancer support group for teenagers. Be warned: you will need your tissues for this read.

The Reason I Jump



Using a question and answer format, Naoki explains things like why he talks loudly or repeats the same questions, what causes him to have panic attacks, and why he likes to jump. He also shows the way he thinks and feels about his world - other people, nature, time and beauty, and himself.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame



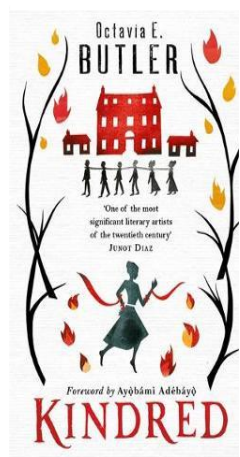
The Hunchback of Notre Dame is the revered and timeless classic of Quasi Modo, the Hunchback who is hidden from society in the towers of Notre Dame. He is in love with Esmeralda, and this is arguably one of the most romantic and gripping stories ever told

The Secret Garden



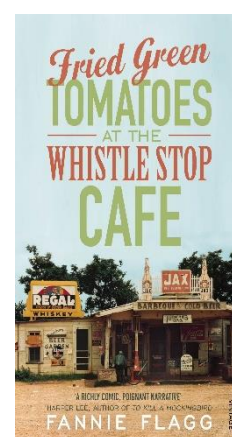
The Secret Garden is another classic. When Mary Lennox, an orphan girl, is sent to live with her uncle. She discovers secrets that nobody could compare her for. Colin is a character who is disabled and finds a new lease of life through his cousin, Mary.

Kindred



Octavia E. Butler speaks openly about her dyslexia, yet this has not stopped her from writing her books! Kindred fuses together the theme of slavery with time travel. This book is considered a science-fiction masterpiece!

Fried Green Tomatoes...



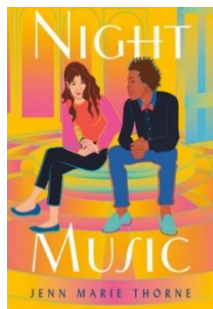
This book has been made into a famous film that many of you may have seen. However, it is not commonly known that Fannie Flagg has dyslexia, yet still wrote with conviction and success! This book cleverly weaves together the past and the present, exploring the eternal power of friendship.

Summer Romance Reads

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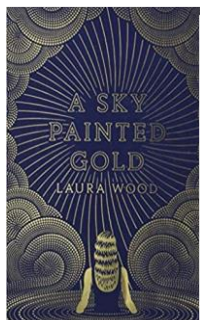


Night Music



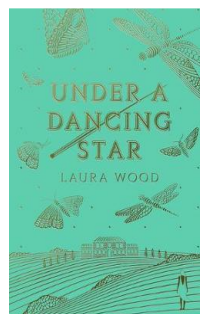
A dreamy summer rom-com that'll make you believe in love again!

A Sky Painted Gold



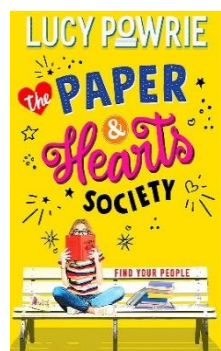
A humorous and enchanting tale of young love and friendship. Set in quaint Cornwall, this book will make you long for summer holidays!

Under a Dancing Star



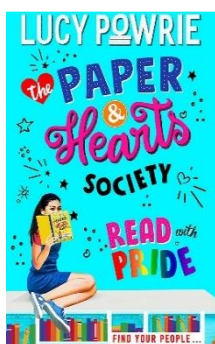
In 1930's England, Bea has often kicked back against convention. A summer in Italy leads to excitement, adventure and romance.

Paper & Hearts Society



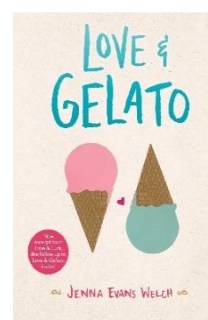
A wonderful, escape that explores what happens when you give up on trying to fit in and let your weird out!

Paper & Hearts Society - Pride



The sequel to 'The Paper and Hearts Society' sees Olivia combating LGBTQ+ prejudice. A warm-hearted and inspirational read.

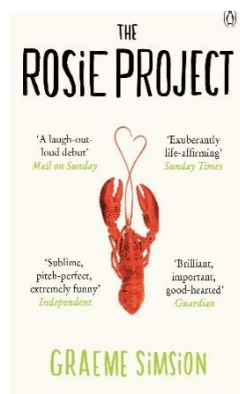
Love & Gelato



A summer in Italy turns into a road trip across Tuscany in this sweeping debut novel filled with romance, mystery, and adventure.

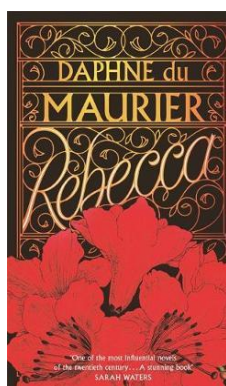
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The Rosie Project



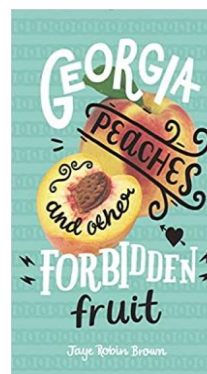
A wonderfully uplifting romantic comedy. *The Rosie Project* introduces Don Tillman, obsessively organized yet perennially unlucky in love.

Rebecca



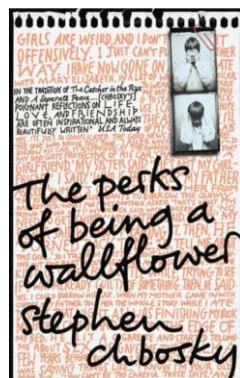
A deeply suspenseful gothic novel about a woman who marries a wealthy widower, to discover that his household is haunted by the dead wife.

Georgia Peaches



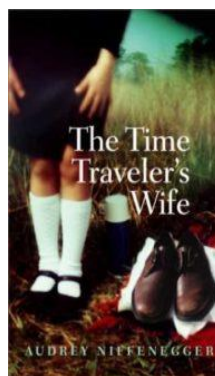
A sweet, honest teen romance that just happens to involve two girls—all the more charming for being so very ordinary.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower



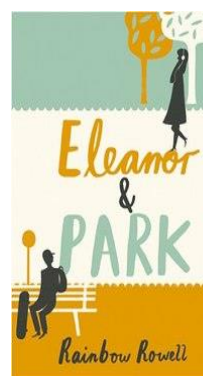
This is a coming-of-age classic that explores the stark reality of what it means to be a teenager trying to find your way. There is romance and more!

The Time Traveller's Wife



The Time Traveller's Wife depicts the effects of time travel on Henry and Clare's passionate love for each other with grace and humour. This novel explores their struggle to lead normal lives.

Eleanor and Park



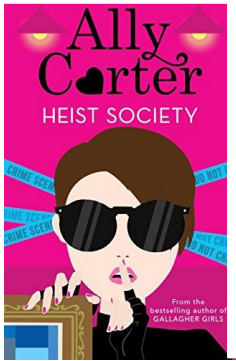
The story focuses on Eleanor, a new girl with curly red hair who is very insecure, and Park, an Asian boy who loves superheroes and keeps himself to himself.

Classic Crime Novels

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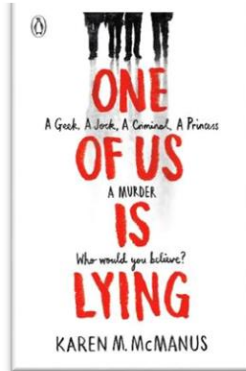


Heist Society



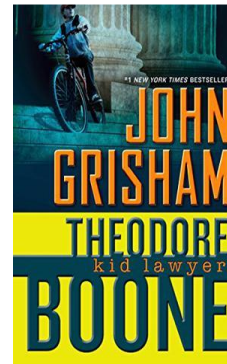
This is the first novel in the series and it follows Katarina Bishop as she goes on heists and she learns that not everything is what it seems.

One of us is Lying



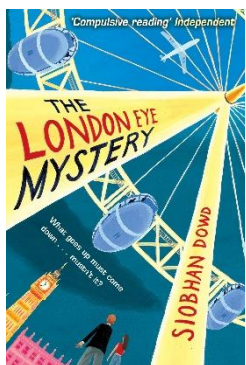
One of Us is Lying is the story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive.

Theodore Boone



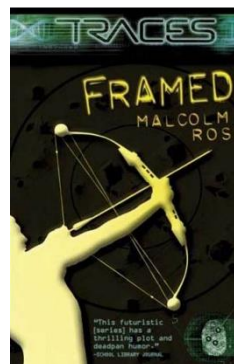
Theodore Boone is a boy desperate to be a criminal lawyer. He finds himself in the court room much earlier than he expects!

The London Eye Mystery



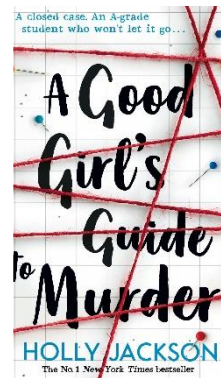
This is a story of how Ted, a boy with Asperger syndrome, and his sister Kat, solve the mystery of how their cousin, Salim, vanishes from inside a sealed capsule on the London Eye.

Framed



Luke Harding becomes the youngest person ever to qualify as a forensics investigator. His first mission: to work out who shot his fellow student who has been shot dead with an arrow.

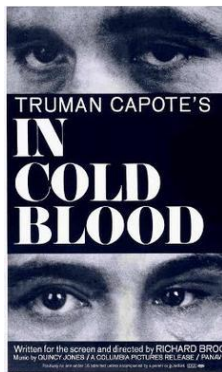
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder is an exciting read, filled with enough twists and turns to keep the reader on the edge of their seat!

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In Cold Blood



This is a non-fiction novel that details the 1959 murders of four members of the Herbert Clutter family in the small farming community of Holcomb, Kansas.

Little Fires Everywhere



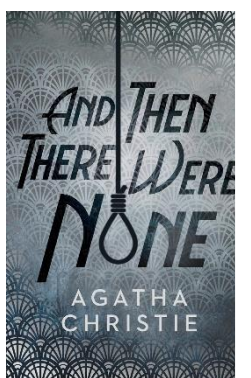
A story of morals and motherhood set against the mystery of a burning house is well crafted and has achieved instant success since being published in 2017. It has now been made into a series on Amazon Prime.

The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle



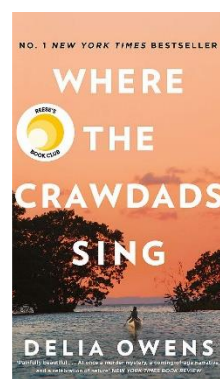
Toru Okada's cat has vanished. His wife is growing distant, then there are the increasingly explicit telephone calls he has been receiving. A compelling tale.

And Then There Were None



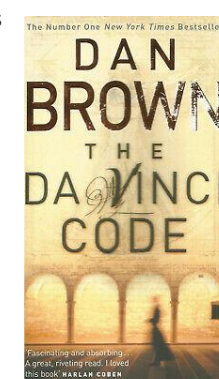
When ten people are invited to Soldier Island by a mysterious character, the guests find themselves in a dangerous situation as they watch each other get picked off one by one.

Where the Crawdads Sing



Kya, the 'Marsh Girl' is abandoned by her family and neglected by the citizens of Berkley Cove. She lives alone in the marsh. This ground-breaking novel weaves romance, crime-room drama, and mystery into this one glorious novel!

The Da Vinci Code



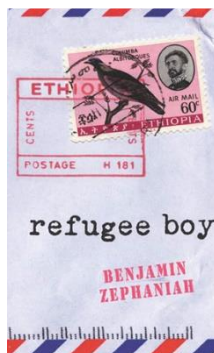
The Da Vinci Code is a phenomenal, exhilarating race-against-time. The symbologist Robert Langdon receives an urgent phone call that changes everything.

Reading around the World



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Refugee Boy



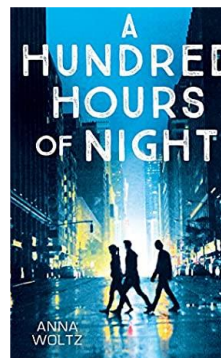
It is a book about Alem Kelo, a 14-year-old **refugee** from Ethiopia and Eritrea. The writer wrote 'Refugee Boy' because I realised that every day I was meeting refugees, and each one of them had a unique, and usually terrifying story to tell.

Le Petit Prince



This novella was published in English and French in 1943. It is a tale for adults and children alike and is famed for the moral lesson that it teaches its readers.

A Hundred Hours of Night



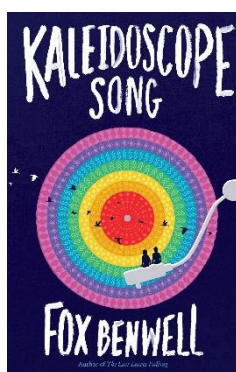
A Dutch teen flees scandal at home for the bright lights of New York only to encounter Hurricane Sandy.

In a Perfect World



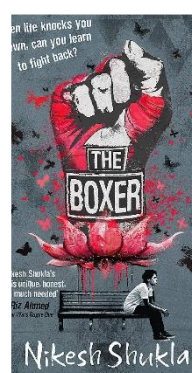
In a Perfect World introduces readers to a whole new world of wonder and history and culture. Caroline and her family are off to Cairo, Egypt!

Kaleidoscope Song



South Africa is loud. Listen. Do you hear the song and dance of it? Fifteen year old Neo loves music, it punctuates her life and shapes the way she views the world. A life in radio is all she's ever wanted.

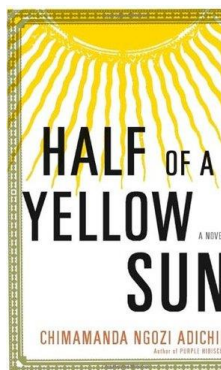
The Boxer



A seventeen year old feeling isolated and disconnected in the city he's just moved to, Sunny joins a boxing club to learn to protect himself after a racist attack.

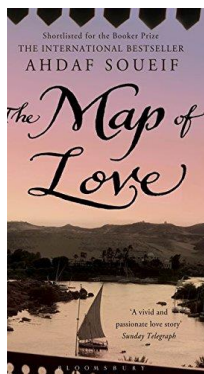
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Half of a Yellow Sun



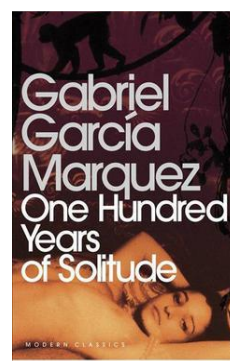
Half of a Yellow Sun recreates a pivotal moment in modern African history: Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in Nigeria and the chilling violence that followed. (Nigeria)

The Map of Love



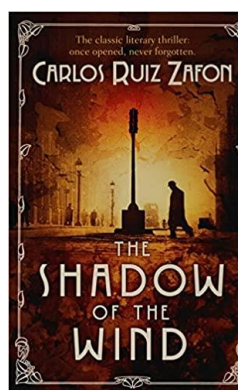
Here is an extraordinary cross-cultural love story that unfurls across Egypt, England, and the United States over the course of 100 years. (Egypt)

One Hundred Years of Solitude



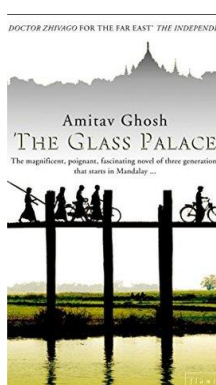
An epic following the Buendia family for 100 years, Solitude is truly a great novel of the Americas that put magical realism on the map. (Colombia)

The Shadow of the Wind



The Shadow of the Wind revolves around a mysterious library of forgotten books and an elusive writer whose work offsets a literary manhunt in Barcelona.

The Glass Palace



The novel is set in Burma, Bengal, India, and Malaya, spans a century from the British invasion of Burma and the consequent fall of the Konbaung Dynasty in Mandalay, through the Second World War to late 20th century.

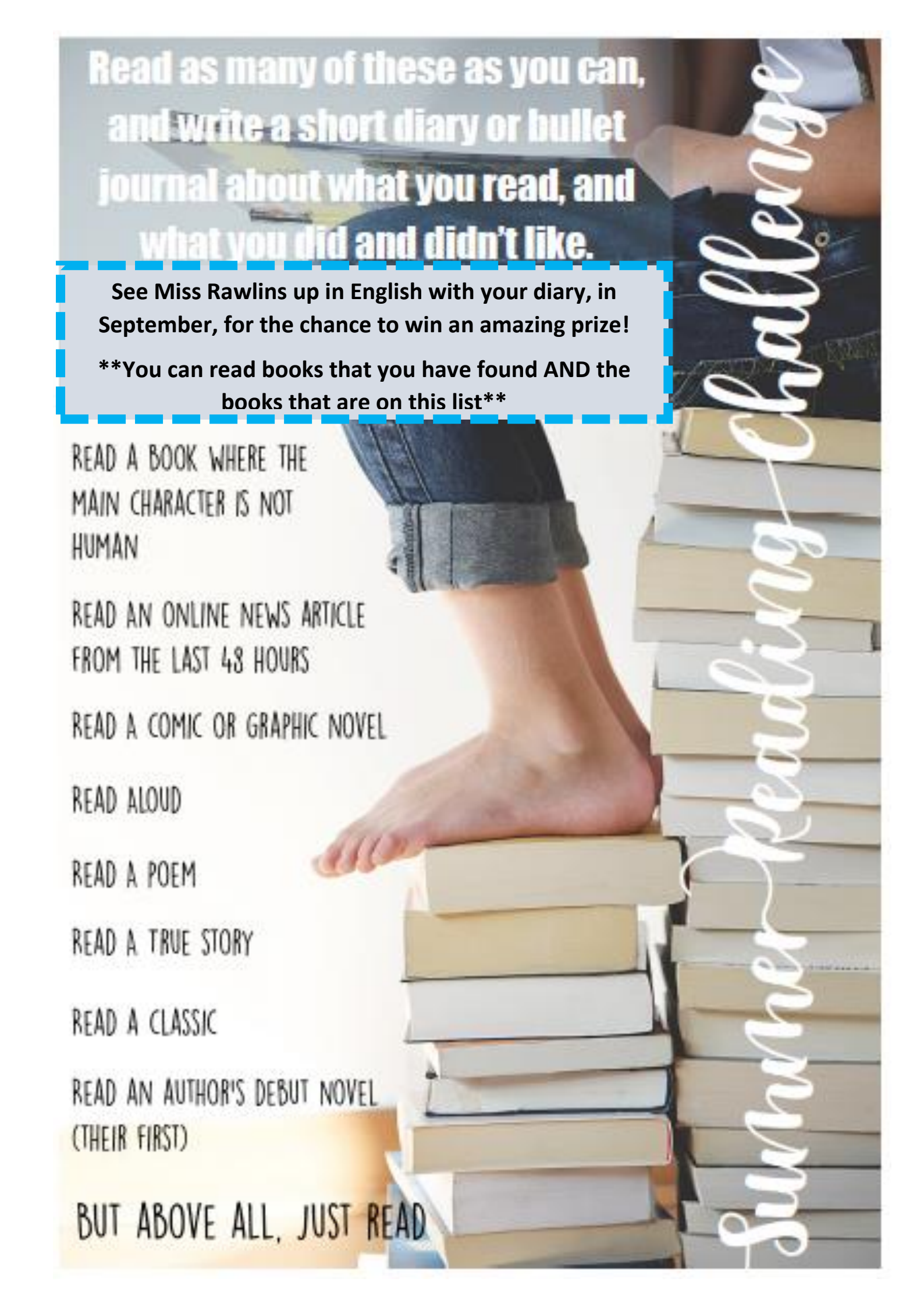
Home Going



Home going is a sweeping account of two half-sisters in 18th-century Ghana and the lives of their many generations of descendants in America. This astounding book follows each descendant across time and space, highlighting how one decision from a hundred years ago can have such a lasting impact.



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Competitions

A person's legs, wearing blue jeans with the cuffs rolled up, are standing on a very tall, precarious stack of books. The books are of various colors and thicknesses, creating a textured base. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

Read as many of these as you can,
and write a short diary or bullet
journal about what you read, and
what you did and didn't like.

See Miss Rawlins up in English with your diary, in
September, for the chance to win an amazing prize!

****You can read books that you have found AND the
books that are on this list****

READ A BOOK WHERE THE
MAIN CHARACTER IS NOT
HUMAN

READ AN ONLINE NEWS ARTICLE
FROM THE LAST 48 HOURS

READ A COMIC OR GRAPHIC NOVEL

READ ALOUD

READ A POEM

READ A TRUE STORY

READ A CLASSIC

READ AN AUTHOR'S DEBUT NOVEL
(THEIR FIRST)

BUT ABOVE ALL, JUST READ

Summer Reading Challenge

Can your
words
create
magic?



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Write any of the following:

A poem

A short story

A play

Flash Fiction

A newspaper report

Choose one of these prompts:

- Two strangers talking whilst waiting for a train
- As you check the post, you notice a letter that stops you in your tracks
- An unlikely friendship
- 'The flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest flower of all'...
- Write a story that ends in the past
- Someone who accidentally discovers a hidden doorway into another realm...
- A family, sat around the kitchen table, having a dispute

In September take your wonderful writing up to Miss Rawlins in English (C3) for the chance of winning a prize!

You can enter more than one piece of writing. Have a go at them all!