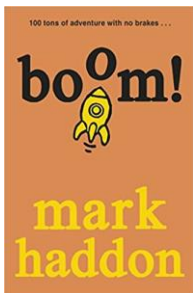




## YEAR 7&8

**C: These books are suitable for more confident readers.**

**(All books, apart from those highlighted, are stocked in the school library for you to borrow.)**



### **Boom by Mark Haddon**

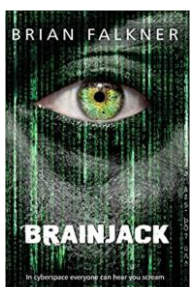
**Boom!** Is a roller-coaster read with spaceships, spies and mortal danger! Jim and his best friend Charlie weren't looking for adventure, when they decided to bug the staffroom . . . But then they overhear their teachers speaking in a secret language and it's too late to turn back. And now they have to explain to the police, the headmistress and their parents where they've been for a whole week - without mentioning the aliens.



### **0.4 by Mike Lancaster**

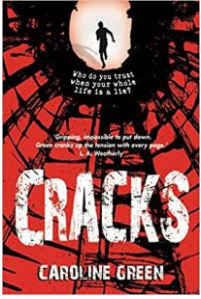
Plug into a new generation of sci-fi It's a brave new world. 'My name is Kyle Straker. And I don't exist any more.' So begins the story of Kyle Straker, recorded on to old audio tapes. You might think these tapes are a hoax. But perhaps they contain the history of a past world...If what the tapes say are true, it means that everything we think we know is a lie. And if everything we know is a lie does that mean that we are, too?

1<sup>st</sup> in a two book series the second called 1.4



### **Brainjack by Brian Faulkner 12+**

For teen hacker Sam Wilson, a headset is a must. But as he becomes familiar with the new technology, he has a terrifying realization. If anything on his computer is vulnerable to a hack, what happens when his mind is linked to the system? Could consciousness itself be hijacked? Before he realizes what's happened, Sam's incursion against the world's largest telecommunications company leads him to the heart of the nation's cyberdefense network and brings him face to face with a terrifying and unforeseen threat.



### **Cracks by Caroline Green**

"I'm shaking all over. My brain feels like a computer whose hard drive is full. I can't take any more weirdness - I haven't got room in my head. I look around the kitchen and I know something is different but I can't put my finger on it." Cat's discovering that his life is not as ordinary as he thought. That's scary. Particularly when it seems he's the very last to know. He needs to find out the truth - but, with lies, danger and deceit on all sides, is there anyone he can trust?



### **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 12+ C**

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed, in large friendly letters, with the words: DON'T PANIC. The weekend has only just begun . . .

1<sup>st</sup> in the 8 book Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.



### **Hyper Space High: Crash Landing by Zac Harrison**

When John Riley gets on the wrong bus, he ends up at an elite academy on an enormous space ship, where his classmates are aliens, the food is disgusting, and the penalty for failing exams is harsh. Can he show that he deserves a place at HyperSpace High?

1<sup>st</sup> book in the 6 book Hyper Space High series.



### **A wrinkle in time by Madeline L'Engle**

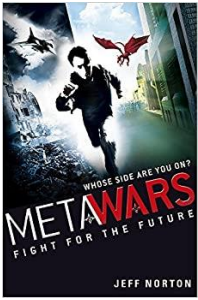
When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'. How Charles, his sister Meg and friend Calvin find and free his father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which.



### **The next together by Lauren James 12+**

Katherine and Matthew are destined to be born again and again. Each time their presence changes history for the better, and each time, they fall hopelessly in love, only to be tragically separated. How many times can you lose the person you love? For Matthew and Katherine it is again and again, over and over, century after century. But why do they keep coming back? How many times must they die to save the world? What else must they achieve before they can be left to live and love in peace? Maybe the next together will be different...

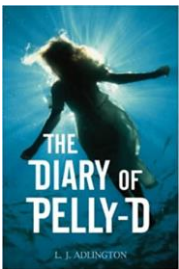
1<sup>st</sup> in a two book series the second book is called The last beginning.



### **Metawars: Fight for the future by Jeff Norton**

In an unforgiving future, two warring factions - the MILLENNIALS and the GUARDIANS - are locked in a brutal battle over control of an online virtual world called the Metasphere. Jonah Delacroix has always known which side he's on - the same side as his dead father. But when he assumed his father's avatar, he learns that things aren't as black and white as he once believed. He's catapulted into a full-throttle race through both worlds - but can he find the truth?

1<sup>st</sup> in the 4 book Metawars series.



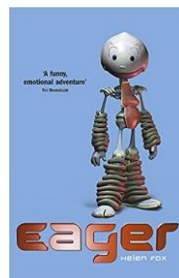
### **The diary of Pelly-D by L J Adlington**

Young building worker, Toni V, finds a diary buried in a water can in the rubble of a construction site. He knows he should just hand it in to the Supervisor - that's the rule. But curiosity gets the better of him and he starts reading. At first the diarist, Pelly D, seems like any ordinary girl, writing about clothes, parties, boys. But underneath the light, sassy, often sarcastic narrative, Toni V begins to sense that something very different, sinister, and scary is unfolding.



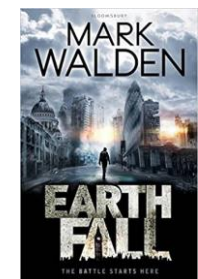
### **Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster – or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.



### **Eager by Helen Fox**

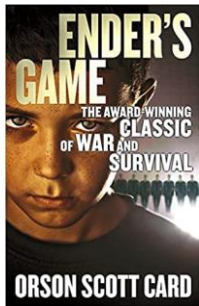
When the Bell family's much-loved old-fashioned robot butler Grumps starts to go wrong, Mr Bell finds EGR3 through a colleague. But EGR3, known as Eager, is something different - programmed to learn through his experiences, like a human child. He also feels wonder, excitement - and confusion; not least a sense of awe at the latest, glamorous BDC4 robots, flaunted by the families of the powerful and wealthy technocrats. And he feels sorrow at the loss of Grumps, destroyed under strange circumstances. Then Gavin begins to think there is something odd about the BDC4s behaviour. With his sister Fleur, he investigates, enlisting Eager's help - with hilarious consequence.



### **Earthfall by Mark Walden C**

Sam wakes to see strange vessels gathered in the skies around London. As he stares up, people stream past, walking silently towards the enormous ships which emit a persistent noise. Only Sam seems immune to the signal. Six months later, Sam is absolutely alone. Injured by one of the flying drones which now populate London, Sam realises that without medical supplies he will die. Venturing above ground he is attacked again, but this time the drone is shot down in a hail of machine gun fire. In five minutes Sam learns two things: he is not alone; the drone injury should have killed him instantly - yet he is still alive. The battle for Earth is about to begin.

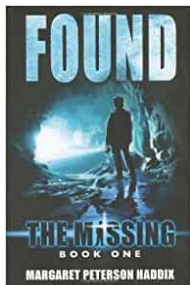
1<sup>st</sup> in the Earthfall trilogy.



### **Ender's Game 12+**

THE HUMAN RACE FACES ANNIHILATION An alien threat is on the horizon, ready to strike. And if humanity is to be defended, the government must create the greatest military commander in history. The brilliant young Ender Wiggin is their last hope. But first he must survive the rigours of a brutal military training program - to prove that he can be the leader of all leaders. A saviour for mankind must be produced, through whatever means possible. But are they creating a hero or a monster?

1<sup>st</sup> in the 5 book Ender's Game Series



### **Found: The Missing by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

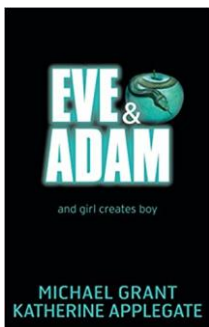
Thirteen-year-old Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters. The first one says, "You are one of the missing." The second one says, "Beware! They're coming back to get you." Jonah, Chip, and Jonah's sister, Katherine, are plunged into a mystery that involves the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, an airplane that appeared out of nowhere - and people who seem to appear and disappear at will. The kids discover they are caught in a battle between two opposing forces that want very different things for Jonah and Chip's lives. Do Jonah and Chip have any choice in the matter? And what should they choose when both alternatives are horrifying?

1<sup>st</sup> in the 8 book Found series.



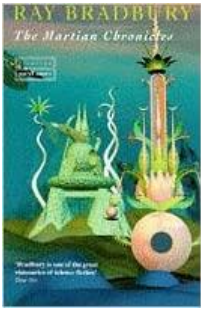
### **Frozen in time by Ali Sparkes**

1956-Freddy and Polly are used to helping their father with his experiments. So they don't mind being put into cryonic suspension - having their hearts frozen until their father wakes them up again. They know it will only be for an hour or two, so there's nothing to worry about. . .Present Day Ben and Rachel have resigned themselves to a long, boring summer. Then they find a hidden underground vault in the garden containing two frozen figures, a boy and a girl. And when Rachel accidentally presses a button, something unbelievable happens. . .*Can Polly and Freddy adapt to the twenty-first century? Will their bodies survive having been in suspension for so long? And most important of all, what happened to their father - and why did he leave them frozen in time?*



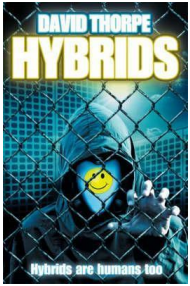
### **Eve and Adam by Michael Grant and Katherine Applegate 12+**

In the beginning, there was an apple— And then there was a car crash, a horrible injury, and a hospital. But before Evening Spiker's head clears a strange boy named Solo is rushing her to her mother's research facility. There, under the best care available, Eve is left alone to heal. Just when Eve thinks she will die—not from her injuries, but from boredom—her mother gives her a special project: Create the perfect boy. Using an amazingly detailed simulation, Eve starts building a boy from the ground up. Eve is creating Adam. And he will be just perfect... won't he



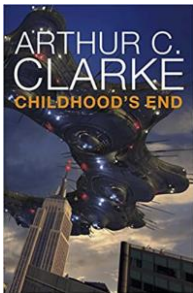
## The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury 12+ C

The Martian Chronicles' tells the story of humanity's repeated attempts to colonize the red planet. The first men were few. Most succumbed to a disease they called the Great Loneliness when they saw their home planet dwindle to the size of a pin dot. Those few that survived found no welcome. The shape-changing Martians thought they were native lunatics and duly locked them up. More rockets arrived from Earth, piercing the hallucinations projected by the Martians. People brought their old prejudices with them – and their desires and fantasies, tainted dreams. These were soon inhabited by the strange native beings, with their caged flowers and birds of flame.



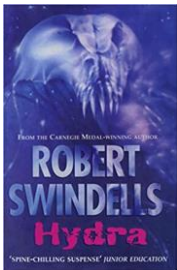
## Hybrids by David Thorpe 12+

Jonny and Kestrella are hybrids, victims of 'Creep', a pandemic that causes sufferers to merge with items of technology when over-exposed to their use. On a mission to locate Kestrella's mother, the two must first escape from the Gene Police.



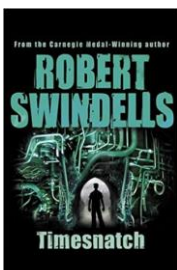
## Childhood's End by Arthur C Clarke 12+ C

Earth has become a Utopia, guided by a strange unseen people from outer space whose staggering powers have eradicated war, cruelty, poverty and racial inequality. When the 'Overlords' finally reveal themselves, their horrific form makes little impression. Then comes the sign that the Overlords have been waiting for. A child begins to dream strangely - and develops remarkable powers. Soon this happens to every child - and the truth of the Overlords' mission is finally revealed to the human race. .



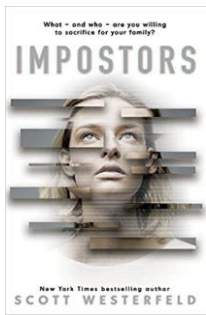
## Hydra by Robert Swindells check

It was sick and hungry and a long, long way from home... Something is causing mysterious circles to appear in the cornfields of Cansfield Farm. And someone, or something, has obviously terrified Barry Cansfield, the farmer's bullying son. But when friends Ben and Midge sneak out to the farm to investigate, they discover a secret more terrifying than they could possibly have imagined - a truly monstrous horror that simply must be stopped...



## Timesnatch by Robert Swindells 12+ check

Once a creature is extinct, it's gone for ever, isn't it? Not any more - as a butterfly from the past proves. The physicist mother of Kizzy Rye and Fraser Rye has invented an amazing time machine that can travel back into the past, snatch a plant or animal now extinct and bring it back into the present. It's a wonderful achievement, a real scientific breakthrough. But the machine - 'Rye's Apparatus' - has a horrifying potential. Suddenly Kizzy and Fraser find themselves caught up in a terrifying spiral of events - events that lead finally to a monstrous demand from a sinister and violent organization.



## Impostors by Scott Westerfeld 12+

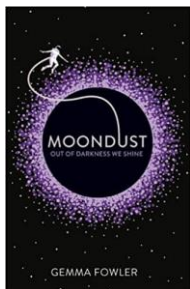
Frey and Rafi are inseparable . . . two edges of the same knife. But Frey's very existence is a secret. Frey is Rafi's twin sister-and her body double. Their powerful father has many enemies, and the world has grown dangerous as the old order falls apart. So while Rafi was raised to be the perfect daughter, Frey has been taught to kill. Her only purpose is to protect her sister, to sacrifice herself for Rafi if she must. When her father sends Frey in Rafi's place as collateral in a precarious deal, she becomes the perfect impostor-as poised and charming as her sister. But Col, the son of a rival leader, is getting close enough to spot the killer inside her. As the deal starts to crumble, Frey must decide if she can trust him with the truth . . . and if she can risk becoming her own person. With *Impostors*, master storyteller Scott Westerfeld returns with a new series set in the world of his mega-bestselling *Uglies*-a world full of twist and turns, rebellion and intrigue, where any wrong step could be Frey's last.



## Itch by Simon Mayo.

Itchingham Loft - known as Itch - is fourteen, and loves science, especially chemistry. He's also an element-hunter: he's collecting all the elements in the periodic table. Which has some interesting and rather destructive results in his bedroom. Then, Itch makes a discovery. A new element, never seen before. At first no one believes him - but soon someone hears about the strange new rock and wants it for himself. And Itch and his family are catapulted into a breathless adventure with terrifyingly high stakes.

1<sup>st</sup> in the Itch trilogy.



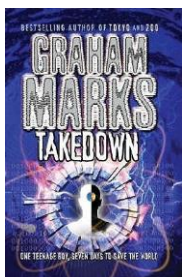
## Moon dust by Gemma Fowler 12+

When Lumite was discovered on the Moon, the dark days of the Earth appeared to be over. But disaster struck: a huge explosion at the first Lumite power station. Agatha, god-daughter of the founder of Lunar Inc., was sole survivor. As the 10th anniversary of the disaster looms, Aggie takes centre stage, a poster-girl for the company. But a chance meeting with one of the prisoner-miners, the darkly attractive Danny, changes her mind about everything she knows about her world.



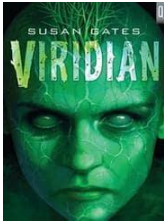
## The first Martian by Iain McLaughlin 12+

Lucas is an alien. He was the first human to be born on Mars. He has been brought home to Earth, but school feels more alien to him than Mars did. Lucas stands out. He has to wear a special suit in order to get around under Earth's gravity. His two best friends are the only people who don't treat him like an outsider. Until one day...



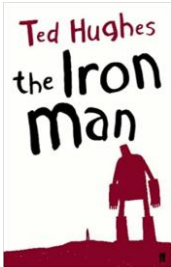
## Takedown by Graham Marks C

It's 2667 and time is running out for the human race. The safety of the world is in the hands of one man, a soldier more used to taking life than saving it. In turn, he has to rely on a 16-year-old boy. The two are going to get closer than they ever thought possible.



### Viridian by Susan Gates 12+

A virus has swept the world, turning polluting, wasteful humans into peaceful human/plant hybrids called Verdans. More and more people choose the Verdan way, till only a few humans are left. But then the Cultivars rise - terrifying, cruel Verdans, genetically modified to become brutal warriors, who are determined to wipe out what remains of humanity. They turn the Verdan dream into a nightmare. And at their head is the lethal Viridian.



### The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

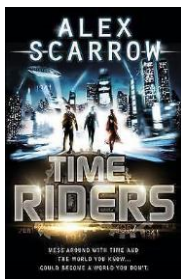
*The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.  
Where had he come from? Nobody knows.  
How was he made? Nobody knows.*

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.



### 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?

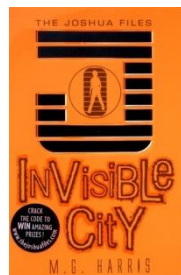


### Time Riders by Alex Scarrow

**Liam O'Connor** should have died at sea in 1912.  
**Maddy Carter** should have died on a plane in 2010.  
**Sal Vikram** should have died in a fire in 2026.

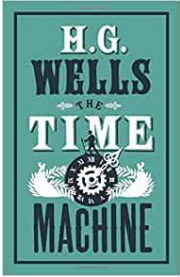
Yet moments before death, someone mysteriously appeared and said, 'Take my hand ...'  
But Liam, Maddy and Sal aren't rescued. They are recruited by an agency that no one knows exists, with only one purpose—to fix broken history. Because time travel is here, and there are those who would go back in time and change the past. That's why the TimeRiders exist: to protect us. To stop time travel from destroying the world..

1<sup>st</sup> in the 9 book Time Riders series.



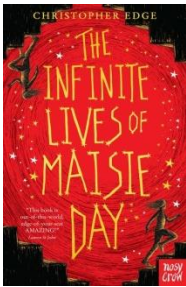
### The Joshua Files: Invisible city by M G Harris

When his archaeologist father goes missing after an air crash in Mexico, UFO-obsessed Josh Garcia suspects alien abduction. He starts a blog to voice his fears and finds like-minded friends. But after he discovers his dad was murdered, Josh is propelled into an urgent race to find a lost book of the ancient Maya - the Ix Codex. Could the mysterious document, lost for centuries, contain the secret to surviving a prophecy of apocalyptic doom? Josh might be the only person alive who can find it - but there are forces out there who'll do anything to make the prophecy come true.Can Josh survive long enough to unravel the secret of the missing codex?



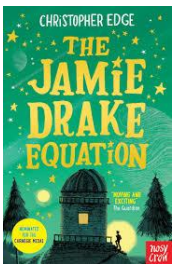
### **The time machine by H G Wells 12+ C**

Wells sends his brave explorer to face a future burdened with our greatest hopes...and our darkest fears. A pull of the Time Machine's lever propels him to the age of a slowly dying Earth. There he discovers two bizarre races—the ethereal Eloi and the subterranean Morlocks—who not only symbolize the duality of human nature, but offer a terrifying portrait of the men of tomorrow as well.



### **The Infinite Lives of Masie Day by Christopher Edge C**

How do you know you really exist? It's Maisie's birthday and she can't wait to open her presents. She's hoping for the things she needs to build her own nuclear reactor. But she wakes to an empty house and outside the front door is nothing but a terrifying, all-consuming blackness. Trapped in an ever-shifting reality, Maisie knows that she will have to use the laws of the universe and the love of her family to survive. And even that might not be enough... A mind-bending mystery for anyone who's ever asked questions.



### **The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge C**

When your dad's lost in space and his only hope is you and a bunch of aliens, it's going to be a bumpy ride... How amazing would it be to have a dad who's an astronaut? Rocket launches, zero gravity, and flying through space like a superhero! Jamie Drake's dad is orbiting the Earth in the International Space Station and Jamie ought to think it's cool but he just really misses him... Hanging out at his local observatory, Jamie picks up a strange signal on his phone. It looks like alien life is getting closer to home. But space is a dangerous place and when his dad's mission goes wrong, can Jamie prove that he's a hero too?