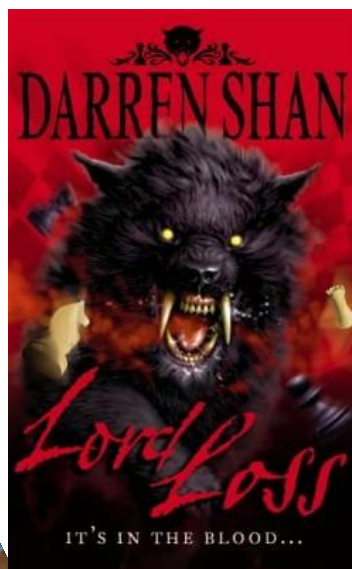
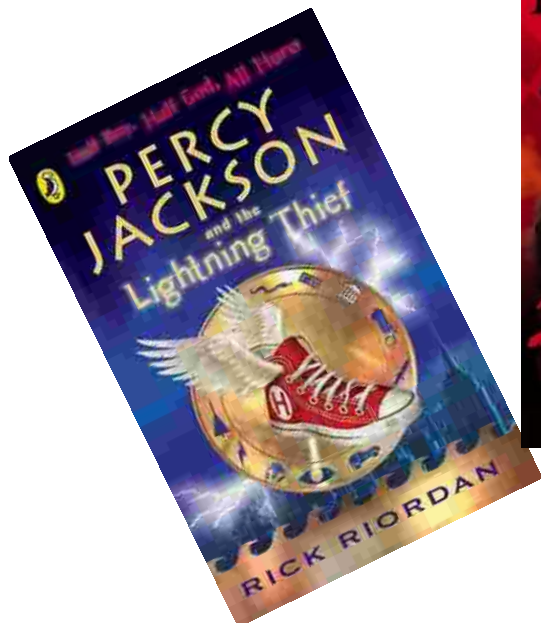


# YEAR 7+8 BOOKS WE'VE BEEN READING THIS YEAR!



# BOOKS WE'VE BEEN READING THIS YEAR

## YEARS 7 & 8's RECOMMENDATIONS

(LOTS AND LOTS OF PUPILS HAVE BEEN READING *CHERUB*, *PERCY JACKSON*, *THE SAGA OF DARREN SHAN* AND *THE DEMONATA* SERIES. LIKewise *THE LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY* AND MICHAEL MORPURGO'S *PRIVATE PEACEFUL* AND OTHER TITLES, SO COMMENTS ON THESE BOOKS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED AT THE END).

### YEAR 7

**DEREK LANDY**

***Skulduggery Pleasant***

*'An action packed thriller, a real page turner for every reader.'*

Yusuf Cheema

*'It is a gripping book with magic and a bit of comedy.'*

Stuart O'Connell



**EMMA CLAYTON**

***The Roar***

*'Very good Sci-Fi adventure.'*

Hugh Standish



**MALCOLM ROSE**

***Kiss of Death***

*'Very gruesome! A real page turner.'*

Seb Cheetham

*'It has a lot of action and it tells you about the plague.'* Andrew Barnsley

**MICHELLE PAVER**

***Wolf Brother***

***(The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness)***

*'Great book about the cavemen period.'*

Silas Lehane

**MARK WALDEN**

***H.I.V.E.***

*'Page gripping. Watch out baddies or the H.I.V.E. will get you!'* James Wynnick

*'It's packed with humour and action.'*

Kondwani Laher

**CORNELIA FUNKE**

***Inkheart***

*'You never know what's going to happen next. You can't put it down. At the end you are surprised you have finished it.'*

Charles Day



**CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI**

***Eragon***

*'Very, very good and adventurous.'*

Prashant Nemg

CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI

ERAGON

THE DRAGONBORN TRILOGY BOOK ONE



**TIM BOWLER**

***Blade***

*'You can't put it down and it's really exciting.'*

Calum Martin



**MICHAEL CRICHTON**

***Prey***

*'Excellent, exhilarating and keeps you on the edge of your seat.'*

Peter Wilson

**PREY**

MICHAEL CRICHTON

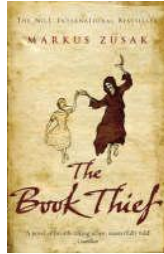
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF JURASSIC PARK

**MARCUS ZUSACK**

***The Book Thief***

'Very good - one of my best reads'.

Kevin Wilson



**DEAN KOONTZ**

***The Good Guy***

'An amazing, thrill-a-minute page turner'.

Patrick Bapty

**LAUREN ST. JOHN**

***The White Giraffe (and others)***

'A delightful and beautiful trilogy set on the African plains'.

George Budden

**TONY DITERLIZZI & HOLLY BLACK**

***The Field Guide***

'The book of adventure awaits ...'

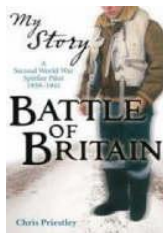
Ben Hopkins

**CHRIS PRIESTLEY**

***Battle of Britain***

'It's a brilliant book (and a brilliant series -My Story) and makes you always want to read another chapter. Also it has aircraft in it'.

Tristan Roperto



**BRIAN JACQUES**

***Tales of Redwall***

'Great book, very descriptive'.

Julius Peploe

**BEVERLEY NAIDOO**

***Journey to Jo'burg***

'It is a thrilling journey to save her sister.'

It is not the type of book you can put down'.

Prakrit Kumar

**KEITH GRAY**

***Ostrich boys***

'A very good and exciting book'. Sonny Williams



**SIOBHAN DOWD**

***The London Eye mystery***

'If you like haunted things, you will like this book'.

Oliver Moore



**CHRIS RYAN**

***Outbreak***

'There was a good mixture of action and fighting'.

Michael Jeffrey



**GARTH NIX**

***Mister Monday***

***(and the rest of the series)***

'A funny, sorrowful and cheesy book'.

Alasdair Silverberg

## YEAR 8

**STEPHANIE MEYER**

***Twilight series***

'A mixture of action, myth and romance.'

Anonymous

'Exciting thriller about vampires.'

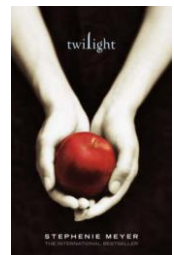
Eddy Aplin

'It's a very mysterious, exciting and action packed book'.

Matt Taylor

'A cliffhanger read'.

Sean Regan-Capes



**IAN FLEMING**

***Dr. No***

'A very exciting "thrill ride" '.

Will Hicks

**GLANVILLE, BRIAN**

***England Managers: The Toughest job in football***

'If you want to know about English football really well, this is the book for you'.

Laurence-Elliot Key



## CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI

### **Eragon/Eldest**

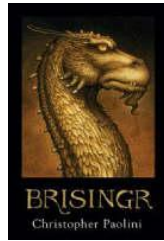
'This book has superb description and an amazing plot'.

Joe Goodsall

### **Brisingr**

'Really good, makes you want to read more'. Patrick Tempny

'Very good, great storyline and written fantastically'. Ben Horner



## CHARLIE HIGSON

### **Silverfin**

'Very action packed'. Will Bamber

### **Double or die**

'Very exciting and very modern'.

Callum Caul-Paterson



## DAVID EDDINGS

### **Pawn of Prophecy**

'You can't put the book down and there are thousands (literally) of pages to read'.

Daniel Gallagher

## BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

### **Teacher's Dead**

'Complicated plot but easy to read'.

William Holdsworth

## MARCUS SEDGWICK

### **My swordhand is singing**

'A powerful, chilling book'.

Jack Harrold

## MARGARET PETERSON-HADDIX

### **Found**

'Great book and never gets boring'.

Jake Shepherd



## ANNE FRANK

### **Anne Frank: The Diary of a young girl**

'I like this because it provides a great description of growing up'.

Jonathan Salt

## STEPHEN KING

### **The Gunslinger**

'Written by a horror novelist, this book is exciting, sad and confusing, in a good way'.

Jamie Wiles

### **The Shining**

'Deep psychological, horror novel'.

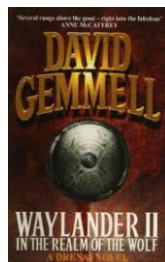
Harry Hafner

## DAVID GEMMELL

### **Waylander II**

'A gripping tale with all the components of a great story'.

Callum Roberts



## PHILIP REEVE

### **Mortal Engines**

'An exciting fantasy adventure based in an intricate and interesting world'.

Oliver Dann

## STEVE VOAKE

### **The Dreamwalker's Child**

'First in a very good series of books'.

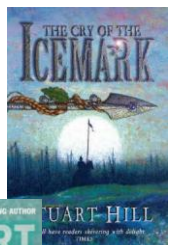
James Lay

## STUART HILL

### **The Cry of the Icemark**

'Anyone who likes gore and war, this is the book for you'.

Robert Rivers



## MALORIE BLACKMAN

### **Noughts and Crosses**

'It's about evil and good, which is wrong and right'.

Dawud Khan

### **Pig Heart Boy**

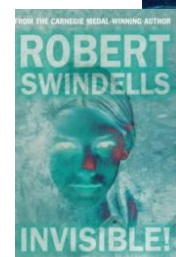
'About a boy who has a pig's heart transplant – very moving!'. William Holdsworth

## ROBERT SWINDELLS

### **Invisible**

'Absolutely brilliant'.

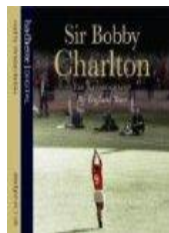
Lukon Miah



## SIR BOBBY CHARLTON

### **My England Years**

*'A moving and beautifully written autobiography by one of the best footballers in the world, Sir Bobby Charlton.'*  
*Harry Demetriou*



## MALCOLM ROSE

### **Plague**

*'I like the fact that they have to deal with other things, not only the virus.'*  
*Ed Naish*

# TOP TITLES & AUTHORS

## J.K. ROWLING

### **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**

*'A superb book in the phenomenal series, you can't set it down.'* *Adel Mebarek*

## ANTHONY HOROWITZ

### **The Power of Five series**

*'Fast paced, action thrillers, with many twists and turns.'*

*Abbas Akram*

### **Necropolis**

*'The fourth book of the thrilling series about evil forces taking over the world.'* *Jagan Raj*

*'A modern fantasy and one of those books you can't put down.'*

*Joe Kesterton*

### **Nightrise**

*'A page-turner.'* *Christian Peasgood*

### **Snakehead**

*'This book is very exhilarating and amazingly written and hard to put down.'* *Jack Gibbons*

*'It is a gripping book which blends well with the other Alex Rider books.'* *Douglas Fletcher*



## DARREN SHAN

### **The Saga of Darren Shan series**

*'A great new idea for the make-up of vampires!'* *Richie Mullan*

**Cirque du Freak** *'Very spooky and makes you want to read on!'*

*Stewart Humphreys*

**Vampire Mountain** *'An action packed saga.'* *Torin Allen-Thomas*

**Trials of death** *'There was a good mixture of horror, action and adventure.'*

*Gianluca Lombardi*

**The Vampire Prince** *'Superb book, 10/10. Ideal for vampire lovers.'* *Syed Kamran Hyder*



### **Lord Loss**

*'I recognized the body even without the head - 'dad' ". 'This book is part of a sequel. Only read it if you like horror.'* *Jacob Rayter*

### **Wolf Island**

*'A good book and has loads of gore. A must read series.'* *Ammar Younis*

## RICK RIORDAN

### **Percy Jackson series**

*'Really, really good, a perfect mix of old and urban.'*

*Alex Russell*

**Cirque du Freak** *'Very funny with an excellent plot.'*

*Carl Harper*

*'If you like Greek and Roman myths but you wish they were in the 21st century, then you will love this.'*

*Tom Freire Camacho*

*'A Greek mythical fantasy set in modern day New York where Percy, the son of Poseidon, must try and survive the monsters of evil.'* *Alex Thomas*

*'A great quality book that's about the children of Greek gods in the modern world.'*

*Christian Holland*

*'Great fantasy, the author keeps you hanging onto every word.'* *Branden Looney*



## MICHAEL MORPURGO

### **Private Peaceful**

'Good story, showing the reality of war'.  
Jack Millar 'It is very exciting'. **Philipp Baumbach** 'I recommend this because it shows the great adventure of a boy called Tommo'. James Winwood 'Fantastic, breathtaking'. **Jack Last**

**War Horse** 'A real page turner for the pupils who are interested in World War I and first person books'. **Dylan Browne-Wilkinson**

**Cool** 'Hard to put down!'. **Max Bryan**

### **King of the Cloud Forest**

'Descriptive, exciting and adventurous. A Must Read!'. **Andrew Galton**

## ROBERT MUCHAMORE

**The Recruit** 'These books appeal to all kids and are very thrilling and exciting'. **Josh Burbridge**

**Class A** 'Good for teenagers (contains quite bad language)'. **Benedict Whyte**

**Maximum Security** 'It's a thriller book, it's like real drama'. **Joel Oladapo**

**The General** 'They are the best books I have ever read!' **Harry Coppock**

**The Sleepwalker** 'Just an excellent read'.  
Jack Blake 'A swift action book, very entertaining'. **Marcus Rogers**

## J.R.R.TOLKIEN

### **The Lord of the Rings Trilogy**

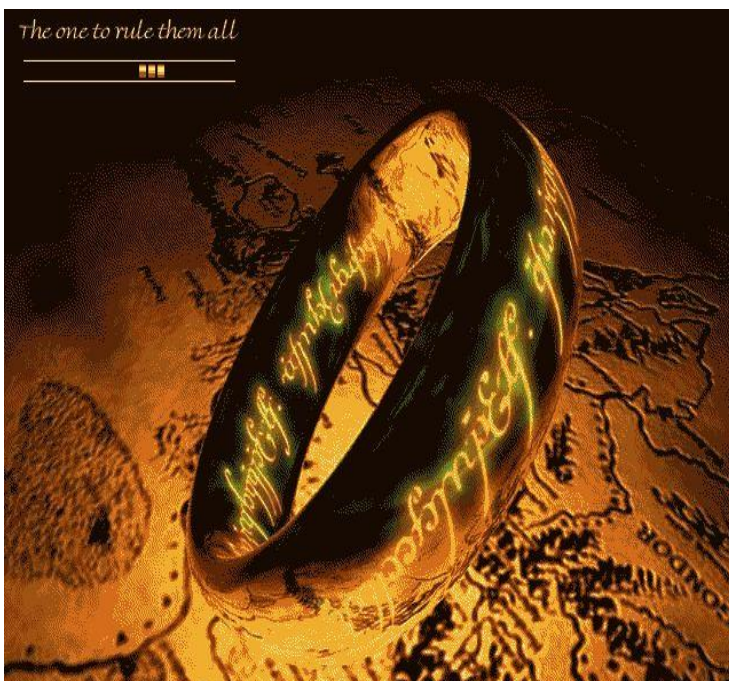
'Brilliant on every page. Way better than the

films'. **Charlie Jackson**

'I love 'The Lord of the Rings' because of J.R.R. Tolkien's use of fantasy language and the great adventures of the hobbits from the Shire'.

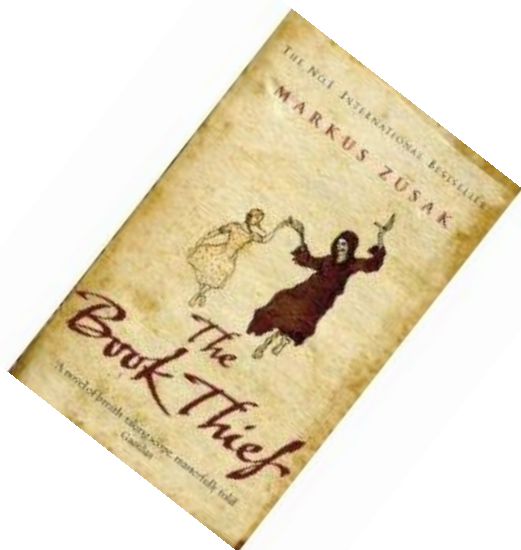
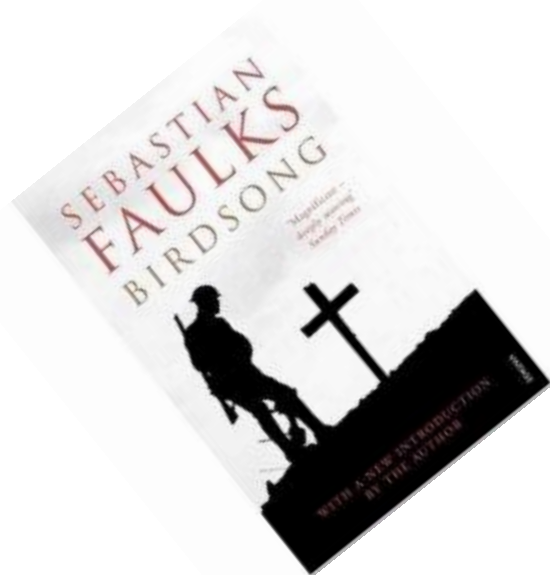
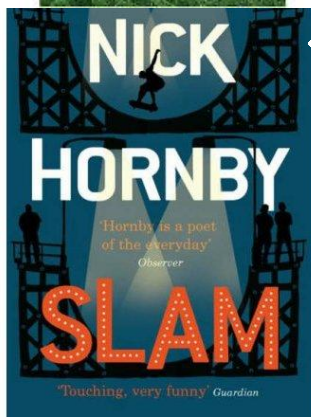
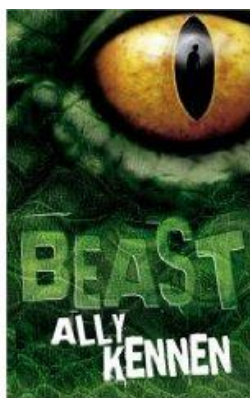
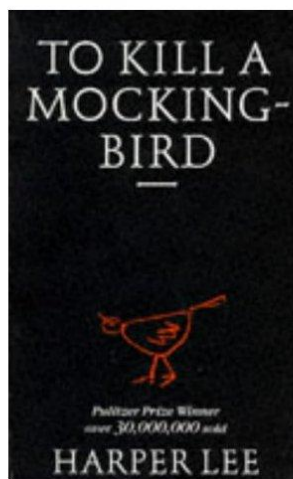
**Patrick McMahon**

'Gripping and really amazing'. **Kieran Hyland**  
'It is a great mystery'. **Olivier Thomas**



# WE'VE BEEN READING THIS YEAR!

# YEAR 9+10 BOOKS



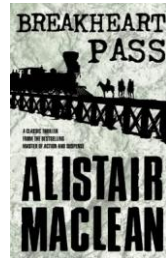
# BOOKS WE'VE BEEN READING THIS YEAR

## YEARS 9 & 10's RECOMMENDATIONS

### YEAR 9

**ALASDAIR  
MACLEAN**  
***Breakheart Pass***

*'I couldn't put it down.'*  
Lewis Harrison



**JOHN BOYNE**  
***THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS***

*'A good read – sad.'*  
Edward Saunders

**JEREMY CLARKSON**  
***THE WORLD ACCORDING TO CLARKSON***

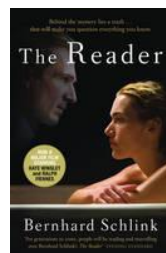
*'Very funny and un-PC.'*  
Joe O'Byrne  
*'Funny and very observational and true.'*  
Oscar Dayus

**MICHELLE PAVER**  
***Outcast (The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series)***

*'They give an insight into thousands of years ago.'*  
Luke Parker  
*'This is an epic and exciting series of books.'*  
Will Davis

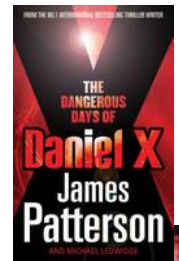
**BERNARD SCHLINK**  
***The Reader***

*'Really moving.'*  
Fred Batsone  
*'Very interesting and well written.'*  
Theo Murden



**JAMES PATTERSON**  
***The Dangerous days of Daniel X***

*'The best book I have ever read. I could not put it down.'*  
James Pitt



**ANTHONY MCGOWAN**  
***The Knife that killed me***

*'Good start, decent storyline, surprising ending.'*  
Alex King



**MICHAEL GERBER**  
***Barry Trotter and the Shameless parody***

*'I thought this book was funny but hard to understand.'*  
Sam Hodges

**CHRIS RYAN**  
***Greed***

*'Awesome – keeps you on the edge of your seat.'*  
Huxley Norman

**ROBERT HARRIS**  
***Pompeii***

*'Moving, upsetting, a wonderful insight'..*  
Jacob Warn

**IAN FLEMING**  
***James Bond: Casino Royale***  
*'It's action packed.'*  
Hammad Aslam



**TERRY PRATCHETT**

**Reaper Man**

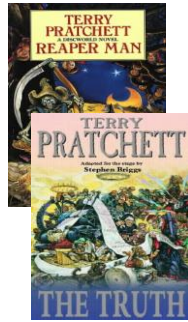
'A thrilling read'.

Simon Angelini

**The Truth**

'Brilliant'.

Arthur McLaughlin



**HARPER LEE**

**To kill a mockingbird**

'I liked it because it has many twists and turns'.

Ansar Malik

**NICKY SINGER**

**Feather Boy**

'A gripping read with lots of twists and turns'.

Matt Cohen

**ANDY MCNAB**

**Bravo 2 Zero**

'It's a true story about an SAS bloke whose mission goes wrong and he spends three months being tortured'.

Ali Fensome

**MICHAEL MORPURGO**

**Private Peaceful**

'I liked this book because it was very emotionally touching and I could not put it down'.

Max Plummer

**Kensuke's Kingdom**

'It's a great adventure story with a good ending'.

Ashley Sutherland

**DEREK LANDY**

**Skulduggery Pleasant**

'Keeps you on your toes – a great read'.

Kieran Collins-Jones

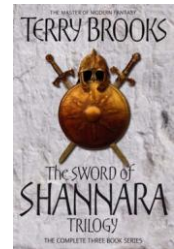


**TERRY BROOKS**

**The Sword of Shannara Trilogy**

'As good a fantasy as The Lord of the Rings'.

Josh Gottesman



**JOHN STEINBECK**

**Of Mice and men**

'Fantastic'. George Dilloway

'A spectacularly riveting but measured read where you can put yourself in the characters' place'.

Ruben Penny

**J.D. SALINGER**

**Catcher in the Rye**

'Really easy to relate to, and very moving. Go for it!'.

Jonathan Parsonage

**ALLY KENNEN**

**Beast**

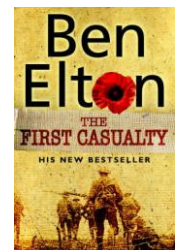
Ollie Samsom

**BEN ELTON**

**The First Casualty**

'Great book about World War I. so descriptive, couldn't put it down'.

Tommy Sumpter



**STEPHEN KING**

**Cell**

'Makes you think a lot'.

Matt Tomson

**MICHAEL MALAGHAN**

**Greek Ransom**

'A brilliant mystery solving adventure for boys and girls'.

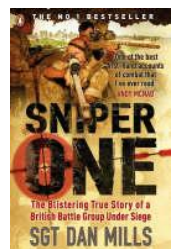
Will Hammond

**SERGEANT DAN MILLER**

**Sniper 1**

'Everything you need to know about the war in Aghanistan. You will not put it down!'.

George Sawkins

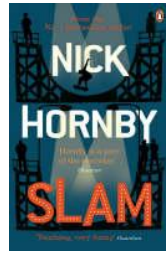


# TOP AUTHORS

## NICK HORNBY

### Slam

'The best book I've read in Year 9'. **Aaron Murray**  
 'Will make you very wary of what you do.' **Felix Lehane**



## SEBASTIAN FAULK

### Birdsong

'A truly riveting insight into the cesspits of World War I trenches'. **Tom Dixon**  
 'Great book!'. **Takis Mastrogiannopoulos**  
 'Romantic, passionate and deeply compelling'. **Ben Watts**

## CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI

### Brisingr

'Lots of action'. **Declan Rowse**  
 'Read the whole series because it's really good and the books have lots of twists and turns'. **Leo Miller**  
 'Rather fantastic'. **Chris Woodman**  
 'A galloping fantasy'. **Henry Moule**

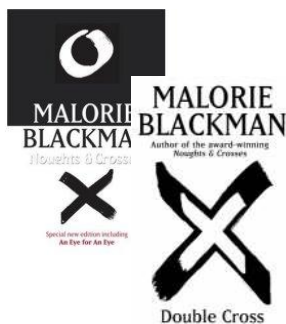
## MALORIE BLACKMAN

### Noughts and Crosses

'A truly fascinating read: A great start to the series'. **Michael Sole**

### Double Cross

'It is a very detailed book'. **Hayden Read**  
 'A very good read'. **Kit Aina, James Bapty**



## ROBERT MUCHAMORE'S CHERUB SERIES

**The Recruit** 'Lots of action –very exciting'. **Josh Burchall** 'Very good and interesting – many more in the series'. **Joe Bryan** 'Thoroughly enjoyable'. **Matt Good Class A** 'Exciting & thrilling books. If you like Anthony Horowitz, you'll love these'. **George Yeadon**

**Maximum Security** 'Brilliantly planned out book'. **Nick Seel**

**Mad Dogs** 'Amazingly exciting. **Aman Singh** 'Funny, exciting, action packed'. **Timothy Hodges**

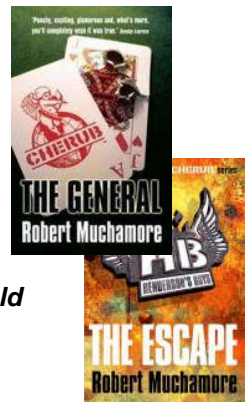
### The Sleepwalker

'A very interesting read'. **Oliver Eyre**

**The General** 'Read it!' **Chris Hemsley** 'An action-packed book from the first page to the last'. **Tom Ashford** 'Quality read throughout'. **Tom Collingridge** 'It's cool'. **Ben Penfold**

### Henderson's Boys: The Escape

'A great boys' book'. **Tom Stanley**



## ANTHONY HOROWITZ

### Point Blanc

'It is gripping and enthralling right to the end'. **Szelong Ng**

### Snakehead

'It is not about snakes, there is a gang called Snakeheads and they are very violent'. **Osama Rashed**

### Raven's Gate

'The gripping first story in this modern sci-fi series'. **Joshua Inoue**

### Necropolis

'Very mysterious and gripping book where you never know what will happen next'. **Jack Loudon**



# YEAR 10

**DAVID GILMAN**

***The Devil's Breath***

'High-packed, nail biting thriller'.

Tom Croucher



**J.R.R. TOLKIEN**

***The Children of Hurin***

'Very good fantasy'.

George Fletcher

**EOIN COLFER**

***The Supernaturalist***

'Exciting and sharp storyline – brilliant read.'

Joshua Law

**JONATHAN STROUD**

***The Amulet of Samarkand***

'A very good book and excellently in the way it is written'

Aly Abdell-Fattah

**ALEX GARLAND**

***The Beach***

'Better than 'Lord of the Flies' – a brilliant read'.

Jonathan Stubbs



**CORMAC MCCARTHY**

***No country for old men***

'Thrilling from start to finish'.

Jack Woodruff



**ROBIN COOPER**

***The Timewaster Diaries***

'A superbly hilarious read with letters that will knock you senseless'.

Jake Shepherd

**ALISON CROGGON**

***The Gift, The Riddle, The Crow, The Singing (The Pellinor Series)***

'Interesting style; it is written as a 'fake history' '.

Sam Willcocks



**PATRICK NESS**

***The Knife of never letting go***

'Suspiciously enthralling – the first of an EPIC series'.

Harry Wooldridge

**BILL BRYSON**

***Notes from a small island***

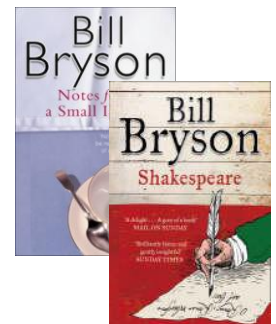
'Sees Britain in a new, funny, light'.

Harry Obey

***Shakespeare***

'The whole of Shakespeare's life summed up in a clear, factual and witty way'.

Owain Park



**C.S. LEWIS**

***The Screwtape letters***

'An intellectual stimulating book which feeds the mind'.

Harry O'Connor

**TESS GERRITSEN**

***The Surgeon***

'A fast paced book you can read all-in-one-go'.

Mike Beck

**SEBASTIAN FAULKES**

**(writing as Ian Fleming)**

***Devil may care***

'Sebastian Faulkes writes stunningly as the prolific Ian Fleming. The reader ventures into the world of the ever brilliant James Bond, 007'.

Nick Wray



**MARCUS ZUSACK**

***The Book Thief***

*'It is relatively easy to read but has a realistic and moving storyline'.*

*Rowan Pearce*



**JENNY DOWNHAM**

***Before I die***

*'Intriguing, emotional and captivating, a good read for anyone'.*

*Malcolm Thorne*



**ANDREA CAMILLIERI**

***The Snack Thief***

*'Very funny detective novel and also exciting'.*

*David Holliday*

**MICHAEL DIBDIN**

***Vendetta***

*'An enthralling crime-fiction novel, a MUST-READ'.*

*George Naish*

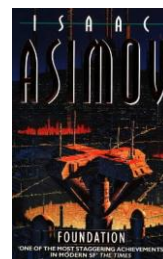


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