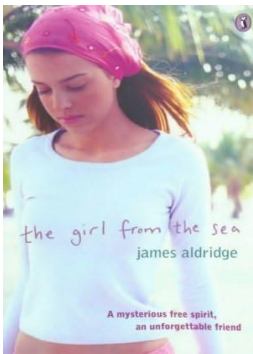


Suggested Reading List For Year 9



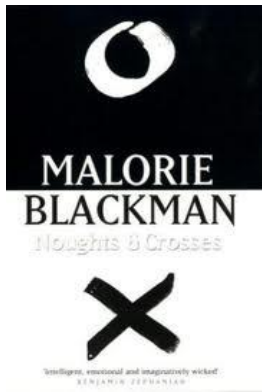
Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Frank McCourt, the narrator of *Angela's Ashes*, describes his family origins and his early years in Brooklyn. His Irish father fled to America after serving with the Irish Republican Army in their conflict with the British. There he married Angela Sheehan from Limerick. Within a few years, Angela gave birth to five children, one of whom died in infancy. Life is hard in Brooklyn, and relatives arrange for the McCourts to return to Ireland and settle in Limerick. In their one-room dwelling, the entire family sleeps in one flea-infested bed.



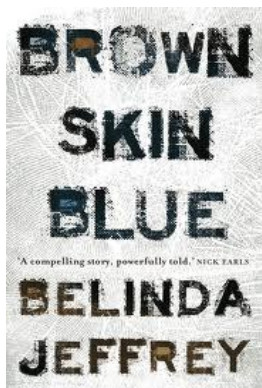
The Girl From The Sea by James Aldridge

Beau, crippled and almost blinded by a terrible accident, is sent to recover in the South of France. Here, it is hoped, the clear blue sea and the influence of his Aunt Mimi will heal his damaged body and revive his spirit. When Lelee, the wild daughter of a Provencal smuggler, bursts from the sea, it becomes a summer of diving, glorious food, hidden treasure, smuggling, and Jacques Cousteau.



Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

The book begins with the painfully beautiful story of forbidden love. Callum and Sephy have spent their whole lives with no boundaries, Callum is a Nought (white person) Sephy is Cross (black person). They live together in an unfair world ruled by Crosses. Tragically Callum and Sephy were torn apart at a young age, they've never understood why. But they could never be kept apart. Their love grew stronger and stronger. They met every day on Sephy's private beach. This became their heaven, here they could be alone away from the conflict and prejudices of the outside world. It was the only place they could really be together.



Brown Skin Blue by Belinda Jeffrey

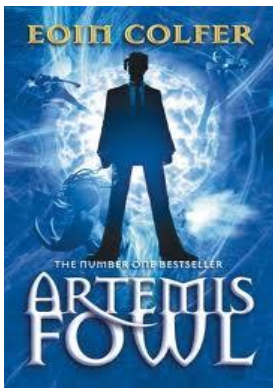
Barry Mundy has brown skin and blue skin and, at seventeen, those two colours define his life. When he gets a job at the Croc-Jumping cruises on the Adelaide River in the Northern Territory, he carries a list of names of the men who could be his father. They're all dark for different reasons and Barry hungers to know whose blood flows inside him. All he sees when he looks in the mirror is a brown mask that hides a blue secret.



One Whole and Perfect Day by Judith Clarke

Freakish, thought Lily; that was the word for her family. Not freaks exactly, but all peculiar in their own way. And Lily had always been the sensible one. Sometimes she wished she could be like the other girls in her year Maybe she should fall in love. What could be less sensible than that?

Fall in love? Ridiculous! But when she saw Daniel Steadman and their eyes caught, only for a second, the tiny encounter gave Lily a strange light woozy feeling inside her head. It made her brain feel funny, like a tablet fizzing, dissolving away inside a water glass....



Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl II is the twelve-year-old son of an Irish crime lord, Artemis Fowl I. After significant research, Artemis believes that he has confirmed the existence of fairies. He tracks down an alcoholic sprite posing as a healer in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and travels there with his bodyguard Butler to obtain from her *The Book of the People*—the Fairy holy book that is written in Gnommish.

Other recommend books are:

- *Bog Child* by Siobhan Dowd
- *A Pattern of Roses* by K M Peyton
- *How to Train Your Parents* by Pete Johnson
- *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken
- *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Harper Lee
- *Many lives Many Minds* by Dr Weiss
- *Funny Bones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *Nineteen Eighty Four* by George Orwell
- *The Hobbit* by J R R Tolkien