

**St Aidan's Church of England High School Library**  
**Recommended reads for Year 9**

**Adventure**

Finding Violet Park	Jenny Valentine	Part mystery, part romance
Flash Flood	Chris Ryan	Sink or swim?
In Darkness	Nick Lake	Earthquake survival adventure
Looking for JJ	Anne Cassidy	A 10 year old commits a dreadful crime
Revolver	Marcus Sedgwick	Tense story set in the Arctic Circle
Touching the Void	Joe Simpson	True adventure

**Classics**

Animal Farm	George Orwell	Animals acting as humans
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	A future world
Brighton Rock	Graham Greene	Gang wars
Cold Comfort Farm	Stella Gibbons	Rural England, early 20thC
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	Plants invading Earth
The Diary of	Anne Frank	The Holocaust
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	Prophetic classic dystopia
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien	Strange and magical adventure
I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith	About an eccentric family
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Dangerous secrets and choices
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Eighteenth century courtship
The Turn of the Screw	Henry James	Ghost story

See the **Classics list** for further suggestions.

**Fantasy**

The Book of Lost Things	John Connolly	A sinister fantasy world
Echo Boy	Matt Haig	Love, loss – what makes us truly human
Good Omens	T Pratchett and N Gaiman	ridiculously inventive and gloriously funny
Ink	Alice Broadway	First of a trilogy
Matched	Allly Condie	Gripping page turner
More Than This	Patrick Ness	Author of the Knife of Never Letting go <b>PTO</b>

## General

A Sky Painted Gold	Laura Wood	for fans of I Capture the Castle/Gatsby
Anita and Me	Meera Syal	Experience of a young Asian girl in the UK
Being Billy	Phil Earle	14 year old Billy's life in care
Blood Red, Snow White	Marcus Sedgwick	Bolshevik Russia
The Book Thief	Marcus Zusak	World War II story
Buffalo Soldier	Tanya Landman	Slavery, American Civil War, NA Indians
Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	Tale of an orphan in the 18thC
Death Zone	Matt Dickinson	True story of climbing Everest
Drawing with Light	Julia Green	Family relationships
Everything, Everything	Nicola Yoon	The girl who lives in a bubble
Face	Benjamin Zephaniah	Martin has a life changing accident
Front Lines	Michael Grant	Second World War series
Girl in the Window	Penny Joelson	Abduction mystery
How I Live Now	Meg Rosoff	Friendship, murder, revenge
Notes from a Small Island	Bill Bryson	Amusing travel writing
Optimists Die First	Susin Nielsen	Teenage romance/issues
Salt to the Sea	Sepeyts, R	inspired by the worst disaster in maritime history
The Smell of Other People's Houses	Hitchcock, B	Coming of age in 1970s Alaska
Witch Child	Celia Rees	Mary, the granddaughter of a witch
Wolf Hollow	Lauren Wolk	Likened to the writing of Harper Lee

**This is just a selection, there are plenty more recommendations – classics, travel, non-fiction....  
Please ask Mrs Roth, Librarian for further information.**

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