

## ***Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School Year 7 & 8 Recommended Reads 2022***



### ***When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle***

#### ***Historical***

1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love?



### ***Things the Eye Can't See by Penny Joelson***

#### ***Mystery***

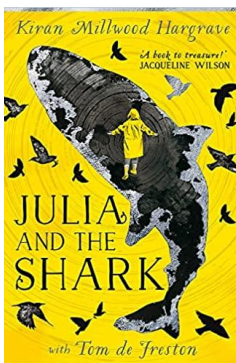
Partially sighted Libby is drawn into a mystery involving the disappearance of a teenage schoolboy, which takes her and her friend Kyle and also her guide dog Samson on a dangerous adventure to discover the truth.



### ***Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson***

#### ***School Stories, Families***

Emotionally crippled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew Corbin rarely leaves his room on a cul-de-sac in London, and he passes the day observing and writing down his neighbours doings from his window. When a toddler staying next door disappears Matthew is the key to solving a mystery and possibly saving a child's life.



### ***Julia and the Shark by Kiran Millwood Hargrave***

#### ***Families***

Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope.

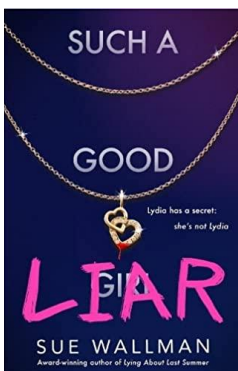
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### ***Girl, (In Real life) by Tamsin Winter***

#### ***School Stories, Families***

Most parents try to limit their kids' online exposure. But not Eva's. Her parents run a hugely successful YouTube channel, and Eva is the star of the show. But Eva is getting sick of being made to pose in stupid mum-and-daughter matching outfits for sponsored posts. The freebies aren't worth the teasing at school. And when an intensely humiliating post goes viral, Eva is outraged. She's going to find a way to stop the channel, even if she has to sabotage it herself.



### ***Such a Good Liar by Sue Wallman***

#### ***Thriller***

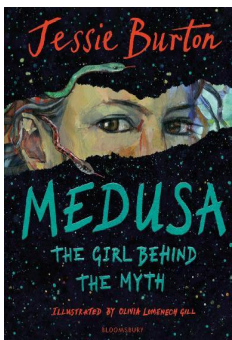
Seventeen-year-old Lydia Cornwallis has arrived on a remote island populated only by wealthy families and their staff. She quickly finds acceptance, even adoration, from the close-knit families that rule the island. But a storm is coming, and all routes to the mainland are cut off. But thank goodness the Harrington sisters made it in time, because Lydia simply can't wait to meet them.



### ***The Agathas by Kathleen Glasgow & Liz Lawson***

#### ***Mystery***

After falling from grace last summer, Agatha Christie-obsessed Alice Ogilvie needs to stay out of trouble. While smart and reclusive Iris Adams just wants to get the hell out of Castle Cove. But now they have a murder to solve. There are clues the police are ignoring, a list of suspects a mile long and some very dangerous cliffs. Amateur detectives Alice and Iris are about to uncover just how many secrets their sleepy seaside town is hiding...

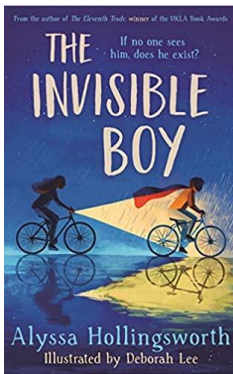


### ***Medusa by Jessie Burton***

#### ***Fantasy***

Exiled to a far-flung island, Medusa has little company except for the snakes adorning her head instead of hair until a beautiful boy named Perseus arrives, disrupting her lonely existence and unleashing desire, love, and betrayal.

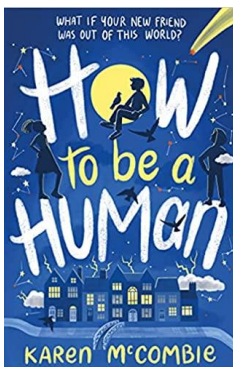
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### ***The Invisible Boy by Alyssa Hollingsworth***

#### ***Refugees, Families***

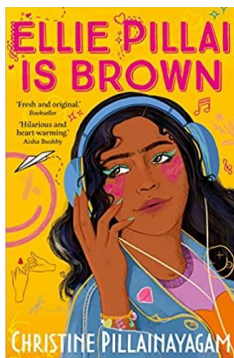
It's early 1945 and a group of people trek across Germany, bound together by their desperation to reach the ship that can take them away from the war-ravaged land. Four young people, each haunted by their own dark secret, narrate their unforgettable stories.



### ***How to be Human by Karen McCombie***

#### ***Fantasy, Humour***

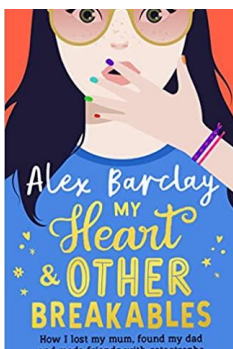
When the Princess of Nova accidentally poisons herself with a love potion meant for her crush, she falls crown-over-heels in love with her own reflection. Oops. A nationwide hunt is called to find the cure, with competitors travelling the world for the rarest ingredients, deep in magical forests and frozen tundras, facing death at every turn.



### ***Ellie Pillai is Brown***

#### ***Romance, Humour***

Jemima Small finds it hard to measure up, especially because she's the very opposite of her name. Being forced to join a healthy eating group at school means no one will let her forget that. But if there's one big thing she has going for her it's her attitude – and she's determined to prove that Jemima Small is a Big Deal.

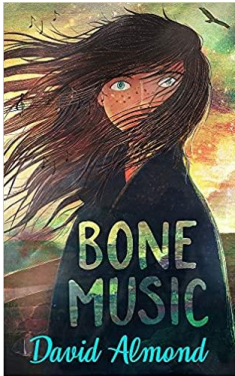


### ***My Heart and Other Breakables***

#### ***Families, Mystery***

Frankie is nearly fourteen and teenage life certainly comes with its ups and downs. Her mum is seriously ill with multiple sclerosis and Frankie can feel herself growing up quickly, no thanks to Sally and her gang of bullies at school. When Sally turns out to be not so mean after all, they strike up a friendship and are suddenly spending all of their time together. But Frankie starts to wonder whether these feelings for Sally are stronger than her other friendships.

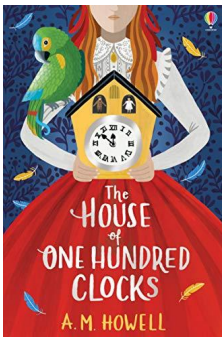




***Bone Music by David Almond***

***Coming of age, Family Stories***

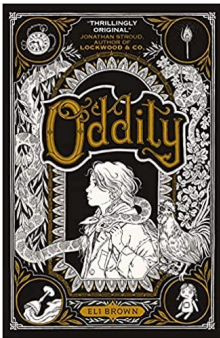
Sylvia has never been so far away. Her mother has brought her to this village, this place of silence and dark, endless forest, and she yearns for the city, the bright lights, her friends, even a phone signal. Late one night she hears the music, a weird jagged spiralling sound. It is played by Gabriel, a troubled, beautiful boy. Gabriel uses the strangest of flutes, a hollow bone. Play it well enough, he says, and you cross the borders between the living and the dead. Sylvia knows she'll follow him into the depths of the forest. But will they ever find their way out again?



***The House of One Hundred Clocks by A. M. Howell***

***Historical***

JUNE, 1905. Helena and her parrot, Orbit, are swept off to Cambridge when her father is appointed clock-winder to one of the wealthiest men in England. There is only one rule: the clocks must never stop. But Helena discovers the house of one hundred clocks holds many mysteries; a ghostly figure, strange notes and disappearing winding keys... Can she work out its secrets before time runs out?



***Oddity by Eli Brown***

***Historical, Fantasy***

The daughter of a murdered physician vows to protect the magical Oddity he left behind – if only she knew what it was – in an alternate nineteenth century in which the United States is at war with Napoleon's France. When her physician father is murdered, thirteen-year-old Clover Elkin embarks on a perilous mission through warring frontier territories to protect the one secret Oddity he left behind. And as she uncovers the truth about her parents and her past, Clover herself emerges as a powerful agent of history.



***When life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten***

***Family Stories***

Nothing much happens in Sycamore, the small village where Clara lives - at least, that's how it seems. She loves eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside in the rainy season and escaping to her secret hideout with her best friend Gaynah. There's only one problem: she can't remember anything about the previous summer.