



# LUDGROVE

# SUMMER READING

# CHALLENGE

Read **five** books over the summer and  
complete a short review for each.

Please hand your completed booklet to your  
English Teacher in September.



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If you are struggling to choose books, use  
our Bingo sheet ...

Read **5** books to form a line  
on the bingo grid!



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enjoy browsing for books



# SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

## 2018

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*"I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."*

*Roald Dahl*

This list is intended as a guide to some of the current popular books available for boys entering the Twos. The aim is to help boys and parents choose reading material that is challenging, rewarding or just plain fun, whilst being age appropriate.

As there are limits on the number of books that can be included in this list, we have often chosen just one title by a particular author. We have also not included many well-loved titles or authors (such as J.K. Rowling, Philip Pullman etc) because you will already be familiar with them.

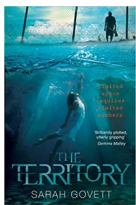
Book shops often categorise their books in the age brackets 9-12yrs and 13+. Therefore Years 7 & 8 can be a tricky year as they are in between two age ranges. They may feel they have outgrown the younger category, however, the next category can be quite a jump in the maturity of content and language. It is good to be aware of this.

We have tried to include a variety of books for different reading ability. It may be that 'shared reading' is still a good way to enjoy some of the more challenging stories. Being read to is still a very valuable activity for the boys, increasing their vocabulary and their understanding of more complex narrative. Or read a book alongside your son so that you can discuss some of the issues raised by the content.

These suggestions are subjective, there will be some books in this list you try but do not enjoy. We hope there will be many you love!

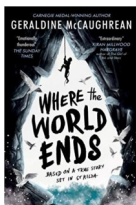
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### The Territory Sarah Govett

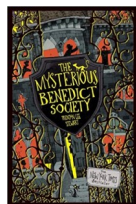
Noa Blake is just another normal 15 year old with exams looming. Except in The Territory normal isn't normal. The richest children have a node on the back of their necks and can download information, bypassing the need to study. In a flooded world of dwindling resources, Noa and the other 'Norms' have their work cut out even to compete. And competing is everything - because anybody who fails the exams will be shipped off to the Wetlands, which means a life of misery, if not certain death.



### Where the World Ends Geraldine McCaughrean

Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home.

Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned - cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive?



### The Mysterious Benedict Society Trenton Lee Stewart

When a peculiar advertisement appears in the newspaper for children to take part in a secret mission, children everywhere sit a series of mysterious tests. In the end, just four children succeed: Reynie, Kate, Sticky and Constance. They have three things in common: they are all honest, all remarkably talented and all orphans. They must go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened where the only rule is that there are no rules. There they must work as a team to save not only themselves, but also the world outside the walls.



### The Disappearances Emily Bain Murphy

Every seven years something disappears in the remote town of Sterling: people's reflections, the stars in the sky, the ability to dream. Aila realises that her mother may be to blame for the curse. But some mysteries are buried very deep and some secrets want to stay hidden - and one young woman's desire to uncover the truth may not be enough to save Sterling from the past.



### Ink Alice Broadway

Forget books on paper. In Leora's world, there's only one place to tell a person's story: their skin. Every action. Every deed. Every success and every failure - tattooed on your body forever. Let's hope you have a good story to tell. But what about when you die? Well - that's *still* not the end of the story. Your tattoos get removed and made into a Skin Book: a record of your good life. So when Leora's father dies, she wants to honour him like this. Except that something is very wrong. His ink has been edited; his book isn't complete. Who has done this - and why? Did she ever really know him at all?



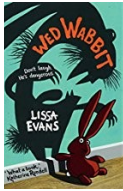
### Kick Mitch Johnson

Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.



### After the Fire Will Hill

Father John controls everything inside The Fence. And Father John likes rules. Especially about never talking to Outsiders. Because Father John knows the truth. He knows what is right, and what is wrong. He knows what is coming. Moonbeam is starting to doubt, though. She's starting to see the lies behind Father John's words. What if the only way out of the darkness is to light a fire?

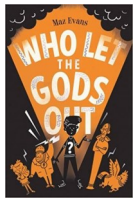


## Wed Wabbit

Lissa Evans

You're called Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is your awful cousin Graham.

Wed Wabbit is an adventure story about friendship, danger and the terror of never being able to get back home again. And it's funny. It's seriously funny.



## Who Let the Gods Out

Maz Evans

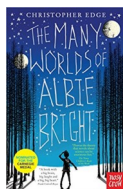
Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.



## Sky Song

Abi Elphinstone

Join Eska, a girl who breaks free from a cursed music box, and Flint, a boy whose inventions could change the fate of Erkenwald forever, as they journey to the Never Cliffs and beyond in search of an ancient, almost forgotten, song with the power to force the Ice Queen back.



## The many Worlds of Albie Bright

Christopher Edge

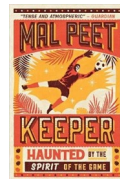
An extraordinary novel for anyone who's ever been curious. When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...



## Beyond the Bright Sea

Lauren Wolk

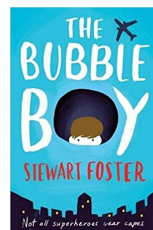
Crow has lived her whole life on a tiny, starkly beautiful island. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a washed-up skiff as a baby and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbour across the sandbar. But it is only when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in Crow's heart, and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered.



## Keeper

Mal Peet

*Keeper* introduces legendary sports journalist Paul Faustino and the haunting tale of the world's greatest goalkeeper: the man they call El Gato, "the Cat". As Paul interviews El Gato, he tells his incredible story – how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup-winning goalkeeper so good he is almost unbeatable. And the most remarkable part of this story is the man who teaches him: the mysterious Keeper, who haunts a football pitch at the heart of the claustrophobic rainforest...



## The Bubble Boy

Stewart Foster

Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.



## Orphan Monster Spy

Matt Killeen

Sarah has played many roles - but now she faces her most challenging of all. Because there's only one way for a Jewish orphan spy to survive at a school for the Nazi elite. And that's to become a monster like them.

**Survive. Deceive. Resist.**

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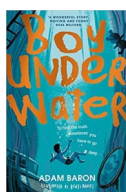


### The Explorer

Katherine Rundell

From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. .

As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small...Except, it seems, someone has been there before them .



### Boy Underwater

Adam Baron

Cymbeline Igloo (yes, really!) has NEVER been swimming. Not ever. Not once. But how hard can it be? He's Googled front crawl and he's found his dad's old pair of trunks. He's totally ready.

What he's not ready for is the accident at the pool – or how it leads his mum to a sudden breakdown.

Cymbeline must solve the mystery of why his mum never took him near water – and it will turn his whole life upside down...



### The Gates

John Connolly

Young Samuel Johnson and his dachshund Boswell are trying to show initiative by trick-or-treating a full three days before Hallowe'en. Which is how they come to witness strange goings-on at 666 Crowley Avenue.

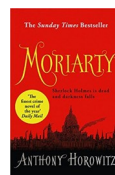
The Abernathys don't mean any harm by their flirtation with Satanism. But it just happens to coincide with a malfunction in the Large Hadron Collider that creates a gap in the universe. A gap in which there is a pair of enormous gates. The gates to Hell. And there are some pretty terrifying beings just itching to get out . . .



### Death or Ice Cream?

Gareth P. Jones

Larkin Mills is no ordinary town. It's a place of contradictions and enigma, of secrets and mysteries. A place with an exquisite ice cream parlour, and an awful lot of death.



### Moriarty

Anthony Horowitz

Sherlock Holmes is dead.

Days after Holmes and his arch-enemy Moriarty fall to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls, Pinkerton agent Frederick Chase arrives from New York. The death of Moriarty has created a poisonous vacuum which has been swiftly filled by a fiendish new criminal mastermind. Ably assisted by Inspector Athelney Jones, a devoted student of Holmes's methods of investigation and deduction, Chase must hunt down this shadowy figure, a man much feared but seldom seen, a man determined to engulf London in a tide of murder and menace.

The game is afoot . . .



### Metawars

Jeff Norton

Jonah Delacroix can't stand the real world - so he lives most of his life inside a global computer-based virtual world called the Metasphere, where everyone is represented by an avatar. When he discovers the avatar of his dead father, and assumes his online identity, a series of events are unleashed that compel Jonah to race across the real world with a secret society to protect the freedom of all mankind...



### Troublemakers

Brian Jacques

Fifteen-year-old Alena never really knew her political activist mother, who died when she was a baby. She has grown up with her older half-brother Danny and his boyfriend Nick in the east end of London. Now the area is threatened by a bomber who has been leaving explosive devices in supermarkets. It is only a matter of time before a bomb goes off.

Against this increasingly fearful backdrop, Alena seeks to discover more about her past, while Danny takes a job working for a controversial politician. As her family life implodes, and the threat to Londoners mounts, Alena starts getting into trouble. Then she does something truly rebellious.

# BOOK ONE



**Book Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Plot

**What is the book about? Where is the story set?**

**Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:**

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## Characters



Who was your favourite character? Why?

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Did you identify with any particular character? Why?

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## Ending

Was the ending of the book as you expected? Why?

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## Review

Describe this book using three adjectives:

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Would you read other books by this author?

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**Rating** – colour the stars





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**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the most exciting/frightening part of the book:

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## Review

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Would you read other books by this author?

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**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is the book about? Where is the story set?**

**Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:**

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