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## Recommended Secondary Fiction Autumn Term 2009



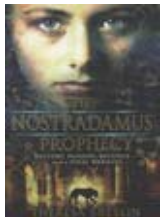
**Almond, David**

**Jackdaw summer**

Hodder Pbk  
Interest age: 12+

£5.99 9780340881996  
Reading age: 12+

A novel rooted in Northumberland but dealing with a universal theme - the "beast that lies within". An unsettling, thought-provoking story from a master storyteller.



**Breslin, Theresa**

**Nostradamus prophecy**

Corgi Pbk  
Interest age: 12+

£6.99 9780552557214  
Reading age: 12+

Historical adventure, with a touch of romance, set in sixteenth century France.



**Collins, Suzanne**

**The hunger games**

Scholastic Pbk  
Interest age: 14+

£6.99 9781407109084  
Reading age: 12+

Set in a nightmare future world. People are forced to watch a bloodthirsty TV reality show where contestants fight to the death. This is a compelling adventure, violent and gory, with good characterisation.



**Creech, Sharon**

**Hate that cat**

Bloomsbury Pbk  
Interest age: 9+

£4.99 9780747599807  
Reading age: 9+

Sequel to "Love that dog". Jack is once more in Miss Stretchberry's class and learning more about poetry. Using poems skilfully introduced by his inspirational teacher, he faces up to the big issues in his life.



**Curtis, Vanessa**

**Zelah Green, Queen of clean**

Egmont Pbk  
Interest age: 13+

£5.99 9781405240536  
Reading age: 10+

An absorbing and enlightening novel about Zelah, who has obsessive compulsive disorder, panicking if she doesn't follow her rituals. The tone of the novel is often humorous, and the ending is optimistic.



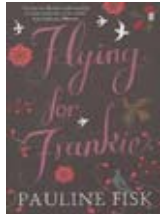
**Dhami, Narinder**

**Bang, bang, you're dead**

Corgi Pbk  
Interest age: 11+

£5.99 9780552560436  
Reading age: 10+

Mia believes the teenage gunman that has taken a class of students in her school hostage is her brother, Jamie. A tense and compelling story that explores mental illness with great sensitivity.



**Fisk, Pauline**

**Flying for Frankie**

Faber Pbk  
Interest age: 11+

£6.99 9780571236190  
Reading age: 12+

Charis becomes friends with Frankie despite their differences. Then Frankie is diagnosed with cancer. Their friendship deepens and Charis is there for Frankie right to the end. An absorbing story.



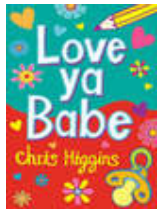
**Grindley, Sally**

**Torn pages**

Bloomsbury Pbk  
Interest age: 10+

£5.99 9780747595052  
Reading age: 11+

Liddy's parents have both died from AIDS, which is attacking their small African community. A well written story showing how hard life in Africa can be for some. A realistic story with some food for thought.



**Higgins, Chris**

**Love ya babe**

Hodder Pbk  
Interest age: 12+

£5.99 9780340970751  
Reading age: 11+

Gabby's life is full of problems but it is not until there is a major crisis that her family to start to rebuild their lives. An enjoyable story that many teenagers will relate to, with believable and sympathetic characters.



**Jinks, Catherine**

**The reformed vampire support group**

Quercus Pbk  
Interest age: 12+

£6.99 9781847247780  
Reading age: 11+

A group of reformed vampires have to track down a vampire slayer when a member of their therapy group is killed. Likely to be enjoyed by those who enjoyed the 'Twilight' series.



**Lee, Y.S.**

**A spy in the house**

Walker Pbk  
Interest age: 12+

£6.99 9781406315165  
Reading age: 11+

London 1850. Can destitute Mary survive her time at the Miss Scrimshaw Academy for Girls, a cover for a female detective agency? Fast paced. First in a series.



**McNamee, Graham**                      **Bonechiller**

Hodder                      Pbk                      £5.99                      9780340882191  
Interest age:              13+                      Reading age:              13+

Young people have disappeared in Danny's quiet town in Canada. When a white monster bites him he no longer feels in control of himself. Can he defeat the monster before he loses his mind and he too disappears?



**Opie, Robyn**                                      **Black baron**

Walker                      Pbk                      £4.99                      9781406322163  
Interest age:              9+                      Reading age:              8+

Black Baron is Jake's champion racing cockroach. When his mum discovers Black Baron in Jake's bedroom a slapstick tale ensues. Not great literature but an original idea which may hook some reluctant readers.



**Rankin, Ian**                                      **A cool head**

Orion                      Pbk                      £1.99                      9780752884493  
Interest age:              13+                      Reading age:              10+

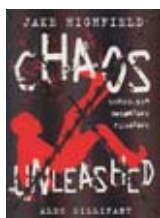
A crime thriller which maintains tension and interest despite short sentences and a limited vocabulary. For good readers with limited time as well as those who need a shorter read. Aimed at adults, fine for teens.



**Rushton, Rosie**                                      **Love, lies and Lizzie**

Piccadilly                      Pbk                      £7.99                      9781853409790  
Interest age:              12+                      Reading age:              12+

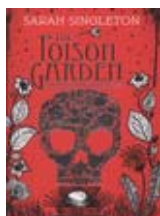
Lighthearted reworking of 'Pride and Prejudice' set in the 21st century. Characters are similar but the situation is updated. Enjoyable teen romance.



**Sillifant, Alec**                                      **Chaos unleashed**

Meadowside                      Pbk                      £5.99                      9781845393489  
Interest age:              12+                      Reading age:              11+

Fast moving spy thriller. Jake is sent to a boarding school that is a training ground for secret agents - the Academy. He must unlock its secrets to save himself and his friends. Should appeal to Horowitz and Higgins fans.



**Singleton, Sarah**                                      **The poison garden**

Simon and Schuster                      Pbk                      £6.99                      9781847382979  
Interest age:              11+                      Reading age:              11+

When Thomas's grandmother dies she leaves him a magical box which leads him into a mysterious garden where her ghost warns him she was poisoned. Can Thomas solve this gothic murder mystery?



**Smith, Alexander Gordon**

**Furnace: Lockdown**

Faber Pbk £6.99 9780571240807  
Interest age: 13+ Reading age: 11+

First in a series about a brutal prison for young people. Can Alex escape? Gripping, fast-paced thriller with a real sense of menace. Would appeal to Darren Shan fans.

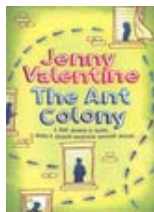


**Suzuma, Tabitha**

**Without looking back**

Corgi Pbk £5.99 9780552560009  
Interest age: 11+ Reading age: 11+

A thoughtful and engrossing novel about the effects on teenagers when their parents are locked in a custody battle.



**Valentine, Jenny**

**The ant colony**

Harper Pbk £6.99 9780007283590  
Collins  
Interest age: 14+ Reading age: 12+

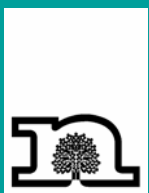
17 year old Sam becomes involved in the lives of 10 year old Bohemia and her drink and drug addicted mother Cherry. When Bohemia runs away it is the catalyst for changes in all their lives. A compelling read.

**Purchasing these books**

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