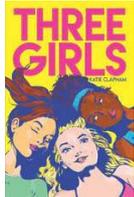




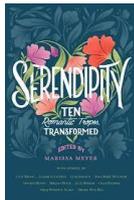
Suggested Summer Reading List 2022

Light Reading



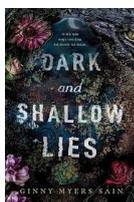
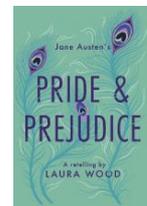
Three Girls, by Katie Clapham – Three friends, three perspectives on unlikely friendships and first loves. Lena, Alice and Minnie are funny, endearing characters, and full of energy. A coming-of-age story with a touch of sport and mystery. **Friendship, sport, secret**

Twin Crowns, by Catherine Doyle and Katherine Webber – A fairy tale with a twist. A fight for the crown. Twin sisters Princess Wren and Princess Rose turn stereotypes on their heads in a gripping, satisfying narrative. **Adventure, fantasy, gender**



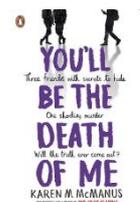
Serendipity, by Marissa Meyer – A collection of short stories about love, in all its forms. Uplifting and with a wry humour more often than not, a perfect summer read. **Love, short stories, humour**

Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice: A Retelling, by Laura Wood – We all know the story, we've seen at least one movie adaptation. But what about a modern version for young adults. Perfect for less confident readers or keen readers who aren't quite ready for the original classic yet. **Classic retelling, love, first impressions**



Dark and Shallow Lies, by Ginny Myers Sain – A romantic thriller with a supernatural undercurrent. La Cchette, Louisiana: a girl has disappeared but strangely, none of the many psychics living there know a thing about it. Her best friend Grey decides to lead her own investigation and uncovers more secrets than she expected. **Supernatural, the bayou, thriller**

You'll be the Death of Me, by Karen McManus – New, addictive thriller from the author of *One of us is Lying*. It should have been a fun day when Ivy, Mateo and Cal decided to skip school. But then they walk into a murder scene. They all have a connection to the victim, and they all have something to hide. **Thriller, secrets, day off**

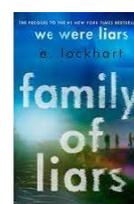


Here's to Us, by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera – Find out what happened to Arthur and Ben after *What If It's Us?* - It's been two years since they called it quits. They have lovely lives, lovely partners, but everything they thought they knew shatters when they meet again. Do you believe in second chances? **Love, friendship, new beginnings**

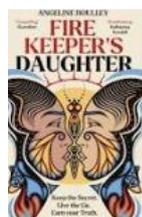


Girls Rule, by Alesha Dixon – Pearl moves into 10 Downing Street when her mum becomes UK's first female Black Prime Minister. Unfortunately, her mum's partner soon moves in with his daughter Izzy. The two girls hate each other instantly and will do anything to split their parents up. That is, until their sabotaging start to impact Pearl's mum's career. Will they realise they might have more in common than they think? **Sisterhood, strong girls, rivalry**

Family of Liars, by E. Lockhart – The prequel to *We Were Liars*. We return to the Sinclair family, a different generation, the same island, different lies that will haunt the family for decades. Be careful, you might want to read the other one first. **Family, betrayal, lies**



More Mature Themes



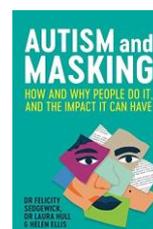
The Fire Keeper's Daughter, by Angeline Boulley – Set in a Native American community, the story of Daunis who wants to avenge the murder of her best friend Lily. Daunis is thrown into a world of lies, secrets and drugs, and will not stop until she figures out why her friend was murdered. **Drugs, murder, thriller**

The Black Kids, by Christina Hammonds Reed – A must-read for fans of *The Hate U Give*. LA, 1992. It's the end of high school, Ashley and her friends spend most of the time at the beach, dreaming about the possibilities of the approaching summer. This perfect life comes to an end when four police officers are acquitted after beating a black man half to death. The violent aftermath spares no one, not even Ashley and her sheltered life. **Race, class, identity**



A Change is Gonna Come, by Various authors – A collection of prose and poetry told by established and new BAME YA authors on the theme of change. It comes with a list of topics raised at the end so you can easily find what you want to read or avoid. **Thought-provoking, world problems, new voices**

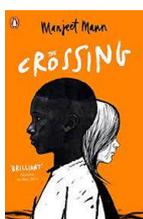
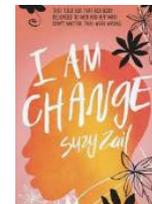
Autism and Masking: How and Why People Do It and The Impact It Can Have, by Felicity Sedgewick, Laura Hull and Helen Ellis – Even though this book looks at a particular aspect of autism, it gives an enlightening perspective into what it means to live with autism. This book will resonate with anyone, whether or not they are dealing (directly or indirectly) with autism. **Autism, neurodiversity, masking**





Green Rising, by Lauren James – In an ecological dystopia, Gabrielle, a climate-change activist starts to display supernatural powers allowing her to grow plants from the tips of her fingers. She is soon joined by legions of teenagers fighting for the environment for different reasons. Facing greed, profit and corruption, who will come on top? **Ecology, superpowers, friendship**

I am Change, by Suzy Zail – Set in a Ugandan village, Lilian is a voice of change never heard before. She questions what it means to be a girl, she suggests a girl can decide her own path and even be smarter than a boy. Inspired by young Ugandan women, the story of Lilian illustrates the struggle and the strength it takes to fight for change. **FGM, sexism, traditions**



The Crossing, by Manjeet Mann – Told in verse, it is the story of two teenagers with apparently nothing in common, brought together by fate. Natalie just lost her mum, struggles with her brother's far-right ideals and disagrees with the anti-refugee feelings in her coastal town. Sammy has to leave his family behind in search of freedom and safety in the UK. **Empathy, immigration, open-mindedness**

Memories from the Civil War, by Richard Marazano – A graphic novel, set in a near-distant future. Virgil lives a rigid society where things are done a certain way and no one ever questioned the morality of their actions. He then embarks on a mission to challenge the status quo. **Utopia, corruption, war**



You've Got This! Release Your Inner Power and Be Awesomely You, by Poppy O'Neill – A lot of us have been struggling for different reasons since Covid. This book will give you the tools to believe in yourself and enhance self-esteem and wellbeing. It is not just a book to read but a toolbox to use, with quizzes and action plans that fit individual situations. An alternative: *No More Worries*, by the same author, deals with anxiety in particular. **Wellbeing, self-help, self-esteem**

Queer Up, by Alexis Caught – Finding your gender identity can be a struggle for some, a given for others and the expression itself can be confusing to many. This accessible book is a good starting point for anyone interested in this topic, either because they're dealing with it personally or simply because they want to know more about it. **LGBTQI+, mental health, relationships**



Show Us Who You Are, by E. McNicoll – When Cora meets the son of the CEO of Pomegranate Technologies, she doesn't expect to a) befriend him, b) embark on an adventure in the world of AI. The pair takes the reader on a journey both touching and thrilling. **Neurodiversity, friendship, AI**