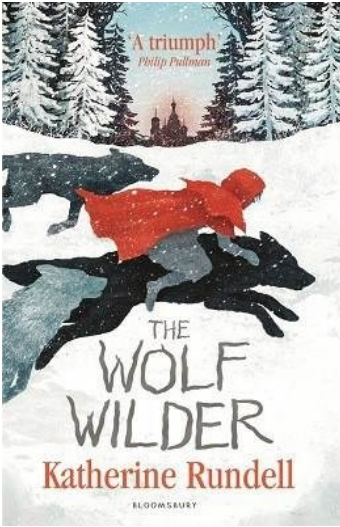


Year 7 book recommendations:



The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell

Feo and her mother live in the snowy woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feo's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training: a person who teaches tamed animals to be wild again, to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run.

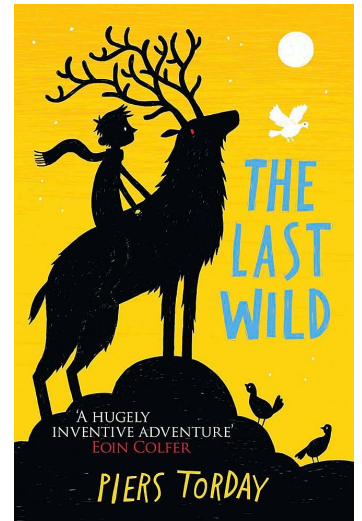
When the corrupt Russian Army threatens her wolves and arrests her mum, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run. With her wolves by her side, she sets off on a daring, exciting and sometimes scary journey through the snow to St Petersburg, pursued by an evil general who's determined to kill Feo's wolves and stop her at all costs.

The Last Wild by Piers Torday

This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows, at this very moment, is this:

1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom.
2. They are talking to him.
3. His life will never be quite the same again...

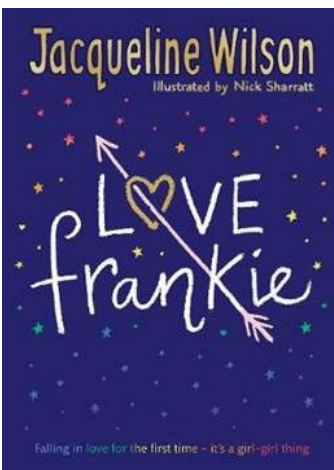
Kester lives in a land in quarantine. A deadly virus has killed all the animals except pests and it's expected to be equally dangerous to humans. But when Kester realises he can talk to the pests, he finds they have great hope invested in him.



Love Frankie by Jacqueline Wilson

You would think Frankie would have enough problems: she's almost 14 and life certainly isn't without its difficulties. As her Mum tries to control her developing MS, Frankie is having to grow up quickly.

When one of Frankie's bullies starts to strike up an actual friendship with her, Frankie is unsure what to think. The more they start hanging out, the more Frankie thinks that this could be the start of something more than just friendship. When Frankie's best friend Sam detects that something is worrying Frankie, he tries to encourage her to talk to him. Will Frankie be brave enough to confront her true feelings? More importantly, will Frankie be happy with the answer?





Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

There was a wild crashing sound, a ripping of metal, and the plane blew through the trees, out over the water and down, down to slam into the lake . . .

Brian is a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crash-lands in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is a hatchet – and a desperate will to survive. Now Brian must learn to live the hard way – or die.

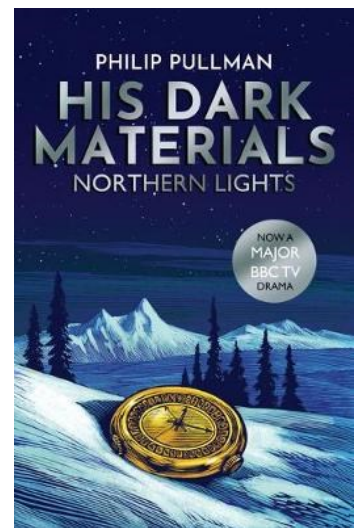
Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

"Without this child, we shall all die."

Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford.

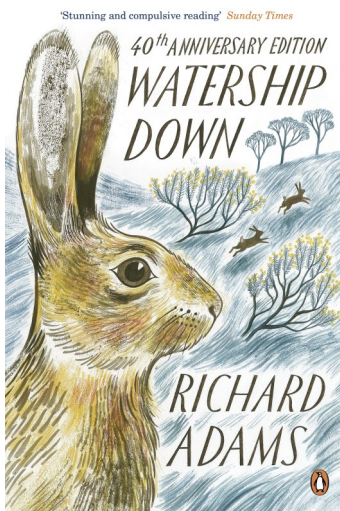
The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.

Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...



A pinch of magic by Michelle Harrison

The Widdershins sisters, Betty, Fliss and Charlie are trapped, prevented from leaving their home on Crowstone by an ancient family curse. When they inherit three magical objects with the power to change their fate, adventure beckons. But are they being led into even greater danger?



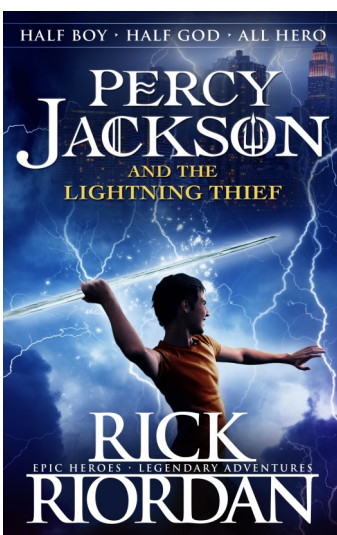
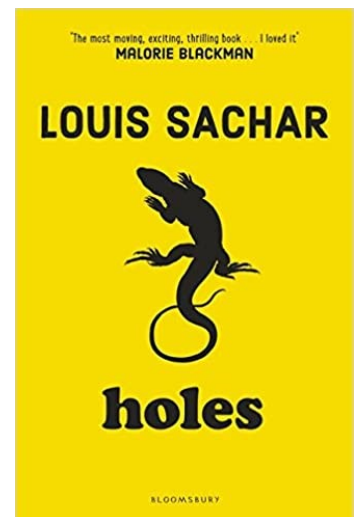
Watership Down by Erin hunter

Fiver, a young rabbit, is very worried. He senses something terrible is about to happen to the warren. His brother Hazel knows that his sixth sense is never wrong. So, there is nothing else for it. They must leave immediately.

And so begins a long and perilous journey of a small band of rabbits in search of a safe home. Fiver's vision finally leads them to Watership Down, but here they face their most difficult challenge of all...

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. That's when things started *really* going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends, and generally trying to stay alive.

This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is *a very bad idea*.