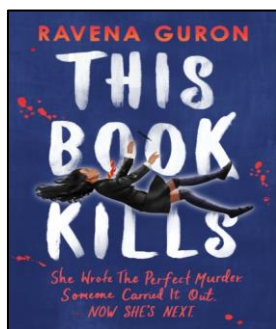


# Year 9 Reading List

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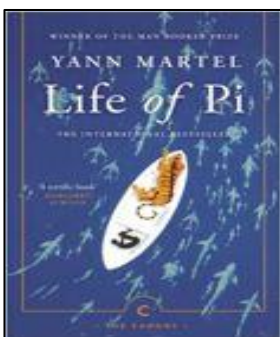
-Roald Dahl

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### ***This Book Kills* by Ravena Guron -**

Jess Choudhury has always tried to be on her best behaviour. As one of only two scholarship students at the prestigious Heybuckle boarding school, she knows that her position is precarious. But when a student is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be.



### ***Life of Pi* by Yann Martel**

One boy, one boat, one tiger . . . After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orang-utan - and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger.



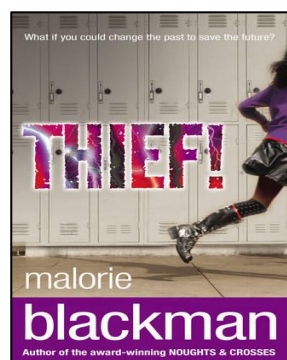
### ***The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness**

Prentisstown is not like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence....which is impossible. And now he is going to have to run...



### ***Let's Play Murder* by Kesia Lupo**

Set in "The Game", a virtual reality mystery, Veronica joins players trapped in a creepy manor house with a murder to solve. As they get closer to the truth, they encounter glitches, strange NPCs and a mysterious figure. It all changes when real players start dying in real life and Veronica realises that this is the definition of a must win game.

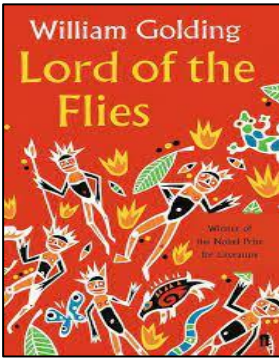


### ***Thief* by Malorie Blackman**

A captivating and fast paced story about Lydia, who is desperate to fit in at a new school. When she is accused of stealing, her life begins to spiral out of control until an unexpected and mind-bending opportunity arises to set things right.

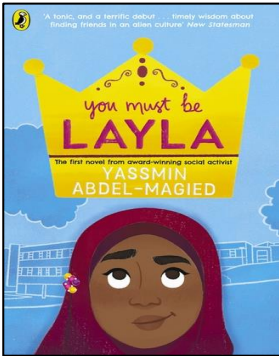
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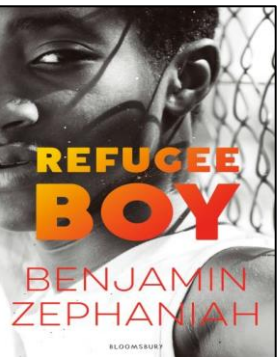
## ***Lord of the Flies* by William Golding**

A plane crashes on a desert island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, they discover fantastic wildlife and dazzling beaches, learning to survive; at night, they are haunted by nightmares of a primitive beast. Orphaned by society, it is not long before their innocent childhood games devolve into a savage, murderous hunt ...



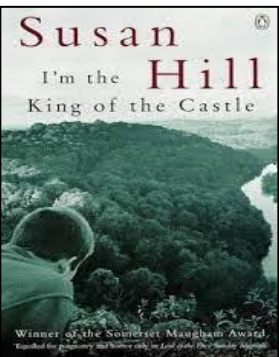
## ***You Must be Layla* by Yassmin Abdel-Magied**

Layla believes she was right to stand up for herself against a bully, but it's landed her a suspension - not the way she (or her parents) would have wished to begin her time at her fancy new school! This is just a setback though, and she's determined to prove that she does deserve her scholarship by making new friends and setting her sights on inventing something that could win the big robotics competition. But where to begin?



## ***Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah**

Alem's father is Ethiopian and his mother is Eritrean, and there is a dangerous conflict raging between the two countries. For his own safety, Alem's father brings him to England to escape the dangers. At first, Alem is delighted to be having a holiday with his dad, until he wakes up one morning to find his father has left him in England alone. Although Alem is heartbroken and everything about English culture is very confusing, he tries to see the positives of living far from his home and family.



## ***I'm the King of the Castle* by Susan Hill**

'I didn't want you to come here.' So says the note that the boy Edmund Hooper passes to Charles Kingshaw upon his arrival at Warings. But, young Kingshaw and his mother have come to live with Hooper and his father in the ugly, isolated Victorian house for good. To Hooper, Kingshaw is an intruder, a boy to be subtly persecuted, and Kingshaw finds that even the most ordinary object can be turned by Hooper into a source of terror.



## ***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen**

Brian, a streetwise teen who lives in the city, is left stranded in the wilderness after a plane crash - with only a hatchet to survive, will he make it?

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