



# *St George's College Library*

## *Lower School Reading List*

### *Easter 2022*



#### **Bone Music, David Almond (F ALM)**

She felt like a ghost. She woke in the night. What was that music? Sylvia has never been so far away. Her mother has brought her to this village, this place of silence and dark, endless forest, and she yearns for the city, the bright lights, her friends, even a phone signal. Late one night she hears the music, a weird jagged spiralling sound. It is played by Gabriel, who uses the strangest of flutes, a hollow bone. Play it well enough, he says, and you cross the borders between the living and the dead. Sylvia knows she'll follow him into the depths of the forest. But will they ever find their way out again?

#### **Raven Winter, Susanna Bailey (F BAI)**

Lottie Ever since Billie's kind and nature-loving dad went to prison, her life has lost its shine. And now, Mum's new boyfriend has moved in and home is full of sharp-glass silences. Billie's never felt more alone. Until one day she discovers an injured young raven and in nursing him back to life, Billie finds friendship, hope and a letter that might bring her one step closer to reuniting with Dad.

#### **The Shark Caller, Zillah Bethell (F BET)**

"I want to be able to call the sharks. Teach me the magic and show me the ways. "Blue Wing is desperate to become a shark caller, but instead she must befriend infuriating newcomer Maple, who arrives unexpectedly on Blue Wing's island. At first, the girls are too angry to share their secrets and become friends. But when the tide breathes the promise of treasure, they must journey together to the bottom of the ocean to brave the deadliest shark of them all..

#### **Song Of The Far Isles, Nicholas Bowling (F BOW)**

Oran lives on Little Drum, where music is everything. Every islander has a birth instrument and a life song - and the ancestors, called ghaists, linger to hear the music. But when the Duchess arrives from the mainland bringing orders of silence, she threatens the ghaists' existence, the very soul of the community. When Oran hears of a mythical instrument with the power to manipulate hearts, she brings her ghaist best friend, Alick, on a quest to find it, play it, and change the Duchess's mind ...

#### **Fireborn: Twelve and the Frozen Forest, Aisling Fowler (F FOW)**

Twelve has spoken the Pledge and now she is a Huntling. She has given up her name to train in the art of fighting monsters and keeping the peace, and she won't get to choose a new one until she has earned it. But when the Lodge's walls are breached for the first time, and a little girl is taken, Twelve is the only one interested in going after a child . . . Teaming up with Dog, the Stone Guardian of the Lodge, Twelve ends up on an epic adventure that will change her life, her name - and her entire world.

#### **How I Saved the World in a Week, Polly Ho-Yen (F HOY)**

Billy's mum isn't like other mums. All she wants is to teach him the Rules of Survival - how to make fire, build shelter and find food. She likes to test Billy on the rules until one day she goes too far, and Billy is sent to live with a dad he barely knows. Then the world changes forever as people begin to be infected with a mysterious virus that turns their skin grey. As chaos breaks out, Billy has to flee the city. Suddenly he realises that this is what his mum was preparing him for - not just to save his family, but to save the whole world.

#### **Twitch, M. G. Leonard (F LEO)**

Can a birdwatcher outwit an escaped convict? Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?

### **Show Us Who You Are, *Elle McNicoll*, (F MCN)**

When Cora's brother drags her along to his boss's house, she doesn't expect to strike up a friendship with Adrien, son of the intimidating CEO of Pomegranate Technologies. As she becomes part of Adrien's life, she is also drawn into the mysterious projects at Pomegranate. At first, she's intrigued by them - Pomegranate is using AI to recreate real people in hologram form. As she digs deeper, however, she uncovers darker secrets... Cora knows she must unravel their plans, but can she fight to make her voice heard, whilst never losing sight of herself?

### **The Other Side of Truth, *Beverley Naidoo* (F NAI)**

This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London, with their father promising to follow. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England as her children, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment.

### **When The War Came Home, *Lesley Parr* (F PAR)**

The First World War has ended, but it hasn't gone away. When Natty has to move to a new village, she meets two young soldiers who are still battling the effects of war. Huw can't forget the terrible things he's seen, but Johnny doesn't even remember who he is. As Natty tries to keep a secret and unravel a mystery, she finds her own way to fight for what she believes in - and learns that some things should never be forgotten ...

### **Daughter of The Deep, *Rick Riordan* (F RIO)**

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, renowned for producing the best marine scientists, naval warriors and underwater explorers in the world. But, unlike the other students, the water is personal for Ana. After losing both of her parents on a scientific expedition, her older brother Dev is now the only family she has. Ready to prove herself, Ana and her class are off to a top-secret weekend trial at sea. But, on the bus ride to the ship, Ana and her schoolmates witness a terrible tragedy that will change the trajectory of their lives forever.

### **Ways To Be Me, *Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott* (F SCO)**

Being in the top class at school means a whole host of privileges, but even better than that is the school production - and Tally is convinced she'll win the lead role. But at home, things aren't going so well. Mum and Dad have been making Tally feel pressured and upset, and Tally wishes things didn't bother her so much - but they do, and sometimes she feels so misunderstood and frustrated, she could explode. Then Tally's mum and dad tell her about something she's never heard about before. Something called autism. And everything changes.

### **The Summer We Turned Green, *William Sutcliffe* (F SUT)**

It's the summer holidays, and thirteen-year-old Luke's life has been turned upside down. First his older sister Rose moved 'across the road', where a community of climate rebels is protesting the planned airport expansion. Then his dad followed her. Dad only went to get Rose back, but now he's out there building totem poles, wearing sandals and drinking mead (whatever that is) with the best of them... Can Luke save his family when all they want to do is save the planet?

### **Wundersmith: The Calling Of Morrigan Crow, *Jessica Townsend* (F TOW)**

Frank Morrigan may have defeated her deadly curse, passed the dangerous trials and joined the mystical Wondrous Society, but her journey into Nevermoor and all its secrets has only just begun. And it's important to remember that not all magic is used for good ...

### **The Lightning Catcher, *Clare Weze* (F WEZ)**

Alfie has noticed a few things since his family moved to Folding Ford. He really misses life in the city. He and his sister don't exactly fit in here. But the most interesting one is that the weather is BONKERS. Armed with his bike, a notepad and his new best mate Sam, Alfie is going to investigate. When Alfie 'investigates' Mr Clemm's garden, he finds a strange box that freezes his trainers and makes his teeth tingle. And when he opens it, SOMETHING gets out. Something fast, fizzing and sparking with electricity and very, very much alive.....

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