

Recommended Books: Upper Years

This book list was created by author Megan Daley. We recommend teachers and parents take the time to review these titles, based on a student's individual reading abilities and requirements, prior to including them in a reading program.

Everything I've Never Said by Samantha Wheeler | family, disability, courage, diversity.

Sick Bay by Nova Weetman | school, friends, diabetes, diversity.

Murder Most Unladylike (series) by Robin Stevens | crime, mystery, boarding school, school, friends, teachers.

How to Bee by Bren MacDibble | sustainability, ecosystems, bees, family, friends, farming, urban/rural.

Bushfire by Sally Murphy | fire, rural fire service, family, friends, natural disasters.

The Little Wave by Pip Harry | verse novel, family, friends, school, grief, country vs city school, ocean.

Our Planet: The One Place We All Call Home by Matt Whyman | natural world, habitats, plants, creatures, hope, sustainability.

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee | modern-day fairytale, museum, mystery, intrigue, courage.

Catch a Falling Star by Meg McKinlay | family, friends, grief, space, space station, science.

His Name Was Walter by Emily Rodda | school, teachers, fantasy, historical, mystery.

Liars (series) by Jack Heath | action, thriller, mystery, crime, survival, lie-detector app.

Young Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe | Indigenous agriculture, Australian history, nature, natural world.

The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer | twins, family, crime, mystery, fantasy.

Ateban Cipher (series) by A.L. Tait | mystery, adventure, history, Middle Ages, fantasy.

The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan | dragons, fantasy, twins, childhood games, grandparents, adventure.

The Ratcatcher's Daughter by Pamela Rushby | historical fiction, plague, Brisbane, family, careers.

Though My Eyes series, various authors | contemporary war zones, contemporary natural disaster zones, young people, courage, empathy.

Ugly (younger readers edition) by Robert Hoge | memoir, non-fiction, disability, ability, family, friends, school.

My Life as an Alphabet by Barry Jonsberg | school, friends, diversity, difference, kindness.

On Track by Kathryn Apel | verse novel, siblings, sport, school, rivalry.