



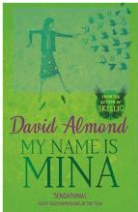

## Miss Bools and the Reading Ambassadors Recommended Reads!

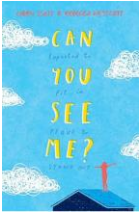
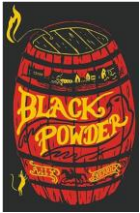
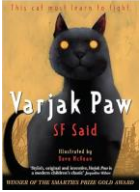


*"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."*

The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **fully** recommend to my class. They all fall into the 9-12 age range so would be perfect for Years 5 & 6. I already purchased and have read some of these books, so if you would like to borrow one, ask! Happy reading...

(Even though I loved reading some of these books, the books highlighted in grey are **HIGHLY** recommended!)

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	<b>My Name is Mina</b>	<b>David Almond</b>	<p>There's an empty notebook lying on the table in the moonlight. It's been there for an age. I keep on saying that I'll write a journal. So, I'll start right here, right now. I open the book and write the very first words: My name is Mina and I love the night. Then what shall I write? I can't just write that this happened then this happened then this happened to boring infinitum. I'll let my journal grow just like the mind does, just like a tree or a beast does, just like life does. Why should a book tell a tale in a dull straight line?</p> <p>And so Mina writes and writes in her notebook, and here is her journal, Mina's life in Mina's own words: her stories and dreams, experiences and thoughts, her scribbles and nonsense, poems and songs. Her vivid account of her vivid life.</p> <p>In this stunning book, David Almond revisits Mina before she has met Michael, before she has met Skellig.</p>
	<b>A Murder Most Unladylike</b>	<b>Robin Stevens</b>	<p>At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any real crimes to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)</p> <p>Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. To add to the mystery, when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place. Now Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .</p>

	<h2>Can You See Me?</h2>	<p><b>Libby Scott &amp; Rebecca Westcott</b></p>	<p>Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic.</p> <p>Tally's autism means there are things that bother her even though she wishes they didn't. It means that some people misunderstand her and feel frustrated by her.</p> <p>People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears - and notices - all of it.</p>
	<h2>Black Powder</h2>	<p><b>Ally Sherrick</b></p>	<p>England, 1605: 12-year-old Tom must save his father from hanging.</p> <p>He falls in with a mysterious stranger - the Falcon - who promises to help him in exchange for his service.</p> <p>But on the long journey to London, Tom discovers the Falcon's true mission - and a plot to blow up Parliament with barrels of black powder.</p> <p>Tom faces a terrible decision: secure his father's release, or stop the assassination of the king ...</p>
	<p>If you like stories about animals you might like... <b>Varjak Paw</b></p>	<p><b>S.F. Siad</b></p>	<p>This cat must learn to fight!</p> <p>Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten, who lives high up in an old house on a hill.</p> <p>He's never left home, until he receives a mysterious visit from his grandfather who tells him about The Way - a secret martial art for cats.</p> <p>Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all, the mysterious Vanishings.</p> <p>With stunning illustrations from acclaimed graphic artist Dave McKean, this award-winning story has become a modern classic. A celebration of friendship, loyalty and difference, Varjak Paw is an adventure like no other.</p>

*Other reading related activities that you could take part in could be:*

- Read a book written in the year you were born
- Read a newspaper article
- Read a comic or a graphic novel
- Read a book with a one-word title
- Read a book based on a true story
- Re-read your favourite book from when you were little