

Books presented by Bob Docherty to Year 8

WES **Night Vision**

Author: Ella West.

Summary: Viola was born with a genetic condition that makes sunlight deadly. In the dark of night, when most teenagers are tucked up in bed, Viola has the run of her parents' farm and the surrounding forest. She is used to seeing hidden things through her night-vision goggles, but one night she sees something that could get her into a whole lot of trouble. NZ Author

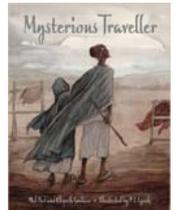


PEE/P **Mysterious Stranger**

Author: Mal Peet & Elspeth Graham. Illus. P.J. Lynch

Summary: An old guide, Issa, finds a camel buried by sand after a sand storm,

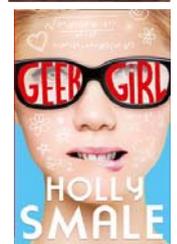
protecting a basket with a baby girl inside. Issa brings the girl up as his daughter before he goes blind. When strangers come they learn some surprising news.



SMA **Geek Girl**

Author: Holly Smale

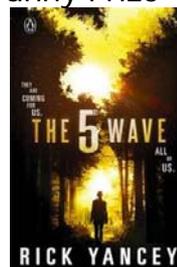
Summary: Harriet is a geek. She knows everything about many useless things but she does understand why nobody seems to like her. So when Harriet is spotted by a top model agent, she grabs the chance to reinvent herself. Shortlisted for Roald Dahl Funny Prize



RYA **The 5th Wave**

Author: Richard Yancey

Summary: The aliens have arrived and systematically eliminate humans from the planet. Cassie is a survivor. But for how long? A thrilling young adult epic.



WAL **Demon Dentist**

Author: David Walliams

Summary: Alfie doesn't brush his teeth and comes in contact with a tooth witch who wants all the teeth from all the children in town. Humour and horror from the most popular children's writer in Britain.



SCA **Gladiator**

Author: Simon Scarrow

Summary: Free from slavery, Marcus is determined to find and save his kidnapped mother. Meanwhile, his master Julius Caesar wants Marcus to help destroy the bands of rebel slaves... A perfect introduction to Roman history and gladiators for fans of Percy Jackson.



LER **Seven Wonders: The Colossus Rises**

Author: Peter Lerangis

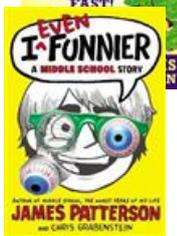
Summary: The old civilisation of Atlantis exists not only as an island but the power that made it strong exists in the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Jack and his friends too have special powers and are assigned to bring the power back to Atlantis. Book 1 in the series.



808 **Once Upon a Slime 45 Ways to get writing Fast**

Author: Andy Griffiths. Illus. Terry Denton

Summary. How did the authors come up with all their stories and how you can use their ideas to start writing yourself.



PAT I even funnier

Author: James Patterson

Summary: 13 years old Jamie has big dreams of being the best stand-up comic in the world - and he won't let the fact that he's wheelchair-bound get in his way.

ROD Deltora Quest

Author: Emily Rodda

Summary: The evil Shadow Lord has taken over the kingdom... and only three people can save it. Lief, Jasmine and Barda have nothing in common - and everything to lose. They must embark on a perilous quest to recapture the seven lost gems of the magic belt of Deltora.



GRE The Princess and the Foal

Author: Stacy Gregg

Summary: When Princess Haya is six, her father gives her a foal called Bree. Together they are a brilliant showjumping team. But in Jordan, women are not supposed to ride, let alone win! Based on a true story, by New Zealand author.



PRI Starters

Author: Lissa Price

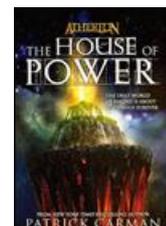
Summary: When the 'genocide spore' wipes out everyone except the very young and very old, orphans Callie and her little brother must live as squatters. To earn some money, Callie resolves to rent out her body to 'Enders' -the elderlies- who pay to be young again. But her renter committed murder while in her body...



CAR House of Power, Bk1 in Atherton series

Author: Patrick Carman

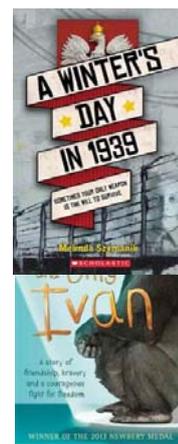
Summary: Atherton is a three tiered planet created as a refuge from a dying Earth. On the top, live the rulers. On the middle, humans live and cultivate while the lower tier is inhabited by monsters. When Edgar climbs to the forbidden top and the planet begins to collapse, the lives of its inhabitants will change forever!



SZY A winter's day in 1939

Author: Melinda Szymanik

Summary: Taken from his home in Poland and forced to leave his country, 12-year-old Adam and his family are transported to work in a labour camp in Russia. Ill-fed and poorly treated, Adam doubts they will ever make it out alive. Based on the author's own father's journey.



APP The one and only Ivan

Author: Katherine Applegate

Summary: Inspired by a true story, this is the beautifully written tale of how a mighty gorilla wins his freedom. A winning blend of humour and poignancy that will appeal to fans of Michael Morpurgo. Told from the gorilla's perspective.



PHE The Last Thirteen series

Author: James Phelan

Summary: The world is at threat from the forces of evil led by Solaris. Thirteen kids have the power to predict the future through their dreams. Can Solaris use this ability as a weapon? Thirteen titles series. Fast-paced action thriller.

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