

## Reading Suggestions for Year 7 and 8 Boys in BWS Library

### **Dominic Barker      Blart, The Boy Who Didn't Want to Save the World**

Wizard, Capablanca visits Blart with the news that humankind depends on him joining the wizard's quest. Reluctantly, Blart embarks on an epic venture stuffed with brilliant characters. First in a series of humorous and inventive tales.

### **John Boyne      The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**

In 1942 when Bruno moves from his house in Berlin to a remote house in the country he becomes friends with a boy who lives a very different life on the other side of a large fence.

### **Eoin Colfer      Artemis Fowl**

Twelve-year-old villain, Artemis Fowl, is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom.

### **Joe Craig      Jimmy Coates : Killer**

An eleven-year-old boy discovers he has strange powers, and a future that holds mystery, adventure - and death!

### **Chris D'Lacey      The Fire Within**

When David moves in with Liz and Lucy he discovers a collection of hand crafted, clay dragons that comes to life and has magical powers. David's personalized dragon, Gadzooks can forecast the future and inspires him to write a story which reveals the truth behind an unsolved mystery close to home.

### **Morris Gleitzman      Once**

Felix escapes from his orphanage in 1942 and sets off across Nazi occupied Poland on a journey to find his Jewish parents. A moving, simply told story.

### **M.G. Harris      Invisible City**

When his archaeologist father goes missing after an air crash in Mexico, Josh is caught up in a race to find the legendary Ix Codex - a lost book of the ancient Maya containing a prophecy about the end of the world...

### **Charlie Higson      Silverfin**

The first book in the Young Bond Series.

### **Anthony Horowitz      Stormbreaker**

They told him his uncle died in an accident. He wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. When Alex finds his uncle's windshield riddled with bullet holes though, he knows it was no accident. What he doesn't know yet is that his uncle was killed while on a top-secret mission.

### **Brian Jacques      Martin the Warrior**

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge, the evil, one-eyed rat warlord and his battle-hardened horde of predators.

### **Jeff Kinney      Diary of a Wimpy Kid**

Boys don't keep diaries - or do they?

An innovatively illustrated new series narrated by an unforgettable kid every family can relate to.

### **Derek Landy      Skulduggery Pleasant**

Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course) and dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie, a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out!

### **Catherine MacPhail      Nemesis : Into the Shadows**

Ram has no memory of who he is, his background or where he has come from. He awakes in a darkened corridor of a block of flats with no idea of how he has got there. A tense thriller that will have Ram discovering more and more about his background and identity in a series of four books.

### **Michael Morpurgo      War Horse**

A powerful story of the truest of friendships in the worst of wars.

### **William Nicholson      Seeker**

All his life Seeker has yearned to join the Nomana, warriors said to have magical powers. This was until the day he discovers that this 'noble' sect are perhaps not as noble as they seem. Seeker sets out to uncover the truth, whatever the cost.

**Garth Nix                      Sabriel**

Who will guard the living when the dead arise? Sabriel endures almost impossible challenges whilst discovering her own supernatural abilities ... and her destiny.

**Christopher Paolini      Eragon**

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.

**Philip Pullman              Northern Lights**

First in "His Dark Materials" trilogy this is a must-read and re-read for fantasy lovers of all ages. The bleak splendour of the frozen north where horrific experiments are taking place provides a memorable setting for the search Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon undertake for her missing friend Roger.

**Michele Paver              Wolf Brother**

Wolf Brother carries you back thousands of years to the ancient darkness of the Forest : to a world steeped in natural magic and elemental terror in which Torak's only ally is a wolf cub.

**Chris Ryan                  Flash Flood**

Ben is in London for the day. Suddenly his visit becomes a terrifying struggle to survive as the Barrier is overwhelmed and a torrent of water floods through the streets in an unstoppable deluge of destruction.

**Rick Riordan                Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**

Percy Jackson seemed a normal boy until he accidentally vaporised his maths teacher. Sent to Camp HalfBlood, a summer camp for demigods he learns that his father was Poseidon, God of the Seas and the quest starts to reach the gates of the Underworld and prevent a war between the Gods.

**Malcolm Rose              Framed**

Aged just sixteen, Luke is the youngest person ever to qualify as a Forensic Investigator. In his first case a student has mysteriously been shot dead with an arrow. An elusive killer is at large and all the evidence points to Luke himself.

**Louis Sachar                Small Steps**

A follow on to "Holes". Two years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is home and trying to turn his life around. It's hard when you have a record, and everyone expects the worst from you. The only person who believes in him is Ginny, his 10-year old disabled neighbour and together they are learning to take small steps in this funny and fast-paced adventure.

**Ali Sparkes                  The Shapeshifter : Finding the Fox**

Dax Jones is an ordinary schoolboy . . . until something extraordinary happens one day; he turns into a fox! Before long, both a government agent and an ambitious young journalist are on his tail.

**Jerry Spinelli              Loser**

Donald Zinkoff has a problem and it isn't just his name. His main problem is his happiness; his enthusiasm - particularly for school where he arrives early every day. His happiness leads to laughter - loud laughter. It gets him into trouble and it sometimes gives people the wrong impression. A touching and powerful book about the pull of individuality over the need to fit in...

**Jonathan Stroud            The Amulet of Samarkand**

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. A hilarious thriller set in a modern day London controlled by magicians.

**Mark Walden                H.I.V.E**

H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) is a top secret school of applied villainy where children with a precocious talent for wrongdoing are sent to develop their talents into criminal masterminds.

Many of these books are the first in a series.  
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