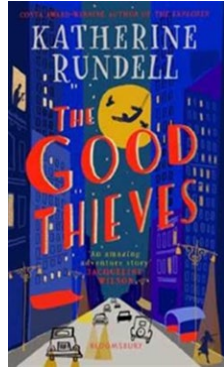


OCA SUMMER READS

Here are some book recommendations for you and your child to read to prepare for high school!



Vita and her mother have come from England to visit her grandfather in New York. It seems he has been cheated out of his home by a con-man with ties to the Mafia. Vita is outraged and formulates a plan to get justice for her grandfather, despite her physical limitations. When she joins forces with an acrobat, a pickpocket and a horse-whisperer, she is sure her scheme will work but nothing has quite prepared them for the dangers and challenges they will meet.



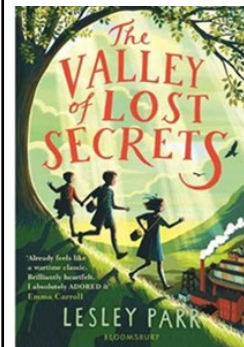
Hope is a socially aware 10-year-old who complains to the local supermarket about excessive packaging. She and her friend Harry, begin protesting for change and before long they're joined by lots of other kids – attracting lots of attention. Hope is ecstatic and she's finally invited to meet with the supermarket boss but will the meeting be enough to satisfy her ambition to save the world!



Young Herbert, lives and works at the Grand Nautilus Hotel. His job is to register lost things and try and find their owners. But his newest 'lost' item is rather different, a mysterious girl called Violet. Left at the hotel since tiny, after her parents mysteriously disappeared, Violet is determined to find out what happened to them but needs help. Following clues, things keep pointing towards the terrifying legend of the local sea monster!



Hector is a bully who doesn't really care about anyone, he likes to devote his time to being nasty to other kids and making them give him their sweets. When a number of London statues are mysteriously stolen, Hector is convinced the crimes have been carried out by homeless people led by a local homeless man Thomas. – No sooner has Hector reported him to the police, than he realises he's got it all horribly wrong!



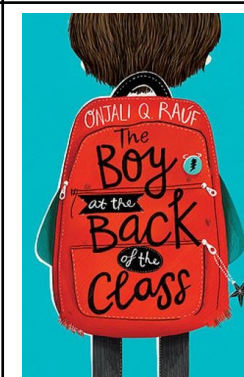
Jimmy and his little brother have been evacuated to a tiny village in Wales in WW2. After the hustle and bustle of London, it's a bit of a shock. Jimmy can't wait to get back home but when he finds a mysterious skull in a tree, he feels compelled to unravel its story. In a new village full of strangers, Jimmy has to be careful who he shares his secrets with, you never know who might be listening!



Queenie, a big fan of the world's most popular fizzy drink, when a bottle washes up on the beach near her house. She discovers the bottle is special, it contains the top-secret recipe for her favourite drink. This is priceless information that the big corporation wants back at any cost! Queenie is so scared of what might happen, she decides to go on the run. In hiding, she comes to realise a lot about the world and the threats it faces.



Daniel and Maxie are two ordinary boys at an ordinary primary school. They like crisps, football, playing in the woods and pretending to be zombies. One day, George, a new boy, joins their class and there's something a bit odd about him - did his ear really fall off in the middle of a lesson? As they get to know him better, they can't ignore the growing number of questions about who George really is - and the answers they find are more sinister than they could ever have imagined.



This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class). Through their sensitivity, curiosity, ingenuity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world.



One of the lovable things about *Wonder* (of which there are many!) are all the wonderful characters that populate Auggie's world. One such character is Julian's grandmother, Grandmère, and in R. J. Palacio's latest, Grandmère's powerful backstory unfolds in an immersive graphic novel. As a young Jewish girl in Nazi-occupied France, Grandmère's safety relied on the kindness and courage of others — a message that she passes on to Julian.