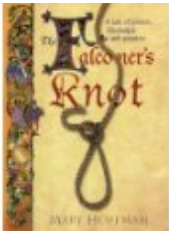





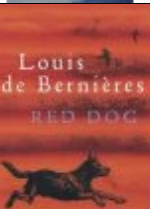
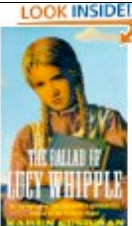

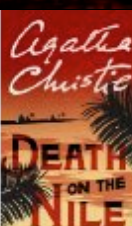



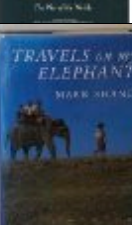


**St Hugh's English Department Advised Book List**  
**Year 8 List B**

	<b>Lorna Doone</b>	<b>R. D. Blackmore</b>
<p>Lorna Doone, a Romance of Exmoor is an historical novel of high adventure set in the South West of England during the turbulent time of Monmouth's rebellion (1685). It is also a moving love story told through the life of the young farmer John Ridd, as he grows to manhood determined to right the wrongs in his land, and to win the heart and hand of the beautiful Lorna Doone.</p>		
	<b>Kidnapped</b>	<b>R. L. Stevenson</b>
<p>Set in Scotland in 1751, Kidnapped remains one of the most exciting stories ever written. Young David Balfour, orphaned then betrayed by his Uncle Ebenezer, his so-called guardian, falls in with Alan Breck, the unscrupulous but heroic champion of the Jacobite cause.</p>		
	<b>My Family and Other Animals</b>	<b>Gerald Durrell</b>
<p>"Sometimes it's pretty hard to tell them apart... my family and the animals, that is. I don't know why my brothers and sisters complain so much. With snakes in the bath and scorpions on the lunch table, our house, on the island of Corfu, is a bit like a circus. So they should feel right at home..."</p>		
	<b>Animal Farm</b>	<b>George Orwell</b>
<p>George Orwell's fable of a worker's revolution gone wrong. Both an engaging story and powerful allegory, "Animal Farm" remains one of Orwell's most celebrated works.</p>		
	<b>Treasure Island</b>	<b>R. L. Stevenson</b>
<p>An absorbing tale of buccaneers, a map, a romantic quest for treasure, it is also the story of the brilliantly drawn Long John Silver.</p>		
	<b>The Starlight Conspiracy</b>	<b>Steve Voake</b>
<p>Alone and on the run from Social Services, 14-year-old Berry has nowhere to go. Until she meets an old man who entrusts her with a package containing a mysterious item that has unbelievable powers. It is a meeting that will change her life, for other people also want the item and will stop at nothing to get it...</p>		
	<b>The Sword in the Stone</b>	<b>T. H. White</b>
<p>The extraordinary story of a boy called Wart -- ignored by everyone except his tutor, Merlyn -- who goes on to become King Arthur.</p>		
	<b>Dagger in the Sky</b>	<b>Alan Gibbons</b>
<p>The luddites are rioting. Everywhere there is talk of rebellion. When machinery is brought to the local mill Jem knows where his loyalties lie, and soon he finds himself caught up in a conflict which might destroy him and his family for ever.</p>		

	<b>Falconer's Knot</b>	<b>Mary Hoffman</b>
<p>Silvano has been accused of a murder he did not commit. Chiara has been ousted out of her family as a young woman with no marriage prospects. For these two very different reasons they are forced to seek refuge in a convent and a friary. And when not just one murder - but another, and another, happens to both the friars and guests staying with them, Chiara and Silvano cling together within the terrifying spiral of murder as they and the friends they make attempt to solve the deadly mystery.</p>		
	<b>A Kid for Two Farthings</b>	<b>W. Mankowitz</b>
<p>Six year-old Joe knows a unicorn when he sees one. His downstairs neighbour Mr Kandinsky has told him all about these mythical creatures, and there isn't anything in the world that this wise tailor doesn't know. So when Joe sees a little white goat amidst the singing birds, salted herrings and hokey-pokey ices of a Whitechapel market he has to have him. He knows it's just a matter of time before the tiny bump on the unicorn's head becomes the magic horn to grant his every wish.</p>		
	<b>The Frozen Waterfall</b>	<b>Gaye Hicyilmaz</b>
<p>Selda feels completely uprooted when she moves with her mother and sisters from Turkey to live with her father in Switzerland. At school, she can neither understand the language nor the lifestyle of the people around her. But Selda is a fighter. Her independence and strength of spirit gain her an unlikely set of friends, and she finds herself forced to make a decision between her old life and a new beginning.</p>		
	<b>The Wheel of Surya trilogy</b>	<b>Jamila Gavin</b>
<p>In the first book, an Indian brother and sister are separated from their mother and home. Their only hope of survival is to find their father in England. But England isn't the refuge they expect.</p>		
	<b>Chinese Cinderella</b>	<b>Adeline Yen Mah</b>
<p>Non-fiction. Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her. They discriminate against her and make her feel unwanted yet she yearns and continuously strives for her parents' love.</p>		
	<b>Kit's Wilderness</b>	<b>David Almond</b>
<p>When Kit moves to Stoneygate--a once thriving mining village haunted by a long-ago tragedy which killed 117 children--he is befriended by the wretched, sullen John Askew, a boy whose very soul has been fractured by his violent upbringing. As Kit's grieving grandfather begins to lose his grip on life, Kit is irresistibly drawn into a treacherous game played for the highest of stakes.</p>		
	<b>The Thief Lord</b>	<b>Cornelia Funke</b>
<p>Two orphaned children are on the run in Venice. Befriended by a gang of street children and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord, they shelter in an old, disused cinema. On their trail is a bungling detective, obsessed with disguises and the health of his pet tortoises. But a greater threat to the boys' new-found freedom is something from a forgotten past - a beautiful magical treasure with the power to spin time itself.</p>		
	<b>Red Dog</b>	<b>Louis de Bernieres</b>
<p>The true story of a dog who befriended a good part of Australia and who was memorialised with a bronze statue.</p>		

	<b>The Ballad of Lucy Whipple</b>	<b>Karen Kuchman</b>
<p>California Whipple hates her name, but she hates the place she's named after even more. She never wanted to leave Massachusetts and travel to this rough land. Now California has only two aims in the world. To change her name, and to find her way home. Somehow, she will achieve both.</p>		
	<b>Plague</b>	<b>Jean Ure</b>
<p>Almost overnight a plague has wiped out the population of England. The only survivors seem to be three very different teenagers. Together they must come to terms with the man-made devastation around them. Fran, Harriet and Shahid have the power to rebuild society, but do they have the courage?</p>		
	<b>Death on the Nile</b>	<b>Agatha Christie</b>
<p>The tranquillity of a cruise along the Nile is shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway has been shot through the head. She was young, stylish and beautiful, a girl who had everything -- until she lost her life. Agatha Christie's most exotic murder mystery.</p>		
	<b>Coram Boy</b>	<b>Jamila Gavin</b>
<p>Coram Boy is a glorious web of changing fortunes and subtle intrigues. There is tragedy and corruption, hope and evil. Sometimes brutal and sometimes unceasingly bleak, the genre of historical fiction has rarely been this good.</p>		
	<b>Thursday's Child</b>	<b>Sonya Harnett</b>
<p>James Augustin Barnabas Flute was born on a Thursday and so fated to his wanderings...During the long, hungry years of the Great Depression, Harper Flute's family struggles to cope with life on the hot, dusty land. Her younger brother Tin seeks refuge in the contrast of an ancient subterranean world. A world that nurtures but - as disturbing events in the community reveal - can also kill.</p>		
	<b>War of the Worlds</b>	<b>H. G. Wells</b>
<p>The night after a shooting star is seen streaking through the sky from Mars, a cylinder is discovered on Horsell Common in London. At first, naïve locals approach the cylinder armed just with a white flag – only to be quickly killed by an all-destroying heat-ray, as terrifying tentacled invaders emerge.</p>		
	<b>Travel on my Elephant</b>	<b>Mark Shand</b>
<p>For Mark Shand, there is no better way to see India than from the howdah of an Indian elephant. Before he set off on his 1000 kilometre journey, Tara was a scrawny 33-year-old begging elephant and by the time they reached the Sonapur Mela (the world's oldest elephant market) she had been transformed through tender loving care into a star attraction...</p>		