
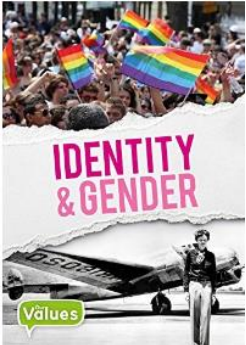
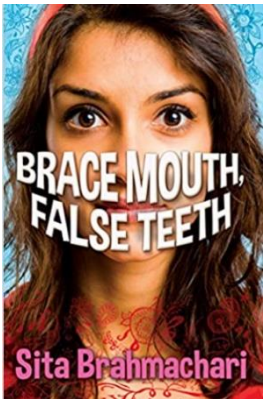
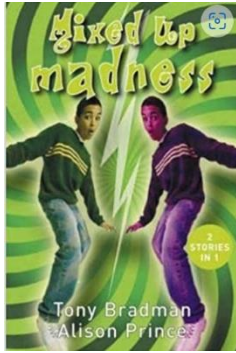


## Identity Reading List

All of these books are available in the school library.

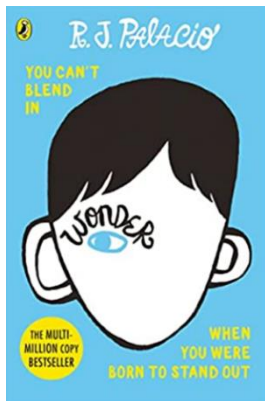
		Find in:
	<p><b>LGBT Matters by Matt Aniss</b></p> <p>A look at what being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender means in 21<sup>st</sup>-century Britain. This book provides an introduction to changing attitudes towards LGBT individuals. Interviews and case studies are used to give a personal insight into LGBT experiences such as 'coming out', gender realignment, gay marriage and LGBT families.</p>	<p>Society and Mental Health</p>
	<p><b>Identity and Gender (Our Values series)</b></p> <p>An introduction to issues of identity and gender. These days we believe that people have the right to decide who they want to be and how they want to live, but it hasn't always been that way. This book explores how we can respect people's rights and try to make things fair for everyone.</p>	<p>Society and Mental Health</p>
	<p><b>Brace Mouth, False Teeth</b></p> <p>A heart-warming tale of wit, warmth, friendship and self-confidence. Zeni's week goes from bad to worse when she is fitted for braces and then sent to Magnolia Gardens Care Home for her Work Experience placement. But then Zeni meets Alice, an old lady with a story to tell and some lost false teeth to find. As Zeni takes on the challenge of finding the missing teeth, an unexpected friendship grows between the pair.</p>	<p>Quick Reads – Dyslexia Friendly</p>



### Mixed up Madness

Two stories about identity in one book!  
In 'The Two Jacks', a new teacher mixes up Jack the perfect pupil and Jack the naughty boy, with surprising results.  
In 'Screw Loose', Roddy sees his school in a new way when he suddenly becomes the Head!

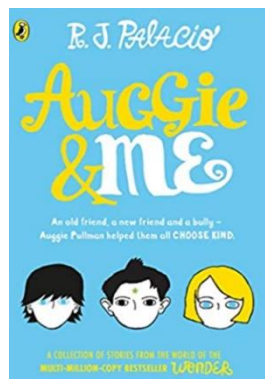
Quick Reads –  
Dyslexia  
Friendly



### Wonder

'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'  
Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. This heart-warming book was made into a popular film in 2017.

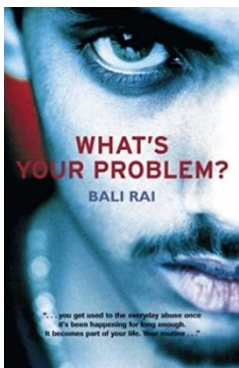
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### Auggie & Me

If you enjoyed *Wonder*, give *Auggie and Me* a try!  
Discover a new side to Julian, Christopher and Charlotte as they each tell their own story. These three stories are heart-breaking, surprising, funny and hopeful. Just like *Wonder*, *Auggie & Me* will make you laugh, cry and try to choose kind.

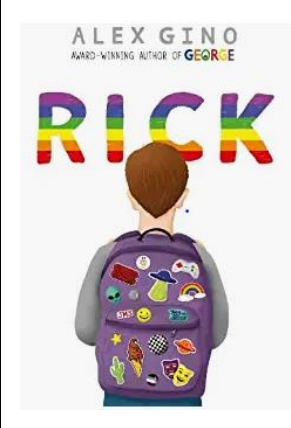
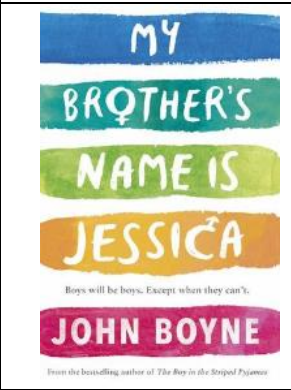
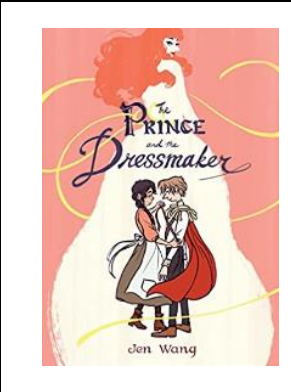
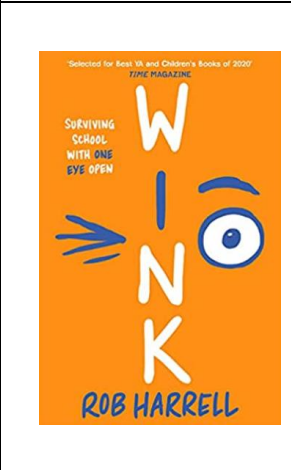
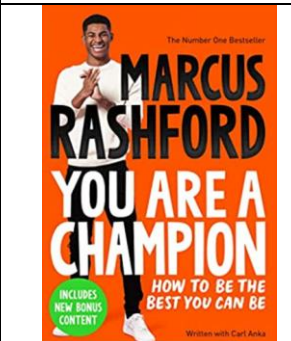
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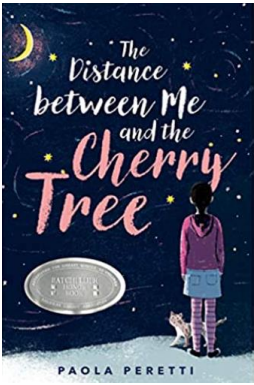


### What's Your Problem?

Jaspal is a city boy and life in a village just isn't for him. After moving from Leicester to a small village, he's the only Asian teenager around. When the insults begin, Jaspal's dad tells him that things will be OK - but the racism just gets worse. Soon it becomes clear that things will never get better. Jaspal's life will never be the same again...

Quick Reads –  
Dyslexia  
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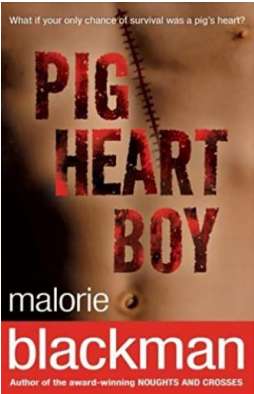
	<p><b>Rick</b></p> <p>Rick has never questioned much. He's tagged along with his best friend Jeff, even when Jeff's acted like a bully. He's let his Dad joke with him about girls, even though it makes him feel uncomfortable. Everyone around him seems to think that they've figured him out, but Rick hasn't given his own identity much thought. With the help of his new friends at the Rainbow Spectrum club, Rick embarks on a journey to find out who he truly is.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>My Brother's Name is Jessica by John Boyne</b></p> <p>What do you do when your brother says he's not your brother at all? That he's actually your sister? Sam doesn't understand why his brother, Jason, who is kind, popular and amazing at football, has to turn their lives upside-down.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang</b></p> <p>Prince Sebastian is looking for a bride – or rather, his parents are looking for one for him. Sebastian is too busy hiding his secret life from everyone. At night he puts on daring dresses, designed by his friend Frances, the dressmaker, and he becomes Lady Crystallia, the hottest fashion icon in Paris. A stylish modern fairytale.</p>	<p>Graphic Novels and Comics</p>
	<p><b>Wink</b></p> <p>Ross Molloy just wants to be normal. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to 'the cancer kid'. But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, simply blending in is no longer an option. Ross – and his friends and his family – all need to work out how to deal with this devastating challenge that Life has thrown down. Maybe Batpig can come to the rescue?</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p><b>You are a Champion</b></p> <p>You Are a Champion is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice and top tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner. It will show you how to be the very BEST that you can be.</p>	<p>Society and Mental Health</p>



### The Distance between me and the Cherry Tree

There are a lot of things ten-year-old Mafalda cares a lot about. Like, counting the stars in the night sky, playing soccer, and climbing the cherry tree outside her school. Mafalda even goes so far as to keep a list of all these things, because soon she won't be able to do them anymore--because she's going blind.

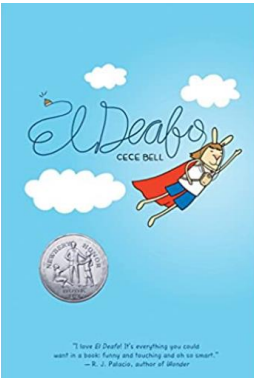
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### Pig Heart Boy

Cameron is thirteen, but his life is far from normal – he desperately needs a new heart. Finally, one doctor offers hope. Cameron could take part in a radical and controversial procedure involving the transplant of a pig's heart into his human body. But it's never been done before... While Cameron comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him is much less accepting. But surely everyone will understand that it's better to have a pig's heart that works than a human heart that doesn't - won't they...?

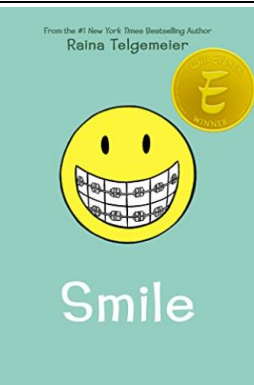
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### El Deafo

El Deafo is a funny, honest graphic novel memoir. It describes the author's hearing loss at a young age and her experiences with a powerful and very awkward hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. Cece really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her. Finally, she learns to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.

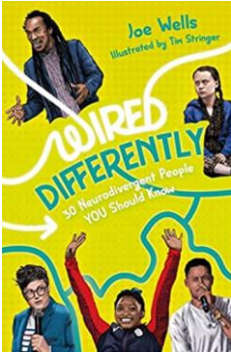
Graphic Novel



### Smile

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

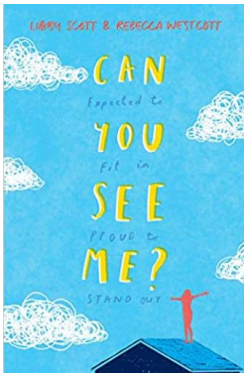
Graphic Novel



### Wired Differently

This collection of illustrated mini-biographies celebrates the lives of influential neuro-divergent figures who have achieved amazing things in recent times. Showcasing 30 incredible people, these extraordinary stories show the things they've achieved, created and inspired not despite being different but because they are different.

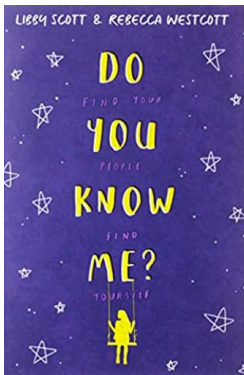
Society and Mental Health



### Can you see me?

Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. 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. 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.

Realistic/  
Contemporary Fiction



### Do you know me?

Tally is autistic and proud. She used to feel like she had to hide her autism, but now Tally is determined to make sure people see who she really is. But now Tally has a new worry - her school trip. And that means new places, new people and new challenges.

Realistic/  
Contemporary Fiction



### Short

Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer she'll realize how big she is inside, where it counts. This is the summer she gets cast as a munchkin in a production of The Wizard of Oz. As Julia becomes friendly with Olive, an adult with dwarfism who doesn't let her size define her, and with a deeply artistic neighbour named Mrs. Chang, she finds that she may not be as tall as everyone else, but she more than deserves to hold her head high.

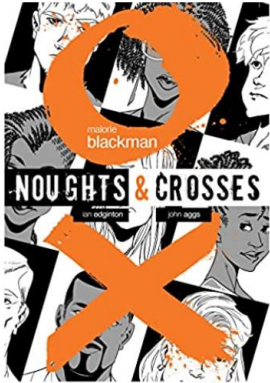
Realistic/  
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### Stargirl

Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out--under any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes--for Leo and for the entire school. *Stargirl* celebrates being true to ourselves and the thrill of first love.

Realistic/  
Contemporary  
Fiction



### Noughts & Crosses – Graphic Novel

Callum is a Nought - an inferior white citizen in a society controlled by the black Crosses. Sephy is a Cross - and the daughter of one of the most powerful, ruthless men in the country. In their hostile, violent world, Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. But when Sephy and Callum's childhood friendship grows into love, they're determined to find a way to be together.

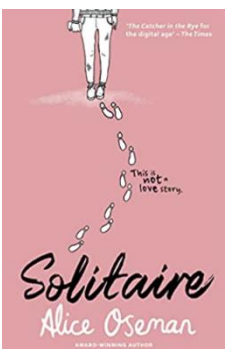
Graphic Novel



### One

Grace and Tippi don't like being stared and sneered at, but they're used to it. They're conjoined twins - united in blood and bone. What they want is to be looked at in turn, like they truly are two people. They want real friends. And what about love? But a heart-wrenching decision lies ahead for Tippi and Grace. One that could change their lives more than they ever asked for...

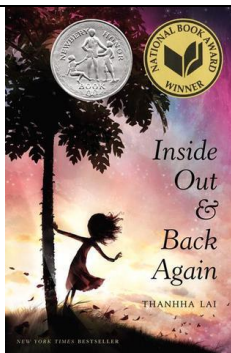
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### Solitaire

My name is Tori Spring. I love to sleep and blog. Last year — before all that stuff with Charlie and before I had to deal with the harsh reality of A-levels and the fact that I actually have to start talking to people one day — I had friends. Things were very different I think, but it's all over now. Now there's Solitaire. And Michael Holden. I don't know what Solitaire are trying to do, and I don't care about Michael Holden. I really don't.

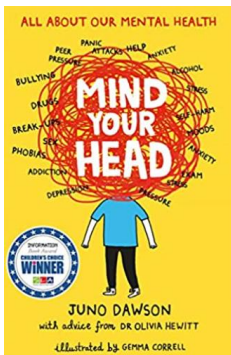
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**Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai**

This touching verse novel is based on the experience of the author during the Vietnam War. Through the eyes of 10-year-old Hà, it describes the changes to her family's life in Vietnam, their escape to America, and her gradual adjustment to her new life.

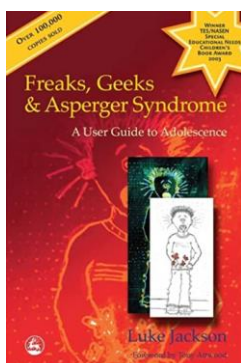
Historical Fiction



**Mind Your Head**

We all need to take care of our mental health as much as we need to take care of our physical health, and the first step is being able to talk about it. Juno Dawson leads the way with this frank, factual and funny book, with added information and support from clinical psychologist Dr Olivia Hewitt. Covering topics from anxiety and depression to addiction, self-harm and personality disorders, Juno and Olivia discuss a range of issues facing young people's mental health and how to manage them.

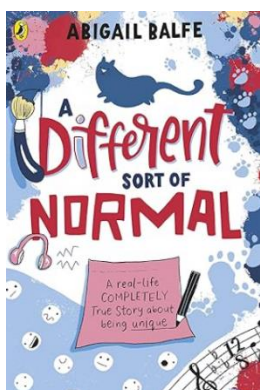
Society and Mental Health



**Freaks, Geeks and Asperger Syndrome**

Have you ever been called a freak or a geek? Have you ever felt like one? Luke Jackson is 13 years old and has Asperger Syndrome. Over the years Luke has learned to laugh at such names but there are other aspects of life which are more difficult. Adolescence and the teenage years are a minefield of emotions, transitions and decisions and when a child has Asperger Syndrome, the result is often explosive.

Society and Mental Health



**A Different Sort of Normal by Abigail Balfe**

This is my true story of growing up in the confusing 'normal' world, all the while missing some Very Important Information about myself. There'll be scary moments involving toilets and crowded trains, heart-warming tales of cats and pianos, and funny memories including my dad and a mysterious tub of ice cream. Along the way you'll also find some Very Crucial Information about autism.

If you've ever felt different, out of place, like you don't fit in . . . this book is for you.

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