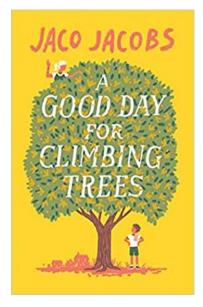


## **Year 7 Tutor Time Readers**



## A good day for climbing trees - Jaco Jacobs

## Two unlikely heroes inspire a whole town by fighting to save a tree

Sometimes, in the blink of an eye, you do something that changes your life forever.

Like climbing a tree with a girl you don't know.

Marnus is tired of feeling invisible, living in the shadow of his two brothers.

His older brother is good at breaking swimming records and girls' hearts. His younger brother is already a crafty entrepreneur who has tricked him into doing the dishes all summer.

But when a girl called Leila turns up on their doorstep one morning with a petition, it's the start of an unexpected adventure.

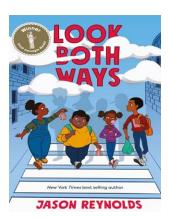
And finally, Marnus gets the chance to be noticed...



#### The Great (food) Bank Heist - Onjali Q. Rauf

The Great (Food) Bank Heist is a moving story that gives a child's-eye view of the increasing problem of food poverty.

On Thursdays, Nelson, Ashley and Mum head out to the bank. But not just any old bank – the food bank. With its shining tins and packets of food stacked from floor to ceiling, Nelson thinks it's the best kind of bank there is. But there's a thief in town, and the shelves of the food bank are getting emptier each day, leaving people hungrier than ever. For the sake of his family and everyone else's, Nelson needs to make them stop. But can he and his friends really be the ones to catch the bank robber?



#### Look both ways - Jason Reynolds

When the bell rings and school is finished for the day, the walkers are finally set free. For ten blocks they have no-one telling them what to do; they can talk about bogies, skateboard, plan dramatic escapes, make jokes, face bullies, and hear about the school bus that fell from the sky... In ten stories (one per block), find out what really happens on the walk home from school,

when there are no parents or teachers to supervise (or stop the fun!). From hilarious escapades to brave challenges, join the walkers for one journey and many, many detours...

# **Year 8 Tutor Time Reading Books**



## Can you see me? - Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott

With diary entries written by eleven-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism, this pioneering book, written in collaboration with esteemed author Rebecca Westcott, has been widely praised for its realistic portrayal of autism.

Tally is **eleven years old** and she's **just** like her friends. Well, **sometimes** she is. If she tries **really hard** to be. Because there's something that makes Tally **not** the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter **how** hard she tries: Tally is **autistic**.

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**.

And, honestly? That's not the easiest thing to live with.



## The Explorer - Katherine Rundell

Fred awoke to find that a snake was watching him and that there was an aeroplane in the trees. It was on fire. Being on fire was a quality it shared with much of the surrounding jungle.

After crashing hundreds of miles from civilisation in the Amazon rainforest, Fred, Con, Lila and Max are utterly alone and in grave danger. They have no food, no water and no chance of being rescued. But they are alive, and they have hope.

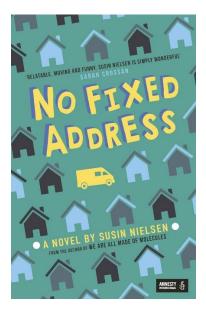
As they negotiate the wild jungle, they begin to find signs that something - someone - has been there before them. Could there possibly be a way out after all?



## **Not My Fault - Cath Howe**

Maya and Rose won't talk to each other. Even though they are sisters. Not since the accident. Maya is running wild, and Rose doesn't know what to do. Now Maya and Rose have to go away together on a week-long school journey. But will the trip - and a life-threatening adventure - fix their relationship... or break it for good? A beautiful story of family, forgiveness, and finding out who you are.

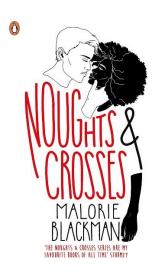
# **Year 9 Tutor Time Reading Books**



#### No Fixed Address - Susin Nielsen

Felix Knutsson is nearly thirteen, lives with his mother and pet gerbil Horatio, and is brilliant at memorising facts and trivia. But Felix and his mom Astrid have a secret: they are living in a van. Astrid promises it's only for a while until she finds a new job, and begs Felix not to breathe a word about it. So when Felix starts at a new school, he does his very best to hide the fact that most of his clothes are in storage, he only showers weekly at the community centre, and that he doesn't have enough to eat. When his friends Dylan and Winnie ask to visit, Felix always has an excuse.

But Felix has a plan to turn his and Astrid's lives around. All he needs is a little luck and a lot of brain power . . .



## **Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman**

Sephy is a Cross – a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought – a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Until the first steps are taken towards more social equality and a limited number of Noughts are allowed into Cross schools... Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum – a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger...

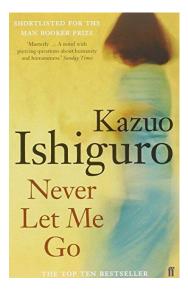


#### The Blue Book Of Nebo - Manon Steffan Ros

A multi-award winner when published in Welsh, this is a YA novel from an exceptionally talented author, which explores the human capacity to find new strengths when faced with the need to survive.

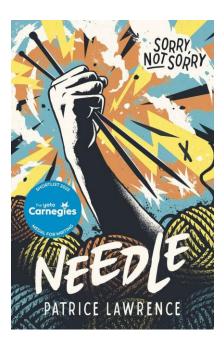
Dylan was six when The End came, back in 2018: when the electricity went off for good, and the normal 21st-century world he knew disappeared. Now 14, he and his mam have survived in their isolated hilltop house above the village of Nebo in north-west Wales by learning new skills and returning to old ways of living. However, despite their close understanding, the relationship between mother and son changes subtly as Dylan has to take on adult responsibilities. And they each have their own secrets - which emerge as they take it in turns to jot down their thoughts and memories in a found notebook – the Blue Book of Nebo.

# **Year 10 Tutor Time Readers**



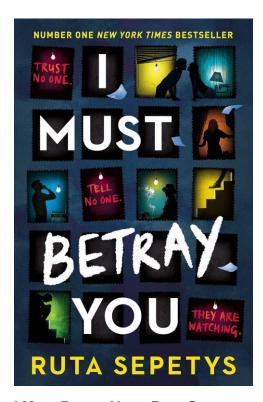
## Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro

Kazuo Ishiguro imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewed version of contemporary England. Narrated by Kathy, now thirty-one, *Never Let Me Go* dramatises her attempts to come to terms with her childhood at the seemingly idyllic Hailsham School and with the fate that has always awaited her and her closest friends in the wider world. A story of love, friendship and memory, *Never Let Me Go* is charged throughout with a sense of the fragility of life.



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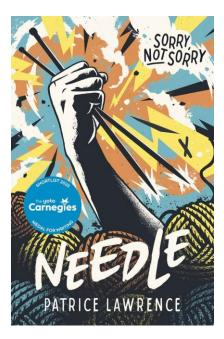


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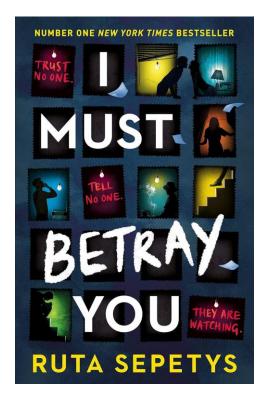
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