

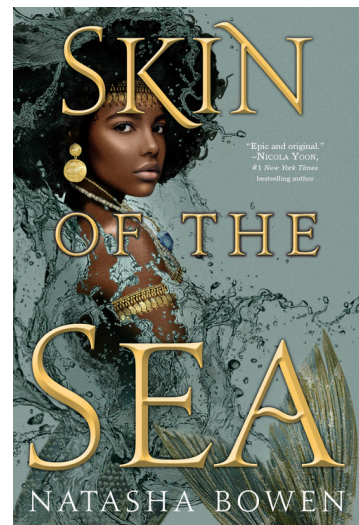
LWC 2023 Recommended Reads

3rd Form



Hollow Fires - Samira Ahmed

Safiya, the daughter of Muslim Indian immigrants, is determined to become a journalist. Her school newspaper is hacked and she is sent threatening texts. She begins to investigate why the police are not doing more to investigate this, and also the alleged kidnapping of a young Iraqi refugee, Jawad. She begins hearing whispers and is convinced she is being haunted by Jawad and that he is guiding her investigation. This powerful story is incredibly current and important in the issues it addresses.



Skin of the Sea - Natasha Bowen

Simidele is a Mami Wata - a mermaid who collects the souls of those who die at sea. However, when she finds Adekola, a boy thrown into the sea from a slave ship, she saves his life rather than waiting for him to die. Breaking the rules like this puts all Mami Wata in danger and Simi must find a way to summon the Supreme Creator and ask for forgiveness. Her quest takes her back to West Africa where she may also discover the truth about her own life, in a flawless blend of adventure, mythology and history.



Fin & Rye and Fireflies - Harry Cook

Shamed and outed for being gay, Fin and his parents relocate as they hope to cure him of his unnatural thoughts. In his new town, Fin finds a new group of friends, bubbly and brave Poppy, June, the first trans girl in town, and Fin's new crush Rye. When Fin's parents discover this crush, their homophobia reaches a tipping point, and they send him away to conversion therapy. A truly heartwarming romance with sensitive subjects covered beautifully.





The Agathas- Kathleen Glasgow

Alice is obsessed with Agatha Christie novels and when her ex best friend is found dead she decides to see just how good her detective skills are. There is plenty of intrigue and twists and turns as this mystery uncovers false identities, police corruption and unlikely friendships. For all budding detectives and any Agatha Christie fans this whodunnit will keep the reader guessing until the end



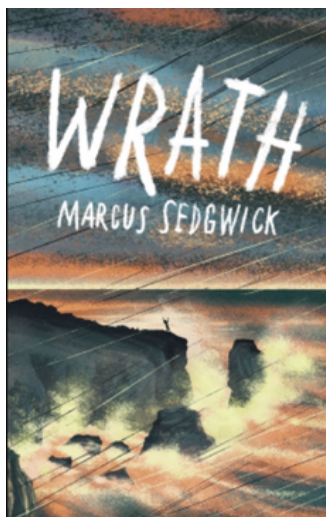
The Cats We Meet Along the Way - Nadia Mikail

What would you do if the world was ending? Aisha's life changed forever when world leaders made the announcement. What matters most now is ensuring no one is alone at the end – including a stray cat named Fleabag & her estranged sister June. As Aisha, her mother & her boyfriend and his parents set off on a road trip through Malaysia to find June, they reflect on their lives thus far and the future that they will never have. Hopeful and reflective.



The Blue Book of Nebo - Manon Steffan Ros

Dylan, his mother, and his baby sister have survived alone in the postapocalyptic world for the past 8 years. In an empty blue notebook they found, they write their truths. Dylan documents their present while Rowenna explores the past from the beginning of The End to the hopeful future. A clear and honest look at society, culture, and humanity's strength to survive.



Wrath - Marcus Sedgwick

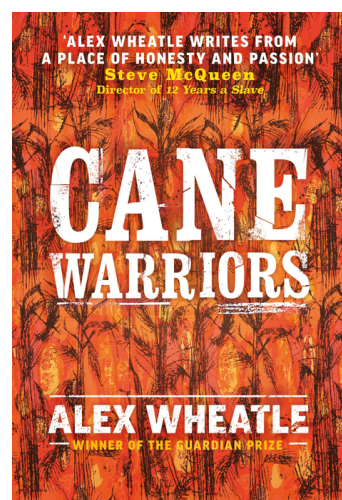
Cassie has disappeared and Fitz is determined to find her. They both have never really fit in and when Cassie began hearing a loud hum, her peers started to bully her even more as she was certain the sound was the Earth hurting from destruction caused by humans. An intricate tale filled with memories against the backdrop of Lockdown that led Cassie to go missing and Fitz to search for her.





You, me and Our Heartstrings

Two musicians, Noah (cello prodigy) and Daisy (violinist with cerebral palsy), must perform a duet in a school concert as they prepare to audition for a prestigious music school. The concert goes viral, but fame is hard to deal with: Daisy is fed up of being defined by her disability and the attention causes Noah's anxiety to escalate. Will they be able to overcome their difficulties and differences and succeed in achieving their dreams?



Cane Warriors - Alex Wheatle

A brilliant, vivid and brutal account of Tacky's War, an uprising of enslaved men in Jamaica in 1760. Told through the eyes of Moa, a 14-year-old boy who joins the men to rise against their oppressors. Men who are determined to escape the brutality and shackles of slavery, whatever the cost. Absolutely compelling.



A Single Thread of Moonlight - Laura Wood

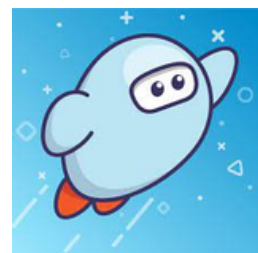
Gripping Cinderella tale of revenge and romance. Set in Victorian England with a strong heroine who is not afraid to take destiny into her own hands. Iris Grey runs away from her stepmother after her father dies and when the opportunity for revenge comes along a few years later, she decides that she is going to find out the truth.



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