

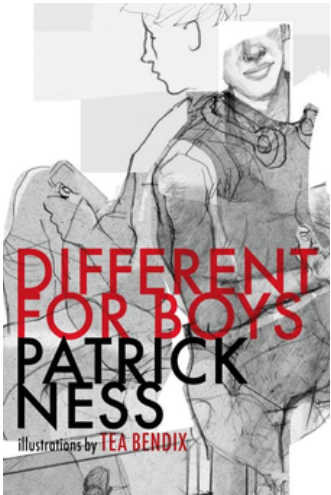
LWC 2023 Recommended Reads

6th Form



Different for Boys - Patrick Ness

Ant Stevenson has many questions, like are there degrees of virginity? And is it different for boys? Especially for boys who like boys? Ant tries to figure it out as he balances his relationships with three very different boys: Charlie, who is both virulently homophobic and yet close friends with Ant; Jack, whose camp behaviour makes him the target of Charlie's rage; and finally Freddie, who just wants Ant to try out for the rugby team.



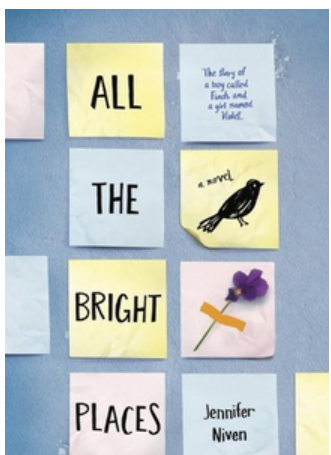
The Great Godden - Meg Rosoff

This is the story of one family, one dreamy summer – the summer when everything changes. Our narrator's brother and sisters, parents and older cousins fill hot days with wine and games and planning a wedding. Enter two brothers – irresistible, charming, languidly sexy Kit and surly, silent Hugo. Suddenly there's a serpent in this paradise – and the consequences will be devastating.



All the Bright Places - Jennifer Niven

Theodore Finch is fascinated by death, and he constantly thinks of ways he might kill himself. Each time, something good, no matter how small, stops him. Violet Markey lives for the future, counting the days until graduation, when she can escape her Indiana town and her aching grief in the wake of her sister's recent death. The Fault in Our Stars meets Eleanor and Park in this exhilarating and heart-wrenching love story about a girl who learns to live from a boy who intends to die.



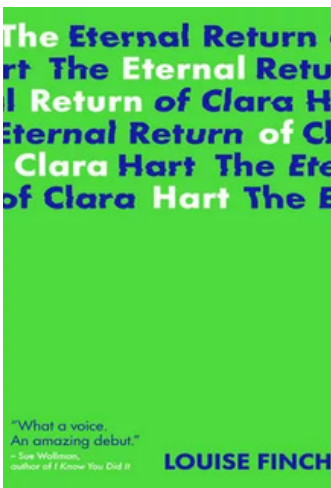
Something Terrible Happened Last Night - Sam Blake



It's Katie's 17th birthday – the dancefloor is packed, the drink is flowing and Rave-fest, the Raven's Hill School confession site, is alight with gossip. Then a huge fight breaks out, sending guests fleeing. When Frankie, Jess and Sorcha go back to help Katie clear up her wrecked house before her parents get home, they find more than broken bottles... There's a body on the living room floor.



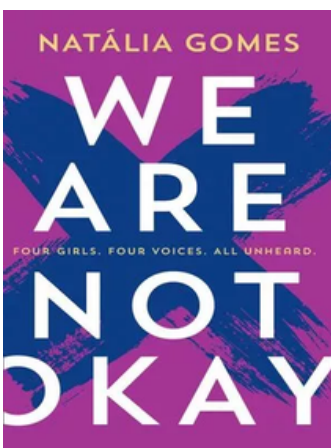
The Eternal Return of Clara Hart - Lousie Finch



Spence and Anthony have been friends for years, but it's only when he witnesses a classmate die in what looks like a tragic accident at a house party that Spence 'sees' Anthony for the first time. When Spence wakes up to the same day again and sees Clara, the girl who died, alive and well, it's clear he's been granted a second chance. And a third. Caught in a loop, Spence tries to prevent the terrible events of the party. Carnegie prize 2023 shortlisted.



We Are Not Okay - Natalia Gomes



Lucy thinks she's better than the other girls. Ulana comes from a conservative Muslim family where reputation is everything. Trina likes to party. Sophia loved her boyfriend.

A powerful novel about what happens when girls are silenced. If only they could have spoken out.



The Black Queen - Jumata Emill

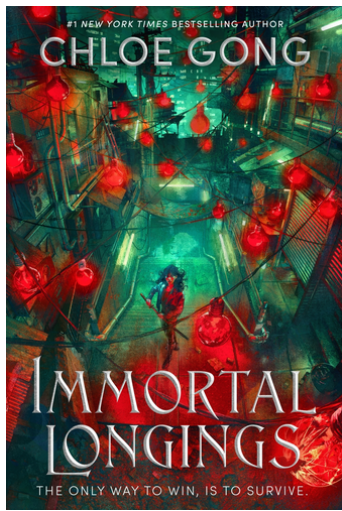


Nova Albright, the first Black homecoming queen at Lovett High, is murdered the night of her coronation. Tinsley McArthur was supposed to be queen. Not only is she beautiful, wealthy, and white, it's her legacy—her grandmother, her mother, and even her sister wore the crown before her. Everyone in Lovett knows Tinsley would do anything to carry on the McArthur tradition. Thrilling read perfect for fans of One of us is Lying.



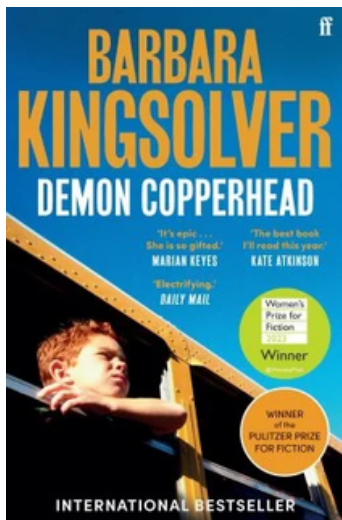
Night Birds - Kate J Armstrong

Politics, secrets, and magic collide in this breathtaking fantasy novel about four teenage girls with enchanted kisses. They're heavily protected and have their entire futures mapped out for them by the government. But when the girls uncover a deadly conspiracy, they will stop at nothing to expose it and gain their freedom.



Immortal Longings - Chloe Gong

Chloe Gong's adult epic fantasy debut, inspired by Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra, is a fiery collision of power plays, spilled blood, and romance amidst a set of deadly games. Every year, thousands in the kingdom will flock to its capital, where the palace hosts a set of games. For those confident enough in their ability to jump between bodies, competitors fight to the death to win unimaginable riches.



Demon Copperhead - Barbara Kingsolver

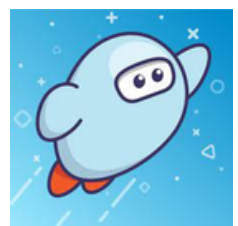
Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, a boy is born to a teenage single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. He braves the modern perils of foster care, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.



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