



VASANT VALLEY SCHOOL
READING LIST
CLASSES 8-9

हिंदी

1. भीष्म की डायरी - मीना काकोडकर
2. पदक - बिभूति भूषण बंदोपाध्याय
3. फ़ौलादी इरादे-सुकानी
4. कफ़र्यू - मनोज
5. हवेली का रहस्य (सुकीर्ति भटनागर)
6. सत्य के प्रयोग - मोहनदास करमचंद गांधी
7. मेरी जीवन यात्रा(डॉ.ए.पी.जे. कलाम)
8. गीदड़ का सपना(जाहनवी प्रकाशन)
9. पत्ता और ढेला(शकुन)
10. शरदचन्द्र की श्रेष्ठ कहानियाँ(शरदचन्द्र चट्टोपाध्याय)
11. बचपन की कहानियाँ(शरदचन्द्र चट्टोपाध्याय)
12. लौट आओ तुम(पुष्पा सक्सेना)
13. पाँच लम्बी कहानियाँ(शरदचन्द्र)
14. अमिताभ का खजाना(अमिताभ)
15. हम नहीं सुधरेंगे (श्रीनिवास जोशी लघु नाटक)
16. ऊना: पहाड़ों की बेटी (जसजीत सिंह)
17. रवीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर के नाटक (भाग 1)



18. महाश्वेता (सुधा मूर्ति)
19. दस प्रतिनिधि कहानियाँ (विष्णु प्रभाकर)
20. जयशंकर प्रसाद की यादगार कहानियाँ (हिन्द पॉकेट बुक्स)
21. क्या भूलूँ क्या याद करूँ (हरिवंश राय बच्चन)
22. बोल री कठपुतली (मालती जोशी)
23. भारत के रत्न खिलाड़ी (योगिराज थानी)
24. तेजस्वी मन- महाशक्ति भारत की नींव (ए०पी०जे० अबदुल कलाम)
25. अमृत संचय (महादेवी वर्मा की दस श्रेष्ठ कहानियाँ)
26. वोल्गा से गंगा (राहुल सांकृत्यायन)
27. 'कल्पवृक्ष' एक संकलन (टाइम्स ग्रुप बुक्स)
28. निमंत्रण तथा अन्य कहानियाँ (प्रेमचंद)
29. विकलांग श्रद्धा का दौर (हरिशंकर परसाई)
30. पारसमणि (रवीन्द्रनाथ ठाकुर)
31. रोमांचक विज्ञान कथाएँ (जयंत विष्णु)

English

Historical

1. Orphan Band of Springdale / Anne Nesbet :

With the United States on the verge of World War II, eleven-year-old Gusta is sent from New York City to Maine, where she discovers small-town prejudices — and a huge





family secret. It's 1941, and tensions are rising in the United States as the Second World War rages in Europe.

2. Ashes in the Snow/Ruta Sepetys:

Fifteen-year-old Lina is a Lithuanian girl living an ordinary life. Until her family is swept up by Stalin's army and sent to Siberia, where they are forced to fight for their lives.

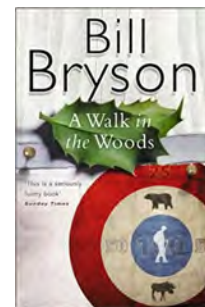
3. Escaping from Houdini /Kerri Maniscalco:

Audrey Rose Wadsworth and her partner-in-crime-investigation, Thomas Cresswell, are en route to New York to help solve another blood-soaked mystery.



4. Walk in Woods/ Bill Bryson:

Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail,



5. Private Peaceful/ Michael Morpurgo: Private Peaceful details the gritty rural lives and loves of Tommo and Charlie - two young brothers - and their poor Devonshire family from 1909 until 1916, when the outbreak of war destroys their country idyll.





Fantasy, Mystery, Thrillers

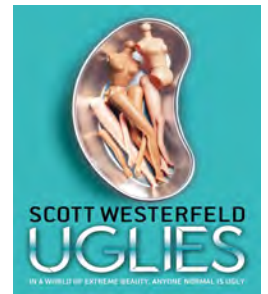
[1] The Last Apprentice/Joseph Delaney:

Welcome to a land where creatures of the dark creep out of the shadows. The Last Apprentice series follows the terrifying adventures of the Spook's apprentice, Thomas Ward, as he learns to battle the monsters of the dark and keep the county safe. Can Thomas succeed? And what will happen if Thomas accidentally frees Mother Malkin, the most evil witch in the county..?



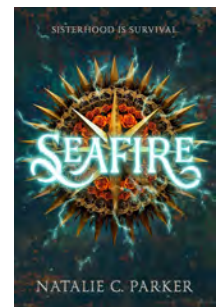
[2] Uglies/ Scott Westerfeld:

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In just a few weeks she'll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunning pretty. And as a pretty, she'll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun. But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a "pretty". When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally's choice will change her world forever....

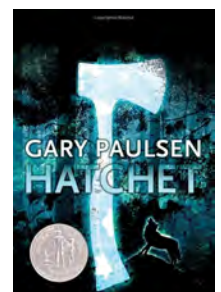


[3] Sea Fire/Natalie C. Parker:

After her family is killed by corrupt warlord Aric Athair and his bloodthirsty army of Bullets, Caledonia Styx is left to chart her own course on the dangerous and deadly seas.



[4] Hatchet/Gary Paulsen:

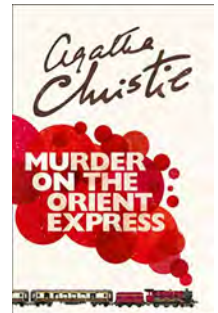




Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake--and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present before his departure.

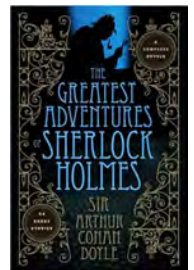
[5] Murder on the Orient Express /Agatha Christie:

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer – in case they decide to strike again.

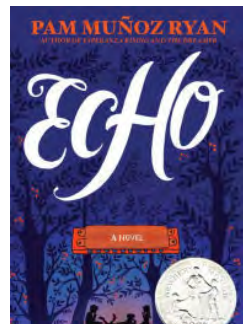


[6] The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Puffin Classics) / Sir Arthur Conan Doyle:

From the strange case of 'The Red-Headed League' to the extraordinary tale of 'The Engineer's Thumb', Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr Watson grapple with treachery, murder, and ingenious crimes of all kinds.



[7] Echo/ Pam Munoz Ryan-





Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.

Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together. And ultimately, pulled by the invisible thread of destiny, their suspenseful solo stories converge in an orchestral crescendo.

Richly imagined and masterfully crafted, Echo pushes the boundaries of genre, form, and storytelling innovation to create a wholly original novel that will resound in your heart long after the last note has been struck.

[8] Graveyard Book/Neil Gaiman:

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a perfectly normal boy. Well, he would be perfectly normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the world of the dead..



[9] Maze Runner/ James Dashner:

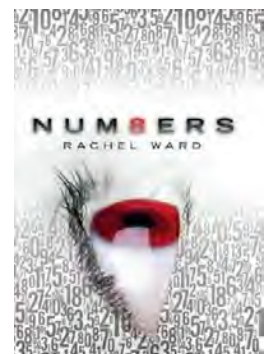
When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.

Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying.



[10] Numbers/Rachel Ward:

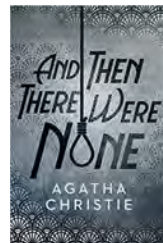
Ever since she was child, Jem has kept a secret: Whenever she meets someone new, no matter who, as soon as she looks into their eyes, a number pops into her head. That number is a date: the date they will die.





[11] And Then There Were None /Agatha Christie:

Ten people are gathered for a weekend on an island off the coast of Devon, England, 7 guests, a new personal secretary and the domestic couple running the estate. They were gathered by the mysterious Mr. and Mrs. U.N. Owen, whom none of the ten has ever actually met.



[12] Who Let the Gods Out? (series)/ Maz Evans:

Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world, and solving Elliot's problems too?



[13] The Trials Of Apollo(series)/ Rick Riordan:

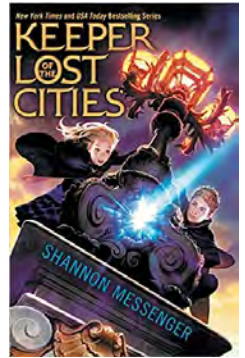
The book follows the god Apollo, who is turned into a human teenager and thrown down from Olympus to New York City as a punishment by his father Zeus. Joined by the demigod Meg McCaffrey, Apollo goes to Camp Half-Blood, where he discovers that he will have to regain control of the five oracles of Ancient Greece in order to receive pardon from Zeus





[14] Keeper of the Lost Cities/ Shannon Messenger:

At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.



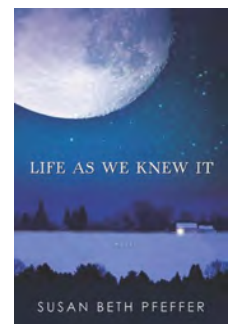
[15] Hunger Games/ Suzanne Collins;

It introduces us to our heroine, Katniss who lives in a world ruled by a dictatorship, which has split the realm into twelve districts. Each district specializes in providing a good or service to The Capitol and its wealthy population, while the citizens of each district struggle to live.

Science Fiction

[1] Life as We Knew It/ Susan Beth Pfeffer

High school sophomore Miranda's disbelief turns to fear in a split second when an asteroid knocks the moon closer to Earth, like "one marble hits another." Worldwide tsunamis wipe out the coasts, earthquakes rock the continents, and volcanic ash blocks out the sun. As August turns dark and wintery in northeastern Pennsylvania, Miranda, her two brothers, and their mother retreat to the unexpected safe haven of their sunroom, where they

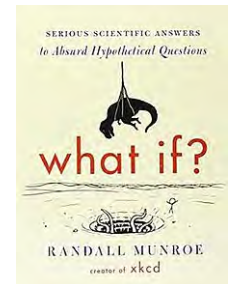




subsist on stockpiled food and limited water in the warmth of a wood-burning stove.

[2] What if? / Randall Munroe

A very fun book written by a physicist turned Cartoon artist, the book provides us with Serious Scientific answers to absurd hypothetical questions accompanied with fun cartoons on the side.



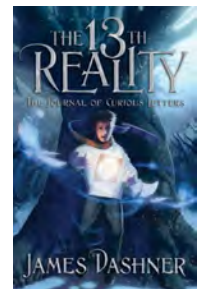
[3] Feed/ M. T. Anderson:

It is the story of a failing futuristic society that is controlled by large corporations. People are taught to value objects, money, and entertainment over everything else. As **Feed** begins, Titus goes to the moon for a spring break trip with his friends.

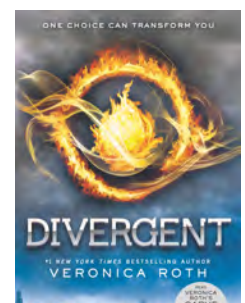


[4] The Thirteen Reality series/ James Dashner:

Atticus "Tick" Higginbottom receives a mysterious letter from Alaska, signed 'M. G'. This marks the beginning of a deadly and crazy adventure where Tick is reintroduced to the world like he never knew it. Accompanied by new friends while trying to evade frightful enemies, he sets off on a life-threatening journey through the Realities, alternate worlds created every time a choice is made—to discover secrets and solve missions.



[5] Divergent/ Veronica Roth





In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

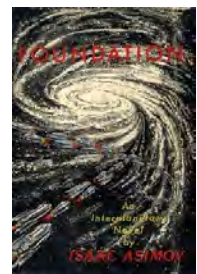
[6] Short Fiction by Arthur C Clarke:

Themes of his stories of this type were a possible dead end of mankind's science and technology, or the confrontation of a naive view of progress with alien civilizations.



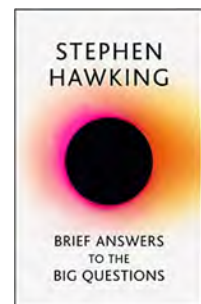
[7] Foundation/ Isaac Asimov:

It is a science fiction short story collection. When the book begins, the 12,000-year-old Galactic Empire is in a state of decay and decline.



[8] Brief Answers to The Big Questions/Stephen Hawking:

No one created the universe and no one directs our fate," celebrated physicist and a known atheist Stephen Hawking writes in his final book, which also covers important existential questions such as creation of the universe, alien intelligence, space colonization and artificial intelligence.





[9] Binti/Nnedi Okorafor

Her name is Binti, and she is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy. But to accept the offer will mean giving up her place in her family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her ways or respect her customs.

Knowledge comes at a cost, one that Binti is willing to pay, but her journey will not be easy. The world she seeks to enter has long warred with the Meduse, an alien race that has become the stuff of nightmares. Oomza University has wronged the Meduse, and Binti's stellar travel will bring her within their deadly reach.

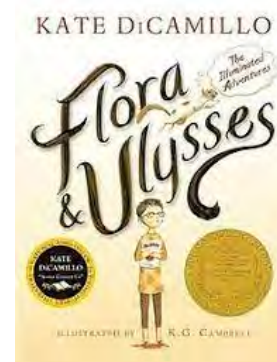


If Binti hopes to survive the legacy of a war not of her making, she will need both the gifts of her people and the wisdom enshrined within the University itself, but first she has to make it there, alive.

Humor

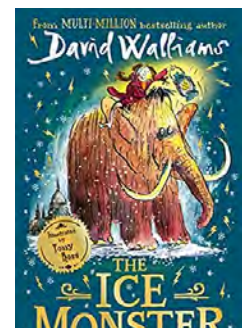
[1] Flora and Ulysses/Kate DiCamillo:

It is the story of a young girl, Flora Belle Buckman, and a squirrel named Ulysses. The action begins when Flora Belle's neighbor, Mrs. Tickham, accidentally vacuums up a squirrel with a Ulysses Super-Suction Multi-Terrain 2000X vacuum.



[4] The Ice Monster/David Walliams;

When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster, a woolly mammoth found at the

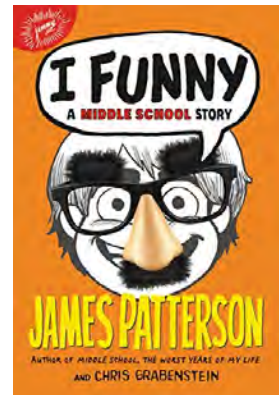




North Pole, she's determined to discover more... A chance encounter brings Elsie face to face with the creature, and sparks the adventure of a lifetime. From London to the heart of the Arctic! Heroes come in all different shapes and sizes in David Walliams' biggest and most epic adventure yet!

[5] I Funny Series /James Patterson:

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian, even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from messing with Jamie as much as possible. But Jamie doesn't let his situation get him down. When his Uncle Frankie mentions a contest called The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic, Jamie knows he has to enter. But are the judges only rewarding him out of pity because of his wheelchair, like Stevie suggests? Will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past instead of hiding behind his comedy act?



[6] I Am A Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be your Class President

Twelve-year-old imbecile or twelve-year-old evil genius? On his way to world domination, young Oliver Watson hides his nefarious plans behind a façade of stupidity. Oliver controls an empire with layers of minions to do his bidding but can he manage to get his classmates to like him in order to win a school election?

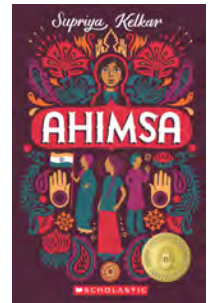




Realistic

1. Ahimsa/Supriya Kelkar:

In 1942, when Mahatma Gandhi asks Indians to give one family member to the freedom movement, ten- year-old Anjali is devastated to think of her father risking his life for the freedom struggle. But it turns out he isn't the one joining.



2. Tall Story/ Candy Gourlay:

Andi, a passionate basketball player is stunned to discover her half-brother whom she has not seen in ten years has grown to eight feet tall. Bernardo, is sixteen and suffers from a condition known as Gigantism. He leaves the Philippines to live with his mother's family in London to the delight of his half- sister.



3. Fish in a Tree/ Lynda Mullaly Hunt:

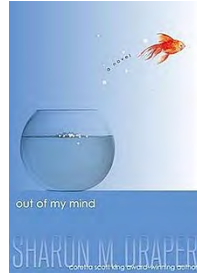
Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions.





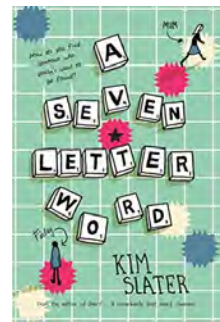
4. Out of My Mind: Sharon M. Draper:

Melody Brooks is an eleven-year-old girl who was born with cerebral palsy. Her parents have done everything they can to help her live a normal life, but life is often frustrating for Melody since she cannot speak, move, nor communicate her wishes. As a result, Melody has to fight to get her wishes.



5. A Seven Letter Word/Kim Slater:

Finlay's mother vanished two years ago. And ever since then his stutter has become almost unbearable. Bullied at school and ignored by his father, the only way to get out the words which are bouncing around in his head is by writing long letters to his ma which he knows she will never read, and by playing Scrabble online. But when Finlay is befriended by an online Scrabble player called Alex, everything changes. Could it be his mother secretly trying to contact him? Or is there something more sinister going on?



6. Siddhartha/Hermann Hesse;

It deals with the spiritual journey of self-discovery of a man named Siddhartha during the time of the Gautama Buddha. The book, Hesse's ninth novel, was written in German, in a simple, lyrical style.





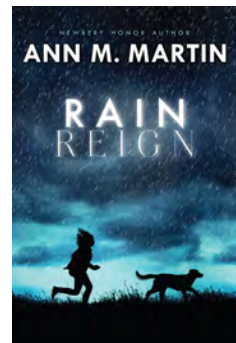
7. Turtles All the Way Down /John Green; T

The story centers on 16-year-old American Aza Holmes, a high school student with OCD and anxiety, and her search for a fugitive billionaire.



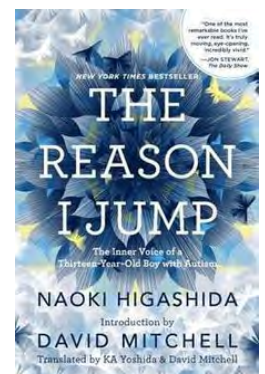
8. Rain Reign/ Ann M. Martin

Rose Howard has Asperger's syndrome, and an obsession with homonyms (even her name is a homonym). She gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Rain was a lost dog Rose's father brought home.



Memoir/Biography/Travel/Sports

[1] **The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism**-Written by Naoki Higashida, a very smart, very self-aware, and very charming thirteen year old boy with autism, it is a one-of a kind memoir that demonstrates how an autistic mind thinks, feels, perceives,





and responds in ways few of us can imagine. Parents and family members who never thought they could get inside the head of their autistic loved one, at last, have a way to break through to the curious, subtle, and complex life within.

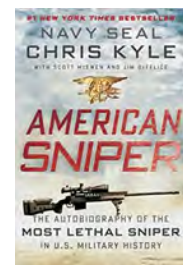
[2] Heat /Mike Lupica:

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year-old brother Carlos.



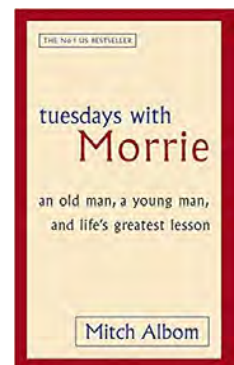
[3] American Sniper/Chris Kyle

The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History is an autobiography by United States Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, written with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice. With 255 kills, 160 of them officially confirmed by the Pentagon, Kyle is the deadliest marksman in U.S. military history.



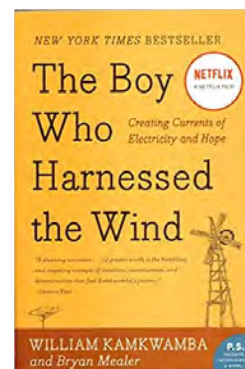
[4] Tuesdays With Morrie/ Mitch Albom:

It is about a series of visits Albom made to his former sociology professor Morrie Schwartz, as Schwartz gradually loses his life to ALS.



[5] The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind/Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba

This middle school memoir introduces us to William Kamkwamba, who embarked on an improbable quest to bring electricity to his rural village in Malawi by building a homemade, fully functioning windmill.





The book is equal parts haunting and uplifting, and will allow you to accomplish anything once you set your mind to it.

[6] Make it Messy/ Marcus Samuelsson:

In this inspirational autobiography, world-famous chef and owner of Red Rooster Harlem, it tells his extraordinary story and encourages young people to embrace their mistakes and follow their dreams.



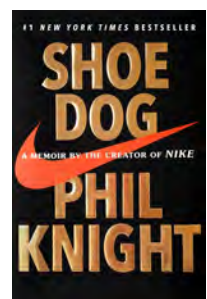
[7] Elon Musk:

Elon Reeve Musk FRS is a business magnet, technology entrepreneur, investor, and engineer. He holds South African, Canadian, and U.S. citizenship and is the founder, CEO, and lead designer of SpaceX;



[8] Shoe Dog/Phil Knight

Shoe Dog is a memoir by Nike co-founder Phil Knight. The memoir chronicles the history of Nike from its early struggles to its evolution into one of the world's most recognized and profitable companies.





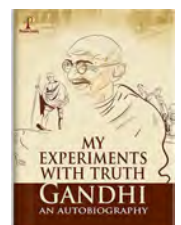
[9] Wings of Fire/ A P J Abdul Kalam;

An autobiography by visionary scientist Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, who from very humble beginnings rose to be the President of India. The book is full of insights, personal moments and life experiences of Dr. Kalam.



[10] My Experiments with Truth/Mohandas K. Gandhi,

Covering his life from early childhood through to 1921. It was written in weekly installments and published in his journal Navjivan from 1925 to 1929.



[11] Race of My Life/Milkha Singh;

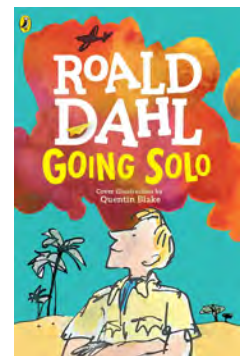




Powerful and gripping, the book documents the journey of an impoverished refugee who rose to become one of the most towering figures in Indian sports.

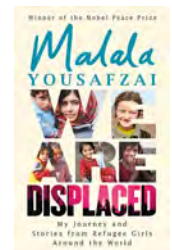
[12] Going Solo/Rohi Dahl

Going Solo is the action-packed tale of Roald Dahl's exploits as a World War II pilot. Learn all about his encounters with the enemy, his worldwide travels, the life-threatening injuries he sustained in a plane accident, and the rest of his sometimes bizarre, often unnerving, and always colorful adventures. Told with the same irresistible appeal that has made Roald Dahl one of the world's best-loved writers, *Going Solo* brings you directly into the action and into the mind of this fascinating man.

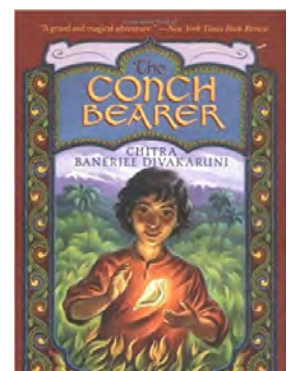


[13] We Are Displaced:

My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World /Malala Yousafzai. The book follows Yousafzai's own experience being displaced in Pakistan and later forced to move to England, and tells stories from nine other displaced people around the world.



Inspirational



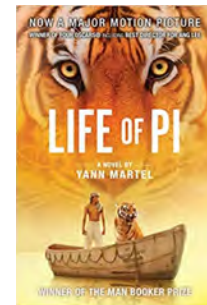


1. Conch Bearer/Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni:

The story begins on the teeming streets of modern-day Kolkata, India, where twelve-year-old Anand lives in a dingy shack with his mother and sister, Meera. Anand is captivated by stories of magic and the opportunities he believes it could create -- if only magic was a reality.

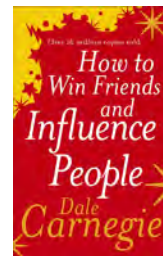
2. Life of Pi/ Yann Martel:

It is the story of a young man who survives a harrowing shipwreck and months in a lifeboat with a large Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The beginning of the novel covers Pi's childhood and youth.



3. How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie –

No book has ever been written that does a better job of communicating the importance of empathy and putting ourselves in the shoes of others.



4. Village by the Sea/Anita Desai:

In a rural area in India, near the sea a small family is forced to live in poverty. The parents are unable to take care of their three children so the oldest, Lila and Hari, assume the roles of adults in the house. Lila takes care of her ill mother and the house while her brother works in the fields to sustain his family.



5. Goodbye Stranger/Rebecca Stead;

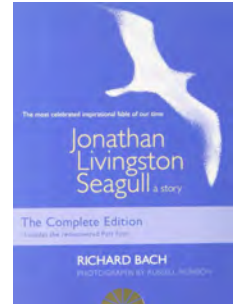




It takes place when Bridge is in seventh grade, and it follows her and two of her best friends, Emily and Tab. The three of them vow to be a set of friends who never fight.

6. Jonathan Livingston Seagull / Richard Bach;

It is a story of an ambitious and adventurous seagull whose main aim in life is to do something worthwhile and unforgettable. For this reason, he practices flying day and night and soon learns to fly flawlessly to the utmost heights of the blue sky.



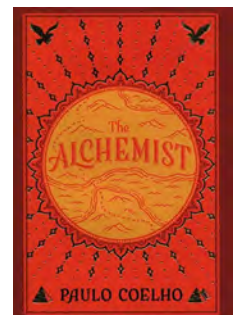
8. A Dog's Journey/W. Bruce Cameron:

The sequel to the heartwarming global hit 'A Dog's Purpose', beloved dog Bailey finds his new destiny and forms an unbreakable bond that will lead him, and the people he loves, to places they never imagined.

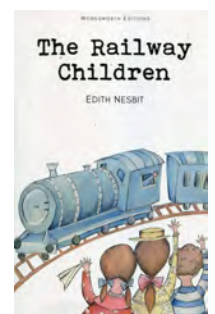


9. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho –

A modern masterpiece, this allegorical novel delivers a wonderful message on finding your purpose in life and being more grateful for the things around you. Through the travels of Santiago, a shepherd boy, we learn the wisdom of listening to our hearts.



10. The Railway Children/E Nesbit: The comfortable lives of three well-mannered siblings are greatly altered when, one evening, two men arrive at the house and take their father away. They are forced to live in a simple country cottage near a railway station. The youngsters' days are filled with



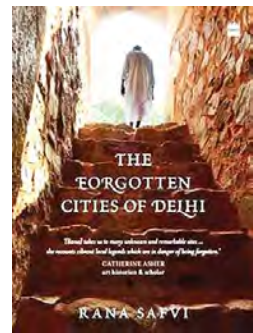


adventure and excitement, including their successful attempt to avert a horrible train disaster.

NON-FICTION

1. The Forgotten Cities of Delhi/ Rana Safvi;

In *The Forgotten Cities of Delhi*, book two of the *Where Stones Speak* trilogy covers historical trails in Siri, Jahanpanah, Tughlaqabad, Firozabad, Din Panah, Shergarh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti. In her trademark style, Rana Safvi combines narrative history with Sufi couplets and takes you on a walk across the first city of Mehrauli and Firozabad.

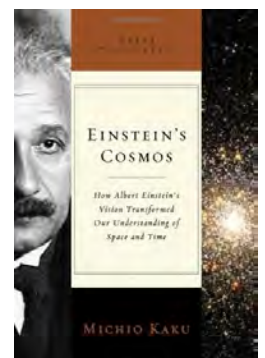


2. My Corner of the Ring:

Jesselyn Silva has one of those remarkable life stories that will make kids say, "Wait, she's my age?!" In her inspiring memoir, this 12 year old recounts her struggle to break into the world of boxing while battling centuries of gender stereotypes about "hitting a girl." Throughout it all, Silva stays upbeat and focused-making it clear that if she can strive to become an Olympian, anyone in middle school can face their own problems, too. Any kid, regardless of gender, will love this ode to girl power.



3. Einstein's Cosmos: How Albert Einstein's Vision Transformed Our Understanding of Space and Time (Great Discoveries) / Michio Kaku ;

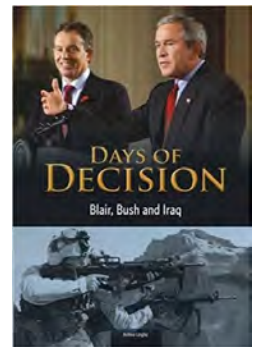




Keying Einstein's crucial discoveries to the simple mental images that inspired them, Michio Kaku finds a revealing new way to discuss his ideas, and delivers an appealing and always accessible introduction to Einstein's work.

4. Days of the Decision Series/ Andrew Langley:

This series objectively examines some of the most important decisions of the last 100 years. The books open with a synopsis of the decision and then provide background that explains how the historical situation and each subject's personality, experiences, political circumstances, country's cultural background, and range of possible choices factored into his final choice. They close with analysis about the intended and unintended results of the decision and its positive and negative historical consequences.



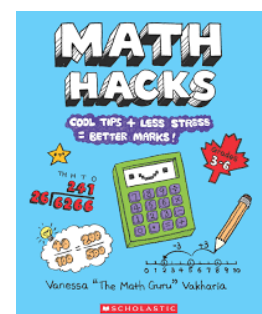
5. Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music That Changed the World:

It is a tribute to some of the biggest musical legends of the last century, including The Beatles, Elvis, Bob Marley, Bob Dylan, and more. Each profile features a full-page photo of the artists and all the essentials about them.



6. Math Hacks/ Rich Cochrane;

The perfect introduction to algebra, logic, probability and much more, this is a great new way to learn about the most important

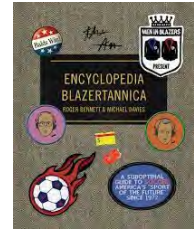




mathematical ideas and concepts in a way that makes them easy to recall even months after reading the book.

7. Roger Bennett and Michael Davies;

The essential guide to world soccer—the history, the players, the fan culture—from the phenomenally popular duo from NBC Sports.



8. 50 Ideas You Really Need to Know/Giles Sparrow;

Introduction to the most important concepts, discoveries and mysteries in astronomy. How did the universe begin? Where did the Moon come from? What happens in the heart of a black hole? Why are gravitational waves so significant? And is there life elsewhere in the cosmos?

