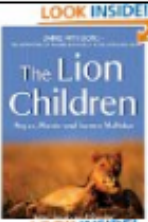
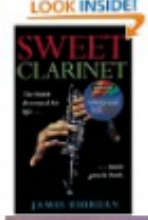



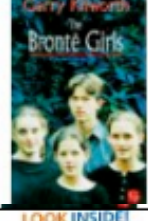






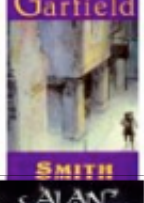

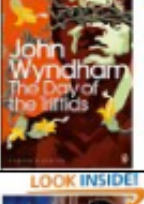

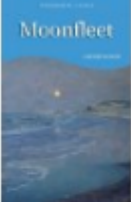

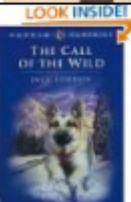

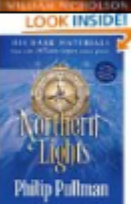
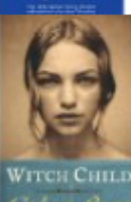



Year 7 Reading List for Advanced Readers

	The Lion Children	Travers. A. McNeice
<p>Non-fiction. The true story of a group of three English children living in Botswana</p>		
	Sweet Clarinet	James Riordan
<p>When Billy is hideously scarred by the bomb that leaves him both homeless and orphaned, his only dream is of dying so that he can be rid of the tremendous pain that the physical and mental scars of the Blitz inflicted. But when a wounded soldier makes him the gift of a clarinet, Billy begins to once more face up to life and a future he once believed held nothing for him.</p>		
	A Time to Fight Back	J. Pettit
<p>Describes the experiences of eight European and Asian children who risked their lives to provide support to the Allies during World War II.</p>		
	Gulliver's Travels (retold)	J. Swift/J. Riordan
<p>A retelling of the classic adults book that is now a children's favourite which retains the pace of the original as well as much of Jonathon Swift's original language.</p>		
	Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver
<p>The book begins dramatically with the death of Torak's father, the mage, Fa, from mortal wounds inflicted by a giant, possessed bear. Fa's dying words bind Torak to a quest to find the mythical Mountain of the World Spirit. Only there will Torak find the strength needed to defeat the demonic creature and killer of men.</p>		
	The Bronte Girls	Gary Kilworth
<p>Modelled on the Brontes' parsonage at Haworth. a deeply felt and passionate story of parents and children and the uneasy frontier between love and hate.</p>		
	The Red Pony	John Steinbeck
<p>Jody begins to learn about adulthood - its pain, its responsibilities and its problems - through his acceptance of his father's gifts. First he is given a red pony, and later he is promised the colt of a bay mare. Yet both of these gifts bring him tragedy as well as joy, and Jody is taught not only the harsh lessons of life and death, but made painfully aware of the fallibility of adults.</p>		
	Walkabout	James Vance Marshall
<p>Mary and her young brother Peter are the only survivors of an aircrash in the middle of the Australian outback. Facing death from exhaustion and starvation, they meet an aboriginal boy who helps them to survive, and guides them along their long journey.</p>		

	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens
<p>"Great Expectations" traces the growth of the book's narrator, Philip Pirrip (Pip), from a boy of shallow dreams to a man with depth of character. From its famous dramatic opening on the bleak Kentish marshes, the story abounds with some of Dicken's most memorable characters.</p>		
	The Lantern Bearer	Rosemary Sutcliffe
<p>The last of the Roman army have set sail and left Britain for ever, abandoning it to civil war and the threat of a Saxon invasion. Aquila deserts his regiment to return to his family, but his home and all that he loves are destroyed. Years of hardship and fighting follow and in the end there is only one thing left in Aquila's life - his thirst for revenge . .</p>		
	The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliffe
<p>The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now . . .</p>		
	World of 1001 Mysteries	Russell Stannard
<p>The Council of the Federation of Universes has decreed that the universe is to be destroyed. Not just the Earth, but the Sun, the Stars, Space, Time - everything. No-one can convince the appeals judge that he is wrong - until he visits Earth.</p>		
	Smith	Leon Garfield
<p>Young Smith was a pickpocket - a very accomplished one. But one day his pick-pocketing was to lead him into a sinister and dangerous web of murder, intrigue and betrayal.</p>		
	The Moon of Gomrath	Alan Garner
<p>Enthralling sequel to The Weirdstone of Brisingamen It is the Eve of Gomrath – the night of the year when the Old Magic is aroused. Had Colin and Susan known this, they would never have lighted a fire on the Beacon, thereby releasing the uncontrollable ferocity of the Wild Hunt.</p>		
	The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham
<p>When Bill Masen wakes up blindfolded in hospital there is a bitter irony in his situation. Carefully removing his bandages, he realizes that he is the only person who can see: everyone else, doctors and patients alike, have been blinded by a meteor shower. Now, with civilization in chaos, the triffids - huge, venomous, large-rooted plants able to 'walk', feeding on human flesh - can have their day.</p>		
	Wolf	Gillian Cross
<p>Cassy lives with her granny, until the night that she hears strange footsteps coming into their flat. The next morning, she is packed off to her mum's - a squat in London that her beautiful, simple mother shares with a couple of actors. Cassy does her best to throw herself into her mother's life, even agreeing to take part in their travelling show called 'Wolf'. But she can't ever get rid of the feeling that something is following her, and something bad is going to happen.</p>		

	Moonfleet	J. Meade Maulkner
<p>Everyone in the tiny village of Moonfleet lives by the sea one way or another, so it's no surprise when young John Trenchard gets involved in the smuggling trade. Forced to flee England with a price on his head, John little guesses the adventures and trials he will have before he sees Moonfleet again or the change in his fortunes when he does.</p>		
	And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie
<p>A fast paced and ingenious mystery novel by the acclaimed mystery writer.</p>		
	The Call of the Wild	Jack London
<p>Jack London's tale of a dog's fight for survival in the harsh and frozen Yukon is one of the greatest animal stories ever written. It tells of a dog born to luxury but sold as a sledge dog, and how he rises magnificently above all his enemies to become one of the most feared and admired dogs in the North.</p>		
	The Wind Singer	William Nicholson
<p>In the walled city of Aramant, exams are everything - not only for children, but for whole families. When Kestrel Hath dares to rebel, the Chief Examiner humiliates her father and sentences the family to the harshest punishment. Desperate to save them, Kestrel discovers that life in Aramant was once different - and if she can find the secret of the Wind Singer, maybe life can change for the better once more. First book of The Wind on Fire trilogy, followed by Slaves of the Mastery and Firesong</p>		
	His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman
<p>Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world... Consists of three books: Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife, and The Amber Spyglass</p>		
	Witch Child	Celia Rees
<p>Mary's grandmother is executed for witchcraft, and Mary is forced to leave her home to avoid the same fate. At first she flees to the English countryside, but when the atmosphere of superstition and suspicion becomes all consuming she leaves on a boat for America in the hope that she can start over and forget her past. But during the journey, she realises that the past is not so easy to escape.</p>		
	Ring of Bright Water	Gavin Maxwell
<p>The story of Gavin Maxwell's life with otters on the remote west coast of Scotland remains one of the most lyrical, moving descriptions of a man's relationship with the natural world.</p>		