

Suggested Reading List | 12 Years Old+ List One

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Pennies for Hitler | J French | war, family, friendship, history
A Waltz for Matilda | J French | Australia, family, hardship, history
The Mysterious Benedict Society | S Trenton-Lee | time travel, mystery
I, Coridander | S Gardner | fantasy, family, historical, mystery
Spilled Water | S Grindley | courage, families, China, realistic fiction
Once, Then, Now, After | M Gleitzman | war, history, family, bravery
When You Reach Me | R Stead | mystery, NYC, neighbourhood, friends
Forget Me Not | S Lawson | Titanic, adventure, voyage, family
Wonder | RJ Palacio | friendship, difference, special needs, identity
Other Brother | S French | friendship, bullying, school, family
The Girl from Snowy River | J French | Australia, historical fiction, horses
The Forgotten Pearl | B Murrell | Australia, historical fiction, war, family
Just a Dog | M Bauer | family, dogs, contemporary fiction
Painted Love Letters | C Bateson | family, death, grief, contemporary fiction
Flyaway | L Christopher | family, contemporary fiction, illness, friendship
Mother's Day/Father's Day | A Brooksbank | contemporary fiction, family
Mao's Last Dancer (YR edition) | L Cunxin | China, ballet, biography
Abela | B Doherty | family, refugees, friendship, women
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