


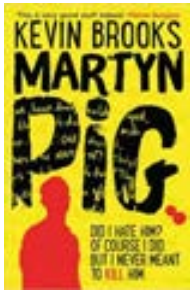
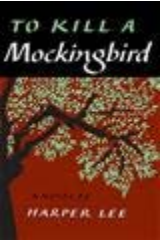
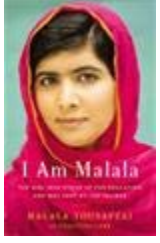










## Priority Reading Canon - Year 9

Text	Blurb	Genre and key themes	Accelerated Reader
<p><b>The Knife of Never Letting Go</b> by Patrick Ness</p> 	<p>Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from the Old World.</p>	<p>Science Fiction Fantasy</p>	<p>4.4 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=213475&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433879909">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=213475&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433879909</a></p>
<p><b>I'm The King of the Castle</b> by Susan Hill</p> 	<p>"I didn't want to come here". So says the note that Edmund Hooper passes to Charles Kingshaw upon his arrival at Warings. But young Kingshaw and his mother have come to live with Hooper and his father in the isolated Victorian house. To Hooper, Kingshaw is an intruder, a boy to be persecuted.</p>		
<p><b>The Woman in Black</b> Susan Hill</p> 	<p>When a young solicitor is sent to attend to the paperwork of the late Alice Drablow, he finds himself in a spooky old house at the end of a causeway. Who is the mysterious woman in black he keeps seeing and what is her terrible secret? A classic.</p>	<p>Horror Ghosts</p>	<p>7.2 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=224823&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880014">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=224823&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880014</a></p>
<p><b>Martyn Pig</b> by Kevin Brooks</p> 	<p>Martyn Pig leads a miserable life with a drunken father. After his father dies in an accident Martyn makes a decision that will change his life forever.</p>	<p>Crime Family Bereavement</p>	<p>3.7 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=206577&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880099">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=206577&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880099</a></p>

<p><b>To Kill A Mockingbird</b> by Harper Lee</p> 	<p>Two children witness the effects of racial prejudice as their father courageously defends an innocent black man who has been accused of raping a white woman. Book contains racial bias, racial slurs and mild profanity.</p>	<p>Childhood Racism</p>	<p>5.6 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=200129&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880240">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=200129&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880240</a></p>
<p><b>I Am Malala</b> by Malala Yousefi</p> 	<p>Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her. Co-authored by Christina Lamb.</p>	<p>Biographies Violence</p>	<p>7.1 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=228818&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880377">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=228818&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880377</a></p>
<p><b>The Outsiders</b> by SE Hinton</p> 	<p>An impassioned teenage author tells it like it is with the long-haired kids from the wrong side of the tracks.</p>	<p>Family Violence</p>	<p>4.7 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=200074&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880445">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=200074&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880445</a></p>
<p><b>The Fault in our Stars</b> by John Green</p> 	<p>Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love they both wonder how they will be remembered. The text contains profanity and sexual references.</p>	<p>Illness</p>	<p>5.5 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=223636&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880480">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=223636&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880480</a></p>
<p><b>The Boxer</b> by Nikesh Shukla</p> 	<p>Sunny's life changes the night he is attacked by racists in his new city. Stepping into a boxing gym, he finds the community he's desperately been seeking. But racial tensions are rising and he begins questioning where his new friends stand.</p>	<p>Family Prejudice</p>	<p>4.0 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=236599&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880504">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=236599&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880504</a></p>

<p><b>The Dark Lady</b> by Akala</p> 	<p>Orphan. Thief. Genius. Street kid Henry must steal to survive in Elizabethan London's most notorious slum, the Devil's Gap. But he is blessed with a gift for magic that may hold the key to his freedom...</p>	<p>History Fantasy</p>	
<p><b>The Road</b> by Cormack McCarthy</p> 	<p>The journey of a father and his son is recounted as they walk alone after a great fire has consumed the nation and left everything in ashes.</p>	<p>Dystopia Adventure</p>	<p>4.0 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=216154&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880825">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=216154&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433880825</a></p>
<p><b>Refugee Boy</b> by Benjamin Zephaniah</p> 	<p>Life is not safe for Alem. His father is Ethiopian, and his mother Eritrean, and with both countries at war he is welcome in neither place. So his father does something which at first seems callous, but is in fact the ultimate gift of love.</p>	<p>Family</p>	<p>5.6 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=204199&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433881004">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=204199&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433881004</a></p>
<p><b>PET</b> by Awaeke Emezi</p> 	<p>The children in Lucille have been taught that there are no monsters any more, but when Jam meets Pet she begins to question what she's been told. The story contains profanity, violence and themes of abuse.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Science Fiction Fantasy</p>	<p>5.7 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=237952&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433881072">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=237952&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433881072</a></p>
<p><b>Clap when you Land</b> by Elizabeth Acevedo</p> 	<p>In this novel in verse, told in two voices, Camino Rios and Yahaira Rios are devastated to learn of their father's death and stunned to learn of each other's existence. Text contains profanity, sexual situations, violence, and racial stereotyping.</p>	<p>Death Family</p>	<p>5.3 <a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=239321&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433884337">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/bookdetail.aspx?q=239321&amp;l=EN&amp;slid=433884337</a></p>

