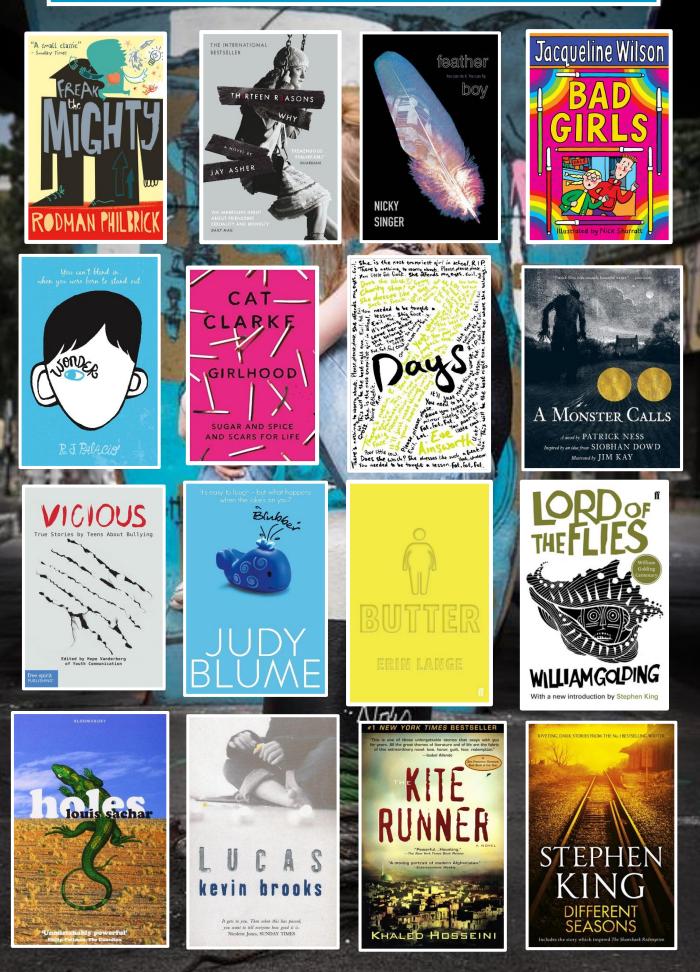
Bullying



Book Title &	Description	Recommended
Author		Reading Age
Freak the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick	Kevin and Max are both accustomed to ridicule: Kevin because he is small and disabled and Max because he is huge and perceived to be stupid. When fate throws this seemingly mismatched pair	11+
	together the result is awesome: Freak the Mighty.	
Thirteen Reasons Why – Jay Asher	Clay finds a series of cassette tapes recorded by Hannah - his classmate and first love -who committed suicide two weeks earlier. Hannah's voice explains there are 13 reasons why she did	14+
	what she did - and Clay is one of them.	
Feather Boy – Nicky Singer	Robert is a boy who can do anything - or so Edith at the nursing home tells him. Robert doesn't think so but something compels him to do what Edith asks - to visit a house where a boy once fell to his death, to confront his fears and find some answers.	11+
Bad Girls – Jacqueline Wilson	Shy, mild Mandy has been bullied at school for as long as she can remember. That's why she is delighted when cheeky, daring, Tanya picks her as a friend. Her Mum isn't happy - she thinks Tanya's a BAD GIRL, but Mandy doesn't agree.	11+
Wonder –	Born with a facial abnormality, Auggie has been	11+
R.J Palacio	home-schooled his whole life. Now, he's being sent to a real school – and all he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?	
Girlhood – Cat Clarke	Harper has tried to forget the past and fit in at expensive boarding school. Her new group of friends are tight and have her back. But Harper can't escape the guilt of her twin sister's Jenna's death, and her own part in it.	12+
Seven Days – Eve Ainsworth	School should be a safe place for Jess, a refuge from her difficult home life - but thanks to Kez, it's everything she dreads. Despite being popular, Kez's life isn't any sweeter. She clings to the fact she is better off than Jess - or so she thinks	13+
A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness	Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, and started the treatments that don't seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's an ancient force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.	12+

Vicious – True Stories about Bullying	The stories about bullying address every form of bullying: physical, verbal, relational, and cyber. Unmistakably real, these stories are at times painful, yet admirable and compelling for the resilience they reveal.	13+
Blubber – Judy Blume	When Linda reads out her class project, everyone finds it funny. Linda can't help it if she's fat, but what starts as a joke leads to sustained and cruel humiliation. Jill knows she should defend Linda, but is scared, and when she finally does she becomes their next victim.	11+
Butter – Erin Lange	A lonely obese boy everyone calls "Butter" is about to make history. He is going to eat himself to death-live on the Internet. His announcement receives encouragement, which begins to feel a lot like popularity.	12+
Lord of the Flies – William Golding	A plane crashes on a desert island and the only survivors, a group of school boys, assemble on the beach and wait to be rescued.	12+
Holes – Louis Sachar	Stanley's family has a history of bad luck, so he is not surprised when he ends up in a Juvenile Detention Centre. His daily labour is to dig holes, which the warden says is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth.	11+
Lucas – Kevin Brooks	Caitlin's life changes from the moment she sees Lucas. He is the strangest, most beautiful boy she has ever seen. But to others, he quickly becomes an object of jealousy, prejudice and hatred.	11+
The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini	Afghanistan, 1975: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what will happen to Hassan that afternoon.	16+
Different Seasons (The Body) – Stephen King	After a boy from their town disappears and is presumed dead, Gordie and his three friends set out to find his body after telling their parents they will be camping out. During the course of their journey, the boys, who all come from abusive or dysfunctional families, come to grips with some of the harsh truths of growing up in a small town that does not seem to offer much in the way of a future.	13+