

Recommended Reading List Year 9

ANY GENRE - MOST POPULAR BOOKS OF 2025

- **The Let Them Theory – Mel Robbins**
A massive 2025 bestseller offering motivating and accessible life advice – ideal for PSHE links and developing reflective reading.
- **The Frozen River – Ariel Lawhon**
A bestselling historical mystery full of tension and atmosphere.
- **Remarkably Bright Creatures – Shelby Van Pelt**
One of 2025's most read titles; a gentle, uplifting novel with strong emotional appeal.

WELSH LANGUAGE BOOKS

WELSH / WELSH-IDENTITY THEMED

- **The Black Dragon – Julian Ruck**
Links to Welsh mining and identity.
- **The Seeing Stone – Kevin Crossley-Holland**
While not purely Welsh, it explores Arthurian identity tied to Welsh myth.

WRITTEN IN WELSH / BY WELSH AUTHORS

- **Pluen – Manon Steffan Ros**
Short, lyrical, and identity-driven—great for reluctant readers.
- **Llinyn Trôns – T. Llew Jones**
Adventure classic from a major Welsh children's author.

SPORTS

FICTION

- **Booked – Kwame Alexander**
Football themed verse novel, highly engaging for reluctant readers.
- **The Boxer – Nikesh Shukla**
Engaging YA book on boxing and resilience.
- **Running on Empty – S.E. Durrant**
Gentle but powerful story about running and responsibility.

NONFICTION

- **Marcus Rashford: You Are a Champion – Marcus Rashford**
Motivational and accessible.
- **Women in Sport – Rachel Ignatofsky**
Illustrated nonfiction highlighting key female athletes.

