Once
by Morris Gleitzman

Once is a journey that you can never forget it’s a roller coaster ride of emotion. It’s sad, happy and confusing. I love this book because it tells a lot of detail on what it was like when the Nazis invaded. Felix is trapped in an orphanage knowing that his parents are alive somewhere. I would recommend this book to people who like books that have an information storyline.

Review by
Suzy Redmile,
Y7 C/CBE.
The Hunger Games Trilogy
by Suzanne Collins

I really like the Hunger Games Trilogy. It’s all about a city’s fight to stay on top by taking 2
tributes from all 12 districts and forcing them to fight to the death, with just one victor
showered in riches. However there is one girl who fights not to be ‘just a piece in the games…’,
that girl is Katniss Everdeen. I recommend this book to all those seeking a thrill and to those
who like the idea of bloodshed. While reading these books I felt like I was always in suspense,
needing rather than wanting to know what was going to happen next. I literally couldn’t put the
books down!

Review by Aimee Johnson Y8, S/DGI.
Oliver Moon and the Spell Off
by Sue Mongredien

Oliver moon and the spell off is about a wizard called Oliver and his mate Jake Frog Freckle. Oliver goes to school and gets really annoyed by the new kid, the kid turns out to be the head teacher’s nephew! This means that Oliver can’t do anything about it when he gets challenged to a spell off. I recommend this book to kids that like a bit of fantasy and adventure. I like this book because it’s a good, entertaining adventure.

Review by Samuel Newbury Y7, C/TDR.
The Thin Executioner
By Darren Shan

The thin executioner is a very good book. It is about a boy called Jebel, he lived a long time ago when there were slaves. He goes on a quest so he can get ultimate power, so he can become the Thin Executioner and get married to the girl he loves.
Don’t be put off if you are a girl, it is quite a sad story, particularly near the end. It is also a good story for boys because it has fighting, adventure and horror. The reason he wanted to go on the quest was because his father was not impressed with him in comparison to his other two sons. Enjoy this book.

Review by Ben Bonser
Silence
by Natasha Preston

What makes someone not speak for a whole decade?
This book is about a girl who does not speak for 10 years because of a dramatic experience when she was a child. She was made not to tell anyone because she thinks if she does; it will hurt those she loves, so she keeps a stony silence. If she keeps it to herself it may hurt her. Oakley now faces a huge choice....

Oakley is an amazing heroine. Firstly, she’s determined to keep everything calm and peaceful. Also she has learnt how to get across her point of view without words.

Cole knows nearly everything about her, and all of her facial expressions. They have been friends forever but will their friendship turn into something more? Or will Oakley’s past get in her way?

This whole book is written around Oakley’s secret and her family and friends trying to find out what’s wrong with her. This book is very realistic in the way it is written and all of the relationships are very believable.

This book is perfect for older teens and is very easy to get hooked in to. I give this book 4 out of 5.

Review by Nikki Gardner Y7, T/ROY.
Dates, Mates Guide to Life
by Cathy Hopkins

This book helps younger girls and teenagers to know the changes that happen to girls as they grow up and what happens, including the atmosphere that changed around them.

It helped me to recognise the changes and differences as we grow up.
I would recommend this book to girls that have no idea what’s happening and the different changes that teenage life brings.
The emotions I got from the book were a bit shocking but also in a good, funny way.

Review by Aime Orange Y7, C/RBR.