

Name of the book:	Language:	Genre:	Key Stage:	About the book:	What is good about it:	What is not so good:
<b>Modernita by Raquel Córcoles</b>	Spanish	Graphic comic	3/4	Modernita has been invited to a birthday party this weekend by her friend Vega. She has been asked to pick up all her other friends on her way to the party. Every time she stops at one of her friends' house, Modernita notices that each of them is normal in a different way. Modernita eventually realises that without diversity, the world would be very boring.	The language is easy to understand, the story is light hearted and it was a quick read.	Some of the characters are a bit of a cliché.
<b>Las Estrellas by Jacques Goldstyn</b>	Spanish	Graphic novel/fantasy	3/4	Jacob wants to be an astronaut, but his father wants him to take over the family business when he is older. One day, in the park, he meets a girl named Aisha, who shares his love of the stars. Because he is Jewish and she is Muslim, their families do not approve of their relationship. This book proves that love can truly conquer all.  This is a book about happiness and rebellion and dreams coming true.	The language is familiar and simple. New words can be worked out from the pictures.	Honestly there are none!
<b>La Verdadera Historia de Nellie Bly by Luciana Cimino and Sergio Algozzino</b>	Spanish	Graphic novel/historical novel	4/5	Nellie Bly, investigative journalist, has had many adventures: from feigning madness to investigate a mental hospital to travelling around the world in 72 day on her own; she has shown the world that a woman should not be underestimated. This story tells us how she became a female icon and changed views of women in a very male society.	Very inspiring story, strong female characters.	Some of the language can be tough at times.
<b>Arsène Lupin: Gentleman-Cambrioleur by Takashi Morita</b>	French	Manga/thriller/adventure	4/5	Arsène Lupin is a witty, confident man and burglar. He is a bit of a "Robin Hood". The character was created by Maurice Leblanc and has been adapted by Takashi Morita into a series of manga comics. Arsène, will take us across the streets and the roofs of Paris as we follow him in his fascinating adventures.  Also available on Netflix in French and English.	Really good stories for almost any reader, stories have mystery and surprise.	It may remind you of Sherlock Holmes but French!
<b>Alex et le Rêve de la New York Star by Jake Lamar</b>	French	Novel/thriller	3/4	Alex is on holiday with his aunt in New York. His cousins love rap music, but Alex is clueless. One day, Diandra, a very popular singer in the United States, disappears. What happened to Diandra? Alex finds himself caught up in the investigation which takes him across New York and delves into the relationship between Diandra and her grandma.	Written for learners of French so the language is really easy. Some parts written in English. Quick to read.	Illustrations are in black and white which was not what I expected.
<b>Oscar et la Dame Rose by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt</b>	French	Drama	4/5	Oscar is a ten-year-old boy with terminal cancer. He lives in a children's hospital with volunteer nurses called 'Pink Ladies' with Mamie-Rose being the oldest 'Pink Lady'.  After a failed bone marrow transplant, he thinks he is doomed. He talks about his future death to his family and the nurses. None of them want to hear it with the exception of Mamie-Rose who tells him that he has 12 days left to live. These will be the most extraordinary of his short life.  <i>Deals with death, illness and loss of relatives.</i>	Funny yet heartbreakingly sad.	It can be a tough read in parts and may make you cry.

<b>Yézie by Ducoudray-Mini Ludvin Dupuis</b>	French	Graphic novel/rebellion	4/5	<p>Set in northern Iraq. Zere is a young girl who lives in a small Yezidi village where Muslims and Yezidis (an ancient religious minority group) have always lived in respect.</p> <p>Her daily life revolves around her parents, her cousin, boys, and the knowledge that the Islamic State is not far away. One day, men from Daesh (ISIS) arrive and as soon as they get off their trucks, they threaten the Yezidis, leaving them with little choice but to convert to Islam, pay a tax or die. They choose the tax but they will also have to pay another price: soon, girls will be taken from them destined to become slaves. Zéré will be one of them: she now has one goal - to escape the terrible fate that may befall her.</p> <p><b><i>Deals with war and radicalisation.</i></b></p>	Informative about such difficult situations, amazing characters.	It can be a tough read in parts and make you think hard about things in our world.
<b>Voleuse by Lucie Bryon</b>	French	Graphic novel	4/5	<p>An adorable love story between two girls with fabulous contemporary art work.</p> <p>This is a charming story about high schoolers partying, falling in love and committing little acts of rebellion. The drawing style is incredibly appealing, with delightful acting and visual jokes that make this an absolute pleasure to read.</p> <p><b><i>Deals with alcoholism</i></b></p>	Language is really easy to understand, despite the topics being more mature.	If you are not into love stories, you may find this soppy!
<b>Tschick by Wolfgang Herrndorf</b>	German	Novel/ coming of age story	4/5	<p>Two outsiders at school embark on a dramatic adventure during the summer holidays. The boys come to understand more about themselves and their lives and a new friendship emerges. Scrapes and near misses are many along the way.</p>	The story is funny but heart-warming. We all know someone who has felt “out of the gang”.	It is a book written for teens in Germany so the language has a lot of slang but if you can make it through, it is worth it.
<b>Antoinette Kehrt Zurück by Olivia Vieweg</b>	German	Graphic Comic	3/4	<p>Antoinette lives in LA and has vowed never to return to Germany. She works as a creative director and watches her home town every day via webcam.</p> <p>Events mean that she must return, put the bullies from her childhood to rest and deal with her past</p>	Short story with only 96 pages and deals with topics that we all experience. Amazing illustrations.	Language slightly harder for KS3.
<b>Kinderland by Mawil</b>	German	Graphic Comic	3/4	<p>Mirco Watzke is a high school student during the summer of 1989 in East Germany (the Russian part). He has got himself into some bother with the local bullies from the Free German Youth (FDJ) and the only person that can help is a new kid at school.</p> <p>There will be friendship, courage and a lot of growing up as well as a bit of ping pong along the way.</p>	Funny and sensitive take on the end of East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall from the perspective of a teen.	Written from the perspective of small children so some of the words are as a toddler would say them.
<b>Heartstopper by Alice Oseman</b>	German	Graphic Comic	3/4/5	<p>Boy meets boy – a love story. Two normal boys, one who knows he is gay and is starting to deal with how this impacts him and one who is yet to discover. A friendship blooms into more and the world will have to deal with the fall out.</p>	Witty, warm and sensitive. A new look at how relationships begin in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. Easy language to follow.	None!