School Stories	Brief Synopsis	
The Chocolate Wars by Robert Cormier	Stunning and shocking novel about the power of gangs in school and how one small act of defiance starts a chain reaction in the school. Highly recommended for strong readers. Has a very good sequel.	★★★
Fat Boy Swim by Catherine Forde	Teased and abused for being grossly overweight, Jimmy, a fourteen-year-old Scottish teenager, who has a poor self image, turns his life around by overcoming his fears and learning to swim. In the process he finds out the truth about his parents.	★★★
Inventing Elliot by Graham Gardner	Elliot starts a new school determined to avoid the bullying he suffered at his previous one. But his new persona gives rises to a whole new set of problems for him when he comes into contact with a sinister bunch of older boys a his new school.	★★★
The Drop by Anthony masters	Sean Dexter was hanging upside down, legs strapped to a beam. A message in felt-tipped pen across his forehead read "I've been dropped". The Drop is the latest weapon in the war between the Geeks and the Sweats. But there is worse to come.	★★
Blue by Sue Mayfield	When Hayley, the most popular girl at school, wants to be her best friend, new girl Anna Goldsmith can't believe her luck. But Hayley's friendship comes at a price. She enjoys playing games. Spiteful, cruel and vicious games.	★
Love Lessons by Jacqueline Wilson	Sent to school for the first time as a teenager, a fifteen-year-old girl struggles to settle in and finds herself in a relationship with her teacher.	★★★
The Protectors by Pete Johnson	Josh and Andy only sign up to become anti-bullying counsellors because it's a chance to skive. But soon they make a chilling discovery: younger pupils are being terrorised by a gang, led by Neil.	★★
The Denial by David Belbin	Caitlin is beginning a new life with her dad, Dan, who is a teacher at her new school. Then Dan is accused of assaulting a girl in the school and Cate is determined to find out the truth.	★★★★

The stars represent the difficulty of the book 5 ★★★★★ being the more challenging