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Welcome to our monthly reading newsletter. Each month, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups, which can be found on your child's English Google Classroom page.

The English Department

### You'll Be the Death of Me

Secrets

Friendship

Betrayal

## Book of the Month

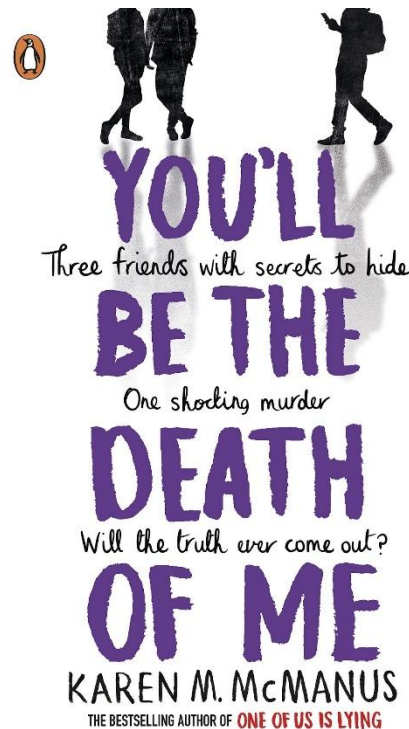
### **You'll Be the Death of Me**

by Karen M. McManus

Recommended for **KS3** by Finian Leach (8B)

*You'll Be the Death of Me* follows three high school students—Ivy, Mateo, and Cal—who were once close friends but have since drifted apart. On an impulsive morning, they decide to skip school together, hoping to relive one of their best days from the past. But what begins as a harmless act of rebellion quickly spirals into a nightmare when they stumble upon the scene of a murder—and realize they have a connection to the victim.

As the day unfolds, the trio is pulled deeper into a web of lies, secrets, and danger. Each of them is hiding something—personal struggles, past betrayals, and questionable choices—that threatens to unravel their attempt to prove their innocence. With the police, school, and social media closing in, Ivy, Mateo, and Cal must work together despite their broken friendship to uncover the truth before one of them takes the fall for a crime they didn't commit.



All students should have a reading book in school every day.

We recommend reading each weekday evening (and for longer at weekends)

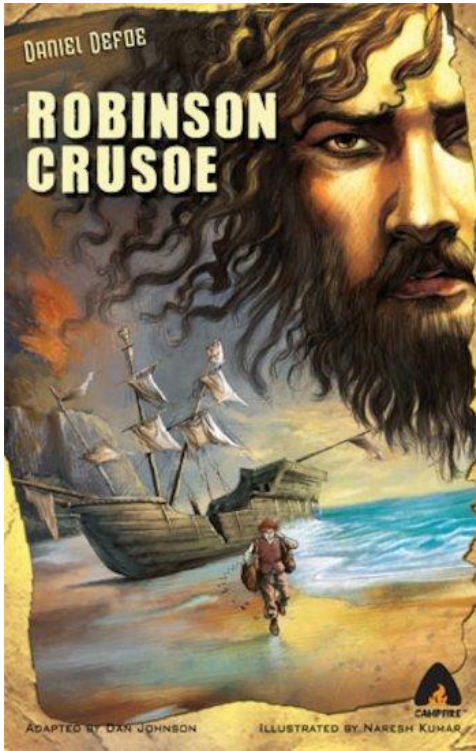
#### **Library Opening Times Year 7:**

Lunchtimes: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

#### **Library Opening Times Year 8/9/10**

After School: 3:15-4:15pm

# Our Recommendations



## **Robinson Crusoe**

by *Daniel Defoe*

Recommended for **KS4** by Marcellino Abdelmessih (10B)

*Robinson Crusoe* tells the story of a young Englishman who defies his father's wishes and goes to sea in search of adventure. After several voyages, he is shipwrecked on a deserted island, where he spends 28 years surviving alone. Crusoe learns to build shelter, grow food, and make tools. Over time, he reflects on his life, turns to religion, and sees his survival as a sign of God's will. He eventually rescues a native man, Friday, and teaches him English and Christianity. The novel explores themes of survival, faith, and colonialism.

## **Robinson Crusoe**

Survival

Religion

Self-Reliance

***We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!***