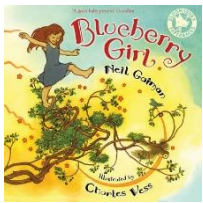
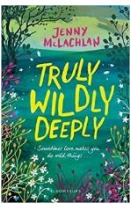




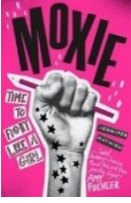
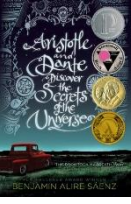
# Books for gender equality and female empowerment

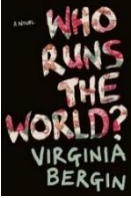
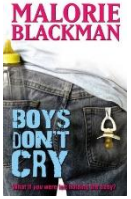
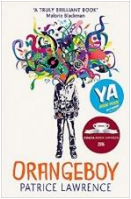
We have produced this booklist for Hay Festival to support teaching of the themes raised in their book by Owen Sheers and Laura Bates [Letters to the future: on equality and gender](#).

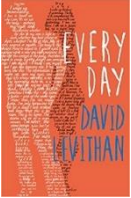


The following books can support you and your class to explore the themes of gender equality and female empowerment in more detail. The books are predominantly aimed at Young Adult readers but we have also included examples for younger readers which may be of interest to reluctant readers or be useful as a model for your students' own writing.

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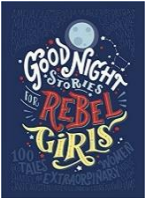
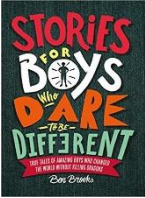
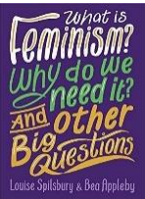
Fiction			
Cover	Synopsis	Details	Reading age
	Neil Gaiman wrote "Blueberry Girl" for a friend who was about to become the mother of a little girl. He has turned the deeply personal wish for a daughter into a book that celebrates the glory of growing up.	<b>Blueberry Girl</b> Written by Neil Gaiman Illustrated by Charles Vess ISBN: 9780747595984	5+
	Annie is starting college and she can't wait for the adventure to begin. No more being told what to do. No more rules. No more labels. As a teenager with cerebral palsy, independence matters more than anything to Annie. The last thing she's looking for is romance. Fab is starting college too. He's wild and energetic and he believes that the greatest adventure in life is falling in love. He's left his home in Poland and he feels adrift in the world. The one thing he's looking for is romance. What will happen when Fab and Annie meet? Will either of them find what they are truly looking for? Big thoughts, big dreams and bigger laughs, Jenny McLachlan is the star of feel-good fiction.	<b>Truly, Wildly, Deeply</b> Jenny McLachlan ISBN: 9781408879740	12+

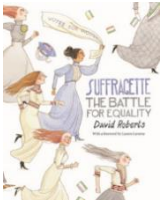
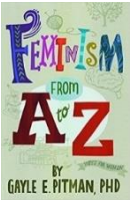
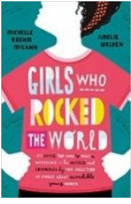
	<p>A girl who can't speak and a boy who can't hear go on a journey of self-discovery and find support with each other in this gripping, emotionally resonant novel from bestselling author Sara Barnard.</p>	<p><b>A Quiet Kind of Thunder</b> Sara Barnard ISBN: 9781509810987</p>	<p>13+</p>
	<p>The heartwarming new novel from the sparkling Laura Dockerill introduces Bluebelle and her moving, hilarious take on food, body image and how we look after ourselves and others. Bluebelle, aka BB, aka Big Bones - is a sixteen-year-old girl encouraged to tackle her weight even though she's perfectly happy, thank you, and getting on with her life and in love with food. Then a tragedy in the family forces BB to find a new relationship with her body and herself. . .</p>	<p><b>Big Bones</b> Laura Dockerill ISBN: 9781471406928</p>	<p>13+</p>
	<p>Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with her high school teachers who think the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules. So Viv takes a page from her mother's past and creates Moxie, a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She soon realises that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution.</p>	<p><b>Moxie</b> Jennifer Mathieu ISBN:9781444940633</p>	<p>13+</p>
	<p>Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When they meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the two loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special kind of friendship - the kind of friendship that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through their friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves - and about the kind of people they want to be.</p>	<p><b>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</b> Benjamin Alire Saenz ISBN: 9781442408937</p>	<p>13+</p>

	<p>Sixty years after a virus has wiped out almost all the men on the planet, things are pretty much just as you would imagine a world run by women might be: war has ended; greed is not tolerated; the ecological needs of the planet are always put first. In two generations, the female population has grieved, pulled together and moved on, and life really is pretty good - if you're a girl. It's not so great if you're a boy, but fourteen-year-old River wouldn't know that. Until she met Mason, she thought they were extinct.</p>	<p><b>Who Runs the World?</b> Virginia Bergin ISBN: 9781509834037</p>	<p>14+</p>
	<p>In <i>Boys Don't Cry</i>, bestselling author Malorie Blackman explores the uncharted territory of teenage fatherhood. You're waiting for the postman - he's bringing your A level results. University, a career as a journalist - a glittering future lies ahead. But when the doorbell rings it's your old girlfriend; and she's carrying a baby. Your baby. You're happy to look after it, just for an hour or two. But then she doesn't come back - and your future suddenly looks very different.</p>	<p><b>Boys Don't Cry</b> Malorie Blackman ISBN: 9780552548625</p>	<p>14+</p>
	<p>Sixteen-year-old Marlon has made his mum a promise - he'll never follow his big brother, Andre, down the wrong path. So far, it's been easy, but when a date ends in tragedy, Marlon finds himself hunted. They're after the mysterious Mr Orange, and they're going to use Marlon to get to him. Marlon's out of choices - can he become the person he never wanted to be, to protect everyone he loves?</p>	<p><b>Orangeboy</b> Patrice Lawrence ISBN: 9781444927207</p>	<p>14+</p>

	<p>Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that. Never get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. And that's fine – until A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment, the rules by which A has been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone he wants to be with – every day . . .</p> <p>A stunningly original novel that will make you view the world from a different perspective and identities.</p>	<p><b>Every Day</b> David Levithan ISBN: 9781405264426</p>	<p>14+</p>
	<p>The arranged marriage YA romcom you didn't know you wanted or needed... Meet Dimple. Her main aim in life is to escape her traditional parents, get to university and begin her plan for tech world domination. Meet Rishi. He's rich, good-looking and a hopeless romantic. His parents think Dimple is the perfect match for him, but she's got other plans... Dimple and Rishi may think they have each other figured out. But when opposites clash, love works even harder to prove itself in the most unexpected ways.</p>	<p><b>When Dimple Met Rishi</b> Sandhya Menon ISBN: 9781473667402</p>	<p>14+</p>
	<p>The word "girl" is loaded. What does it mean to be a "good girl" or a "bad girl"? In high school, those terms can determine a girl's social fate — more so than we would like to imagine. This novel shows how tenuous those titles are and how silly and scary social mores are when it comes to pigeonholing girls into categories.</p>	<p><b>Not that Kind of Girl</b> Siobhan Vivian ISBN: 9781848456976</p>	<p>14+</p>

## Non Fiction

	<p>What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut? What if the jealous stepsisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom? Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Elizabeth I to Serena Williams. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.</p>	<p><b>Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls</b> Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo ISBN: 9780141986005</p>	<p>7+</p>
	<p>Prince Charming, dragon slayer, mischievous prankster... more often than not, these are the role models boys encounter in the books they read at home and at school.</p> <p>Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different offers a welcome alternative narrative. From Salvador Dali to Barack Obama, welcome to an extraordinary compilation of 100 stories of famous and not-so-famous men from the past to the present day.</p>	<p><b>Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different</b> Written by Ben Brooks Illustrated by Quinton Winter ISBN: 9781787471986</p>	<p>7+</p>
	<p>This book looks at the how feminism and the feminist movement have affected each area in turn throughout history, and at the issues they are working to combat today. It also presents key figures in the fight for equal rights, from the Pankhursts to Germaine Greer and Malala Yousafzai, and looks at modern initiatives such as Emma Watson's He for She campaign. A brilliant introduction for children to the movement, looking at the history of feminism, what it is today and its enormous relevance to young people and a vital tool for children in the process of figuring out the world and how it works.</p>	<p><b>What is Feminism? Why do we need It? And Other Big Questions</b> Louise Spilsbury and Bea Appleby ISBN: 9780750298384</p>	<p>12+</p>

	<p>The year 2018 marks a century since the first women won the vote in the United Kingdom, and Suffragette tells the story of their fight. This is a tale of astounding bravery, ingenuity and strength. Covering the whole range of female and male suffragist experiences - from aristocrats to the middle and working class as well as a look at the global struggle for universal suffrage.</p>	<p><b>Suffragette The Battle for Equality</b> Written and illustrated by David Roberts ISBN: 9781509839674</p>	<p>12+</p>
	<p>Dive into this accessible primer on history, current events and essential issues through the lens of feminist theory and perspective. Not only will you learn something about yourself, your community, your people and your world, you will also discover call-to-action suggestions and resources to take your feminism to a higher level. A book for everyone - no matter what gender you are - about feminism: what it is, what it means, and how to do it... from A to Z.</p>	<p><b>Feminism From A to Z</b> Written by Gayle E. Pitman Illustrated by Laura Huliska Beith ISBN: 9781433827211</p>	<p>12+</p>
	<p>Get ready to meet some incredible young women who made their mark on the world before turning twenty and prove that when it comes to having an impact, there's no such thing as too young! Whether designing famous monuments, fighting for their countries' freedom or being political pioneers these gutsy girls have changed the way we view the world and ourselves.</p>	<p><b>Girls Who Rocked The World</b> Michelle Roehm McCann and Amelie Welden ISBN: 9781471171017</p>	<p>12+</p>