

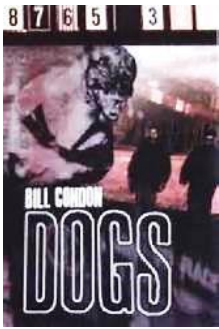


# English Communication

## Reading List

As part of our English Communication course, our students engage with novels as part of their language and literature experiences. These novels represent some of the books available for study; if you would like to read a novel that is not part of your class experience, you are still welcome to borrow this from the library and enjoy in your own time.

We appreciate your feedback as our senior students; if you would like to offer a review of a novel, or suggest others that we should consider for our collection, please feel free to contact our department.



## Dogs

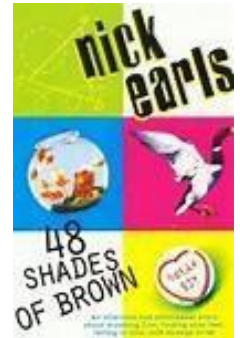
*Bill Condon*

When John Hangan turns up at his friend Stephen Marshall's house with a greyhound racing dog - "Monster" - Stephen's not quite sure what to think. Hangan is planning to teach Monster to race, and although they don't know a thing about racing, Stephen and his father are drawn into it too.

## 48 Shades of Brown

*Nick Earls*

A few months ago Dan had to make a choice. Go to Geneva with his parents for a year, board at school or move into a house with his aunt, Jacq, and her friend, Naomi. He picked Jacq's place. Now he's doing his last year at school and trying not to spin out. Trying to be cool. Trying to pick up a few skills for surviving in the adult world. Problem is, he falls for Naomi, and things become much, much more confusing.



## More Than A Game

*Peter McFarlane*

For Tammy Tin Bum, the lucky one, football means friendship – standing by your friends and your team, no matter what. It's a lot like life. But Tammy's certainty in life is about to be shaken. Her boyfriend, Justin, won't take no for an answer. Her best mate Mick might lose his job. And somebody is painting graffiti on her door...Tammy is going to need all her strength, and the help of her friends, to deal with this.

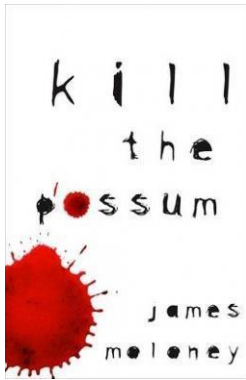


## Touch Me

*James Moloney*

"When can I hold you then?" he whispered. "I want to. I..." He was going to say I love you - but what did that mean? For Xavier McLachlan, rugby is life. Winning a 1st XV jersey means everything...Until he meets Nuala Magee. Has there ever been a girl like her? She's feisty, she's troubled, she's dangerous. What will his mates think? Does he even care? Everything looks different now. Xavier McLachlan is in love.





## Kill the Possum

*James Moloney*

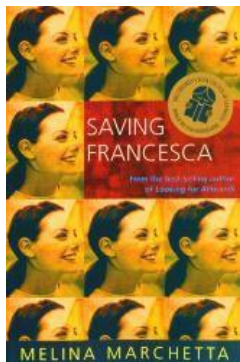
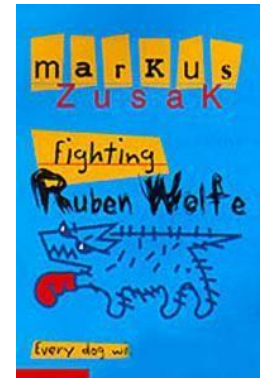
A girl desperate to live a normal life. A family tormented by a monster's cruelty. Two boys with a plan to make him stop. Forever. From the award-winning author of *Lost Property* and *Bridge to Wiseman's Cove* comes a gripping and powerfully moving story of a family stretched to breaking point - and a portrait of a killer...

## Fighting Ruben Wolfe

*Markus Zusak*

I say, 'Don't lose your heart, Rube.' And very clearly, without moving, my brother answers me. He says, 'I'm not tryin' to lose it, Cam. I'm tryin' to find it.'

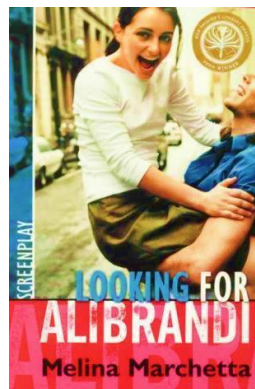
The Wolfe brothers know how to fight. They've been fighting all their lives. Now there's something more at stake than just winning.



## Saving Francesca

*Melina Marchetta*

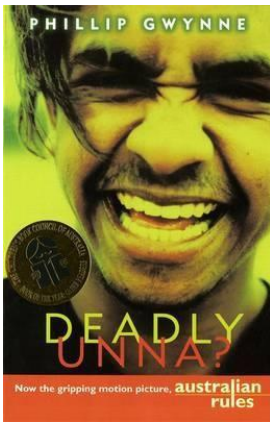
Francesca is at the beginning of her second term in Year Eleven at an all boy's school that has just started accepting girls. She still misses her old friends, and, to make things worse, her mother has had a breakdown and can barely move from her bed. But Francesca had not counted on the fierce loyalty of her new friends, or falling in love, or finding that it's within her power to bring her family back together.



## Looking for Alibrandi

*Melina Marchetta*

*Looking for Alibrandi* is one girl's story of her final year at school, a year she sets herself free. Josephine Alibrandi is seventeen and in her final year at a wealthy girls' school. This is the year she meets her father, the year she falls in love, the year she searches for Alibrandi and finds the real truth about her family – and the identity she has been searching for.



## Deadly Unna?

*Phillip Gwynne*

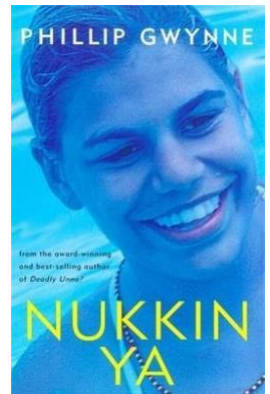
Dumby Red and Blacky don't have a lot in common. Dumby's the star of the footy team, he's got a killer smile and the knack with girls, and he's a Nunga. Blacky's a gutless wonder, needs braces, never knows what to say, and he's white. But they're friends... and it could be deadly. Unna?

This gutsy novel, set in a small coastal town in South Australia is a rites-of-passage story about two boys confronting the depth of racism that exists all around them.

## Nukkin Ya

*Phillip Gwynne*

Blacky and Clarence are falling for each other. Nothing complicated about that. But Blacky's starting to feel like he's playing Romeo to Clarence's Juliet – the whole town's got a problem with them getting together. But then again, the town's had a lot of problems since Clarence's brother died. Now her cousin, Lovely, wants to make sure that Blacky never sees Clarence again. And Lovely means business.



## Came Back to Show You I Could Fly

*Robin Klein*

It's the summer holidays and eleven-year-old loner, Seymour, lodged with a fussy guardian in an inner-city suburb, is bored and unhappy in his confined world. By chance he meets Angie – beautiful, charismatic Angie. He is bewitched, and his world is opened as she takes him on unexpected holiday outings and shopping sprees. Angie, however, is not what she seems.

## Rhino Chasers

*Neil Grant*

School's out, but Goog is about to learn three new Rs - relationships, responsibility and revenge - as he and Castro go barrelling across the country in Aldo's old Kingswood. Sharks the size of trucks, a sinister hitchhiker, campervan tourists, neo-nazis, wild-haired surf fiends - three guys can get into a lot of trouble covering four thousand kilometres of coastline.

