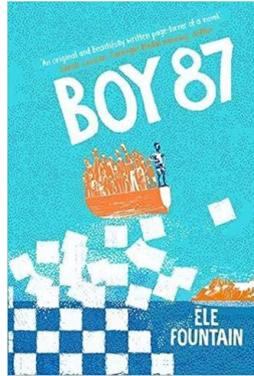
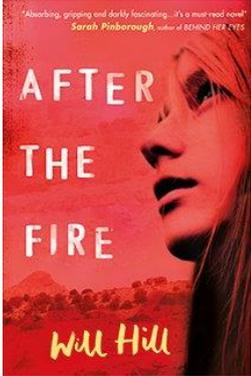


# HARDENHUISH BOOK GROUP: TERM 3

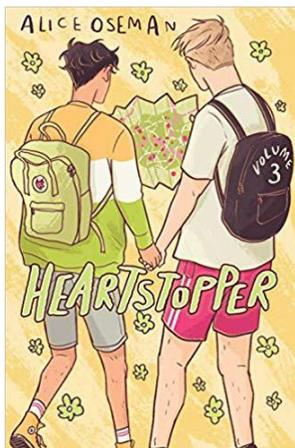
**Term 3** saw the students choosing between **Boy 87** by Ele Fountain, and **After The Fire** by Will Hill. Both had been shortlisted for various book awards over the past few years, and both proved popular with our readers this term!



**After The Fire** was the more popular of the two titles this term. One student said “I could not put this book down, so I read it cover to cover in four or five hours!”. Students also described the book as “eye-opening” with “lots of mystery and shock”. It was given a five star rating by all our reviewers!

**Boy 87** was the shorter title for this term, and students enjoyed this as a read. It was described as “very sad” but “an important refugee story”, about a boy called Shif who tries to escape his homeland which is under the rule of a military government. A really popular title with our Year 7s in particular.

This term’s **YA film screening** was of the popular ‘**Love, Simon**’, based on the book ‘**Simon Vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda**’ by Becky Albertalli. The students really enjoyed this teen rom-com, even giving it a round of applause on occasion! Copies of ‘Simon Vs’ are available in the school library.



We also had a bonus meeting this term on the incredibly popular ‘**Heartstopper**’ series by Alice Oseman to celebrate the release of Volume 3, thanks to some school resources from the publisher. Students discussed what it was they loved about Heartstopper, why it is an important book to read, as well as other recommendations of books to read if they loved Heartstopper! Do ask Mr Southwood or Miss Wilson for these suggestions if you want to know what you might enjoy reading next – or if you want to be added to the reservations list for any of the library copies of the Heartstopper books.

**Next term** we will be reading books all about women’s suffrage, as 8<sup>th</sup> March sees International Women’s Day – so it seems the perfect opportunity to look back at the ways the stories of the suffragettes have been immortalised in YA fiction.

We’ll be meeting the first **Tuesday** of term in the **Library**, and all newcomers are very welcome! We’ll also be announcing our **YA film screening of the term**, so do come along if you want to find out more.