



RECOMMENDED READING FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

ACTION

The Way of the Warrior – Chris Bradford	ACT BRA
<i>First book in the Young Samurai series</i>	
Ghost Hawk – Susan Cooper	ACT COO
Silverfin – Charlie Higson	ACT HIG
<i>First book in the Young Bond series</i>	
Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz	ACT HOR
<i>First book in the Alex Rider series</i>	
Redwall – Brian Jacques	FANT JAC
<i>First book in the Redwall series</i>	
Skulduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy	FANT LAN
<i>First book in the Skulduggery Pleasant series</i>	
Keeper – Mal Peet	ACT PEE
H.I.V.E. – Mark Walden	ACT WAL
<i>First book in the H.I.V.E. series</i>	

CLASSICS

Watership Down – Richard Adams	FANT ADA
Little Women – Louisa May Alcott	GEN ALC
The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett	GEN BUR
Matilda – Roald Dahl	GEN DAH
The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame	FANT GRA
Animal Farm – George Orwell	GEN ORW

FANTASY

Skellig – David Almond	FANT ALM
The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson	FANT AND
Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer	FANT COL
<i>First book in the Artemis Fowl series</i>	

How to Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell	FANT COW
<i>First book in the How To Train Your Dragon series</i>	
Inkheart – Cornelia Funke	FANT FUN
<i>First book in the Inkheart trilogy</i>	
The Secret of Platform 13 – Eva Ibbotson	FANT IBB
The Wind Singer – William Nicholson	FANT NIC
<i>First book in the Wind On Fire trilogy</i>	
The Scarecrow and his Servant – Philip Pullman	FANT PUL
Northern Lights – Philip Pullman	FANT PUL
<i>First book in the His Dark Materials trilogy</i>	
Goblins – Philip Reeve	FANT REE
<i>First book in the Goblins trilogy</i>	
Mortal Engines – Philip Reeve	FANT REE
<i>First book in the Mortal Engines series</i>	
Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone – J. K. Rowling	FANT ROW
<i>First book in the Harry Potter series</i>	
The Curse of the Gloamglozer – Paul Stewart	FANT STE
<i>First book in The Edge Chronicles series</i>	
The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien	FANT TOL
Howl’s Moving Castle – Dianne Wynne Jones	FANT WYN

HORROR, GHOST STORIES

Frozen Charlotte – Alex Bell	HOR BEL
The Spook’s Apprentice – Joseph Delaney	HOR DEL
<i>First book in The Wardstone Chronicles series</i>	
The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman	HOR GAI
The Enemy – Charlie Higson	HOR HIG
<i>First book in The Enemy series</i>	
Cirque du Freak – Darren Shan	HOR SHA
<i>First book in The Saga of Darren Shan series</i>	

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne	HF BOY
Once – Morris Gleitzman	HF GLE
<i>First book in the Once series</i>	
At the Sign of the Sugared Plum – Mary Hooper	HF HOO
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr	HF KER
The Thieves of Ostia – Caroline Lawrence	HF LAW
<i>First book in The Roman Mysteries series</i>	
Goodnight, Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian	HF MAG
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo	HF MOR
Five Children on the Western Front – Kate Saunders	HF SAU

MYSTERIES, THRILLERS, ADVENTURE

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You – Ally Carter	ACT CAR
<i>First book in The Gallagher Girls series</i>	
Look Into My Eyes – Lauren Child	ACT CHI
<i>First book in the Ruby Redfort series</i>	
Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo	GEN MOR
Trash – Andy Mulligan	ACT MUL
Holes – Louis Sachar	ACT SAC
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat – Dave Shelton	ACT SHE
A Bad Beginning – Lemony Snicket	FANT SNI
<i>First book in the A Series Of Unfortunate Events series</i>	
Murder Most Unladylike – Robin Stevens	ACT STE
<i>First book in the Murder Most Unladylike series</i>	
Dead Man's Cove – Lauren St. John	ACT STJ
Now is the Time for Running – Michael Williams	ACT WIL
The Clockwork Sparrow – Katherine Woodfine	ACT WOO
<i>First book in The Sinclair's Mysteries series</i>	

ROMANCE

The Princess Diaries – Meg Cabot HUM CAB

First book in The Princess Diaries series

My So-Called Life – Joanna Nadin HUM NAD

First book in the Rachel Riley series

Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging – Louise Rennison HUM REN

First book in the Confessions of Georgina Nicholson series

REALISM

Artichoke Hearts – Sita Brahmachari GEN BRA

Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko GEN CHO

First book in the Tales From Alcatraz trilogy

One – Sarah Crossan GEN CRO

The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q. Rauf GEN RAU

Look Both Ways – Jason Reynolds GEN REY

The Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson GEN THO

Fire Colour One – Jenny Valentine GEN VAL

Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah GEN ZEP

SPECULATIVE FICTION & SCIENCE FICTION

Noughts + Crosses – Malorie Blackman SF BLA

First book in the Noughts + Crosses series

The Maze Runner – James Dashner SF DAS

First book in The Maze Runner series

The Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen ACT HO

The Set-Up – Sophie McKenzie SF MCK

First book the The Medusa Project series

Railhead -- Philip Reeve SF REE

First book in the Railhead trilogy

Time Travelling with a Hamster – Ross Welford HUM WEL