

Kingsdale Recommends!

The books recommended by Kingsdale's current Y9 and Y8 students 🤔

Quick reads

- The Boy Who Got Accidentally Famous – David Baddiel
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) – Jeff Kinney
- Empress and Aniya - Candice Carty-Williams
- Grandpa's Great Escape – David Walliams
- The Pearl – John Steinbeck
- Rebel Cats! Brave Tales of Feisty Felines - Kimberlie Hamilton
- A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) - Lemony Snicket
- Holes – Louis Sachar
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred D. Taylor



Fantasy/ adventure

- Harry Potter (series) – JK Rowling
- Percy Jackson (series) – Rick Riordan
- Keeper of the Lost Cities (series) - Shannon Messenger
- Skulduggery Pleasant (series) - Derek Landy
- His Dark Materials (Series) - Philip Pullman
- Skandar and the Unicorn Thief – AF Steadman
- A Secret of Birds and Bone – Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- Vampirates (series) - Justin Somper
- Twilight (series) - Stephenie Meyer
- The Power of Five (series) - Anthony Horowitz
- Rooftoppers – Katherine Rundell
- The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell
- Like a Charm – Ellie McNicoll
- The Call of the Wild – Jack London
- The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents – Terry Pratchett
- Lord of the Rings (series) - J.R.R Tolkien

- A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket
- A Place Called Perfect - Helena Duggen
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children – Ransom Riggs
- Amari and The Night Brothers - B.B Alaston
- Red Queen – Victoria Aveyard
- Eragon (The Inheritance Cycle series) - Christopher Paolini
- The Cruel Prince – Holly Black
- Gods and Warriors (series) – Michelle Paver
- Children of Blood and Bone - Tomi Adeyemi
- The Gilded Ones - Namina Forna
- I am Pete - Anne Holm
- The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien
- Silverfin – Charlie Higson
- City of the Beasts – Isabel Allende
- The Wind Singer – William Nicholson
- Starseeker – Tim Bowler
- The Raven Cycle (Series) - Maggie Stiefvater

Mystery/ thriller

- A Good Girl's Guide to Murder (Series)– Holly Jackson
- Murder Most Unladylike (series) – Robin Stevens
- Ruby Redfort (Series) - Lauren Child
- Alex Rider – Anthony Horowitz
- One Of Us Is Lying (Series)- Karen M. McManus
- The Cousins – Karen M. McManus
- Need – Joelle Charbonneau
- Demon Road Trilogy – Derek Landy
- Girl Missing – Sophie McKenzie
- Ruby Redfort – Lauren Child
- Ketchup Clouds – Annabel Pitcher
- Cherub (Series)– Robert Muchamore
- B is for Burgler – Sue Grafton
- This Lie Will Kill You – Chelsea Pitcher
- Thief! - Malorie Blackman
- Artemis Fowl (series) - Eoin Colfer
- The Haven (series) – Simon Lelic
- Daughter - Jane Shemilt
- The Girls I've Been – Tess Sharpe
- All the wrong questions – Lemony Snicket

Historical

- The White Phoenix – Catherine Randall
- Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian
- Sphinx's Princess – Esther Friesner
- Street Child – Berlie Doherty
- Dead Man's Cave – James Gallahan
- Coram Boy – Jamila Gavin
- A Traveler in Time – Alison Uttley



Sports

- Pogba (Ultimate Football Heroes) - Matt & Tom Oldfield
- Ronaldo (Ultimate Football Heroes) - Matt & Tom Oldfield
- You are a Champion – Marcus Rashford
- You Can Do It – Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka
- Kick – Mitch Johnson
- Ghost – Jason Reynolds
- Becoming Mohammad Ali – James Patterson
- Striking Out – Ian Wright and Musa Okwonga



Manga/ Graphic novels/ picture books

- Amulet - Kazu Kibuishi
- Coming to England - Floella Benjamin
- Chibi Maruko-Chan (series) - Momoko Sakura
- Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - Koyoharu Gotouge
- The Cartoons That Came To Life – Tom Ellen
- One-Punch Man (series) - Yusuke Murata
- Tsunami Girl - Julian Sedgwick
- A Dinosaur Ate My Sister – Pooja Puri

Dystopia

- Noughts and Crosses (series) – Malorie Blackman
- Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho Yen
- Gone (series) - Michael Grant
- The Hunger Games (series) - Suzanne Collins
- Uglies (series) - Scott Westerfeld
- Maze Runner (Series) - James Dasher
- Divergent Trilogy – Veronica Roth
- The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness
- More Than This – Patrick Ness
- The Maze Runner - James Dashner
- The Summer We Turned Green - William Sutcliffe
- The Supreme Lie - Geraldine McCaughrean



Horror/ gothic

- The Ghost of Gosswater – Lucy Strange
- Apocalypse – Tim Bowler
- Shadows – Tim Bowler
- Raven's Gate – Anthony Horowitz
- Horowitz Horror - Anthony Horowitz
- The Stuff of Nightmares – Malorie Blackman
- Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror – Chris Priestley
- Shadow and Bone – Leigh Bardugo
- Curse Workers (series) – Holly Black
- The Mary Shelley Club - Goldy Moldavsky



LGBTQI+

- Heartstopper series – Alice Oseman
- Felix Ever After - Kacen Callender
- More Happy Than Not – Adam Silvera
- Girl in Pieces – Kathleen Glasgow
- The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler - Gene Kemp
- The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag - Rob Sanders
- George - Alex Gino
- The Misfits - James Howe
- Drama - Raina Telgemeier
- Carry On: A Novel - Rainbow Rowell
- The Black Flamingo - Dean Atta
- If I was your girl - Meredith Russo



Bildungsroman (coming of age)/ Real Life Fiction

- The Fault in Our Stars – John Green
- They Both Die at the End – Adam Silvera
- After (Series) - Anna Todd
- Vampire Diaries – LJ Smith
- Love Frankie – Jaqueline Wilson
- Stargazing for Beginners – Jenny McLachlan
- Geek Girl – Holly Smale
- Wonder – R.J. Palacio
- Solitaire – Alice Oseman
- Girl in Pieces – Kathleen Glasgow
- To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- It Ends With Us - Colleen Hoover
- The Star Outside My Window - Onjali Q. Raúf
- The Gravity of Us - Phil Stamper
- The Boy Who Steals Houses - C. G. Drews
- The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas
- One - Sarah Crossan
- Scavengers - Darren Simpson
- There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar
- The Outsiders – SE Hinton
- Face – Benjamin Zephaniah
- Skin – Adrienne Maria Vrettos
- The Icarus Girl – Helen Oyeyemi
- Looking for JJ – Anne Cassidy
- Prep – Curtis Sittenfield
- Junk – Melvin Burgess
- Let me Hear a Rhyme – Tiffany D Jackson

Science fiction

- Dune – Frank Herbert
- Life As We Knew It (Last Survivors series) - Susan Beth Pfeffer
- Show Us Who You Are – Elle McNicoll
- The Kid Who Came From Space – Ross Welford
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series) - Douglas Adams
- Railhead - Philip Reeve
- Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card
- Never Let Me Go – Kazuo Ishiguro
- A Phoenix First Must Burn – Patrice Caldwell



Classics

- Lord of The Flies – William Golding
- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier
- Remembrance – Theresa Breslin
- A Little Love Song – Michelle Magorian
- The Boy in Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
- Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
- To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- Huckleberry Fin – Mark Twain
- Little Women – Louis May Alcott
- Sherlock Holmes (series) - Arthur Conan Doyle
- Northanger Abbey – Jane Austen

Non-fiction

- Gulag: A History - Anne Applebaum
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X - Alex Haley and Malcolm X
- Unlocking the Universe – Stephen Hawking
- Becoming – Michelle Obama
- Saving the Last Rhinos – Grant Fowlds
- The Elephant Whisperer – Lawrence Antony
- Lion Hearted, The Life & Death of Cecil & the Future of Africa's Iconic Cats – Andrew Loveridge
- Sapiens – Yuval Noah Harari
- The Diary of Anne Frank – Anne Frank
- Black and British: A Forgotten History - David Olusoga
- The Flame Trees of Thika - Elspeth Huxley
- I Am Malala - Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai
- Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah