

KS3 Recommended Reading List

Books are ordered within each category according to their approximate reading age and subject content. If you are un-certain of the suitability of a book for your child then please ask to have a look at the book beforehand.

Fantasy

Corby Flood – *Stewart & Riddell* ⊙
Goblins – *Phillip Reeves*
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness – *Michelle Paver*
Gods and Warriors – *Michelle Paver*
Shadow Forest – *Matt Haig*
Mortal Engines Quartet – *Phillip Reeves*
Amulet of Samarkand – *Jonathan Stroud*
Artemis Fowl – *Eoin Colfer* ★❖
The Shape Shifter series – *Ali Sparkes*
Dragon Rider/Inkheart trilogy – *Cornelia Funke*
Percy Jackson series – *Rick Riordan* ★
Rangers Apprentice – *John Flanagan* ★
The Last Dragon Chronicles – *Chris D'Lacey*
Pegasus series – *Kate O'Hearn*
The Wind of Fire Trilogy – *William Nicholson*
Moon Riders – *Teresa Tomlinson*
Knife/Rebel/Arrow/Swift – *R J Anderson* ⊕
The Inheritance Cycle (Eragon) – *C. Paolini* ★
His Dark Materials Trilogy – *Phillip Pullman*
The Old Kingdom Series – *Garth Nix*
Chaos Walking Trilogy – *Patrick Ness*
Shadowmancer – *G P Taylor*
The Hobbit – *JRR Tolkien*

Adventure/Mystery

Dead Mans Cove – *Lauren St John*
Small Change for Stuart – *Lissa Evans*
Journey to the River Sea – *Eva Ibbotson* ⊕
Ruby Holler – *Sharon Creech*
The Thief Lord – *Cornelia Funke*
The Crowfield Curse/Demon – *Pat Walsh*
The Roman Mysteries – *Caroline Lawrence*
Tarzan series – *Andy Briggs* ★
Shadows – *Tim Bowler*
The Switch – *Antony Horowitz*
Johnny and the Bomb – *Terry Pratchett*
London Eye Mystery – *Siobhan Dowd*
Gallagher Girls series – *Ally Carter* ⊕

Sport

The Big Match – *Rob Childs* ⊙★
Dream on – *Bali Rai* ⊙★
Foul Play – *Tom Palmer* ⊙★
Respect – *Michaela Morgan* ⊙★
The Fix – *Sophie McKensie* ⊙★
Foul Play – *Tom Palmer* ⊙★
Total Football series – *Alan Gibbons* ⊙★
The Keeper/Penalty – *Mal Peet* ★
Divided City – *Theresa Breslin*

Humourous

Meet the Weirds – *Kaye Umansky* ⊙
Mr Gum series – *Andy Stanton* ⊙★
Wimpy Kid series – *Jeff Kinney* ⊙★
The World of Norm series – *Jonathan Meres* ⊙★
Millions/Framed – *Frank Cottrell Boyce*
The Amazing World of Tom Gates – *Liz Pichon* ⊙★❖
Mr Stink/Billionaire Boy – *David Walliams*
Middle School series – *James Patterson*
Ally's World series – *Karen McCombie* ⊕
Bum Face – *Morris Gleizman*
Chocolate S.O.S – *Sue Limb* ⊕
Flour Babies – *Anne Fine* 13+
Ribblestrop series – *Andy Mullighan* ★

⊙ Suitable for reluctant readers
★ Popular boy fiction
❖ Popular girl fiction
⊕ Available as a graphic novel

Historical

Plague/Fire – *David Orme* ⊙
The Wreck of Zanzibar – *Michael Morpurgo* ⊙
Her Lies Arthur – *Phillip Reeve* ★
Tiger-Tiger – *Lynne Reid Banks*
Crusade – *Elizabeth Laird*
The Diamond of Drury lane – *Julia Golding*
Arthur series/Gatty's Tale – *Crossley Holland* ★
The Silver Sword – *Ian Serrailler*
Blood Red Horse – *K M Grant*
Chains – *Laurie Halse Anderson*
Ithaka – *Adele Gras*
Bog Child – *Siobhan Dowd*
A Gathering Light – *Jennifer Donnelly*
Witch Child – *Celia Rees*
Prisoner of the Inquisition – *Theresa Breslin*
The Brides Farewell – *Meg Rosoff*

War Stories

Blitz – *David Orme* ⊙
War Horse ⊙★/Adolphus Tips ⊕ – *Michael Morpurgo*
Hero on a Bicycle – *Shirley Hughes*
Midnight Zoo – *Sonia Hartnett*
I am David – *Ann Holm*
Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – *John Boyne*
Once Trilogy – *Morris Gleizman*
A Spoon Full of Jam – *Michelle Magorian*
Private Peaceful – *Michael Morpurgo* ★
Tamar – *Mal Peet*
Between Shades of Gray – *Ruta Sepetys*
Boy Soldier – *Andy McNab* ★
The Machine Gunners – *Robert Westall* ★
The Book Thief – *Marcus Zuzak*
The Diary of Anne Frank – *Anne Frank*

Science Fiction /Dystopia

Alien – *Tony Bradman* ⊙
Virus – *Mary Chapman* ⊙
Cosmic – *Frank Cottrell Boyce*
Thief – *Malorie Blackman*
The Medusa Project – *Sophie McKensie* ⊕
Gone series / BZRK – *Michael Grant* ★
The Hunger Games – *Michelle Collins*
Hero.com/Villain.net – *Andy Briggs* ★
Tunnels series – *Roderick Gordon*
Shades Children – *Garth Nix*
Matched/Crossed – *Ally Condie* ⊕
Beast – *Ally Kennen*
Time Riders – *Alex Scarrow* ★
Hybrids – *David Thorpe*
Unique – *Alison Allen Gray*
The Enemy/Dead/Fear/Sacrifice – *Charlie Higson* ★
Lorien Legacies – *Pittacous Lore* ★
Maximum Ride – *James Patterson* ★
The Uglies quartet – *Scott Westerfield*
Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy – *Douglas Adams* ★
1984 – *George Orwell*
The Carbon Diaries 2015 – *Saci Lloyd*

Crime/Thrillers

Lifters - *Joe Craig* ⊙★
The Fall - *Antony McGowan* ⊙
Ruby in the Smoke - *Phillip Pullman*
The Messenger Bird - *bv*
Flip - *Alex Bedford*
Alex Rider series - *Antony Horowitz* ★❖
Young Sherlock Holmes series - *Andrew Lane* ★
Young Bond series - *Charlie Higson* ★❖
Heart Burn - *Anne Cassidy*
Hunting Lilia - *Sarah Alderson*
ITCH - *Simon Mayo* ★
Hacker - *Malorie Blackman*
Hive Series - *Mark Walden* ★
The White Darkness - *Geraldine McCaughean*

Animal

Farm Boy/Butterfly - *Michael Morpurgo* ⊙
One Dog and his Boy - *Iva Ibbotson* ⊙❖
Lion Boy - *Zizou Corder*
Cry of the Wolf - *Melvin Burgess*
A Dog Called Homeless - *Sarah Lean*
Sky Hawk/White Dolphin - *Gill Lewis*
The Sight - *Clement Davies*
Blitz Cat - *Robert Westall*
Hartslove - *K.M. Grant* ❖
Blind Beauty - *K M Peyton*
The One Dollar Horse - *Lauren St John*
North Child - *Edith Patou*
Redwall series - *Brian Jacques*
Watership Down - *Richard Adam*

Multicultural

Kenzuke's Kingdom - *Michael Morpurgo*
Young Samurai - *Chris Bradford* ★
The Garbage King / Lost Riders - *Elizabeth Laird*
Trash - *Andy Mulligan*
Refugee Boy - *Benjamin Zephaniah*
The Girl Savage - *Katherine Rundell*
The Bread Winner - *Deborah Ellis*
The Kite Rider - *Geraldine McCaughean*
A Beautiful Lie - *Irfan Master*
Asylum - *Rachel Anderson*
The Unforgotten Coat - *F. Cottrell-Boyce*
Apache: Girl Warrior - *Tanya Landman*
(Un)arranged marriage - *Bali Rai*
Chinese Cinderella - *Adeline Yen Mah*

Horror /Ghost

Before night falls - *Keith Gray* ⊙
Harrowitz Horror - *Antony Horowitz* ⊙
The Spooks series- *Joseph Delaney* ★
Skulduggery Pleasant Series - *Derek Landy* ★
The Grave Yard Book - *Neil Gaiman*
The Dead of Winter - *Chris Priestly*
Mortlock - *Jon Mayhew*
Vampire Blood Trilogy - *Darren Shan* ★
The Scarecrows - *Robert Westall*
The Wereling series - *Stephen Cole* ★
Bedlam - *Ally Kennen*
Room 13 - *Robert Swindells*
Whispers in the Graveyard - *Teresa Breslin*
The Tulip Touch - *Anne Fine*
Underworld - *Cathy MacPhail*
My Swordhand is Swinging - *Marcus Sedgewick*

Something Different

Savage - *David Almond* ⊙❖
Coraline - *Neil Gaiman* ❖❖
King of the Cloud Forests - *Micheal Morpurgo*
My Name is Mina ❖/ Skellig - *David Almond*
Vrajak Paw - *S F Said* ⊙
Airman - *Eoin Colfer* ★
Holes - *Louis Sachar*
Pig Heart Boy - *Malorie Blackman*
A Series of Unfortunate Events - *Lemony Snicket*
Keys to the Kingdom series - *Garth Nix*
Siberia - *Ann Halam*
Tuck Everlasting - *Natalie Babitt*
Al Capone Does My Shirts - *Gennifer Choldenko*
What I Was - *Meg Rosoff* ❖
Just in Case - *Meg Rosoff* ❖
The Death Defying Pepper Roux- *G. McCaughean*

Classic Books

Stig of the Dump - *Clive King* ⊙
Five Children and It - *E. Nesbit*
The Iron Man - *Ted Hughes*
Bridge to Tarabinthia - *Katherine Paterson*
The Indian in the Cupboard - *Lynne Reid Banks*
Good Night Mr Tom - *Michelle Magorian* ❖
Carries War - *Nina Bawden*
The Borrowers - *Mary Norton*
Island of the Blue Dolphins - *Scott O'Dell*
Black Beauty - *A. Sewell* ❖❖
I Capture the Castle - *Dodie Smith*
Treasure Island - *Robert Louis Stevenson* ❖
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - *Mark Twain* ❖
Ballet Shoes - *Noel Streatfield*
Anne of Green Gables - *L M Montgomery*
The Railway Children - *E Nesbit*
Journey to the Centre of the Earth - *Jules Verne* ❖

Real Life /Family /Friends

Moon Pie - *Simon Mason*
Operation Eiffel Tower - *Elen Caldecot* ❖
A Monster Calls - *Patrick Ness*
Girl Missing / Sister Missing - *Sophie McKenzie* ❖
My Sister lives on the Mantelpiece - *Annabel Pitcher*
Heart Beat - *Sharon Creech*
Everybody Jam - *Ali Lewis*
The Memory Cage - *Ruth Eastam*
Sisterland - *Linda Newbery*
Finding Violet Park - *Jenny Valentine*
Artichoke Heart - *Sita Brahmachari*
The Ostrich Boys - *Keith Gray*

Teenage

Buddies - *Michaela Morgan* ⊙
Revenge of the Number 2 - *Bali Rai* ⊙
Saffy's Angel - *Hilary McKay* ❖
Georgia Nicholson Stories - *Louise Rennison* ❖
Blabbermouth - *Morris Gleizman*
Withering Tights - *Louise Rennison* ❖
Mates Dates & Sole Survivors - *C Hopkins* ❖
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole - *Sue Townsend* ★
Noughts and Crosses - *Malorie Blackman* ❖
Being Billy - *Eric Carle*
Beast - *Ally Kennen*
Inside My Head - *Jim Carrington* ★
Boy's Don't Cry - *Malorie Blackman*