


## Year 8 Reading List



(Please note that books on this list may be suitable for children age 12+)

Biography			AR Level
	Born Free	Joy Adamson	
	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	6.7
	Walking Away/Home	Simon Armitage	
	The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid	Bill Bryson	
	V.I.P. Winston Churchill	Paul Addison	
	My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell	7.8
	The Flame Trees of Thika	Elspeth Huxley	
	Touching the Void	Joe Simpson	6.3
	Travels on my Elephant	Mark Shand	
	I am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	7.1

Classic Fiction			AR Level
	Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	12.0
	The Darling Buds of May	H.E. Bates	
	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	7.9
	The Riddle of the Sands	Erskine Childers	
	The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane	8.0
	Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	4.1
	Moonfleet	John Meade Falkner	8.5
	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	5.0
	Three Men in a Boat	Jerome K. Jerome	
	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	5.6
	Ring of Bright Water	Gavin Maxwell	
	Kidnapped	Robert Louis Stevenson	8.0



	Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	6.6
	Around the World in Eighty Days	Jules Verne	9.6
	The Once and Future King	T.H. White	7.5
	Jeeves and Wooster	P.G. Wodehouse	5.7

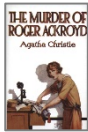
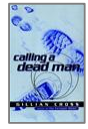



Multi-Cultural			AR Level
	City of the Beasts	Isabel Allende	7.8
	Before we Say Goodbye	Gabriella Ambrosio	6.1
	Asylum	Rachel Anderson	5.1
	Anila's Journey	Mary Finn	5.5
	Into the forest	Louis Nowra	5.5
	Daughter of the Wind trilogy	Suzanne Fisher Staples	5.9
	The Wall	William Sutcliffe	6.0


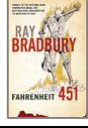


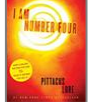
	Throwaway Daughter	Ting Xing Ye	6.0
	Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah	5.6

Historical			AR Level
	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	7.5
	Lorna Doone	R.D. Blackmore	8.8
	Remembrance	Theresa Breslin	6.6
	Girl with a Pearl Earring	Tracy Chevalier	5.4
	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	9.7
	Bog Child	Siobhan Dowd	3.6
	Spies	Michael Frayn	6.1
	Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	6.3
	Chains	Frances Mary Hendry	5.4
	An Officer and a Spy	Robert Harris	


	Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	5.2
	Sisterland	Linda Newbery	4.9
	Tamar	Mal Peet	5.1
	Flambards	K.M. Peyton	5.9
	Witch Child	Celia Rees	6.0
	When the Guns Fell Silent	James Riordan	5.8
	The Book Thief	Marcus Zusak	5.1

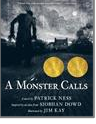


Fantasy			AR Level
	The Letter for the King	Tonke Dragt	4.9
	Life of Pi	Yann Martel	5.7
	Sabriel	Garth Nix	7.3
	His Dark Materials trilogy	Philip Pullman	6.0
	The Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien	7.9

Crime			AR Level
	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd	Agatha Christie	7.7
	Calling a Dead Man	Gillian Cross	4.6
	Sherlock Holmes series	Arthur Conan Doyle	8.4
	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Mark Haddon	5.4
	The House of Silk	Anthony Horowitz	6.6

Science Fiction			AR Level
	A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	6.6
	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	5.2
	The Eyre Affair	Jasper Fforde	6.5
	Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	7.5
	I am Number Four (Lorien Legacies)	Pittacus Lore	5.4

	The Declaration series	Gemma Malley	6.2
	1984	George Orwell	8.9
	The War of the Worlds	H.G. Wells	9.1
	The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	6.9

General Fiction			AR Level
	Watership Down	Richard Adams	6.2
	Apocalypse	Tim Bowler	4.3
	One	Sarah Crossan	5.2
	The Fatal Englishman	Sebastian Faulks	
	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	7.3
	The African Queen	C.S. Forester	7.2
	The Lie Tree	Frances Hardinge	6.4
	The Woman in Black	Susan Hill	7.2

	A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	4.8
	The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	4.7
	Revolver	Marcus Sedgwick	5.2