

KS3 – Recommended Reading List

AUTHOR	TITLE	Z.P.D.
Action/Adventure		
BENNETT M.A.	S.T.A.G.S.	5.8
BRADFORD Chris	Young Samurai series	5.8 - 6.7
DICKINSON Matt	Lie, Kill, Walk Away	4.4
FUNKE Cornelia	The Thief Lord	4.8
HOROWITZ Anthony	Alex Rider novels (Stormbreaker etc)	4.8 - 5.7
MCKENZIE Sophie	Blood Ties	3.6
MUCHAMORE Robert	Cherub series	4.5 - 6.5
RYAN Chris	Code Red Series	5.0 - 5.9
Animal Stories		
ADAMS Richard	Watership Down	6.2
GROGAN John	Marley : A Dog Like No Other	4.9
IBBOTSON Eva	One Dog and His Boy	5.6
LONDON Jack	White Fang	7.4
MARTEL Yann	Life of Pi	5.7
MORPURGO Michael	Shadow, and many others	4.9+
MYRON Vicki	Dewey	5.0
WILLIAMSON Henry	Tarka the Otter	6.8
Biography/Autobiography		
ANDREWS, T	Twin Ambitions : Mo Farah	-
DAHL Roald	Boy	6.0
FRANK Anne	The Diary of a Young Girl	6.5
HAWKING Stephen	My Brief History	-
YEN MAH Adeline	Chinese Cinderella	5.7
YOUSAFZAI Malala	I am Malala	7.1
Classics/Modern Classics		
ALCOTT Louisa May	Little Women	7.5
AUSTEN Jane	Pride and Prejudice	12.0
BARRIE J M	Peter Pan	7.7
BAUM Frank	The Wizard of Oz	7.0
BAWDEN Nina	Carrie's War	5.3
BURNETT Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden	6.3
CARROLL Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	7.4
DICKENS Charles	Oliver Twist, Great Expectations etc	7+
SEWELL Anna	Black Beauty	7.7
TOLKIEN J R R	The Hobbit & Lord of the Rings Trilogy	6+
Crime/Mystery		
CASSIDY Anne	Looking for JJ etc.	4.9
DOWD Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery	4.1
DOYLE Sir Arthur Conan	Sherlock Holmes	6.9
LANE Andrew	Young Sherlock series	6.0
MASON Simon	Running Girl	4.7
SLATER Kim	Smart/928 Miles from Home	4.7
STROUD Jonathan	Lockwood & Co series	5.1

Dyslexia Friendly

BARLOW Steve & SKIDMORE	iHorror series	-
BRADFORD Chris	Ninja series	4+
MCGOWAN Anthony	The Fall and Rook	4.3
PALMER Tom	Secret FC and Scrum	3.6
RAI Bali	Dream On	4.0

Dystopian

BERGIN Virginia	The Rain	5.1
COLLINS Suzanne	The Hunger Games trilogy	5.3
CROSS Gillian	After Tomorrow	4.1
ROTH Veronica	Divergent series	4.8+
YOUNG Moira	The Blood Red Road	2.9

Fantasy

COLFER Eoin	Artemis Fowl series	5.0
EVANS Lissa	Wed Wabbit	6.0
FUNKE Cornelia	Inkheart trilogy	5.4
LANDY Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant series	4.7+
NIX Garth	Sabriel, Mr Monday etc	7.3. 5.9+
PAOLINI Christopher	Eragon (Inheritance Cycle series)	5.6
PAVER Michelle	Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness)	4.5
PRATCHETT Terry	Nation	5.2
PULLMAN Phillip	Northern Lights (His Dark Materials)	6.2

Film/TV Tie-Ins

BOYCE Frank Cottrell	Millions	4.0
CABOT Meg	The Princess Diaries	5.7
DAHL Roald	Matilda + Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	5.0 & 4.8
GREEN John	The Fault in our Stars	5.5
LEWIS C S	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	5.7
ROWLING J K	Harry Potter series	6.0 +
SACHAR Louis	Holes	4.6
SNICKET Lemony	A Series of Unfortunate Events	6.4
WILSON Jacqueline	The Story of Tracy Beaker	4.4

Historical

BAWDEN Nina	Carrie's War	5.3
BOYNE John	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	5.8
CASTOR H M	VIII	5.2
GLEITZMAN Morris	Once, Then, Now and After	3.8+
MAGORIAN Michelle	Goodnight Mr Tom	5.1
MORPURGO Michael	Private Peaceful	5.2
PULLMAN Phillip	Ruby in the Smoke	5.3
SEPETYS Ruta	Salt to the Sea	4.5
SERRAILLIER Ian	The Silver Sword	5.5
ZUSAK Marcus	The Book Thief	5.1

Humour

DAHL Roald	Many!	
KINNEY Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	5.2
LOWERY Mark	Socks are Not Enough	4.3
MERES Jonathan	World of Norm series	4.0
PICHON Liz	Tom Gates series	3.8+
RUSSELL Rachel Renee	Dork Diaries series	4.3

SMALE Holly	Geek Girl	4.5+
STEVENS Rob	Would the Real Stanley Carrot Stand Up?	4.7
SUTCLIFFE William	The Gifted, The Talented and Me	5.5
WALLIAMS David	Mr Stink, Demon Dentist etc	4.2+

Other Cultures

BLACKMAN Malorie	Noughts and Crosses	4.0
CROSS Gillian	Where I Belong	4.5
FOUNTAIN Ele	Boy 87	4.8
FRAILLON Zana	The Bone Sparrow	4.9
KHAN Muhammad	I am Thunder	4.9
LAIRD Elizabeth	The Garbage King/Kiss the Dust	4.9, 5.1
MULLIGAN Andy	Trash	5.1
NAIDOO Beverley	The Other Side of Truth	5.3
RAI Bali	Rani and Sukh	5.4
ZEPHANIAH Benjamin	Refugee Boy	5.6

Prize winners

CREECH Sharon	Ruby Holler	4.3
CROSSAN Sarah	One	5.2
GAIMAN Neil	The Graveyard Book	5.1
HADDON Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night	5.4
LANDMAN Tanya	Buffalo Soldier	5.3
LOWRY Lois	The Giver	5.7
NESS Patrick	A Monster Calls	4.8
RUNDELL Katherine	Rooftoppers	3.5
SAUNDERS Kate	Five Children on the Western Front	5.4

Real Life/Issues

CROSSAN Sarah	Apple and Rain	3.8
CURHAM Siobhan	Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow	4.5
MCKAY Hilary	Saffy's Angel	4.5
PALACIO R.J.	Wonder	4.8
PITCHER Annabel	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	5.2
SACHAR Louis	Holes	4.6
THOMPSON Lisa	The Goldfish Boy	5.0
WILLIAMSON Lisa	Paper Avalanche	4.9
WILSON Jacqueline	Lola Rose, Vicky Angel, Tracy Beaker	4.0+

Science-Fiction

BOYCE Frank Cottrell	Cosmic	4.5
BUSHNELL Niel	Sorrowline	5.3
DASHNER James	Maze Runner series	5.3+
LORE Pittacus	I Am Number Four (Lorien Legacies)	4.4
NESS Patrick	Chaos Walking series	4.4+
REEVE Philip	Railhead	6.1
ROBINSON Jon	Nowhere series	4.8
SAID S.F.	Phoenix	4.9
SCARROW Alex	Time Riders series	5.2
WALDEN Mark	H.I.V.E. series/Earthfall Series	6.7+

Supernatural and Scary Stuff

FENNELL Emerald	Shiverton Hall	5.6
HARDINGE Frances	Cuckoo Song	6.0
MCKAY Kirsty	Undead & Unfed	4.1
HILL Will	Department 19 series	6.7
MEYER Stephanie	Twilight Saga	4.9
SEDGWICK Marcus	My Swordhand is Singing	4.9
SHAN Darren	Many!	
WESTON Danny	The Haunting of Jessop Rise	5.5

Verse Novels

ACEVEDO Elizabeth	The Poet X	5.2
ALEXANDER Kwame	Rebound	4.3
CREECH Sharon	Love That Dog	4.5
CROSSAN Sarah	The Weight of Water, Toffee and others	4.7, 4.0
REYNOLDS Jason	Long Way Down	4.3

Some books may not fit neatly into one genre but may span two or three!

We have a selection of **“quick read” books, dyslexia friendly, Manga and graphic novels**, in addition to an extensive collection of **non-fiction**.

Useful Websites

for eBooks. Please let me know if you would like a log in

<https://warwickshiresls.wheelers.co/>

Public Libraries - free and you can join online

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

<http://www.lovereadings4schools.co.uk/>

What can parents do to support literacy at home?

Let your child see you reading. Discuss books, articles, magazines, websites etc. Ask your child to recommend something for you to read. Visit your public library and a bookshop. Buy a book as a gift. Encourage reading time – turn off all screens for an hour!

Sport can offer a way in, e.g. reading match reports, sports magazines, autobiographies. Other non-fiction, such as The Guinness World Records, Ripley’s Believe it or Not! etc. are also great for sharing and discussing.