

Year 7 - Suggested Reading List

Adventure

Stormbreaker / Anthony Horowitz
Swallows & Amazons / Arthur Ransome
Lion Boy / Zouzou Corder
Cold Tom / Sally Prue
Troy / Adele Geras
The Thief Lord / Cornelia Funke
The Moon Riders / Theresa Tomlinson
Castaways of the Flying Dutchman / Brian Jacques
Alpha Force Series / Chris Ryan

Classics

Little Women / Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden / Frances Hodgson Burnett
Heidi / Johanna Spyri
Carrie's War / Nina Bawden
A Christmas Carol / Charles Dickens
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland / Lewis Carroll
The Lost World / Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Railway Children / Elizabeth Nesbit
The Hobbit / J R R Tolkien
The Water Babies / Charles Kingsley
Black Beauty / Anna Sewell
Ballet Shoes / Noel Streatfield
The Wizard of Oz / Frank Baum
Pollyanna / Eleanor H. Porter
Anne of Green Gables / L.M. Montgomery
The Little House on the Prairie / Laura Ingalls Wilder
Peter Pan / J. M. Barrie

Real Life/Teenage

The Princess Diaries / Meg Cabot
Noughts and Crosses / Malorie Blackman
Refugee Boy / Benjamin Zephaniah
Madame Doubtfire / Anne Fine
Plague 99 / Jean Ure
Granny the Pag / Nina Bawden
Step by Wicked Step / Anne Fine
Just Don't Make a Scene Mum! / Rosie Rushton
Mates, Dates & Sole Survivors / Cathy Hopkins
Saffy's Angel / Hilary McKay
Holes / Louis Sachar
Lola Rose / Jacqueline Wilson
Vicky Angel / Jacqueline Wilson
The Story of Tracy Beaker / Jacqueline Wilson
Feeling Sorry for Celia / Jaclyn Moriarty

Fantasy

Moon Riders / Teresa Tomlinson
Northern Lights / Philip Pullman
Stormchasers / Stewart & Riddell
Redwall / Brian Jacques
The Hobbit / JRR Tolkien
The Earthsea Quartet / Ursula Le Guin
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase / Joan Aiken
Stravaganza: City of Masks / Mary Hoffman
Inkheart / Cornelia Funke
Artemis Fowl / Eoin Colfer
A Series of Unfortunate Events / Lemony Snicket
The Spiderwick Chronicles / Tony Di Terlizzi & Holly Black
Cry of the Iceberg / Stuart Hill
The Blade of Fire / Stuart Hill
The Wind of Fire Trilogy / William Nicholson
Harry Potter / J.K. Rowling
Narnia / C.S. Lewis
Watership Down / Richard Adams
The Named / Marianne Curley
The Edge Chronicles / Stewart & Riddell

Biography/Autobiography

Diary of Anne Frank
A Child Called 'It' / David Pelzer
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit / Judith Kerr
Chinese Cinderella / Adeline Yen Mah
My Family & Other Animals / Gerald Durrell
All Creatures Great and Small / James Herriot

Science-Fiction

The Day of the Triffids / John Wyndham
Plague 99 / Jean Ure

History

Goodnight Mr Tom / Michelle Magorian (WWII)
The Wheel of Surya / Jamila Gavin (Indian independence)
Kiss the Dust / Elizabeth Laird (Kurdish refugees)
The Ruby in the Smoke / Philip Pullman (first of the Sally Lockhart trilogy set in Victorian London)
Roman Mysteries / Caroline Lawrence
Sweet Clarinet etc / James Riordan (WWII)
The Silver Sword / Ian Serrailier
Carrie's War / Nina Bawden
I Coriander / Sally Gardner

Life Issues

Walk Two Moons / Sharon Creech
Vicky Angel / Jacqueline Wilson (a girl coping with the death of a friend)
Chandra / Mary Hendry (arranged marriage)

Prize winners

Ruby Holler / Sharon Creech
The Edge / Alan Gibbons
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time / Mark Haddon
Millions / Frank Cottrell Boyce

Funny

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole / Sue Townsend
Ally's World (Series) / Karen McCombie
Utterly Me, Clarice Bean / Lauren Child
The Edge Chronicles / Stewart & Riddell
My Family and Other Animals / Gerald Durrell
Roald Dahl

Other Cultures

The Garbage King / Elizabeth Laird
The Other Side of Truth / Beverley Naidoo
Chinese Cinderella / Adeline Yen Mah
Refugee Boy / Benjamin Zephaniah
Journey to the River Sea / Eva Ibbotson

Film/TV Tie-Ins

Ella Enchanted / Gail Carson Levine
Freaky Friday / Mary Rodgers
A Series of Unfortunate Events / Lemony Snicket
Holes / Louis Sachar
The Story of Tracy Beaker / Jacqueline Wilson
Woof! / Allan Ahlberg
Five Children and It / E. Nesbit
The Borrowers / Mary Norton
Matilda / Roald Dahl
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory / Roald Dahl
Millions / Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe / C.S. Lewis
Harry Potter (Books 1 - 4) / J. K. Rowling

Animal Stories

Watership Down / Richard Adams (Rabbits)
The Snowgoose / Paul Gallico
Jennie / Paul Gallico (Cat)
The Sheep Pig / D King-Smith
My Family and Other Animals / Gerald Durrell
Dumb Creatures / Jeanne Willis
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips / Michael Morpurgo

Year 8 - Suggested Reading List

Historical

Private Peaceful / Michael Morpurgo
Sweet Clarinet / James Riordan
Roman Mysteries / Caroline Lawrence
Tiger, Tiger / Lynne Reid Banks
Pompeii / Robert Harris
Petals in the Ashes / Mary Hooper
I Coriander / Sally Gardner
No Shame, No Fear / Ann Turnbull

Teen Girl

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen / Dyan Sheldon
Indigo's Star; Saffy's Angel / Hilary McKay
Mates, Dates... / Cathy Hopkins
Skinny Melon and Me / Jean Ure
Georgia Nicholson series / Louise Rennison
What a Week to Make A Stand etc / Rosie Rushton
Feeling Sorry for Celia; Finding Cassie Crazy / Jaclyn Moriarty
Bhangra Babes / Narinder Dhani
Freaky Friday / Mary Rogers
The Princess Diaries; Missing series; The Mediator series / Meg Cabot

Classics

Swiss Family Robinson / J.D. Weiss
The Borrowers / Mary Norton
Five Children and It / E. Nesbit
Anne of Green Gables / L.M. Montgomery
Little Women / Louisa M. Alcott

Animals

Deptford Histories etc / Robin Jarvis
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents / Terry Pratchett
Watership Down / Richard Adams
Lion Boy / Zizou Corder
Redwall Series / Brian Jacques
My Family and Other Animals / Gerald Durrell

School

Skinny Melon and Me / Jean Ure
Harry Potter / J.K. Rowling

Biography/Personal Stories/Real Life/ Other Cultures

A Small Person Far Away; When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit / Judith Kerr
Chinese Cinderella / Adeline Yen Mah
Boy / Roald Dahl
A Child Called 'It' / Dave Pelzer
Garbage King / Elizabeth Laird
Fire Eaters / David Almond
Martyn Pig / Kevin Brooks
I am David / Anne Holm
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time / Mark Haddon

Detective Stories

The Body in the Library etc / Agatha Christie
The Ruby in the Smoke (Sally Lockhart series) / Philip Pullman
Montmorency / Eleanor Updale

Horror/ Witchcraft

Wicca / Cate Tiernan
The Haunting of Alazabel Cray / Chris Wooding
Day of the Triffids / John Wyndham
The Saga of Darren Shan / Darren Shan

Other Worlds/ Fantasy

Moon Riders / Teresa Tomlinson
Cry of the Icemark / Stuart Hill
The Blade of Fire / Stuart Hill
Stravaganza Series / Mary Hoffman
His Dark Materials / Philip Pullman
Inkheart / Cornelia Funke
The Edge Chronicles / Chris Stewart & Philip Riddell
The Goosegirl / Shannon Hale
Eragon / Christopher Paolini
A Series of Unfortunate Events / Lemony Snicket
Shadowmancer / G.P. Taylor
Mr Monday; Sabriel / Garth Nix
The Supernaturalist / Eoin Colfer

Funny

Holes / Louis Sachar
Georgia Nicholson Series / Louise Rennison
Millions / Frank Cottrell Boyce

Year 9 – Suggested Reading List

Biography

Wild Swans / Jung Chang
Angela's Ashes / Frank McCourt
Memoirs of a Geisha / Arthur Golden

Other Cultures

Born Confused / Tanuja Desai Hidier
Rani & Sukh; (Un)arranged Marriage / Bali Rai
Garbage King; A Little Piece of Ground / Elizabeth Laird
The Color Purple / Alice Walker
Noughts & Crosses / Malorie Blackman
Useful Idiots / Jan Mark

History

Remembrance / Theresa Breslin
Pompeii / Robert Harris
The Girl with the Pearl Earring / Tracy Chavalier
The Other Boleyn Girl / Philippa Gregory

Teen Girl

Georgia Nicholson series / Louise Rennison
Mates, Dates... / Cathy Hopkins
Bridget Jones' Diary / Helen Fielding
Lola Rose / Jacqueline Wilson
Between You and Me / Julia Clarke
Beauty / Robin McKinley
The Mediator series / Meg Cabot

Issues

Junk / Melvin Burgess
Looking for JJ / Anne Cassidy
The Opposite of Chocolate / Julie Bertagna

Classics

Pride & Prejudice / Jane Austen
The Mayor of Casterbridge / Thomas Hardy
Tess of the d'Urbervilles / Thomas Hardy
Northanger Abbey / Jane Austen
Tale of Two Cities / Charles Dickens

Other Worlds/Fantasy

Across the Nightingale Floor / Lian Hearn
City of Stars; City of Masks / Mary Hoffman
His Dark Materials / Philip Pullman
The Wee Free Men / Terry Pratchett
Sabriel / Garth Nix
Song of the Lioness Quartet / Tamora Pierce
Tales of Shannara / Terry Brooks
Discworld / Terry Pratchett
I Robot / Isaac Asimov
The Gift / Alison Croggans
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy / JRR Tolkien
Shadowmancer; Wormwood / G.P. Taylor

Adventure

Alex Rider Novels (Stormbreaker etc) / Anthony Horowitz

Animals

White Fang / Jack London
Jennie / Paul Gallico
Tarka the Otter / Henry Williamson
Life of Pi / Yann Martel

Funny

Bridget Jones Diary / Helen Fielding
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents / Terry Pratchett

Miscellaneous

How I Live Now / Meg Rosoff