

Year 7 and 8 Reading List

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Humour

Billionaire Boy, David Walliams

'It was a long, long time since anyone had hugged him, so he hugged himself.'

• The Twits, Roald Dahl

'If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams.'

The Boy in the Dress, David Walliams

'Sometimes children pass on cruelty, unthinkably, like they would a cold.'

- Dork Diaries, Rachel Renée Russell
 'Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes and sketches in her diary about her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school.'
- The World of Norm, Jonathan Meres 'Norm knew it was going to be one of them days.'
- Agent Z, Mark Haddon

Delight in the daring missions of Agent Z.









Stories from Different Cultures

• Little Soldier, Bernard Ashley 'Revenge is a terrible thing to live with.'

- Lost for Words, Elizabeth Lutzeier The story of a Bangladeshi's girl first year in London.
- The Garbage King, Elizabeth Laird 'Inspired by the true story of an African childhood lived on the edge of destitution.'
- No Turning Back, Beverley Naidoo

Sipho runs away from home and joins a gang of children on the streets of Johannesburg.

• Shadow, Michael Morpurgo

'This is the story of Aman, as told in his own words. He is a boy from Afghanistan fleeing the horror of the Afghan war.'

- Under the Persimmon Tree, Suzanne Fisher-Staples Northern Afghanistan, 2001 – Najmah makes a dangerous journey over the mountains from Afghanistan to Pakistan. Will she be safe there?
- *Zlata's Diary*, *Zlata Filipovic* The diary of a young girl who lived in Sarajevo when it was under siege.
- AK, Peter Dickinson

A boy soldier is told to bury his AK rifle. Will he ever need it again?



History

• Carrie's War, Nina Badwen

'It's very hard to imagine what it would have been like as a child to be evacuated.'

- The Diary of Anne Frank, Anne Frank 'In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.'
- When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit, Judith Kerr
 'I don't really care where we are, as long as we're together.'
- Street Child, Berlie Doherty

'Poor people are considered unimportant but one caring person can make a difference.'

- Witch Child, Celia Rees 'She herself is a haunted house.'
- War Horse, Michael Morpurgo
 'They fight a war and they don't know what for. Isn't that crazy?'
- Goodnight Mr. Tom, Michelle Magorian
 "I must be good," he whispered urgently. "I must be good."
- Coram Boy, Jamilla Gavin

The Coram man takes babies but does not realise that when he takes Aaron, Aaron escapes and survives. What will happen when the Coram man discovers his mistake?

• The Silver Sword, Ian Serraillier

During World War Two, three friends journey from Poland to Switzerland in the hope that they will find their parents.



Relationships

Best Friends, Jacqueline Wilson 'Alice and I are best friends. I've known her all my life. That is absolutely true.' • Blubber, Judy Blume 'Not everything has to have a point. Somethings just are.' • Danny Champion of the World, Roald Dahl 'Grownups are complicated creatures, full of quirks and secrets.' • Girl Missing, Sophie Mackenzie 'Two lives, one explosive moment.' • Sisterland, Linda Newbery 'Family life turned upside down by revelations.' • The Tulip Touch, Anne Fine 'But what about Tulip? I shall feel sorry for Tulip all my life.' • Flour Babies, Anne Fine What happens when a class have to look after six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times? Double Image, Pat Moon

'Who is the boy in the faded photograph? Why is an empty room shut off at the top house? Only David can find out the truth.'











- *Pig-Heart Boy,* Malorie Blackman
 'Everybody deserves the chance to fly.'
- *My Name is Mina* and *Skellig*, David Almond 'The mind is a place of wonder.'
- My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece, Annabel Pitcher
 'I stared up at the sky...just in case God was watching. I don't like being spied on.'
- Jake's Tower, Elizabeth Laird 'What we like to think of ourselves and what we really are, rarely have much in common.'
- *Refugee Boy,* Benjamin Zephaniah
 'What we really need is a culture of peace.'



Fantasy

- Harry Potter, J.K Rowling 'You're a wizard, Harry.'
- *Hunger Games* Series, Suzanne Collins 'May the odds be ever in your favour.'
- Lord of the Rings, J. R. R. Tolkien 'I think I'm quite ready for another adventure.'
- Goosebumps Series, R. L. Stine
 'Go after what gives you goosebumps.'
- Percy Jackson series, Rick Riordan
 'A kind act can sometimes be as powerful as a sword.'
- Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer
 'Who is Artemis Fowl? A genius, a criminal mastermind, a millionaire and only twelve years old.'
- Mortal Engines, Phillip Reeve
 'You aren't a hero and I'm not beautiful and we probably won't live happily ever after.'
- Cirque Du Freak, Darren Shan

Darren is an ordinary school boy until he sees the Cirque Du Freak. Now he will never be the same again.

- Clay, David Almond
 A disturbing tale of god versus evil. Who is Stephen Rose and where has he come from?
- The Knife of Never Letting Go, Patrick Ness

What if there were no more girls? What if you were nearly thirteen? What if you had to leave your home for ever?

• The Graveyard Book, Neil Gaiman

A baby escapes a murderer and the only place he is safe is in the local graveyard.











- *Watership Down*, Richard Adams 'Animals don't behave like men.'
- Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte 'I am not an angel, and I will not be one till I die. I will be myself.'
- The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson-Burnett 'If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden.'
- Heidi, Johanna Spyri
 'How she used what she learned.'
- Anne of Green Gables, L. M. Montgomery 'Life is worth living as long as there's a laugh in it.'
- Treasure Island, R.L Stevenson
 'Fifteen men on the Dead Man's Chest
 Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!
 Drink and the devil had done for the rest
 Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!'
- *Five Children and It,* Edith Nesbit Five children discover a sand-fairy with the ability to grant wishes. What will the children wish for?
- *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott With their father away at war, the March sisters have to survive without him.









Adventure

Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Patterson 'Just close your eyes and keep your mind wide open.' Holes, Louis Sacher 'When you spend your whole life living in a hole, the only way you can go is up.' • Johnny and the Bomb, Terry Pratchett 'You're not allowed to call them dinosaurs anymore.' The Demon Headmaster, Gillian Cross The Headmaster at Dinah's new school is very strange and she finds herself saying things like, "I think the Headmaster is a marvellous man." Will she discover the Headmaster's secret before it's too late? Storm Catchers, Tim Bowler 'Filled with mystery, drama and adventure, this story is based on a kidnapping in the middle of a storm".' Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer 'Who is Artemis Fowl? A genius, a criminal mastermind, a millionaire and only twelve years old.' • The Cherub Series, Robert Muchamore CHERUB employs teenage spies. Will they succeed in their various missions? • *Exodus*, Julie Bertagna The icecaps are melting. How will Mara and the other villagers survive? Millions, Frank Cottrell Boyce What would you do if you found millions of pounds? • *Silverfin*, Charlie Higson James Bond as a teenager and before he became 007. Hacker, Malorie Blackman Vicky's father is arrested and only she can save him by breaking into the bank's

