



Recommended Reads: Key Stage 3

Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

The Inheritance Games; The Naturals (+) by JL Barnes*
The Soul Hunters; Bodyguard (+) by Chris Bradford
Dead Time; Looking for JJ; Moth Girls (+) by A Cassidy*
The Rules; The Truth About Lies by Tracy Darnton*
Mortal Chaos; Lie, Kill, Walk Away by Matt Dickinson*
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Hide and Seeker; Nightmare King by Daka Hermon
Murder at Snowfall; Waiting for Murder by F Hitchcock
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder(+);*Five Survive*-Jackson*
High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson
I Have No Secrets; Girl Who Wasn't There by P Joelson*
The Five Clues; Outside Chance by Anthony Kessel
Eight Pieces of Silva; Splinters of Sunshine-Lawrence*
The Highland Falcon Thief (+) by MG Leonard
Mystery in the Palace at Westminster by Sarah Lustig
Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean*
Hide&Secrets; Girl Missing; The Set-Up (+)- S McKenzie*
Nothing More to Tell; One of Us is Lying(+)-K McManus*
The Recruit; Robin Hood (+) - R Muchamore*
Hatchet; Northwind by Gary Paulsen
Below Zero; Big Game by Dan Smith
Murder Most Unladylike (+) by Robin Stevens
The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne (+) by Jonathon Stroud

Animal Fiction

The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa*
The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell
Calling the Whales by Jasminder Bilan (SR)
The Boy Who Saved a Bear (+) by Nizrana Farook
The Way of the Dog by Zana Fraillon
The Last Bear; The Lost Whale; Finding Bear by H Gold
A Street Dog Named Pup; Gorilla Dawn by Gill Lewis
Dogs of the Deadlands by Anthony McGowan
War Horse; Born to Run; Kaspar by Michael Morpurgo
A Wolf Called Wander; A Horse Named Sky by R Parry
Wolf Brother (+) by Michelle Paver
Pax; Journey Home Sarah Pennypacker (foxes)
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (dogs)
Tyger; Varjak Paw (+) by SF Said (cats)
Finding Wonder by Lauren St. John (horses)
I, Cosmo by Carlie Sorosiak (dogs)
The Dog Who Saved the World by Ross Welford

Talking to Alaska by Anna Woltz (dogs)

Environment & Climate Change

Exodus (+) by Julie Bertagna
Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari
The Drowning Day by Anne Cassidy
Global by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin (GN)
The Song That Sings Us by Nicola Davies
Two Degrees by Alan Gratz
Wild; Melt by Ele Fountain
FloodWorld; DustRoad; StormTide by Tom Huddleston
Green Rising by Lauren James*
Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird
The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea - Bren Macdibble
Beyond the Frozen Horizon; Between Sea & Sky-Penfold
Big Tree by Brian Selznick
Dry by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman*
The Summer We Turned Green by William Sutcliffe*
The Last Whale by Chris Vick*

Dystopia & Science Fiction

The Infinite (+) by Patience Agbabi
The Middler or *Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum
Noughts & Crosses; (+) *Noble Conflict* by M Blackman*
Adam-2; Orion Lost by Alastair Chisholm
City of Rust by Gemma Fowler
How I Saved the World in a Week by Polly Ho-Yen
Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake*
Show Us Who You Are by Elle McNicholl
The Knife of Never Letting Go (+)-P Ness*
Railhead & Mortal Engines (+) by P Reeve
The Blue Book of Nebo by Manon Ros*
Scythe, Unwind (+) by Neal Shusterman*
Slick; Six by M.M. Vaughan
The Monkey Who Fell From the Future by Ross Welford
The Partials (+) by Dan Wells*
The Extinction Trials; The Infinity Files (+)by SM Wilson*
The 5th Wave (+) by Rick Yancey*

Fantasy, Myths, Magic Realism

The House With Chicken Legs & Girl/Bear by S Anderson
Six of Crows, Shadow & Bone (+) by Leigh Bardugo*
Medusa by Jessie Burton*
City of Brass (& sequels) by S.A. Chakraborty*
Artemis Fowl (+) by Eoin Colfer
Who Let the Gods Out (+) by Maz Evans
Royal Ranger; The Outcasts (+)- John Flanagan
The Gilded Ones (+) by Namina Forna*

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Rumaysa: A Fairytale (+) Radiya Hafiza
Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave*
Skulduggery Pleasant (+) by Derek Landy
Rebel Skies (+) by Ann Sei Lin
Mia and the Lightcasters by Janelle McCurdy
Eragon (+) by Christopher Paolini
Northern Lights (+) by Phillip Pullman*
Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (+)- R Riggs
Alcatraz & Evil Librarians (+) by Brandon Sanderson
Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard*
Beyond the Deepwoods (+)by P Stewart and C Riddell
Nic Blake and the Remarkables (+) by Angie Thomas
Greenwild: The World Behind the Door by Pari Thomson
Children of the Quicksands; The House of Shells -Traore

Graphic Novels (GN), Verse Novels (VN), Super-Readables (SR), Interactive You Choose (YC)

Werewolf; Mutant; King Arthur(+)Barlow&Skidmore (YC)
You Save the World (Select Superpower)-D Blaze (YC)
Gamer; Bullet Catcher (+) by Chris Bradford (SR)
Into the Dungeon (+) by Hari Conner (YC)
One; Toffee; Moonrise by Sarah Crossan (VN)
New Kid; Class Act; School Trip by Jerry Craft (GN)
The Disconnect by Keren David (SR)
The Minecraft Zombie Adventure by John Diary (YC)
Gunpoint by Jim Eldrige (SR)
Dungeon of Doom by P Friend: *You Say Which Way* (SR)
The Quest of Theseus Interactive Myths (+) B Hoena (YC)
Roller Girl; All's Faire in Middle School -V Jamieson (GN)
The Monster Maker: Solve Your Mystery (+)- Jones (YC)
Amazons, Abolitionists and Activists -Mikki Kendall (GN)
Amulet: The Stonekeeper (+) by Kazu Kibuishi (GN)
*Rat or Needle** by Patrice Lawrence (SR)
I am Minotaur by Anthony McGowan (SR)
The Girl From the Sea by Molly Knox Ostertag (GN)
White Bird by RJ Palacio (GN)
Dog Man; Cat Kid (+) by Dav Pilkey (GN)
Pirate Island: You Say Which Way (+) - Potter&Polly (YC)
The Gun; A Sudden Storm by Bali Rai (SR)*
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds (VN, GN)
Pumpkin Heads by Rainbow Rowell (GN)
Dark Peak by Marcus Sedgwick (SR)
Escape from the Carnival of Horrors (+) by RL Stine (YC)
Cosmic Conquest: Justice League (+)- L Sutton (YC)
Lost in the Jungle of Doom (+) by Tracey Turner (YC)

Humour & Comedy

Worst Week Ever! Monday (+) by Amores & Cosgrove
Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties - Humza Arshad

The Terrible Two, Mac B Kid Spy (+) by Mac Barnett
The Wonder Brothers, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy –FC Boyce
The Last Kids on Earth (+) by Max Brallier
The 13-Storey Treehouse (+) by A Griffiths
How to Survive Without Grownups (+) by Larry Hayes
Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy (+) by Konnie Huq
Disaster Diaries: Zombies (+)-R McGeddon
The Day That Aliens Ate Our Brains (+) Tom McLaughlin
May Contain Nuts (+) by Jonathon Meres
Accidental Trouble Magnet (+) by Zanib Mian
Mistakes Were Made (+) by Stephan Pastis
Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates–Pearson
The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh (+) by Helen Rutter
Brilliant World of Tom Gates (+) by Liz Pichon
Something I Said by Ben Bailey Smith
Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good (+) by L Stowell
From the Top: Big Nate (+) by Lincoln Peirce (SR)

Horror and Ghost

Doll Bones by Holly Black
Jon for Short by Malorie Blackman
The House in the Woods (+) by Yvette Fielding
Coraline by Neil Gaiman (also GN)
Spirit Hunters; Haru: Zombie Dog Hero by Ellen Oh
Last One to Die by Cynthia Murphy
Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher –Chris Priestley
The Housetrap by Emma Read
Zom-B or Cirque du Freak (& sequels) by D. Shan
Full Tilt by Neal Shusterman*
Thunderstruck by Ali Sparkes
The Screaming Staircase (+) by Jonathon Stroud
Slappy Birthday to You; Party Games (+) by RL Stine

Immigrant/Intercultural Experience & Refugees

No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton
Efren Divided by Ernesto Cisneros
Boy, Everywhere; Fight Back by A.M. Dassu
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion
The Island by Armin Greder (PB for older readers)
The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth
Amina's Voice (+) by Hena Khan
When Stars Are Scattered by Jamieson & Mohamed (GN)
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (VN)
The Crossing by Manjeet Mann (VN)*
A Long Walk to Water; Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
The Arrival by Shaun Tan (PB for older readers)
Other Words For Home by Jasmine Warga (VN)
Front Desk (+); *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang

The Windrush Child or *Refugee Boy** -B Zephaniah

Relationships & Tough Situations

October, October; Light in Everything by Katja Balen

Boy Underwater by Adam Baron

When Shadows Fall; Artichoke Hearts -S. Brahmachari*

Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths by Maisie Chan

Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow by B Dean

Truth be Told & Guard Your Heart by Sue Divin*

Stella By Starlight or *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper

Read Between the Lies by Malcolm Duffy*

Running on Empty; Talking to the Moon by S.E. Durrant

The Many Worlds of Albie Bright –Chris Edge

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Lenny's Book of Everything by Karen Foxlee

Check Mates; Can You Feel the Noise by S Foster

One Crazy Summer (+) by Rita Williams-Garcia

Focused; Taking Up Space; Braced by Alyson Gerber

When Life Gives You Mangoes; If You Read This - Getten

George; Rick; Alex Austin Lived Here by Alex Gino

Tall Story or *Shine* by Candy Gourlay

Proud of Me; Just Like Everyone Else by S Hagger-Holt

Julia and the Shark by KM Hargrave

After the Fire by Will Hill*

Fish in a Tree; Shouting at the Rain by Lynda M Hunt

When Our Worlds Collided by Danielle Jawando*

Mark My Words by Muhammed Khan*

How to Look for a Lost Dog; Rain Reign by Ann Martin

Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark by Anthony McGowan *

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicholl

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

No Fixed Address; Tremendous Things – S Nielsen*

It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime (YA)—Trevor Noah*

Wonder or *Pony* by R.J. Palacio

Ellie Pillai is Brown by Christine Pillainayagam*

The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Rauf

When I Was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds*

Ghost Boys; Black Brother; Paradise on Fire JP Rhodes

Can You See Me (+) by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott

The Boxer; Stand Up by Nikesh Shukla*

Counting by 7's; Elephant in the Room by H G Sloan

Stargirl; Dead Wednesday by Jerry Spinelli*

Clean Getaway; Dear Justyce by Nic Stone*

Jemima Small vs the Universe by Tamsin Winter

Sports

Finding Her Feet; Kicking Off (+) by Eve Ainsworth

Booked, Crossover or Rebound by Kwame Alexander*

Inspirational Sports Stories for Kids by Ben Hyde

Unstoppable or *The Kick Off* (+) by Dan Freedman

50 Times Football Changed the World by G Linneker

Ultimate Football Heroes collection – M&T Oldfield

Foul Play; Black Op; Combat Zone (+) by Tom Palmer

Becoming Muhammed Ali by J Patterson & K Alexander

Starting Eleven; Dream On (+) by Bali Rai

You Are a Champion & You Can Do It by M Rashford

Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu (Track series) by J Reynolds

Macbeth United: A Football Tragedy by Michael Rosen

Rugby Spirit; Football Fiesta by Gerald Siggins

Striking Out by Ian Wright & Musa Okwonga

History, War & Conflict

The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander (VN)*

Rasputin Dagger; Remembrance by Theresa Breslin*

Brothers of the Buffalo; Code Talker; Geronimo-Bruchac

The Short Knife by Elen Caldecott*

Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven -Dowswell

Copper Sun; Fire From the Rock by Sharon Draper*

The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery

When the Sky Falls; Until the Road Ends --Phil Earle

Under a War-Torn Sky; Walls; Suspect Red - L.M. Elliott*

Hide and Seek; Sweet Skies by Robin Scott-Elliot

Call of the Titanic; Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

Never Forget You; Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin*

Once (+) by Morris Gleitzman

Bone Talk; Wild Song by Candy Gourlay

Grenade, Ground Zero or *Allies* - Alan Gratz

Journey Back to Freedom; Sawbones (+) -C Johnson

When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler*

Orphan Monster Spy; Devil, Darling, Spy - Matt Killeen*

Buffalo Soldier, Apache; Lightning Strike- T Landman*

The Skylarks' War; The Swallows' Flight- Hilary McKay

Red Stars by Davide Morosinotto*

Shadow; In the Mouth of the Wolf by M Morpurgo

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers*

We Are Wolves by Katrina Nannestad

Things A Bright Girl Can Do; All Fall Down by S Nicholls*

Resist; After the War; Armistice Runner -Tom Palmer

Salt to the Sea; I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys *

Eagle of the Ninth (+) by Rosemary Sutcliffe

The Land; Roll of Thunder by Mildred D Taylor*

African Town by Charles Waters & I Latham* (VN)

Code Named Verity (+); *Last Hawk* by E Wein*

Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle*

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak*

+ = sequels/other books in the series available

* = content is more mature (12/13+)