



Year 7

Recommended Reading List

Action & Adventure

Bradford, Chris	The Way of the Warrior (Young Samurai Series)	Jack is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan in 1611. Rescued by a legendary sword master, his only hope is to become a samurai warrior. His training begins...
Carter, Ally	I'd Tell You I Love You, but Then I'd Have to Kill You (Gallagher Girls series)	The Gallagher Academy claims to be a girls' school for geniuses, but is really a school for spies!
Collins, Suzanne	The Hunger Games (The Hunger Games series)	Katniss represents her 'district' in the annual live televised Hunger Games - it is considered a death sentence, only one of the 24 contestants will survive.
Higson, Charlie	Silverfin (Young Bond series)	Thirteen-year-old James Bond embarks on his first heroic adventures.
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)	Adventures of Alex Rider, trainee spy.
Child, Lauren	Look Into My Eyes (Ruby Redfort series)	13-year-old Ruby is asked to be a code-cracker for a secret agency.
Adams, Richard	Watership Down	A group of rabbits flee their endangered warren and undergo many dangerous adventures before finding a safe new home.

Family & Relationships

Ibbotson, Eva	Journey to the River Sea	Mia, an orphan, goes to start a new life with relatives she has never met, a thousand miles up the Amazon river.
Palacio, R. J.	Wonder	Auggie has a disfigured face, but inside he's like everyone else.
Pitcher, Annabel	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	Ten year old Jamie narrates the tragedy of how a terrorist attack tears his family apart, and the process of rebuilding their lives.
Boyce, Frank Cottrell	The Astounding Broccoli Boy	A young boy and his nemesis, the local school bully, are forced to spend time together when they both turn green and are isolated in a hospital ward
Crossan, Sally	One	Conjoined twins start at a normal school after being previously homeschooled, but when one develops a heart condition it threatens them both.

Ghost & Horror

Gaiman, Neil	Coraline	When a young girl ventures through a hidden door, she finds another life with shocking similarities to her own.
Bell, Alex	The Lighthouse	From the second they set foot on Bird Rock island to join their dad and his new family, Jess and Rosie feel that something's wrong.
Rose, J.P.	The Haunting of Tyrese Walker	Under threat, Tyrese and his friends set out on a terrifying journey across the island to try and uncover the Shadow Man's sinister history.
Wooding, Chris	Malice	Two teenagers discover that the underground comic book Malice is trapping and killing its readers
Horowitz, Anthony	Raven's Gate (The Power of Five Series)	A foster child with unusual powers finds himself in a battle between eight guardians and a group of devil worshippers, seeking to release evil forces

Humour

Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Framed	A boy becomes involved in an art heist when his father leaves home, leaving him in charge of the family.
Baddiel, David	The Parent Agency	A 9-year-old boy disappointed with his parents has the chance to try out a variety of eccentric replacements after making a wish
Thomson, Jamie	The Teenage Years (The Dark Lord series)	Follows the trials and tribulations of a dark lord after he is banished to earth and trapped in the body of a 13-year-old boy
Pratchett, Terry	The Carpet People	Hilarious fantasy from the master. Great intro to the genre. Follows the adventures of a tribe of tiny people who live in the fibres of a carpet.
Walliams, David	The Blunders	The Blunders live in a crumbling country house named Blunder Hall. When their home comes under threat, they must embark on a series of comic misadventures to save it.

Sport

Freedman, Dan	The Kick Off (Jamie Johnson series)	Can Jamie prove he is good enough for the football team?
Peet, Mal	The Keeper (Paul Faustino series)	A World Cup winning goalkeeper recounts his life story to a top South American journalist.
Palmer, Tom	Foul Play (Foul Play Series)	A soccer fan investigates a football hero's kidnapping.
Alexander, Kwame	Rebound	A story in verse about a boy who falls in love with playing basketball when he is sent to stay at his grandparents for the summer.
Norriss, Andrew	Mike	A teenage tennis star questions his career choice when a strange boy starts appearing to him and suggests that he follows a different path

Mystery, Crime & Thrillers

Stroud, Jonathan	The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood & Co series)	A group of ghost hunters with special powers attempt to solve an old murder and then clear a house of a vicious haunting
Stevens, Robin	A Murder Most Unladylike (A Murder Most Unladylike series)	Set in the 1930s, two girls investigate the murder of a teacher at their boarding school'
Jackson, Sharna	High-Rise Mystery	Two sisters take it upon themselves to investigate the murder of one of the fellow residents of their housing estate
Sachar, Louis	Holes	Sent by mistake to a juvenile correction centre, a teen boy discovers the wardens are using the boys as manual labour to find a buried treasure
Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot	A teen boy moved to Florida encounters a bare-footed boy and joins in a daring environmental rescue.

Sci-Fi

Dashner, James	The Maze Runner (The Maze Runner series)	A boy suffering from amnesia finds himself in an encampment surrounded by wall where half robot creatures hunt the people that live there.
Blackman, Malorie	Pig Heart Boy	Cameron is thirteen and desperately in need of a heart, but he has a big decision to make.
Terry, Teri	Slated (Slated series)	A girl whose memory has been wiped blank searches for the truth about her past which is being kept hidden from her.
Dickinson, Matt	Mortal Chaos	The butterfly effect of a series of events fans out to affect otherwise unrelated people around the world.
Sheehan, Nicky	Who Framed Klaris Cliff	In a world where imaginary friends are classed as dangerous and anyone with one is lobotomized, 13-year-old Joseph tries to keep secret the fact that one has appeared in his head.
Lu, Marie	Legend	The first in a sci-fi trilogy based on Les Miserables. With the United States is gone. In the midst of this broken continent and dark new world are two teenagers who will go down in history...
Lowry, Lois	The Giver	A boy is enrolled for the task of becoming the new Giver, the person in his community who collects all the feelings and memories that they are brought up not to have.

Historical

Castor, H.M.	VIII	Tells the story of Henry VIII from his early childhood, living in the shadow of his older brother, right through to his death.
Johnson, Catherine	Sawbones	A forensic crime thriller set in eighteenth-century London.
Donnelly, Jennifer	These Shallow Graves	A young woman from a wealthy family living in 19th century New York teams up with a news reporter to investigate her father's sudden death
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Where the World Ends	Set in 18th century on St Kilda, a fowling party must survive being stranded.
Lane, Andrew	Death Cloud (Young Sherlock Holmes series)	A teenage Sherlock Holmes embarks on his first adventure.

Fantasy

Delaney, Joseph	Spook's Apprentice (Wardstone Chronicles Series)	A young wizard apprentice takes on the evil witch Mother Malkin
Colder, Eoin	Artemis Fowl (Artemis Fowl series)	A twelve-year-old boy plans to steal all the fairies' gold, but his plan is thwarted by the fairies of the crack LEPrecon Unit.
Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant (Skulduggery Pleasant series)	He's a wise-cracking detective, a powerful magician, and the sworn enemy of evil.
Nix, Garth	Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom Series)	Seven days. Seven keys. Seven virtues. Seven sins. One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world -- where one boy is about to venture and unlock a number of fantastical secrets.
Paolini, Chris	Eragon (Inheritance series)	A farm boy discovers his destiny as a Dragon Rider when he discovers an egg.
Paver, Michelle	Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series)	Torak's father is killed by a demon in the shape of a bear, so sets off on a quest for revenge.
Pullman, Philip	Northern Lights (His Dark Materials Series)	Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon journey north to find her friend Roger, as rumours spread that scientists perform unspeakable experiments on captured children.
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engines (Mortal Engines Series)	Set in a futuristic world, roving cities trawl the globe with the strong preying on the weak. Tom and Hester are thrown out of London and are desperate to get back on board.
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series)	He's half boy and half god - can he stop the war of the gods?
Sage, Angie	Magyk (Septimus Heap series)	A mix of magic, wizardry and evil, excellent for Harry Potter fans.
Steadman A.F,	Skandar and the Unicorn Thief (Skandar series)	Thirteen-year-old Skandar is accepted into the unicorn riders and must use his unique power to challenge the dark Weaver. These are not fluffy unicorns but dangerous, edgy unicorns!
Stroud, Jonathan	The Amulet of Samarkand (The Bartimaeus series)	The magician's apprentice summons the djinni, Bartimaeus.
Banks, Lynne Reid	The Indian in The Cupboard	A boy discovers a fantasy world of native American Indians.

War

Boyne, John	The Boy in Striped Pyjamas	A tale of friendship and the horrors of war seen through the eyes of two young boys from very different backgrounds.
Gleitzman, Morris	Once (Once series)	Felix sets off on a mission to find his parents during World War II. A tale of friendship and hope.
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	"Tommo" Peaceful recalls his childhood from the battlefields. World War I trench novel.
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight, Mister Tom	Willie is evacuated during World War II and sent to live with gruff Tom Oakley. An unlikely friendship develops, helping both of them heal old wounds.
Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief	A 10yr year old orphan girl, Liesel, steals books in Nazi Germany in a story narrated by Death. A story about life, love and words.
Sepetys, Ruta	Salt to the Sea	Set during the end of World War 2, a group of refugees escape Germany by ship. Based on a true story
Frank, Anne	Diary of a Young Girl	The famous diary of a young Jewish girl hiding from the Nazis.

Classics

Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	When Alice follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole she enters a world of strange scenes and remarkable characters.
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women	The classic story following the lives of four sisters in nineteenth century America.
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Treasure Island	Follows the adventures of Jim Hawkins and a pirate crew as they search for lost treasure.
Lewis, C S	The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (Chronicles of Narnia series)	Four children step through a wardrobe and enter the frozen land of Narnia. When all hope is lost the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change and sacrifice.
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit	Bilbo Baggins likes his home comforts, but finds himself sent on a quest by the wizard Gandalf, alongside 13 dwarves. They search for stolen treasure, guarded by the dragon Smaug.
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days	Despite his better judgement, eccentric English gentleman Phileas Fogg has wagered half his fortune on a whim - and a foolish one at that. He must travel around the world in eighty days or lose it all.

Other Cultures

Brahmachari, Sita	Jasmine Skies	14-year-old Mira travels to India and discovers secrets about her family as well as new things about herself.
Gatten, Kereen	When Life Gives You Mangoes	A young girl makes a new friend and regains her confidence as she tries to come to terms with a traumatic event
Laird, Elizabeth	The Garbage King	Follows two runaways, from very different backgrounds, as they struggle to survive on the streets of Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.
Cheung, Sue	Chinglish	Thirteen-year-old Jo tries to juggle life in a family that is half Chinese, half English, running a takeaway in Coventry
Crossan, Sally	The Weight of Water	Follows a 12 year old Polish girl struggling to adjust to life in Britain
Fraillon, Zana	The Bone Sparrow	A girl makes friends with a boy who has lived in a detention centre for refugees all his life.
Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Does My Head Look Big in This?	Recounts the teenage experiences of an Australian girl of Islamic faith
Perera, Anna	Guantanamo Boy	Khalid, a 15-year-old Muslim boy from Rochdale, is abducted from Pakistan whilst on holiday & taken to Guantanamo