



Years 7 and 8 Recommended Fiction

Action and Adventure

Lost on Gibbon Island by Jess Butterworth

Into the Volcano by Jess Butterworth

Gold of the Gods by Bear Grylls

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Brockett by John Boyne

Adolescence

I am the Minotaur by Anthony McGowan

The Colour of the Sun by Davis Almond

Like a Girl by Rebecca Westcott

Animal Stories

Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Dogs of the Deadlands by Anthony McGowan

Into that Forest by Louis Nowra

The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earl

Tiger Heart by Penny Chrimes

Classics

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Peter Pan by J M Barrie

The Owl Service by Alan Garner

The Narnia Chronicles (any) by C S Lewis

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome

Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

The Hobbit by J R Tolkien

Frankenstein: A Retelling by Tanya Landman

Charlotte's Web by E B White

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson





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Crime/Mystery/Thriller

The Swifts by Beth Lincoln

Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger by J. T. Williams

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Holes by Louis Sachar

Fantasy

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell

Tyger by S. F. Said

On Silver Tides by Sylvia Bishop

Like a Charm by Elle McNicoll

Nic Blake and The Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy by Angie Thomas

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Skullduggery Pleasant (any) by Derek Landy

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Wildspark by Vashti Hardy

Rebel Skies by Ann Sei Lin

Dystopia

Sunrise on The Reaping by Suzanne Collins

The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins

The Maze Runner Series by James Dashner

After by Padraig Kenny

I am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm

When the Wild Calls by Nicola Penfold

The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble

Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick



Family and Friendships

The Girl who Couldn't Lie by Radhika Sanghani

When I feel Red by Lily Bailey

Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer by Jeffrery Boakye

Sisters of the Moon by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

A Drop of Golden Sun by Kate Saunders

Wonder by R J Palacio

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

The Middler by Kirsty Applebaum

When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson

The Mystery of Me by Karen McCrombie and Cathy Brett

Tell Me No Lies by Malorie Blackman

The Tree That Sang to Me by Serena Molloy

Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan



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Historical Fiction

Yours from the Tower by Sally Nicholls
The Door of No Return by Vanessa Curtis
Lightening Mary by Anthea Simmons
Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge
Nush and the Stolen Emerald by Jasbinder Bilan
Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah
Birdie by J P Rose
Freedom by Catherine Johnson

Horror and Ghosts

Island of Whispers by Frances Hardinge
The Lighthouse by Alex Bell
The Witch in the Woods by Jennifer Killick
Bite Risk by S. J. Wills
The Creatures of Kilburn Mine by Dan Smith
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Haunted by Susan Cooper
Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud

Humour

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Glow Up Lara Bloom by Dee Benson
The Boy Who Made everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter
The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks
by Katie Kirby
Monday: Into the Cave of Thieves by Ralph Lazar
King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessore
Any by Frank Cottrell Boyce
That Time I got Kidnapped by Tom Mitchell
The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by H K Rutter
My Evil Twin is a Supervillian by David Solomons
Something I Said by Ben Bailey Smith
Steady for This by Nathanael Lessore
Work It, Lara Bloom by Dee Benson

Mythology/Folklore/Fairytales

Medusa by Jessie Burton
Sister Spirit by Efua Traore
Arthur: High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo
Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
Who Let The Gods Out? by Maz Evans





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Relationships and Romance

ASAP by Axie Oh

Northern Soul by Phil Earle

The Humiliations of Welton Blake by Alex Wheatle

Science Fiction

Black Hole Cinema Club by Christopher Edge

Boy, Everywhere by A. M. Dassu

The Clockwork Conspiracy by Sam Sedgman

Countdown to Yesterday by Shirley Marr

21% Monster by P. J. Canning

Running out of Time by Simon Fox

The Infinite by Patience Agbabi

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Skywake Invasion by Jamie Russell

Mortal Engines by Philip Pullman

Railhead by Philip Reeve

Social Issues

The Wrong Shoes by Tom Percival

Final Year by Matt Goodfellow

Quiet Storm by Kimberly Whittam

Running Away for Beginners by Mark Illis

Louder than Hunger by John Schu

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

My sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher

Wink by Rob Harrell

How to Save The World by Emma Shevah

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

Two Weeks with The Queen by Morris Gleitzman

The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan

Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter

When I see Blue by Lily Bailey

Can You See Me? By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

Bubble Wrap Boy by Phil Earle

Chinglish by Sue Cheung

Talking to Alaska by Anna Woltz

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Bad Influence by Tamsin Winter

No Fixed Address by Susin Nielson

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

Rat by Patrice Lawrence

Boy 87 by Ele Fountain

Wink by Rob Harrell



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Sport

Check Mates by Stewart Foster

Mbappe vs Haaland by Matt Oldfield and Seth Burkett

Me and Aaron Ramsey by Manon Stefan Ross

You have the power by Leah Williamson

Kick by Mitch Johnson

Booked by Alexander Kwame

Secret FC by Tom Palmer

Ghost by Mitch Johnson

The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird

Tall Story by Candy Gourlay

War Stories

Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler

Angel of Grasmere by Tom Palmer

Fritz and Kurt by Jeremy Dronfield

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Skylarks' War by Hilary Mckay

Arctic Star by Tom Palmer

Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan by Sufiya Ahmed

The Week at Worlds End by Emma Carroll

Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

War Girls by various authors

Graphics

White Bird by R. J. Palacio

Running Overload by Connie R. Colwell

Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy by Rey Terciero

Global by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin

Bad Magic by Derek Landy

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Non-Fiction

Fashion Conscious by Sarah Klymklw and Kim Hankinson

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Be Resilient by Nicola Morgan

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

You Have the Power by Leah Williamson

Poetry

Talking Turkeys by Benjamin Zephaniah

Tomorrow We Begin by Matt Goodfellow



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Challenging Reads to try...

Deelight by Frances Hardinge

The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge

The Woman in Black by Susan Hill

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Around the World the Eighty Days by Jules Verne

This is not an exhaustive list and the LRC has many books to inspire reading, including Quick Reads, Manga and Funny Facts.

