

Reading list

Recommended reading list for KS3

Science Fiction

The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet by Eleanor Cameron

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

Whales on Stilts by M.T Anderson

Virals by Kathy Reichs

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Eager by Helen Fox

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

Mrs Frisbee and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien

Charlie and The Great Glass Elevator by Roald Dahl

Have Spacesuit, Will Travel by Robert A. Heinlien

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline l'Engle

Doctor Who (series) by David Whitaker, Bill Strutton and various authors.

Stranger Things: Suspicious Minds by Gwenda Bond

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Fantasy

The Harry Potter series by J K Rowling

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

The Hobbit by J RR Tolkien

Plays

The Tempest by William Shakespeare

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Kindertransport by Diane Samuels

Sparkleshark by Philip Ridley

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child by J K Rowling

Face: The Play by Benjamin Zephaniah and Richard Conlon

Our Day Out by Willy Russell

Adventure, Crime and Thriller

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

One of Us is Lying by Karen M McManus

Girl, Missing by Sophie McKenzie

A Murder Most Unladylike (series) by Robin Stevens

Alex Rider (series) by Anthony Horowitz

Enola Holmes by Nancy Springer

Looking for Alaska by John Green

The Hunger Games (series) by Suzanne Collins

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook

The Boy Who Met a Whale by Nizrana Farook

Storm Catchers by Tim Bowler

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

The Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens and Siobhan Dowd

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Percy Jackson (series) by Rick Riordan

Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

His Dark Materials (series) by Philip Pullman

Frostheart by Jamie Littler

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

The House with the Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

Wolf Brother (series) by Michelle Paver

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

The Chronicles of Narnia (series) by C S Lewis

Relationships and what it means to be a young person

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

Noughts and Crosses, Knife Edge, Checkmate and Double Cross by Malorie Blackman

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

The Confessions of Georgia Nicholson series by Louise Rennison

Face by Benjamin Zephaniah

The Tulip Touch by Anne Fine

Flour Babies by Anne Fine

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

A Song for Ella Grey by David Almond

Historical Fiction and War

Black and British: A Short, Essential History by David Olusoga

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

An Eagle in the Snow by Michael Morpurgo

The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman

The Tiger in the Well by Philip Pullman

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Dancing the Charleston by Jacqueline Wilson

The Midnight Guardians by Ross Montgomery

The Silent Stars Go By by Sally Nicholls

Another Twist in the Tale by Catherine Bruton

Witch Child by Celia Rees

The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge

The Austen Girls by Lucy Worsley

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

The Boy at The Top of the Mountain by John Boyne

The Railway Children by E Nesbit

Terror Kid or Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah

The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailler

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story by Bali Rai

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Boy by Roald Dahl

Skellig by David Almond

Crongton Knights by Alex Wheatle

Stig of the Dump by Clive King

Ella on the Outside by Cath Howe

Boy Underwater by Adam Baron

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker

The Faraway Truth by Janae Marks

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Pigeon English by Stephen Kelman

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

Stone Cold by Robert Swindells

Wonder by R J Palacio

The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

A Kestrel for a Knave by Barry Hines

No Turning Back by Beverley Naidoo

Out of Bounds by Beverley Naidoo

Classic Fiction

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Charlotte's Web by E B White

Call of the Wild by Jack London

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Mary Poppins by P. L Travers

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper

Non Fiction

No One is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers that Changed the World by Rachel Ignotovsky

A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson

This Book is Anti-Racist by Tiffany Jewell

The Life Changing Magic of Numbers by Bobby Seagull

Prisoners of Geography – Our World Explained in Twelve Simple Maps by Tim Marshall

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

Poetry

On The Move by Michael Rosen

The Iron Wolf by Ted Hughes

She is Fierce: Brave, Bold and Beautiful Poems by Women by Ana Sampson

Happy Poems by Rodger McGough

Revolt Rhymes by Roald Dahl

Michael Rosen's A-Z The Best Children's Poetry, from Agard to Zephaniah by Michael Rosen

SLAM! You're Gonna Wanna Hear This by Nikita Gill

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe

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