

**Recommended Reads: Years 7/8**

**Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers**

***Storm Catchers*** by Tim Bowler

***The Terrible Thing […] Barnaby Brocket*** - John Boyne

***Bodyguard*** or ***Gamer*** (& sequels) by Chris Bradford\*

***Mortal Chaos*** or ***Lie, Kill, Walk Away*** –M Dickinson (!)

***The London Eye Mystery*** by Siobhan Dowd (!)

***The Girl Who Stole An Elephant*** by Nizrana Farook

***Boy Overboard*** by Morris Gleitzman

***The Boy Who Flew*** by Fleur Hitchcock

***High Rise Mystery*** & ***Mic Drop*** by Sharna Jackson

***The Long Weekend*** by Savita Kalhan\*

***Girl Missing*** (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie

***The Recruit*** (& sequels) or ***Killer T*** -R Muchamore\*

***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen

***Ruby in the Smoke*** by Phillip Pullman

***Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper The Explorer*** by K Rundell

***Murder Most Unladylike*** (& sequels) – R Stevens

***Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure)*** -Tracey Turner.\*

***Girl. Boy. Sea*** by Chris Vick

***The Extinction Trials*** by SM Wilson

**LGBTQ+ Celebrating difference**

**Heartstopper series** by Alice Oseman

**Leah on the Offbeat** by Becky Albertalli

**Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe** by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

**Aristotle and Dante Dive Into the Waters of the World**- B.A. Saenez

**Here's to Us (What If It's Us)-** B.Albertalli

**Dystopian & Science Fiction**

***The Infinite*** by Patience Agbabi

***The Middler*** or ***Troofriend*** by Kirsty Applebaum

***Ink*** (& sequels) by Alice Broadway

***Where the River Runs Gold*** by Sita Brahmachari

***Gone***or ***BRZK***(& sequels) -Michael Grant

***Nowhere on Earth*** by Nick Lake

***The Giver*** and ***Gathering Blue*** by Lois Lowry (!)

***The Dog Runner***, ***Across the Risen Sea*** & ***How to Bee*** by Bren Macdibble (!) – environmental dystopia

***Killer T*** by Robert Muchamore

***The Knife of Never Letting Go***(& sequels)-P Ness (!)

***Railhead*** & ***Mortal Engines*** (& sequels)-P Reeve (!)

***Scythe, Unwind, Dry***(& sequels) – N Shusterman (!)

***Destination Earth*** by Ali Sparkes

***Contagion*** or ***Slated*** (& sequels)by Teri Terry

***The Kid Who Came From Space*** by Ross Welford

***The 5th Wave***(& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

**Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost**

***The House With Chicken Legs*** &***Girl/Bear*** -S. Anderson

***Asha & The Spirit Bird*** by Jasbinder Bilan

***Mind Writer*** by Steve Cole\*

***Artemis Fowl***(& sequels) by Eoin Colfer

***Who Let the Gods Out*** (& sequels) by Maz Evans

***Ranger’s Apprentice*** or ***Brotherband*** - J Flanagan

***Inkheart*** (& sequels) or ***Reckless*** by Cornelia Funke (!)

***The Graveyard Book*** by Neil Gaiman (!)

***Blackberry Blue*** by Jamila Gavin (!)

***Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure*** by Vashti Hardy

***Girl of Ink and Stars*** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)

***Skulduggery Pleasant*** (& sequels) by Derek Landy

***Eragon***(& sequels)by Christopher Paolini

***Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher*** –Chris Priestley

***Northern Lights***(& sequels) by Phillip Pullman (!)

***Goth Girl*** (& sequels) by Chris Riddell\*

***Mrs Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*** *-*Riggs

***Alcatraz & Evil Librarians*** (& sequels) by B Sanderson

***Zom-B*** or ***Cirque du Freak*** (& sequels) by D. Shan\*

***Oh My Gods*** by Alexandra Sheppard (!)

***Black Panther the Young Prince*** by Roland L Smith

***The Edge Chronicles*** by P Stewart and C Riddell

**The Ocean at the End of the Lane** by Neil Gaiman

**Humorous books**

***Little Badman &[…] Killer Aunties*** - Humza Arshad (!)

***Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy*** by Frank C Boyce

***The Last Kids on Earth*** (& sequels) by Max Brallier\*

***Fenway and Hattie*** by Victoria Cole\*

***Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire***(&more)***-***T.Collins\*

***The 13-Storey Treehouse*** (& series) by A Griffiths\*

***Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy…*** by Konnie Huq\*

***Enginerds*** (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner\*

***Disaster Diaries: Zombies*** (&sequels)-R McGeddon\*

***The Accidental Billionaire*** series- T McLaughlin

***The World of Norm*** series by Jonathon Meres\*

***Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar*** by Zanib Mian

***Timmy Failure*** series by Stephan Pastis\*

***Tom Gates***series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)\*

***Big Nate*** series by Lincoln Peirce\*

**Relationships & Tough Situations**

***Cyborg Cat*** (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan\* (!)

***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate

***Boy Underwater*** by Adam Baron (!)

***Noughts and Crosses***or ***Pig-Heart Boy*** - M Blackman (!)

***Blubber*** oranythingby Judy Blume

***Artichoke Hearts*** or ***Jasmine Skies*** -S. Brahmachari

***A Pocketful of Stars*** by Aisha Bushby

***Efren Divided*** by Ernesto Cisneros

***New Kid*** by Jerry Craft

***One***, ***Apple &Rain, Moonrise, Toffee*** -S Crossan (!)

***Stella By Starlight*** *or* ***Blended*** by Sharon Draper (!)

***Running on Empty*** by S.E. Durrant

***Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy -*** P Earle\*

***The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*** –Chris Edge

***Pet*** by Akwaeke Emezi

***Mockingbird*** by Kathryn Erskine (!)

***Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies*** by A. Fine

***Lenny’s Book of Everything*** by Karen Foxlee

***Check Mates & The Bubble Boy*** by Stewart Foster

***One Crazy Summer*** by Rita Williams-Garcia

***George*** by Alex Gino

**Coram Boy by** Jamila Gavin

***Tall Story*** or ***Shine*** by Candy Gourlay

***The Island at the End of Everything*** by KM Hargrave(!)

***After the Fire*** by Will Hill (!)

***Boy in the Tower*** by Polly Ho-Yen

***A Different Dog*** by Paul Jennings\*

***Red Sky in the Morning or Song/Dolphin Boy*** -E Laird (!)

***Scarlet Ibis*** by Gill Lewis

***Rain Reign*** by Ann M Martin

***Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark*** by Anthony McGowan \*(!)

***A Monster Calls***by Patrick Ness (!)

***No Fixed Address*** or ***Word Nerd*** – Susin Nielsen (!)

***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio (!)

***Pax*** or ***Here in the Real World*** - S Pennypacker (!)

***Unboxed*** by Non Pratt \*

***A Good Kind of Trouble*** by Lisa Moore Ramee

***Long Way Down***, ***Look Both Ways***, ***Ghost -***Reynolds\*(!)

***Ghost Boys*** or ***Black Brother[…]*** Jewell P Rhodes (!)

***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

***Operation Frog Effect*** by Sarah Scheerger

***Can You See Me*** or ***Do You Know Me***–Scott & Westcott

***The Marvels*** or ***Wonderstruck*** by Brian Selznick\*

***The Boxer*** by Nikesh Shukla (!)

***Stargirl*** by Jerry Spinelli (!)

***Clean Getaway*** by Nic Stone

***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*** by Mildred Taylor (!)

***The Hate U Give*** by Angie Thomas (!)

***Goldfish Boy*** by Lisa Thompson

***The 1000 Year Old Boy*** or ***Time/Hamster*** - Ross Welford

***A Boy Called Hope*** or ***Ocean/Armchair*** - by L Williamson

***Brown Girl Dreaming*** or ***Harbor Me*** - J Woodson (!)

***Front Desk*** by Kelly Yang

**Sports**

***Booked, Crossover or Rebound –*** K. Alexander\* (!)

***Stat Man*** by Alan Durant \*

***Unstoppable or Man of the Match***  - Dan Freedman\*

***The Number 7 Shirt*** or ***The Lion Roars*** - A Gibbons\*

***Kick*** by Mitch Johnson

***The Fix*** by Sophie McKenzie\*

***The Greatest: Muhammed Ali*** by Walter D Myers\*

***Ultimate Football Heroes Collection*** – M&T Oldfield\*

***Football Academy*** or ***Foul Play*** series–Tom Palmer\*

***Soccer Squad*, *Dream On* (& series)** by Bali Rai\*

***Outcasts United*** (young people edition) -W. St John

***The Football Boy Wonder*** (& sequels) - Martin Smith\*

***Pay Attention, Carter Jones*** by Gary Schmidt\* (!)

**History, War, Conflict & Refugee Experience**

***Soldier Dog*** or ***A Horse Called Hero*** - Sam Angus

***The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*** by J Boyne (!)

***The Short Knife*** by Elen Caldecott

***Illegal*** by Eoin Colfer \* (!)

***Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven -***Dowswell

***Copper Sun*** by Sharon Draper

***Under a War-Torn Sky*** by L.M. Elliott

***Boy 87*** by Ele Fountain

***The Bone Sparrow*** by Zana Fraillion (!)

***Once*** (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman \* (!)

***Bone Talk*** by Candy Gourlay (!)

***Grenade*** by Alan Gratz

***Race to the Frozen North\*, 1783, Blade and Bones*** or ***Sawbones*** by Catherine Johnson

***Orphan Monster Spy*** by Matt Killeen

***Inside Out and Back Again*** by Thanhha Lai (!)

***Crusade*** by Elizabeth Laird

***Buffalo Soldier*** or ***Apache*** by Tanya Landman

***Every Falling Star*** (North Korea) by Sungju Lee

***Dog Tags: Semper Fido*** or ***Strays*** by C A London\*

***Diver’s Daughter: A Tudor Story*** by P Lawrence

***Shadow***or ***In the Mouth of the Wolf -***Morpurgo

***Sunrise Over Fallujah*** by Walter Dean Myers\*

***A Night Divided*** by Jennifer Nielson

***After the War, Armistice Runner*** or ***Over/Line-***TPalmer\*

***A Long Walk to Water*** by Linda Sue Park

***The Red Pencil*** by Andrea David Pinkney

***Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story*** by Bali Rai\*

***The Boy at the Back of the Class*** by Onjali Rauf (!)

***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys (!)

***Eagle of the Ninth*** by Rosemary Sutcliffe (!)

***Refugee Boy*** by Benjamin Zephaniah

***The Book Thief*** by Marcus Zusak !

***Note to parents: Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be occasional ‘gritty’ content. Generally by Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask your child’s teacher.***

**\* = Top picks for reluctant readers;**

**! = favourite reads**