

## RECOMMENDED READING

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### Fantasy/Adventure/Action

- \* **All Boys to Men** Yinka Adebayo
- \* **Harry Potter (series)** JK Rowling
- \* **Haroun and the Sea of Stories** Salman Rushdie
- \* **Tuc Everlasting** Natalie Babbitt
- \* **Kensuke's Kingdom** Michael Morpurgo
- \* **Toad Rage** Morris Gleitzman
- \* **Loch Paul** Zindel
- \* **The BFG/The Witches/Matilda** Roald Dahl
- \* **The Artemis Fowl series** Eoin Colfer
- \* **The Narnia Series** C.S. Lewis
- \* **The Wizards' Den** Pullman et al.
- \* **Magician's Circle** Pullman et al.
- \* **The Alchemist's Son (Trilogy)** Martin Booth
- \* **The Amulet of Samarkand** Jonathan Stroud
- \* **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** Lewis Carroll
- \*\* **The Last Continent/Equal Rights** Terry Pratchett
- \*\* **Llandor Trilogy** Louise Lawrence
- \*\* **White Fang** Jack London
- \*\* **Children of the Dust** Jack London
- \*\* **The Ark of the People** WJ Corbett
- \*\* **The Quest for the End of the Tail** WJ Corbett
- \*\* **A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E.** Malorie Blackman
- \*\* **Gatty's Tale** Kevin Crossley Holland
- \*\* **Here Lies Arthur** Philip Reeve
- \*\* **Skellig** David Almond
- \*\* **Raspberries on the Yangtze** Karen Wallace
- \*\* **Tunnels** Roderick Gordon & Brian Williams
- \*\* **Redwall Series** Brian Jacques
- \*\* **Dragon Series** Anna McCaffrey
- \*\* **Owl Service** Alan Garner
- \*\* **Hexwood** Diane Wynne Jones
- \*\* **The Witches of Eileanan** Kate Forsyth
- \*\* **The Eyre Affair** Jasper Fforde
- \*\* **The Giver** Lois Lowry
- \*\* **Plague 99** Jean Ure
- \*\* **To Trust a Soldier** Nick Wharburton
- \*\* **A Dusk of Demons** John Christopher
- \*\* **The Earthsea Quartet** Ursula le Guin
- \*\* **Shadowmancer** G.P. Taylor
- \*\*\* **The Stones are Hatching** Geraldine McCaughrean
- \*\*\* **His Dark Materials (Trilogy)** Phillip Pullman
- \*\*\* **The Old Kingdom Series** Garth Nix
- \*\*\* **Tom Sawyer** MarkTwain
- \*\*\* **Huckleberry Finn** MarkTwain
- \*\*\* **The Hobbit** J.R.R. Tolkien
- \*\*\* **Lord of the Rings** J.R.R. Tolkien
- \*\*\* **The Eden Mission** Anthony Wall
- \*\*\* **Carter Beats the Devil** Glen David Gould
- \*\*\* **Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell** Susanna Clark
- \*\*\* **A Christmas Carol** Charles Dickens
- \*\*\* **The Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** A.C. Doyle
- \*\*\* **Robinson Crusoe** Daniel Defoe
- \*\*\* **Treasure Island** Robert Louis Stevenson
- \*\*\* **Gulliver's Travels** Swift

### Love and Romance

- \* **The Wedding Present** Adele Geras
  - \* **Silent Snow, Secret Snow**Adele Geras
  - \* **The Tower Room** Adele Geras
  - \* **Noughts and Crosses** Malorie Blackman
  - \* **Kelp** Linda Aranson
  - \* **Horace** Chris d'Lacey
  - \* **Girls Under Pressure** Wilson
  - \* **Lucas** Kevin Brooks
  - \* **Stargirl** Jenny Spinelli
  - \*\* **Daz 4 Zoe** Robert Swindells
  - \*\* **Ruby Red** Linzi Glass
  - \*\* **Across the Nightingale Floor** Lian Hearn
  - \*\* **The Boy in the Bubble** Ian Strachan
  - \*\* **Across the Barricades** Joan Lingard
  - \*\* **Big Mouth and Ugly Girl** Joyce Carol Oates
  - \*\* **Dear Nobody (Year 9)** Berlie Doherty
  - \*\* **The Exiles in Love** Hilary McKay
  - \*\* **What I Was** Meg Rosoff
  - \*\*\* **Troy** Adele Geras
  - \*\*\* **Jade (Year 9)** Millie Murray
  - \*\*\* **Wuthering Heights** Emily Bronte
  - \*\*\* **Jane Eyre** Charlotte Bronte
  - \*\*\* **Pride and Prejudice** Jane Austen
  - \*\*\* **Emma** Jane Austen
- ### Horror
- \* **Goosebump Series** R.L. Stine
  - \* **Point Horror Stories**
  - \* **In the Middle of the Night** Robert Cormier
  - \* **I Know What You Did Last Night** Lois Duncan
  - \* **Killing Mr Griffin** Lois Duncan
  - \* **The Ghost Behind the Wall** Melvin Burgess
  - \* **Clive and the Missing Finger** Sarah Garland
  - \* **The Real Porky Phillips** Mark Haddon
  - \* **Spooked** Philip Wooderson
  - \*\* **The Wheatstone Pond** Robert Westall
  - \*\* **Brother of Mine/Becoming Julia** Chris Westwood
  - \*\* **Coraline** Neil Gaiman
  - \*\* **The Saga of Darren Shan** Darren Shan
  - \*\* **Dracula** Bram Stoker
  - \*\*\* **Frankenstein** Mary Shelley
  - \*\*\* **Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde** Robert Louis Stevenson
- ### Real Life Issues
- \* **Smiling For Strangers** Gaye Hicy Ilmaz
  - \* **Journey to the River Sea** Eva Ibbotson
  - \* **The Circle is Broken/The Friendship** Mildred D. Taylor
  - \* **Breaking the Rules** Sandra Glover
  - \* **Billy the Kid** Michael Morpurgo
  - \* **When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** Judith Kerr
  - \* **Fireweed** Jill Paton Walsh
  - \* **Fire, Bed & Bone** Henrietta Branford
  - \* **Journey to Jo'Burg** Beverley Naidoo
  - \*\* **The Other Side of Truth** Beverley Naidoo
  - \*\* **Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** John Boyne
  - \*\* **The Voices of Silence** Bel Mooney
  - \*\* **Blitzcat** Robert Westall
  - \*\* **Why the Whales Came** Michael Morpurgo

- \*\* **Carrie's War** Nina Bawden
  - \*\* **Gulf** Nina Bawden
  - \*\* **Face/Refugee Boy** Benjamin Zephaniah
  - \*\* **The Track of the Wind** Jamilla Gavin
  - \*\* **Kiss the Dust** Elizabeth Laird
  - \*\* **A Little Piece of Ground** Elizabeth Laird
  - \*\* **Crusade** Elizabeth Laird
  - \*\* **Tell Me no Lies** Malorie Blackman
  - \*\* **Noughts & Crosses** Malorie Blackman
  - \*\* **Pig Heart Boy** Malorie Blackman
  - \*\* **Postcards from No-man's Land** Aidan Chambers
  - \*\* **Underground to Canada** Barbara Smucker
  - \*\* **Secrets in the Fire** Henning Mankell
  - \*\* **Street Child/Snake Stone** Berlie Doherty
  - \*\* **Little Soldier** Bernard Ashley
  - \*\* **Blood Red Snow White** Marcus Sedgwick
  - \*\* **Holes** Louis Sachar
  - \*\* **The Boy Who Lost His Face** Louis Sachar
  - \*\* **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom** Louis Sachar
  - \*\* **Apache** Tanya Landman
  - \*\*\* **In Black & White/Hero** Catherine R. Johnson
  - \*\*\* **The Scavenger's Tale** Rachel Anderson
  - \*\*\* **Heretic** Bernard Cornwell
  - \*\*\* **The Wind Singer** William Nicholson
  - \*\*\* **Witch Child** Celia Rees
  - \*\*\* **Coram Boy** Jamila Gavin
  - \*\*\* **Abomination** Robert Swindells
  - \*\*\* **Master & Commander (series)** Patrick O'Brien
  - \*\*\* **The Changeover (Year 9)** Margaret Mahy
  - \*\*\* **Bloodtide/Junk (Year 9)** Melvin Burgess
  - \*\*\* **The Raging Quiet (Year 9)** heryl Jordan
  - \*\*\* **Shylock's Daughter** Mirjam Pressler
  - \*\*\* **(Un)arranged Marriage (Year 9)** Bali Rai
  - \*\*\* **A Soldier's Heart** Gary Paulsen
  - \*\*\* **Empire of the Sun** J G Ballard
  - \*\*\* **Sophie's World** Jostein Gaarder
  - \*\*\* **The Tillerman Saga** Cynthia Voigt
  - \*\*\* **The Village by the Sea** Anita Desai
  - \*\*\* **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** Mark Haddon
- ### Sport
- \* **Soccer Showdowns/All Goalies are Crazy** Rob Childs
  - \* **Mission Buffalo** Felice Arena
  - \* **Glory Gardens: Glory in the Cup** Bob Cattell
  - \* **Come and Have a go if you Think You're Mad Enough** Hadyn Middleton
  - \*\* **Playing on the Edge** Neil Arksey
  - \*\*\* **Fever Pitch** Nick Hornby
- ### Non-fiction
- \* **World's Most Mystifying "True" Ghost Stories** Ron Edwards
  - \* **A Soldier's Life** A. Robertshaw
  - \* **Horrible Histories/Horrible Science (series)** Various
  - \*\* **Ghosts- Haunted Houses and Spooky Stories** John Guy
  - \*\* **Boy/Going Solo** Roald Dahl
  - \*\* **Hostage to War** Tatiana Vassilieva
  - \*\* **My Story** David Beckham

- \*\* **Zlata's Diary: a child's life in Sarajevo** Zlata Filipovic
- \*\* **Chinese Cinderella** Adeline Yen Mah
- \*\* **The Wooden Horse** Eric Williams
- \*\*\* **Twopence to Cross the Mersey** Helen Forrester
- \*\*\* **Seabiscuit** Laura Hildenbrand
- \*\*\* **Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage** Alfred Lansing
- \*\*\* **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (Year 9)** Maya Angelou

### Growing Up

- \* **Poppy/I Think I'll Just Curl Up and Die** Rosie Rushton
- \* **The Suitcase Kid** Jacqueline Wilson
- \* **Secrets** Jacqueline Wilson
- \* **Jigsaw** Carol Hedges
- \* **Dosh** Robert Swindells
- \* **Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler** Betsy Byars
- \* **Buddy** Nigel Hinton
- \* **It's Not the End of the World** Judy Blume
- \* **The Cat Ate my Gysmsuit** Paula Danziger
- \* **Second Childhood** Morris Gleitzman
- \* **Chartbreak** Gillian Cross
- \* **Flour Babies/The Tulip Touch** Anne Fine
- \* **Loser/Wringer** Jerry Spinelli
- \*\* **Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging (Year 9)** Louise Dennison
- \*\* **It's Ok I'm Wearing Really Big Knickers (Year 9)** Louise Dennison
- \*\* **Make Lemonade / True Believer** Virginia Euwer Wolff
- \*\* **Jade's Story** Helena Pielichaty
- \*\* **Kit's Wilderness** David Almond
- \*\* **Growing Pains of Adrian Mole** Sue Townsend
- \*\* **The Real Plato Jones** Nina Bawden
- \*\* **Angel Face** Narinder Dhami
- \*\* **The Friends** Rosa Guy
- \*\* **Goodnight Mr. Tom** Michelle Magorian
- \*\* **Bumface** Morris Gleitzman
- \*\* **Finding Violet Park** Jenny Valentine
- \*\*\* **Little Women** Louisa M. Alcott

### Poetry

- Is that the New Moon?** Ed.Wendy Cope
- I Wouldn't Thank you for a Valentine** Ed. Carol Ann Duffy
- Sing Freedom!** Ed. Judith Nicholls
- The Fox on the Roundabout and Other Poems** Gareth Owen
- When Did You Last Wash Your Feet?** Michael Rosen
- Talking Turkeys** Benjamin Zephaniah
- Funky Chickens** Benjamin Zephaniah
- The Rattle Bag** Seamus Heaney
- Poems with Attitude** Andrew Peters
- Boneyard Rap and other Poems** Wes Magee
- You Tell Me** Roger MCGough
- Dad, You're not Funny** Steve Turner
- Scary Raps / Fangtastic Raps** Tony Mitton
- Football Fever** Tony Bradman
- Swings and Shadows: Poems of Childhood and Growing up** Anne Harvey

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