

Key Stage 3 Fiction Reading List

This is a very modest list of readings and by no means exhaustive. The following list has been compiled from various sources of the most suitable books for KS3 (Year 7, 8 & 9). However, students can select any text that they would like to read from the list regardless of their year group.

YEAR 7 - SUGGESTED READING LIST

Adventure	
Title	Author
Storm breaker	Anthony Horowitz
Swallows & Amazons	Arthur Ransome
Lion Boy	Zouzou Corder
Cold Tom	Sally Prue
Troy	Adele Gèras
The Thief Lord	Cornelia Funke
The Moon Riders	Theresa Tomlinson
Castaways of the Flying Dutchman	Brian Jacques
Prince Caspian. The Return to Narnia	Lewis, C.S.
Number The Stars	Lois Lowry
Classics	
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Heidi	Johanna Spyri
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Alice 's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
The Lost World	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Railway Children	Elizabeth Nesbit
The Hobbit	J R R Tolkien
The Water Babies	Charles Kingsley
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfield
The Wizard of Oz	Frank Baum
Pollyanna	Eleanor H. Porter
Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery
The Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Peter Pan	J. M. Barrie
Holes	Louis Sachar
Feeling Sorry for Celia	Jaclyn Moriarty
The Princess Diaries	Meg Cabot
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah
Madame Doubtfire	Anne Fine
Step by Wicked Step	Anne Fine
Just Don't Make a Scene Mum!	Rosie Rushton
Fantasy	
Lola Rose	Jacqueline Wilson
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson
The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jacqueline Wilson
Moon Riders	Teresa Tomlinson
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
Stormchasers	Stewart & Riddell
Redwall	Brian Jacques
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien
The Earthsea Quartet	Ursula Le Guin

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
Stravaganza: City of Masks	Mary Hoffman
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
The Spiderwick Chronicles	Tony Di Terlizzi & Holly Black
Cry of the Icecream	Stuart Hill
The Blade of Fire	Stuart Hill
The Wind of Fire Trilogy	William Nicholson
Harry Potter	J.K. Rowling
Narnia	C.S. Lewis
The Named	Marianne Curley
The Edge Chronicles	Stewart & Riddell
Biography/Autobiography	
Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank
A Child Called 'It'	David Pelzer
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Chinese Cinderella	Adeline Yen Mah
My Family & Other Animals	Gerald Durrell
All Creatures Great and Small	James Herriot
A Story of my Life	Keller, Helen
Science-Fiction	
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham
Plague 99	Jean Ure
History	
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian (WWII)
The Wheel of Surya	Jamila Gavin (Indian independence)
Kiss the Dust	Elizabeth Laird (Kurdish refugees)
The Ruby in the Smoke	Philip Pullman (first of the Sally Lockhart trilogy set in Victorian London)
The Horrible Histories Series	Terry Deary
Roman Mysteries	Caroline Lawrence
Sweet Clarinet etc	James Riordan (WWII)
The Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
I Coriander	Sally Gardner
Life Issues	
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson (a girl coping with the death of a friend)
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	Mark Haddon
Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Humour	
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole	Sue Townsend
Ally's World (Series)	Karen McCombie
Utterly Me, Clarice Bean	Lauren Child
The Edge Chronicles	Stewart & Riddell
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell
Osbert the Avenger	Christopher William Hill
Film/TV Tie-Ins	
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine
Freaky Friday	Mary Rodgers
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
Holes	Louis Sachar
The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jacqueline Wilson
Woof!	Allan Ahlberg
Five Children and It	E. Nesbit
The Borrowers	Mary Norton

Matilda	Roald Dahl
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S.Lewis
Harry Potter (Books 1 - 4)	J. K. Rowling
Animal Stories	
Watership Down	Richard Adams (Rabbits)
Jennie	Paul Gallico (Cat)
The Sheep Pig	D King-Smith
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell
Dumb Creatures	Jeanne Willis
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips	Michael Morpurgo

YEAR 8 - SUGGESTED READING LIST

Historical	
Title	Author
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
Sweet Clarinet	James Riordan
Roman Mysteries	Caroline Lawrence
Tiger, Tiger	Lynne Reid Banks
Pompeii	Robert Harris
Petals in the Ashes	Mary Hooper
I Coriander	Sally Gardner
No Shame, No Fear	Ann Turnbull
Teen Girl	
Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen	Dyan Sheldon
Indigo's Star; Saffy's Angel	Hilary Mckay
Mates, Dates...	Cathy Hopkins
Skinny Melon and Me	Jean Ure
Georgia Nicholson series	Louise Rennison
What a Week to Make A Stand etc	Rosie Rushton
Feeling Sorry for Celia; Finding Cassie Crazy	Jaclyn Moriarty
Bhangra Babes	Narinder Dhani
Freaky Friday	Mary Rogers
The Princess Diaries; The Missing series	
Classics	
Great expectations	Charels Dickens
Swiss Family Robinson	J.D. Weiss
The Borrowers	Mary Norton
Five Children and It	E. Nesbit
Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery
Little Women	Louisa M. Alcott
Deptford Histories etc	Robin Jarvis
Animals	
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents	Terry Pratchett
Watership Down	Richard Adams
Lion Boy	Zizou Corder
Redwall Series	Brian Jacques
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell
Cultures	
A Small Person Far Away	Judith Kerr
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Chinese Cinderella	Adeline Yen Mah
Boy	Roald Dahl
A Child Called 'It'	Dave Pelzer
Garbage King	Elizabeth Laird

Fire Eaters	David Almond
Martyn Pig	Kevin Brooks
I am David	Anne Holm
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Mark Haddon
Teen Boy/Detective Stories	
The Body in the Library etc	Agatha Christie
The Ruby in the Smoke (Sally Lockhart series)	Philip Pullman
Montmorency	Eleanor Updale
The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray	Chris Wooding
Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham
The Saga of Darren Shan	Darren Shan
Other Worlds/ Fantasy	
Harry Potter (1 -4)	J.K. Rowling
Biography/Personal Stories/ Real Life/ Other Moon Riders	Teresa Tomlinson
Cry of the Icemark	Stuart Hill
The Blade of Fire	Stuart Hill
Stravaganza Series	Mary Hoffman
His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke
The Edge Chronicles	Chris Stewart & Philip Riddell
The Goosegirl	Shannon Hale
Eragon	Christopher Paolini
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
Shadowmancer	G.P. Taylor
Mr Monday; Gabriel	Garth Nix
The Supernaturalist	Eoin Colfer
Funny	
Holes	Louis Sachar
Georgia Nicholson Series	Louise Rennison
Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce

YEAR 9 - SUGGESTED READING LIST

Biography	
Title	Author
Wild Swans	Jung Chang
Angela's Ashes	Frank McCourt
Memoirs of a Geisha	Arthur Golden
Biography - Other Cultures	
Born Confused	Tanuja Desai Hidier
Rani & Sukh; (Un)arranged Marriage	Bali Rai
Garbage King; A Little Piece of Ground	Elizabeth Laird
The Color Purple	Alice Walker
Noughts & Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Useful Idiots	Jan Mark
History	
Remembrance	Theresa Breslin
Pompeii	Robert Harris
The Girl with the Pearl Earring	Tracy Chavalier
The Other Boleyn Girl	Philippa Gregory
Teen Girl	
Georgia Nicholson series	Louise Rennison
Mates, Dates...	Cathy Hopkins
Bridget Jones' Diary	Helen Fielding
Lola Rose	Jacqueline Wilson
Between You and Me	Julia Clarke
Beauty	Robin McKinley

The Mediator Series	Meg Cabot
Issues	
Junk	Melvin Burgess
Looking for JJ	Anne Cassidy
The Opposite of Chocolate	Julie Bertagna
Classics	
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens
Pride & Prejudice	Jane Austen
The Mayor of Casterbridge	Thomas Hardy
Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy
Northanger Abbey	Jane Austen
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte
Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens
Roughing it	Mark Twain
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
Other Worlds/Fantasy	
Across the Nightingale Floor	Lian Hearn
City of Stars; City of Masks	Mary Hoffman
His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman
The Wee Free Men	Terry Pratchett
Song of the Lioness Quartet	Tamora Pierce
Tales of Shannara	Terry Brooks
Discworld	Terry Pratchett
I Robot	Isaac Asimov
The Gift	Alison Croggans
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy	JRR Tolkien
Shadowmancer; Wormwood	G.P. Taylor
Teen boy/Adventure	
Alex Rider Novels (Storm Breaker etc)	Anthony Horowitz
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Mark Twain
The Adventurer's Guide	Jack Wheeler
The Call of the Wild	Jack London
Treasure Island	Stevenson
Swiss Family Robinson	Wyss
Animals	
White Fang	Jack London
Jennie	Paul Gallico
Tarka the Otter	Henry Williamson
Life of Pi	Yann Martel
Funny	
Bridget Jones Diary	Helen Fielding
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents	Terry Pratchett
How I Live Now	Meg Rosoffle

Key Stage 3 Non-Fiction Reading List

Humanities	
Title	Author
The Crusades	C Hatt
Renaissance	A Cole
The Great Fire of London	P Robson
Britain in the Tudor Times	F Mac Donald
The Middle Ages	James Harrison
Horrible Histories Series	Terry Deary
Plague and Peril	Terry Deary
The Measly Middle Ages	Terry Deary
Charles I and Oliver Cromwell	J Guy
Rowdy Revolutions	T Deary
The Slave Trade	T Monaghan
Daily life in a Plains Indian Village 1868	MBH Terry
Children in Victorian Times	J Baker
The First World War 1914-18	C Hatt
The Holocaust for beginners	H Bresheeth
The Blitz	S Ross
Modern Britain 1914- Present	J Harrison
The Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jnr	Martin Luther king
Growing up in Slavery: stories of young slaves as told by themselves	Yuval Taylor
100 Greatest Women	
Under the Weather: Stories about climate change	Tony Bradmen
Horrible Geography	Anita Ganeri
Horrible Geography of the World	Anita Ganeri
Coast: Our Island Story	Nicholas Crane
Coast from the Air	Neil Oliver
Britain from Above	Andrew Marr
Earth: A Visual Guide	Michael Allaby
Oh, the Places on Earth! a Cat in the Hat's Learning Library Collection	Bonnie Worth
The Everything Kids' Geography Book	Jane P Gardner & J Elizabeth Mills
Maths	
The Number Devil	Hans Magnus Enzensberger
A Remainder of One	Elinor J. Pinczes
How Much Is A Million	David M Schwartz
Grapes of Math	Greg Tang
Sir Cumference And The First Round Table	Cindy Nuschwander
Measuring Penny	Loreen Leedy
The Greedy Triangle	Marilyn Burns
The Librarian Who Measured The Earth	Kathryn Lasky
Fermat's Last Theorem	Simon Singh
Breaking The Enigma Code	Simon Singh
The Simpsons And Their Mathematical Secrets	Simon Singh
The Strange Theory Of Light And Matter	Richard Feynman
The Adventures Of A Curious Character	Richard Feynman
Surely You Must Be Joking Mr. Feynman	Richard Feynman
The Music Of The Primes	Marcus du Sautoy
Science	
How Loud can you Burp?	Glenn Murphy
Disgusting Digestion	Nick Arnold
The Science of Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials	J & M Gribbon
The Horrible Science of Everything	Nick Arnold

The Five Biggest Ideas in Science	Charles M Wynn
Foul Facts - Science, The Awful Truth	M Hamer et al
The Power, Proof, Passion: The Story of Science	
How to Make a Tornado	by Mick O'Hare
Why Can Nothing Travel Faster Than Light	Barry E. Zimmerman
Mad Scientists	Gill Arbuthnott
Discoveries	Beverley Birch
The Quirkology	Richard Wiseman
Big bang	Simon Singh
Einstein for beginners	Joseph Schwartz
Galileo for kids	Richard Panchyl
1001 inventions that changed the world	Jack Challoner
Languages - Japanese (in target language)	
The Gruffalo	
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	
Sadako And The Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr
Tokyo No Shina	
Devil in a Drawer	Junko Kaeahara
One Hot Penguin	J.Ricks
Year 3 Class 2 is going to have a cow	Setsuko Kimura
A Rushing Out Dog is Wanted	J.Strong
One Cat Came Over	Hisako Hirose
European Languages (in target language)	
Mr Men	
Fairy Tales	
Le Petit Prince	
Harry Potter	
La Place	
PE	
Sacred Hoops	Phil Jackson
Fever Pitch	Nick Hornby
Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game	Michael Lewis
Touching the Void	Joe Simpson
Alex Ferguson My Autobiography	Sir Alex Ferguson
Soul Of A Butterfly	Muhammed Ali
Lewis Hamilton	Iain Spragg
David Beckham	David Beckham
Arts - The Artists' Toolkit	
What is a Still Life? (Art's Alive)	Ruth Thompson
Paul Cezanne - By himself: drawings, paintings, writings	Paul Cezanne
Hundertwasser: The Painter-King With The Five Skins	Pierre Restany
Arts - Street Art	
Wall and Piece	Banksy
The Birth of Graffiti	Jon Naar
World: Street Art from Five Continents	Nicholas Ganz
English	
Hang A Thousand Trees with Ribbons	Ann Rinaldi
To Kill a Mocking Bird	Harper Lee
The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and other Stories	Roald Dahl

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