

Recommended Reads as chosen by year 7s and 8s; books they love and would read again and again - hopefully you will too!

Amongst the Hidden & Amongst the Imposters - Margaret Haddix

(Sci-fi set in a future of 'shadow children')

Anne Frank's Diary

Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer (Quirky humour in a fantasy espionage world)

A Series of Unfortunate Events: Lemony Snicket - Egmont (Good versus evil)

A Wizard of Earthsea trilogy (Sci-fi set in a mythic world of wizards and dragons)

Beyond the Deepwoods - P. Stewart & C. Riddell

(For children who've read Harry Potter and want another world to explore)

Cirque du Freak series - Darren Shan (Would you want to become a vampire's assistant?)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney

Dreamweaver - Louise Lawrence (Space travel)

Gangster Granny - David Walliams

Gone series - Michael Grant

Haroun and the Sea of Stories - Salman Rushdie

(Magical realism for lovers of the Arabian Nights tales)

Harry Potter series - JK Rowling (Schoolboy magic)

His Dark Materials Trilogy - Philip Pullman (Spiritual fantasy)

Holes and Small Steps - Louis Sachar

Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo (Round the world trip)

Kit's Wilderness - David Almond (Supernatural adventure)

Maphead & Maphead 2 - Lesley Howarth

(Sci-fi adventure of visitors to Earth seeking roots)

Milo's Wolves - Jenny Nimmo (Clone or angel? Sci-fi story with a supernatural twist)

Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve (Jet propelled cities)

Mr Monday - Garth Nix (For Harry Potter lovers)

Noughts and Crosses series - Malorie Blackman

Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo

Sabriel - Garth Nix (Dark magic)

Sister's Red - Jackson Pearce

(A fairytale retelling of Red Riding Hood as an axe-wielding werewolf huntress)

Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah

The Amazing Maurice & his Educated Rodents - Terry Pratchett

(Modern spin on The Pied Piper)

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne (poignant tale of friendship over-coming prejudice in Nazi Germany)

The Doomspell Trilogy - Cliff McNish (Witch worlds and magic)

The Edges Chronicles - P. Stewart and Paul Riddell

(World where gravity pulls things upwards!)

The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings Trilogy - JRR Tolkien (Fantasy quest)

The Lord of the Flies - William Golding

The Lightning Thief - Percy Jackson series - Rick Riordan

□ **The Phantom Tollbooth - Norton Juster** (Comic quest adventure)

The Wind Singer - William Nicholson (Fantasy quest adventure)

The Wish List - Eoin Colfer (Supernatural: Adventures in the after-life)





Recommended Reads as chosen by year 9s and older; books they love and would read again and again - hopefully you will too!

For teen/older readers:

1984 - George Orwell

A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness (But who or what is the monster?)

Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt

Animal Farm - George Orwell

An Inspector Calls - JB Priestley

A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini

Divergent - Veronica Roth (A future dystopia)

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? - Philip K. Dick (The original modern dystopia)

Dracula - Bram Stoker

East of Eden - John Steinbeck

Frankenstein - Mary Shelly

Gone series - Michael Grant (Teenagers all alone in a dystopian world - who will survive?)

Incarceron series - Catherine Fisher

My Sister's Keeper - Jodi Picoult

Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck

Pigeon English - Stephen Kelman

Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen

Romeo and Juliet - William Shakespeare

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred D Taylor

Sabriel series (Lirael, Avhorsen) - Garth Nix

Sherlock Holmes The Complete Collection - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

(The original sleuthing detective. A classic!)

Skin and Other Stories - Roald Dahl

(Dahl's twisted sense of humour - definitely not for younger readers!)

The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho (Dreaming big, and making your dreams come true in Andalucía, Spain)

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak (Death personified narrates a tale of survival in Nazi Germany)

The English Patient - Michael Ondaatje

The Fault in our Stars - John Green (Living and life, hope and holding on)

The God of Small Things - Arundhati Roy

The Help - Kathryn Stockett

The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood

The Hunger Games trilogy - Suzanne Collins

The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini

The Immigrant - Manju Kapur

The Invisible Man - Ralph Ellison (Discrimination and segregation in America)

The Lovely Bones - Alice Sebold

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson

The Time Traveller's Wife - Audrey Niffenegger

The Maze Runner - James Dashner

The Giver - Lois Lowry

The Grapes of Wrath - John Steinbeck

Twilight saga - Stephanie Meyer (Vampires versus werewolves, with a helping of romance thrown in)

To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee

Uglies series - Scott Westerfield

(Set in a dystopian future pitting people against one another based on looks)

Ugly - Constance Briscoe

(Un)arranged Marriage and other books - Bali Rai

White Teeth - Zadie Smith