

A RECOMMENDED READING LIST FOR YEARS 7 AND 8

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 O = try other titles by this author, too

Author		Title
Price, Willard		South Sea Adventure
Pullman, Philip	*	His Dark Materials Series
Pullman, Philip	(easier)	Clockwork, or All Wound Up
Pullman, Philip		Ruby in the Smoke
Rees, Celia		The Bailey Game
Sachar, Louis		Holes
Shan, Darren		Lord Loss
Simpson, Joe		Touching the Void
Somper, Justin		Vampirates
Stevenson, R.L.	O	Kidnapped
Stoker, Bram		Dracula
Stroud, Jonathan		Buried Fire
Swindells, Robert	O	Brother in the Land
Tolkein, J.R.R.	O	The Hobbit
Tolkein, J.R.R.	O	Lord of the Rings
Twain, Mark	O	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Verne, Jules	O	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Wells, H.G.	O	War of the Worlds
Wyndham, John	*O	The Day of the Triffids
Yen Mah, A		Chinese Cinderella
Yolens, Jane		The Devil's Arithmetic
Zindel, Paul		Bats

This list includes a mixture of modern books (several have been published within the last few years) and classic stories, which have been enjoyed by many generations. If you're not sure what to choose ask your English teacher or the Librarian to help you—between them, they will have read all of these!



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Adams, Douglas	* O	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Adams, Richard		Watership Down
Aiken, Joan	O	Go Saddle the Sea
Alcock, Vivien		The Cuckoo Sister
Alcott, Louisa M	O	Little Women
Almond, David	O	Kit's Wilderness
Arksey, Neil		Playing on the Edge
Ashley, Bernard	O	Running Scared
Bawden, Nina	O	Carrie's War
Boyne, John		Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Brontë, Charlotte	*	Jane Eyre
Brontë, Emily	*	Wuthering Heights
Brown, Christy		My Left Foot
Burgess, Melvin		The Ghost Behind the Wall
Burnett, Frances Hodgson		The Secret Garden
Colfer, Eoin		Artemis Fowl series
Cross, Gillian	O	Calling A Dead Man
Crossley-Holland, Kevin		The Seeing Stone
Dahl, Roald	O	Going Solo
Dann, Colin		The Animals of Farthing Wood
Davies, Andrew		Conrad's War
Dickens, Charles	*O	Christmas Carol
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan		Sherlock Holmes Stories
Elboz, Stephen		A Land Without Magic
Fine, Anne	O	Very Different
Frank, Anne		The Diary of a Young Girl
Gallico, Paul		The Snow Goose
Gavin, Jamila	*	Coram Boy
Gavin, Jamila	*	The Blood Stone
Geras, Adèle	*	Troy
Gibbons, Alan	O	Shadow of the Minotaur

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Haddix, Margaret P		Running Out of Time
Hardy, Thomas	*	The Wessex Tales
Higson, Charlie		Silverfin
Hinton, Nigel		Collision Course
Hobb, Robin		The Farseer Trilogy
Horowitz, Anthony		Stormbreaker
Howarth, Lesley		Maphead
Hughes, Ted		The Iron Man
Jacques, Brian		Redwall
Johnson, Catherine		Hero
Jordan, Robert		The Wheel of Time
Lewis, C.S.		The Narnia Series
Lingard, Joan	O	The Twelfth of July
Lively, Penelope		The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
MacPhail, C		Another Me
Magorian, Michelle		Goodnight Mr Tom
McNab, A		Boy Soldier
Morgan, Nicola		Mondays Are Red
Morpurgo, Michael	O	Dear Olly
Muchamore, Robert		Cherub Series
Naidoo, Beverley		Out of Bounds
Nicholson, William		The Windsinger
Nix, Garth		The Keys to the Kingdom
Oppel, Kenneth		Silverwing
Orwell, George	*	Animal Farm
Paulsen, Gary	O	Hatchet
Pausewang, Gudrun		The Final Journey
Pearce, Phillipa		Tom's Midnight Garden
Pike, Christopher	O	The Starlight Crystal
Pratchett, Terry		Johnny and the Bomb
Pratchett, Terry		The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents