

Year 7 Must Reads: just to get you started!

This essential reading list for Year 7 has been created with the help of students in Years 7 and 8. These are the books that kept them awake at night and encouraged them to keep reading. Find more suggestions in our Recommended Reading List for KS3.

Where a series is indicated, the named book is the title of book #1.

<p align="center">Mystery/Thriller</p> <p>'The London Eye Mystery' Siobhan Dowd 'Ruby Redfort' (series) Lauren Child 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' Ransom Riggs 'Finding the Fox' (series) Ali Sparkes 'The Mysterious Benedict Society' Trenton Lee Stewart 'Goldfish Boy' Lisa Thompson</p>	<p align="center">Action/Adventure</p> <p>'Stormbreaker' (series) Anthony Horowitz 'Itch' Simon Mayo 'Beetle Boy' (series) M.G. Leonard 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' (series) Lemony Snicket 'Gold of the Gods' Bear Grylls 'Robin Hood' Robert Muchamore 'Girl. Boy. Sea' Chris Vick</p>
<p align="center">Comedy</p> <p>'Holes' Louis Sachar 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' (series) Jeff Kinney 'My Brother is a Superhero' David Solomons 'Who Let the Gods Out' (series) Maz Evans</p>	<p align="center">Fantasy</p> <p>'Skulduggery Pleasant' (series) Derek Landy 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' (series) Rick Riordan 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' (series) J.K.Rowling 'The School for Good and Evil' Soman Chainani 'Drone Racer' Andy Briggs</p>
<p align="center">Romance</p> <p>'To All the Boys I've Loved Before' Jenny Han 'Struck' (series) Joss Stirling 'Finding Skye' Julian Golding</p>	<p align="center">CRIME</p> <p>'Theodore Boone' (series) John Grisham 'Murder Most Unladylike' (series) Robin Stevens 'Girl, Missing' (series) Sophie McKenzie 'The Goldfish Boy' Lisa Thompson</p>
<p align="center">NON-FICTION</p> <p>'The Diary of a Young Girl' Anne Frank 'Bob, No Ordinary Cat' James Bowen (adapted for early teen readers)</p>	<p align="center">Historical</p> <p>'Hetty Feather' Jaqueline Wilson 'War Horse' Michael Morpurgo 'Private Peaceful' Michael Morpurgo 'Adolphus Tips' Michael Morpurgo 'Rooftoppers' Katherine Rundell 'When the Sky Falls' Phil Earle 'Goodnight Mister Tom' Michelle Magorian 'The Mighty Miss Malone' Chris Paul Curtis 'White Bird: The Graphic Novel' by R.J.Palacio</p>
<p align="center">Teenage Issues (growing up)</p> <p>'Wonder' R J Palacio 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' Onjali Rauf 'The Nightbus Hero' Onjali Rauf 'Just Like Everyone Else' Sarah Hagger-Holt</p>	<p align="center">Other types of text</p> <p>Penguin have published some fantastic graphic novels of many of these very popular books, including the Percy Jackson and Alex Rider series. Books for students who are dyslexic Barrington Stoke publishes dyslexia friendly books for teenagers. These are widely available from libraries, bookshops and from the Barrington Stoke website https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/</p>
<p align="center">Dystopian</p> <p>'Mortal Engines' (series) Philip Reeve 'Legend' (series) Marie Lu 'Where the River Runs Gold' Sita Brahmachari</p>	
<p align="center">Manga</p> <p>'Astro Boy' Osamu Tezuka 'Angelic Layer' CLAMP</p> <p>Useful information about selecting suitable Manga texts for your child: https://www.nypl.org/blog/2019/02/04/manga-recommendations-middle-schoolers</p>	