

KS3 Recommended Reading List (RRL)

Emotional and Epic

Simple

- Sharon Creech: Heartbeat
- Frank Cottrell Boyce: Millions
- Jacqueline Wilson: My sister Jodie

Average

- Kevin Crossley Holland: Gatty's Tale
- Mary Hooper: At the sign of the sugared Plum
- Tanya Landman: Apache, Girl Warrior
- Sally Nicholls: Ways to live Forever

Challenging

- JG Ballard: Empire of the Sun
- Gudrun Pausewang: The last children

Something Different?

Simple

- David Almond: Skellig, Clay
- Lincoln Pierce: Big Nate, the boy with the biggest head
- Mal Peet: The penalty

Average

- Louis Sachar: Holes
- John Van De Ruit: Spud
- Catherine MacPhil: Grass

Challenging

- Sue Townsend: The Adrian Mole series
- Melvin Burgess: Junk

Interested in another culture?

Simple

- Elizabeth Laird: The garbage King

Average

- Yen Mah Adeline: The Chinese Cinderella
- Geraldine McCaughrean: The Kite Rider

Challenging: Diane Matcheck: The Sacrifice

Fantasy

Simple

- Jenny Nimmo: Midnight for Charlie Bone
- Patrick Ness: A monster calls

Average

- Michelle Paver: Wolf brother
- Cornelia Funke: Dragon rider

Challenging

- Gareth Nix: Old Kingdom series
- Phillip Pullman: The Northern Lights series
- Peter Dickenson: The Ropemaker

Horror

Simple

- R.L. Stine: The Goosebumps series
- M.D. Spenser: The Animal nightmare

Average

- Darren Shan: Vampire Blood trilogy
- Robert Westall: The Scarecrows

Challenging

- Stephen Cole: The Wereling series

Action and Adventure

Simple

- Paul Jennings: Unbelievable!
- Anthony Horowitz: Alex Rider series

Average

- Alan Gibbons: Shadow of the Minotaur
- Gary Paulsen: Hatchet

Challenging

- Malorie Blackman: Noughts and Crosses
- Scott Westerfield: Ugly

Science fiction

Simple

- Robert Swindells: Hydra

Average

- Ann Halam: Dr Franklin's Island
- Allison Allen-Gray: Unique

Challenging

- George Orwell: 1984
- Douglas Adams: Hitchhiker's guide to the Galaxy

War

Simple

- John Boyne: The boy in the striped pyjamas

Average

- Michael Morporgo: War Horse

Challenging

- Michael Morporgo: Private Peaceful
- Art Spiegelman: Maus
- Markus Zusak: The book thief

Classics

- Lemony Snicket: A series of unfortunate events
- Rudyard Kipling: The jungle book
- Anna Sewell: Black Beauty
- Mark Twain: The adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- C.S. Lewis: The Chronicles of Narnia
- Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol
- R.L. Stevenson: Treasure Island
- Louisa May Alcott: Little Women
- J.R.R. Tolkien: The Hobbit/ Lord of the Rings