

# Reading lists for Key Stage 3

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## Key Stage 3 Books for Boys

\*Death Cloud by **Andrew Lane**  
\*Earthfall by **Mark Walden**  
\*Pegasus and the Flame by **Kate O'Hearn**  
\*Shadow Forest by **Matt Haig**  
\*Secret Breakers: The Power of Three by **H. L. Dennis**  
The Memory Cage by **Ruth Eastham**  
Hitler's Angel by **William Osborne**  
White Dolphin by **Gill Lewis**  
The Vampire Blog by **Pete Johnson**  
The Phantom Tollbooth by **Norton Juster**

## Reading List Year 7

### **Adventure**

Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz  
Swallows & Amazons - Arthur Ransome  
Lion Boy - Zouzou Corder  
Cold Tom - Sally Prue  
Troy - Adele Geras  
Storm Catchers – Tim Bowler  
Alpha Force Series - Chris Ryan

**Classics** The Hobbit - J R R Tolkien  
The Water Babies - Charles Kingsley  
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell  
Ballet Shoes - Noel Streatfield

### **Real Life-Teenage**

The Princess Diaries - Meg Cabot  
Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman  
Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah  
Madame Doubtfire - Anne Fine  
Granny the Pag - Nina Bawden  
Step by Wicked Step - Anne Fine  
Saffy's Angel - Hilary McKay

### **Fantasy**

Northern Lights - Philip Pullman  
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  
Cry of the Icemark - Stuart Hill  
The Edge Chronicles - Stewart & Riddell

### **Biography-Autobiography**

Diary of Anne Frank  
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr  
My Family & Other Animals - Gerald Durrell

### **Science Fiction**

The Day of the Triffids - John Wyndham  
Plague 99 - Jean Ure

### **History**

Kiss the Dust - Elizabeth Laird  
The Ruby in the Smoke - Philip Pullman (first of the Sally Lockhart trilogy set in Victorian London)  
Roman Mysteries - Caroline Lawrence  
Sweet Carrie's War - Nina Bawden

### **Prize winners**

Ruby Holler - Sharon Creech  
Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce

### **Other Cultures**

The Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird  
The Other Side of Truth - Beverley Naidoo  
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah  
Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah  
Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson

**Film-TV Titles**

Ella Enchanted - Gail Carson Levine

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket

The Story of Tracy Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson

Matilda - Roald Dahl

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis

Harry Potter (Books 1 -4) - J. K. Rowling

**Animal Stories**

The Sheep Pig - D King Smith

My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo

## Reading List Year 8

### Historical

Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo  
Sweet Clarinet - James Riordan  
Roman Mysteries - Caroline Lawrence  
Pompeii - Robert Harris  
I Coriander - Sally Gardner  
No Shame, No Fear - Ann Turnbull

### Teen Girl

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen - Dyan Sheldon  
Saffy's Angel - Hilary McKay  
Feeling Sorry for Celia; Finding Cassie Crazy - Jaclyn Moriarty  
Bhangra Babes - Narinder Dhani  
Freaky Friday - Mary Rogers  
The Princess Diaries; Missing series; The Mediator series - Meg Cabot

### Classics

Swiss Family Robinson - J.D. Weiss  
The Borrowers - Mary Norton  
Five Children and It - E. Nesbit  
Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery

### Animals

Deptford Histories etc - Robin Jarvis  
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

### School

Skinny Melon and Me - Jean Ure  
Harry Potter - J.K. Rowling

### Biography-Personal Stories-Real Life- Other Cultures

A Small Person Far Away; When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr  
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah  
Boy - Roald Dahl  
Fire Eaters - David Almond  
Martyn Pig - Kevin Brooks  
I am David - Anne Holm  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime - Mark Haddon

### Detective Stories

The Body in the Library etc - Agatha Christie  
The Ruby in the Smoke (Sally Lockhart series) - Philip Pullman  
Montmorency - Eleanor Updale

### Horror- Witchcraft

Wicca - Cate Tiernan  
The Haunting of Alazabel Cray - Chris Wooding  
Day of the Triffids - John Wyndham  
The Saga of Darren Shan - Darren Shan

### Other Worlds- Fantasy

Moon Riders - Teresa Tomlinson  
The Blade of Fire - Stuart Hill  
Stravaganza Series - Mary Hoffman

His Dark Materials - Philip Pullman  
Eragon - Christopher Paolini  
A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket  
Shadowmancer - G.P. Taylor  
Mr Monday; Sabriel - Garth Nix

## Year 9 Reading List

### Biography

Wild Swans - Jung Chang  
Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt

### Other Cultures

Born Confused - Tanuja Desai Hidier  
Garbage King; A Little Piece of Ground - Elizabeth Laird  
Noughts & Crosses - Malorie Blackman  
Useful Idiots - Jan Mark

### History

Remembrance - Theresa Breslin  
Pompeii - Robert Harris

### Teen Girl

Georgia Nicholson series - Louise Rennison  
Mates, Dates... - Cathy Hopkins  
Lola Rose - Jacqueline Wilson  
Beauty - Robin McKinley

### Issues

Junk - Melvin Burgess  
Looking for JJ - Anne Cassidy  
The Opposite of Chocolate - Julie Bertagna  
Face – Benjamin Zephaniah

### Classics

Pride & Prejudice - Jane Austen  
The Mayor of Casterbridge - Thomas Hardy  
Tess of the d'Urbervilles - Thomas Hardy  
Northanger Abbey - Jane Austen  
Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens

### Other Worlds-Fantasy

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 Croggon  
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy - JRR Tolkien  
Shadowmancer; Wormwood - G.P. Taylor

### Adventure

Alex Rider Novels (Stormbreaker etc) - Anthony Horowitz

### Animals

White Fang - Jack London  
Jennie - Paul Gallico  
Tarka the Otter - Henry Williamson  
Life of Pi - Yann Martel  
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents - Terry Pratchett

### Miscellaneous

How I Live Now - Meg Rosoff