

YEAR 8 RECOMMENDED READING

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Action & Adventure

Bradbury, Jason - Dot.Robot

Brooks, Kevin - The Ultimate Truth

Cole, Steve - Shoot to Kill

Colfer, Eoin - W.A.R.P series

Ellis, Deborah - Prison Runner

Grisham, John - Theodore Boone series

Higgins, Jack - First Strike

Higson, Charlie - Young Bond Series

Kennan, Ally - Beast

McKenzie, Sophie - The Medusa Project Series

Paulson, Gary - The Hatchet

Rose, Malcolm - Kiss of Death

Ryan Chris - Code Red Series

Sachar, Louis - Holes

Scarrow, Alex - Time Riders series

Shearer Alex - Bootleg

Wild, Kate - Fight Game

War

Boyne, John - The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Hooper, Mary - Poppy

McNab, Andy - Boy Soldier

Humour

Blacker, Terence - Boy 2 Girl

Hiassen, Carl - Flush

Mayhew, John - Mortlock

Rennison, Louise - Luurve is a Many Trousered Thing

Sacher, Louis - There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

Van de Ruit, John - Spud

Classics

Burroughs, Edgar Rice - Tarzan of the Apes

Christie, Agatha - The Body in the Library

Durrell, Gerald - My Family and Other Animals

Wells, H.G - The Time Machine

Sport

Breslin, Theresa - Divided City

Colgan, Trevor - Stretford Enders

Dhami, Narinder - Bend it Like Beckham

Gibbons, Alan - The Defender



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Fantasy

Browne, N.M - The Spellgrinder's Apprentice
Cooper, Susan - The Dark is Rising
De Quidt, Jeremy - The Toymaker
Gaiman, Neil - Annansi Boys
Gordon, Roderick - Tunnels
Hoffman, Mary - Stravaganza series
Marr, Melissa - Wicked Lovely
Mulligan, Andy - Ribblestrop
Powell, Laura - Game of Triumphs
Pratchett, Terry - the Carpet People
Pullman, Phillip - His Dark materials
Schulman, Polly - The Grimm Legacy
Funke, Cornelia - Reckless
Fisher, Catherine - The Box of Red Brocade
Stroud, Jonathan - Lockwood & Co series

Historical

Eagland, Jane - Wildthorn
Glass, Linzi - Ruby Red
Jeapes, Ben - New World Order
Laird, Elizabeth - The Prince who Walked with Lions
Nicholls, Sally - All Fall Down
Pullman, Philip - Ruby in the Smoke
Cooper, Susan - Ghost Hawk
Dowswell, Paul - The Red Shadow
Gregory, Philippa - Order of darkness series

Horror

De Quidt, Jeremy - The Toy Maker
Enthoven, Sam - Crawlers
Hubbard Susan - The Society of S
McNish Cliff - Breathe: A Ghost Story
Richardson EE - Devil's Footsteps
Wray, Sarah - The Trap
Zindell, Paul - Raptor



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Mystery

Birch, Beverley - Rift
Boie, Kisten - The Princess Plot
Brooks, Kevin - Martyn Pig
Cassidy, Anne - The Dead House
Dhami, Narinder - Bang, Bang,
You're Dead!
Grant, Helen - The Vanishing of
Katharina Linden
Kennen, Ally - Bedlam
Singleton, Sarah - The Poison
Garden
Wray, Sarah - The Forbidden
Room
Voake, Steve - The Starlight
Conspiracy

Science Fiction

Brindley, John - The Rule of Claw
Grant, Michael - Gone
Hart, Berry - Escape Genopolis
Killworth, Garry - The Hundred
Tower City
Lott, Tim - Fearless
Marks, Graeme - Kai-Ro
Meyer, Marissa - Cinder
Nix, Garth - Shade's Children
Patterson, James - The
Dangerous Days of Daniel X
Reeve, Philip - Mortal Engines
Thompson, Kate - The Missing
Link

Relationships

Bertanga, Julie - The Opposite of
Chocolate
Cabot, Meg - Jinx
David, Keren - When I was Joe
Dogar, Sharon - Waves
Doyle, Greyhound of a Girl
Fine, Anne - Flour Babies
Green, Roger - Cuckoos
Gray, Keith - The Ostrich Boys
Kuipers, Alice - Life on the
Refrigerator Door



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Ness, Patrick - A Monster Calls
Nicholls, Sally - Ways to Live
Forever
Pitcher, Amanda - My Sister
Lives on the Mantelpiece
Plaja, Luisa - Split by a kiss
Rettig, Liz - Jumping to
Confusions
Robinson, Catherine - Tin Grin
Thompson, Gareth - Sunshine on
the Sunless
Valentine, Jenny - Broken Soup
Valentien, Jenny - The Double
Life of Cassiel Roadnight
Zevin, Gabrielle - Elsewhere
Lange, Erica - Dead Ends
Bali, Rai - Web of Darkness
McKenzie, Sophie - The One and
Only
Earle, Phil - The Bubble Wrap Boy
Bedford, Martin - Flip
Crossan, Sarah - The Weight of
Water
Whyman, Matt - The Savages
Flood, C.J - Infinite Sky
Foreman, Gayle - If I Stay
Muchamore, Robert - Rock War

