

Reading List for Year 8

Here is a list of excellent books that we recommend for 12 to 13 year olds. It is by no means comprehensive but may include a few titles you have considered reading before. There is also a range of levels - if they are too difficult just try again another time; if too easy, then enjoy the ride!

A Pattern of Roses, *K.M. Peyton*
A Thousand Splendid Suns, *Khaled Hosseini*
A Wizard of Earthsea, *Ursula Le Guin*
A World Between Us, *Lydia Syson*
All the Truth that's in Me, *Julie Berry*
Anne of Green Gables, *L.M. Montgomery*
Around the World in Eighty Days, *Jules Verne*
Birthright Trilogy, *Gabrielle Zevin*
Boy, *Roald Dahl*
Call of the Wild, *Jack London*
Captains Courageous, *Rudyard Kipling*
Carrie's War, *Nina Bawden*
Children of the Lamp Series, *P.B. Kerr*
Cider with Rosie, *Laurie Lee*
Code Name Verity, *Elizabeth Wein*
Decline and Fall, *Evelyn Waugh*
Diary of a Young Girl, *Anne Frank*
Divergent Trilogy, *Veronica Roth*
Echo Boy, *Matt Haig*
Everybody Jam, *Ali Lewis*
Ferryman, *Clarie McFall*
Flambards, *K.M. Peyton*
Girl Missing, Sister Missing, Missing Me, *Sophie McKenzie*
Goodnight Mister Tom, *Michelle Magorian*
Greek Myths, *Robert Graves*
Half Bad, *Sally Green*
Holes, *Louis Sachar*
I'm the King of the Castle, *Susan Hill*
I Am David, *Anne Holm*
I Capture the Castle, *Dodie Smith*
Identity, *Sandra Glover*
If You Find Me, *Emily Murdoch*
In The Sea There Are Crocodiles, *Fabio Geda*
Interworld, *Neil Gaiman and Michael Reaves*
Jane Eyre, *Charlotte Brontë*
Journey to the River Sea, *Eva Ibbotson*
Just in Case, *Meg Rosoff*
Ketchup Clouds, *Annabel Pitcher*
Kidnapped, *Robert Louis Stevenson*
Little Women, *Louisa May Alcott*
Lord of the Flies, *William Golding*
Louder than Words, *Laura Jarratt*
Mockingbird, *Katheryn Erskine*
Mr Frisby and the Rats of Nimh, *Robert C. O'Brien*
Northanger Abbey, *Jane Austen*
Of Mice and Men, *John Steinbeck*
Out of Shadows, *Jason Wallace*
Salvage, *David Keren*
Seraphina, *Rachel Hartman*
Shadowmancer, *GP Taylor*

Silverfin, *Charlie Higson*
Stars Shall Be Bright, *Catherine MacPhail*
Stonebird, *Mike Rvell*
The 39 Steps, *John Buchan*
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, *Arthur Conan Doyle*
The Afterworld Series, *Barry Hutchinson*
The Book Thief, *Markus Zusak*
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, *John Boyne*
The Breadwinner, *Deborah Ellis*
The Carbon Diaries 2015, *Saci Lloyd*
The Christmas Carol, *Charles Dickens*
The Day of the Triffids, *John Wyndham*
The Flame Trees of Thika, *Elsbeth Huxley*
The Garbage King, *Elizabeth Kaird*
The Haunting, *Margaret Mahy*
The Hobbit, *J.R.R. Tolkien*
The Hound of the Baskervilles, *Arthur Conan Doyle*
The Incredible Journey, *Sheila Burnford*
The Lady of the Squire, *Terry Jones*
The Life of Pi, *Yann Martel*
The Machine Gunners, *Robert Westall*
The Messenger Bird, *Ruth Eastham*
The Midwich Cuckoos, *John Wyndham*
The One Safe Place, *Tania Unsworth*
The Phantom Tollbooth, *Norton Juster*
The Railway Children, *E. Nesbit*
The Ruby in the Smoke, *Philip Pullman*
The Secret Garden, *F.H. Burnett*
The Seeing, *Diana Hendry*
The Shakespeare Secret, *J.L. Carrell*
The Silver Sword, *Ian Serraillier*
The Solitaire Mystery, *Jostein Gardener*
The Sword in the Stone, *T.H. White*
The Thief Lord, *Cornelia Funke*
The Tulip Touch, *Anna Fine*
The Village by the Sea, *Anita Desai*
The Weight of Water, *Sarah Crossan*
The Wind in the Willows, *Kenneth Grahame*
The Woman in Black, *Susan Hill*
The Year of the Rat, *Chris Furniss*
Theodore Boone, *John Grisham*
To Kill a Mockingbird, *Harper Lee*
Tom Sawyer, *Mark Twain*
Trash, *Andy Mulligan*
Treasure Island, *Robert Louis Stevenson*
Troy, *Adèle Geras*
Twisted, *Laurie Anderson*
Watership Down, *Richard Adams*
What Katy Did, *Susan M. Coolidge*
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, *Judith Kerr*
When Mr Dog Bites, *Brian Conaghan*
Wide Sargasso Sea, *Jean Rhys*
Wolf Brother, *Michelle Paver*
Wonder, *R. J. Palacio*
Z for Zachariah, *Robert O'Brien*
Zlata's Diary, *Zlata Filipovic*

When you cannot get enough of one author...

Chinese Cinderella; Falling Leaves, *Adeline Yen Mah*
 An Act of Love; Blood Pressure; Hold On; The Lost Boys' Appreciation Society, *Alan Gibbons*
 Finding Jennifer Jones; The Murder Notebooks: Dead Time, Killing Rachel, *Anne Cassidy*
 Blood Family; Madame Doubtfire; The Devil Walks, *Anne Fine*
 Dive Bombing; No Way to Go; Solitaire, *Ashley Bernard*
 Deep Secret; Holly Starcross; Treason, *Berlie Doherty*
 Cracks; Hold Your Breath, *Caroline Lucas*
 Poison; Silver; Storm Thief, *Chris Wooding*
 Jackdaw Summer; Secret Heart; Skellig, *David Almond*
 Abhorsen; Lirael; Old Kingdom Series: Sabriel; Shade's Children, *Garth Nix*
 If I Stay; Just One Day; Where She Went, *Gayle Forman*
 The Declaration; The Killables; The Legacy; The Legacy, *Gemma Malley*
 The Death Defying Pepper Roux; The Kite Rider, *Geraldine McCaughrean*
 After Tomorrow; Calling a Dead Man; Chart Breaker; Where I Belong, *Gillian Cross*
 Silent Saturday; The Glass Demon; The Vanishing of Katharina Linden, *Helen Grant*
 A Bridge to the Stars; Journey to the End of the World; Shadows in the Twilight; When the Snow Fell, *Henning Mankell*
 Coram Boy; The Eye of the Horse; The Wheel of Surya, *Jamilia Gavin*
 A Gathering Light; Revolution, *Jennifer Donnelly*
 Broken Soup; Finding Violet Park; The Double Life of Cassiel Roadnight, *Jenny Valentine*
 An Abundance of Katherines; Looking for Alaska; Paper Towns, *John Green*
 Rowan the Strange; Wreckers, *Julie Hearn*
 i Boy; Kissing the Rain; Lucas; The Bunker Diary, *Kevin Brooks*
 Life: An Exploded Diagram; The Keeper; The Penalty, *Mal Peet*
 Boys Don't Cry; Checkmate; Double Cross; Knife Edge; Noble Conflict; Noughts and Crosses, *Malorie Blackman*
 Midwinterblood; Revolver; The Dark Horse, *Marcus Sedgwick*
 Sigrun's Secret; Smuggler's Kiss; The Girl in the Mask, *Marie-Louise Jensen*
 At the Sign of the Sugared Plum; Velvet, *Mary Hooper*
 Bzrk; Gone series, *Michael Grant*
 Hostage Three; In Darkness, *Nick Lake*
 Feather Boy, GemX; Knight Crew; The Flask, *Nicky Singer*
 Joy in the Morning; The Code of the Woosters, *P. G. Wodehouse*
 A Monster Calls; Chaos Walking trilogy: The Knife of Never Letting Go; Monsters of Men; The Ask and the Answer; The Knife of Never Letting Go, *Patrick Ness*
 A Darkling Plain; A Web of Air; Fever Crumb; Infernal Devices; Mortal Engines; Predator's Gold; Srivener's Moon, *Philip Reeve*
 I Am Number Four; The Power of Six; The Rise of Nine, *Pittacus Lore*
 Does my Head Look Big in This?; Where the Streets Had a Name, *Randa Abdel-Fattah*
 A Skull in Shadows Lane; The Shade of Hettie Daynes, *Robert Swindells*
 Maggot Moon; The Red Necklace, *Sally Gardner*
 Riot; Siege, *Sarah Mussi*
 Century; Dark Storm; Heretic; Sacrifice; The Island; The Poison Garden, *Sarah Singleton*
 Bog Child; Solace of the Road, *Siobhan Dowd*
 Blood Hunters; Fightback; The Web of Fire, *Steve Voake*
 Ghost Hawk; Greenwitch; King of Shadows; The Dark is Rising Series; Silver on the Tree; The Grey King, *Susan Cooper*
 Catching Fire; Mockingjay; The Hunger Games, *Suzanne Collins*
 Nation; The Discworld Series, *Terry Pratchett*
 Prisoner of the Inquisition; Remembrance; War Girls, *Theresa Breslin*
 Apocalypse; Bloodchild; Buried Thunder; Frozen Fire; Shadows; Starseeker; Storm Catchers, *Tim Bowler*
 Chrestomanci; The Uninvited, *Tim Wynne-Jones*
 Divergent Trilogy; Jango; Noble Warriors Trilogy: Seeker, *William Nicholson*