

KS3 Recommended Reading List

Emotional and Epic:

Simple

Sharon Creech – Heartbeat

Frank Cottrell Boyce – Millions Available

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 Available

John Van De Ruit – Spud

Catherine MacPhil – Grass

Challenging

Sue Townsend – The Adrian Mole series

Melvin Burgess – Junk

Interested in Another Culture?

Simple

Elizabeth Iaird – The Garbage King

Average

Yen Mah Adeline – the Chinese Cinderella

Geraldine McCaughrean – The Kite Rider Available

Challenging

Diane Matcheck – The Sacrifice

Classics

Lemony Snicket – Series of Unfortunate Events Available

Rudyard Kipling – The Jungle Book

Anna Sewell – Black Beauty Available

Mark Twain – The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Available

C.S Lewis – The Chronicles of Narnia Available

Charles Dickens – A Christmas Carol

R.L Stevenson – Treasure Island

Louisa May Alcott – Little Women Available

J.R.R.Tolkien – The Hobbit/ Lord of the Rings Available

Fantasy

Simple

Jenny Nimmo – Midnight for Charlie Bone

Patrick Ness – A Monster Calls **Available**

Average

Michelle Paver – Wolf Brother **Available**

Cornelia Funke – Dragon Rider

Challenging

Gareth Nix – Old Kingdom series

Phillip Pullman – The Northern Lights series

Peter Dickinson – The Ropemaker

Horror

Simple

R.L. Stine – The Goosebumps series **Available**

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 **Available, graphic novel**

Average

Alan Gibbons – Shadow of the Minotaur

Gary Paulsen – Hatchet **Available**

Challenging

Malorie Blackman – Noughts and Crosses

Scott Westerfield – Uglies **Available**

Science Fiction

Simple

Robert Swindells – Hydra

Average

Ann Halam – Dr Franklin's Island

Allison Allen-Gray – Unique

Challenging

George Orwell – 1984 **Available**

Douglas Adams – Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy **Available**

War

Simple

John Boyne – The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas **Available**

Average

Michael Morpurgo – War Horse **Available**

Challenging

Michael Morpurgo – Private Peaceful **Available**

Art Spiegelman – Maus

Markus Zusak – The Book Thief **Available**