

## **A RECOMMENDED READING LIST FOR YEARS 7, 8**

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### **Author Title**

Adams, Douglas \* O The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
Adams, Richard Watership Down  
Aiken, Joan O Go Saddle the Sea  
Alcock, Vivien The Cuckoo Sister  
Alcott, Louisa M O Little Women  
Almond, David O Kit's Wilderness  
Arksey, Neil Playing on the Edge  
Ashley, Bernard O Running Scared  
Bawden, Nina O Carrie's War  
Boyne, John Boy in the Striped Pyjamas  
Brontë, Charlotte \* Jane Eyre  
Brontë, Emily \* Wuthering Heights  
Brown, Christy My Left Foot  
Burgess, Melvin The Ghost Behind the Wall  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson The Secret Garden  
Colfer, Eoin Artemis Fowl series  
Cross, Gillian O Calling A Dead Man  
Crossley-Holland, Kevin The Seeing Stone  
Dahl, Roald O Going Solo  
Dann, Colin The Animals of Farthing Wood  
Davies, Andrew Conrad's War  
Dickens, Charles \* O Christmas Carol  
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan Sherlock Holmes Stories  
Elboz, Stephen A Land Without Magic  
Fine, Anne O Very Different  
Frank, Anne The Diary of a Young Girl  
Gallico, Paul The Snow Goose  
Gavin, Jamila \* Coram Boy  
Gavin, Jamila \* The Blood Stone  
Geras, Adèle \* Troy  
Gibbons, Alan O Shadow of the Minotaur

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Haddix, Margaret P Running Out of Time  
Hardy, Thomas \* The Wessex Tales  
Higson, Charlie Silverfin  
Hinton, Nigel Collision Course  
Hobb, Robin The Farseer Trilogy  
Horowitz, Anthony Stormbreaker  
Howarth, Lesley Maphead  
Hughes, Ted The Iron Man  
Jacques, Brian Redwall  
Johnson, Catherine Hero  
Jordan, Robert The Wheel of Time  
Lewis, C.S. The Narnia Series  
Lingard, Joan O The Twelfth of July  
Lively, Penelope The Ghost of Thomas Kempe  
MacPhail, C Another Me  
Magorian, Michelle Goodnight Mr Tom  
McNab, A Boy Soldier  
Morgan, Nicola Mondays Are Red  
Morpurgo, Michael O Dear Olly  
Muchamore, Robert Cherub Series  
Naidoo, Beverley Out of Bounds  
Nicholson, William The Windsinger  
Nix, Garth The Keys to the Kingdom  
Oppel, Kenneth Silverwing  
Orwell, George \* Animal Farm  
Paulsen, Gary O Hatchet  
Pausewang, Gudrun The Final Journey  
Pearce, Phillipa Tom's Midnight Garden  
Pike, Christopher O The Starlight Crystal  
Pratchett, Terry Johnny and the Bomb  
Pratchett, Terry The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodent

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Price, Willard South Sea Adventure  
Pullman, Philip \* His Dark Materials Series  
Pullman, Philip (easier) Clockwork, or All Wound Up  
Pullman, Philip Ruby in the Smoke  
Rees, Celia The Bailey Game  
Sachar, Louis Holes  
Shan, Darren Lord Loss  
Simpson, Joe Touching the Void  
Somper, Justin Vampirates  
Stevenson, R.L. O Kidnapped  
Stoker, Bram Dracula  
Stroud, Jonathan Buried Fire  
Swindells, Robert O Brother in the Land  
Tolkein, J.R.R. O The Hobbit  
Tolkein, J.R.R. O Lord of the Rings  
Twain, Mark O The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
Verne, Jules O 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
Wells, H.G. O War of the Worlds  
Wyndham, John \*O The Day of the Triffids  
Yen Mah, A Chinese Cinderella  
Yolens, Jane The Devil's Arithmetic  
Zindel, Paul Bats

***This list includes a mixture of modern books (several have been published within the last few years) and classic stories, which have been enjoyed by many generations. If you're not sure what to choose ask your English teacher or the Librarian to help you—between them, they will have read all of these! Thanks to 9E/E1 for their suggestions!***



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