

Year 7 & 8 Recommended Reading List

Action & Adventure

Basilisk by N M Browne	A wonderful blend of myths, history and archaeology in this great novel set in the caves of a dark world
Outsiders by S.E. Hinton	Stunning study of hate, violence, loyalty and friendship set in the violent gang-lands of New York. One of the very best teenage novels ever written
Holes by Louis Sachar	Very popular novel about a miscarriage of justice that sends Stanley into a juvenile prison and an assignment to dig "holes". Compulsive reading.

Relationships & Conflict

How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff	Odd and dreamy novel set in the backdrop of a undisclosed war with an American teenage girl getting to know her family in England. Now regarded as a modern classic.
Stargirl by Jerri Spinelli	Brilliant and brave novel about a teenager daring to be different in an American high school. Highly recommended.
Face by Benjamin Zephaniah	Realistic story of how a boy is disfigured in a car accident and has to start living a new life with his disfigurement.

Fantasy

Narnia series by C S Lewis	Perhaps the ultimate battle between Good and Evil? Classic tale of children trying to awaken an animal world from eternal winter. 7 books in series.
His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman	One of the most brilliant children's trilogies of the last 20 years. Has more surprises, scares and twists that you can cope with!

Horror & Ghost Stories

Coraline by Neil Gaiman	Stunning novel about a warped alternative universe hidden behind a door. Very weird and altogether creepy.
Witch Child Sorceress by Celia Rees	Interesting read about the daughter of a woman accused of being a witch in 18th century England. Beautifully written and asks many intelligent questions and now followed by a great sequel.
The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray by Chris Wooding	Great atmospheric crossover fantasy novel about two young wuch-hunters seeking for a beast that lurks in the sewers of old London. Very exciting and an exceptional read.

Sport

Playing on the edge by Neil Arksey	Great futuristic thriller where football has achieved global domination. A wonderful idea!
Fergus MacPhail; The boy, the legend.	Wildly entertaining football story of a teenage tear-away and his life at school, and with the girls! Funny stuff.