

Years 8 & 9 Reading List Suggestions

Adventure

Stormbreaker Anthony Horowitz
Artemis Fowl Eoin Colfer
Jimmy Coates series Joe Craig
Young Bond series Charlie Higson
Young Samurai series Chris Bradford
Agent 21 Chris Ryan
Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpurgo
Journey to the River Sea Eve Ibbotson
Rooftoppers Katherine Rundell

Historical Fiction

Ghost Soldier Theresa Breslin
Once Morris Gleitzmann
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken
The Ruby in the Smoke Philip Pullman
Hetty Feather Jacqueline Wilson
Prisoner of the Inquisition Theresa Breslin

Animals

The Forever Whale Sarah Lean
The Hero Pup Megan Rix
The White Giraffe Lauren St John
The Butterfly Lion Michael Morpurgo
My Family and Other Animals Gerald Durrell

Real Life / Teen Issues

Wonder RJ Palaacio
The Goldfish Boy Lisa Thompson

Fantasy

Harry Potter series JK Rowling
Northern Lights Philip Pullman
Inkheart Cornelia Funke
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief Rick Riordan
A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket
The Chronicles of Narnia CS Lewis
Mortal Engines Philip Reeve
The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents Terry Pratchett
A Wizard of Earthsea Ursula Le Guin
Bridge to Terabithia Katherine Paterson

Classics

Little Women Louisa M Alcott
The Secret Garden Frances H Burnett
Black Beauty Anna Sewell
Anne of Green Gables LM Montgomery

The Wizard of Oz Frank L Baum
The Little House on the Prairie Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Railway Children E Nesbit
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Lewis Carroll
A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens
The Hobbit JRR Tolkien

Sport

The Kick Off Dan Freedman
Scrum Tom Palmer

Detective/ Mystery

Young Sherlock Holmes series Andrew Lane
Murder Most Unladylike Robin Stevens
The Sinclair Mysteries Katherine Woodfine
Ruby Redfort Lauren Child
Murder on the Orient Express Agatha Christie
Liar and Spy Rebecca Stead
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Arthur Conan Doyle
The London Eye Mystery Siobhan Dowd

Humour

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 & ¾ Sue Townsend
Two Weeks with the Queen Morris Gleitzman
Cosmic Frank Cottrell Boyce
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Jeff Kinney

War

Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo
The Silver Sword Ian Serraillier
Auslander Paul Dowswell
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas John Boyne
Goodnight Mr Tom Michelle Magorian
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Judith Kerr
Behind Enemy Lines Jim Elridge
War Horse Michael Morpurgo
Grandpa's Great Escape David Walliams

Horror / Ghosts/ Zombies

Cirque du Freak Darren Shan
Raven's Gate Anthony Horowitz
Breathe Cliff McNish
The Graveyard Book Neil Gaiman