



Suggested Reading: Books for KS3

Action, Thriller and Mystery

Airman by Eoin Colfer.
Alone by DJ Brazier
Beetle Boy by MG Leonard.
Bodyguard or **Young Samurai** (& sequels);
Bullet Catcher or **Gamer** by Chris Bradford*
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler by EL Konigsburg.
Girl Missing (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie
H.I.V.E. by Mark Walden.
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson.
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Lightning Girl (& sequels) by Alesha Dixon *
Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure) -T Turner.*
Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks, The Everest Files (& sequels) or **Lie, Kill, Walk Away** - Matt Dickinson (!)
Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) – R Stevens
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Night Speakers or **Carjacked** by Ali Sparkes
Silverfin or **The Enemy** (& sequels) by C Higson
Slick by M.M. Vaughan
S.T.A.G.S by M. A. Bennett (!)
Stormbreaker (& sequels) by A. Horowitz*
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.
The Island by M. A. Bennett (!)
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd.
The Middler by Kristy Applebaum.
The Recruit (& sequels) by R. Muchamore*
Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford.
Wild Boy by Lloyd Jones
Wolf Wilder, The Good Thieves, The Explorer, Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer (!)
Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin (!)
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini.
Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)

Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell*
Inkheart (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke (!)
King of Shadows by Susan Cooper
Mind Writer by Steve Cole*
Mortal Engines (& sequels) by Phillip Reeve.
Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Riggs
Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman (!)
Percy Jackson or **Kane Chronicles** series by Riordan
Ranger's Apprentice or **Brotherband** - J Flanagan
Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone
Skellig or **Kit's Wilderness** by David Almond.
Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy
Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone.
The Curse of the Gloamglozer: Edge Chronicles (& series) by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell.
The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by K Barnhill.
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (!)
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by K Larwood.
The Lost Magician by P. Torday.
The Stormkeeper's Island by Catherine Doyle
The Whispers by Greg Howard.
Through Dead Eyes, Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher, The Last of Spirits –C. Priestley
Thunderstruck or **Unleashed** by Ali Sparkes*
Who Let the Gods Out (& sequel) by Maz Evans
Wolf Brother (& series) by Michelle Paver.
Zom-B or **Cirque du Freak** (& sequels) by D. Shan*

Fun and Humorous Books

Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire(&more)- T.Collins*
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce*
Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy... by Konnie Huq*
Disaster Diaries: Zombies (&sequels)-R McGeddon*
Enginerds (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner*
Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole*
Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo.

Fun and Humorous Books cont'd

Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad & Henry White*
Middle School series by James Patterson*
Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy by Frank C Boyce
My Brother is a Superhero (& sequels) by David Solomon..
Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
Runaway Robot by FC Boyce.
The Accidental Billionaire by Tom McLaughlan.
The Donut Diaries series – A McGowan*
The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels) by Max Brallier
The Person Controller by David Baddiel.
The World of Norm series by Jonathon Meres*
Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis*
To Be a Cat by Matt Haig
Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)*

Relationships and Tough Situations

A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
A Different Dog by Paul Jennings*
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (!)
A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby (!)
A Story Like the Wind by Gill Lewis.
After the Fire by Will Hill (!)
Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan.
Artichoke Hearts, Jasmine Skies or **Where the River Runs Gold** Sita Brahmachari
As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds.
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo.
Blended or **Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper
Blubber or anything by Judy Blume (!)
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Boy Under Water by Adam Baron. (!)
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (!)
Check Mates & The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
Freedom: 1783 by Catherine Johnson
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
George by Alex Gino
Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson (!)
Hello, Universe by EE Kelly.
How I Became a Ghost (& sequels) by Tim Tingle.
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (!)
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy - P Earle*
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine (!)

Killer Animals series by Tracey Turner
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by A Pitcher (!)
Noughts and Crosses, Cloud Busting, Boys Don't Cry or **Pig-Heart Boy** by Malorie Blackman (!)
One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee -S Crossan (!)
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker (!)
Red Sky in the Morning by Elizabeth Laird (!)
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor (!)
Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant
Running on the Roof of the World - J Butterworth.
Scarlet Ibis by Gill Lewis
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli (!)
Tall Story or **Shine** by Candy Gourlay
The 1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford.
The Bone Sparrow by Z Fraillion.
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf.
The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster.
The Dog Who Lost His Bark by Eoin Colfer.
The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth.
The Great Blue Yonder by Alex Shearer.
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (!)
The Island at the End of Everything—KM Hargrave(!)
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright by C Edge.
The Marvels or **Wonderstruck** by Brian Selznick*(!)
The One and Only Ivan by K Applegate.
Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies by A. Fine
Unboxed by Non Pratt *
Unstoppable by Dan Freedman *
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech.
Wonder by R.J. Palacio (!)
Word Nerd, We Are All Made of Molecules-Nielsen

War, History & Conflict

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielson
Armistice Runner or **Over the Line** by Tom Palmer*
Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay (!)
Boy 87 by Ele Fountain
Buffalo Soldier or **Apache** by Tanya Landman
Cloud Boy by Marcia Williams.
Dog Tags: Semper Fido or **Strays** by C A London*
Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe (!)
Every Falling Star (North Korea) by Sungju Lee
Grenade by Alan Gratz

War, History & Conflict cont'd

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (!)
Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (!)
Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman * (!)
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen
Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson.
Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (!)
Soldier Dog or **A Horse Called Hero** - Sam Angus
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers*
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion (!)
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak !
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf (!)
The Boy at the Top of the Mountain or **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** by J Boyne (!)
The Red Pencil by Andrea David Pinkney
The Skylarks' War by Hilary McKay
Under a War-Torn Sky by L.M. Elliott
War Horse or **Private Peaceful** by M Morpurgo (!)
Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven, Auslander & True Stories books – Paul Dowswell

Sports

Booked, Crossover or Rebound – K. Alexander* (!)
Charlie Merrick's Misfits... by David Cousins*
Football Academy or **Foul Play** series–Tom Palmer*
Kick by Mitch Johnson (!)
Man of the Match (& series) by Dan Freedman
Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series) by Bali Rai*
Stat Man by Alan Durant *
The Beautiful Game series by Dhami (girls' football)
The Fix by Sophie McKenzie*
The Number 7 Shirt or **The Lion Roars** - A Gibbons*
Ultimate Football Heroes Collection – M&T Oldfield

Dystopian & Science Fiction

Gone or **BRZK** (& sequels) -Michael Grant
The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock
The Giver and **Gathering Blue** by Lois Lowry (!)
Legend (& sequels) by Marie Lu
Illegal by Eoin Colfer * (!)

The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)-P Ness (!)
MetaWars: Fight for the Future (&sequels)-Norton*
Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)-P Reeve (!)^
Remade (& sequels) or **Time Riders** - Alex Scarrow
Dry, Scythe, Unwind (& sequels) – N Shusterman (!)
Contagion or **Slated** (& sequels) by Teri Terry
The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

Advice and Information

Key

* = Top picks for reluctant readers
! = Our **favourite** reads

Age Recommendations

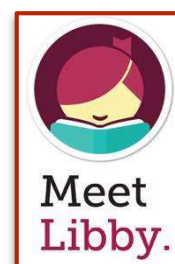
Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be occasional 'gritty' content. Generally by Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask your child's teacher.

Online

If your son/daughter reads a book and falls in love with the author's writing, check Google and Amazon for other texts by the same author or books that are similar in style.

What about audio books?

Audio books are a fantastic way to engage more reluctant readers or to fill time on a long car journey. Free audiobooks are readily available from many libraries. A really useful app is the Libby App, powered by Overdrive, and available on iOS and Android. This app allows you to search for and borrow audio- and e-books from your library. Audible, by Amazon, are probably the market leaders in audiobooks and have a phenomenal selection of books to download and keep.





THE AR PROCESS



READ /
LISTEN TO
A BOOK

1. Make sure you know your ZPD score
2. Take a book from the library or look online at <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> to see if your book is at the right level
3. Read / listen for at least 20 minutes a day – or one hour a week!

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COMPLETE
A
QUIZ

As you read, you could write down key information onto a post-it note ready to review before you complete a quiz.

As soon as you complete a book, you should take a quiz in school in the library. Ask the librarian for help if you get stuck on what to do



SEE YOUR
READING
IMPROVE

The more you read, the quicker you will make progress!

Get points for successfully passing quizzes and other rewards throughout the year.

How quickly will you become a word millionaire?