

## Key Stage 3 Recommended Reading List

Poet X – Elizabeth Acevedo (winner of the Carnegie Medal, 2019) \*

Watership Down – Richard Adams

Rebound - Kwame Alexander

The House with the Chicken Legs - Sophie Anderson

Head Boy, The Parent Agency – David Baddiel

Peter Pan – JM Barrie

The Truth That's in Me – Julie Berry\*

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne

Noughts and Crosses series – Malorie Blackman

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman

Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

Bunker Diary – Kevin Brooks (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2014) \*

Artemis Fowl series - Eion Colfer

The Hunger Games series – Suzanne Collins

The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper

When Mr. Dog Bites – Brian Conaghan\*

Framed – Frank Cottrell Boyce

Millions – Frank Cottrell Boyce (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2004)

Wolf – Gilliam Cross

Apple and Rain – Sarah Crossan (Year 8 book club, 2015 recommendation)

One – Sarah Crossan (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2016)

Boy and Going Solo – Roald Dahl

Bog Child – Siobhan Dowd (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2009)

The Bone Sparrow – Zana Fraillon

The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2010)

Maggot Moon – Sally Gardiner (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2013)\*

Genius Ideas – Tom Gates

Lord of the Flies – William Golding\*

Gone – Michael Grant

The Fault in Our Stars – John Green

The Curious Incident of the Dog in Night-Time – Mark Haddon\*

Cuckoo Song – Frances Hardinge  
Skinful of Shadows – Frances Hardinge  
The Enemy – Charlie Higson  
Department 19 – Will Hill  
After the Fire – Will Hill (Year 8 book club, 2018 recommendation)  
The Alex Ryder series – Anthony Horowitz  
The Diamond Brothers series – Anthony Horowitz  
The Power of Five series - Anthony Horowitz  
Wool – Hugh Howey\*  
Dancing Jaxx – Robin Jarvis  
Pigeon English – Stephen Kelman\*  
Buffalo Soldier – Tanya Landman (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2015)\*  
The Garbage King – Elizabeth Laird  
Where the World Ends – Geraldine McCaughrean (winner of Carnegie, 2018)  
Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo  
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo  
A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness (winner of Carnegie, 2012)  
More Than This - Patrick Ness (Year 8 book club, 2015 recommendation)\*  
The Chaos Walking trilogy – Patrick Ness (the third book in the trilogy, Monsters of Men, won the Carnegie Medal in 2011)  
Things a Bright Girl Can Do – Sally Nicholls  
Delirium – Lauren Oliver  
Animal Farm – George Orwell  
Wonder – R.J. Palacio (Year 8 book club, 2013 recommendation)  
Tamar – Mal Peet (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2005)  
Nation – Terry Pratchett  
Northern Lights, Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass – Philip Pullman  
The Book of Dust – Philip Pullman  
The Book of Dust Part 2 - The Secret Commonwealth by Philip Pullman  
Here Lies Arthur – Phillip Reeve (winner of Carnegie Medal in 2008)  
Railhead – Phillip Reeve  
Long Way Down - Jason Reynolds\*  
Patron Saint of Nothing – Randy Ribay\*  
Kane Chronicles - Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief series– Rick Riordan  
The Incredible Luck of Alfie Pluck – Jamie Rix  
How I Live Now – Meg Rosoff\*  
Just in Case – Meg Rosoff (winner of Carnegie Medal, 2007)\*  
Harry Potter series - J K Rowling  
Rooftoppers – Katherine Rundell (Year 8 book club, 2014 recommendation)  
Card Turner, Holes, There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom – Louis Sachar  
Lampie – Annet Schaap  
Midwinterblood – Marcus Sedgwick (Year 8 book club, 2013 recommendation)  
Salt to the Sea – Ruta Sepetys (winner of Carnegie Medal in 2017)\*  
Black Beauty – Anna Sewell  
Frozen in Time – Ali Sparkes  
Liar and Spy – Rebecca Stead (Year 8 book club, 2014 recommendation)  
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Wall – William Sutcliffe  
Stone Cold – Robert Swindells  
Lies We Tell Ourselves – Robin Talley\*  
The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas\*  
On the Come Up – Angie Thomas\*  
Dark Lord – Teenage Years – Jamie Thompson  
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolken  
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾ - Sue Townsend\*  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain  
Girl, Boy, Sea – Chris Vick  
Gangsta Granny, Demon Dentist, Ratburger, The Boy in the Dress - David Walliams  
The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall  
Beyond the Bright Sea – Lauren Wolk (Year 8 book club, 2018 recommendation)  
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk (Year 8 book club, 2017 recommendation)  
Sword in the Stone – T.H. White  
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak\*

\*Recommended for confident/mature readers as some of the content is challenging/addresses older themes/includes violence or swearing