

## KS3 Reading List General List

A list of reads that appeal to a wide range of KS3 students; these are organised alphabetically and not according to level of challenge.

**Children of Blood and Bone** Tomi Adeyemi  
**My Name is Mina** David Almond  
**Cyborg Cat (& sequels)** Ade Adepitan  
**Little Badman&[...]Killer Aunties** Humza Arshad  
**Flip** (Set in Ilkley!) Martyn Bedford  
**Asha & The Spirit Bird** Jasbinder Bilan  
**The Astounding Broccoli Boy** Frank Cottrell Boyce  
**Bodyguard series eg 'Ambush'** Chris Bradford  
**Young Samurai (Series)** Chris Bradford  
**Where the River Runs Gold** Sita Brahmachari  
**The Child's Elephant** Rachel Campbell-Johnston  
**Stolen** Lucy Christopher  
**After Tomorrow** Gillian Cross  
**The Weight of Water or One** Sarah Crossan  
**The Maze Runner( series)** James Dashner  
**Ausländer or Sektion 20** Paul Dowswell  
**A Greyhound of a Girl** Roddy Doyle  
**A Brighter Fear** Kerry Drewery  
**The Girl Who Stole An Elephant** Nizrana Farook  
**The Bone Sparrow** Zana Fraillion  
**Toby Alone** Timothee de Frombelle  
**Maggot Moon or The Red Necklace** Sally Gardiner  
**Coram Boy** Jamilla Gavin  
**Once (series)** Morris Gleitzman  
**The Vanishing of Katharina** Linden Helen Grant  
**The Zig-Zag Kid** David Grossman  
**Echo Boy** Matt Haig  
**The Island at the End of Everything or Girl of Ink and Stars** Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
**The Midnight Zoo** Sonya Harnett  
**Across the Nightingale Floor** Lian Hearn  
**Fallen** Grace Mary Hooper  
**Thirteen** Tom Hoyle  
**High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop** Sharna Jackson  
**Race to the Frozen North\*, Blade and Bones or Sawbones** Catherine Johnson  
**Skulduggery Pleasant (series)** Derek Landy  
**Inside Out and Back** Again Thanhha Lai  
**I am Number Four (series)** Pittacus Lore  
**The Crowham Martyrs** Jane McGoughlin

**More than this or A Monster Calls** Patrick Ness  
**Jessica's Ghost** Andrew Norriss  
**Wonder** R J Palacio  
**Ghost Boys or Black Brother [...]** Jewell P Rhodes  
**Heroes of Olympus (series)** Rick Riordan  
**Roof Toppers or The Wolf Wilder** Katherine Rundell  
**Scythe, Unwind, Dry (& sequels)** N Shusterman  
**Smart or A Seven Letter Word** Kim Slater  
**Oh My Gods** Alexandra Sheppard  
**The Hate U Give** Angie Thomas  
**Finding Violet Park** Jenny Valentine  
**No and Me** Delphine de Vigan  
**Gangsta Granny** David Walliams

*We would always advise that, when reading for pleasure, students read a range of texts in terms of genre and of difficulty. However, to give you an idea of level of challenge, the following lists suggest reads according to ability. For each, there is a brief explanation of the level.*

### Developing Reader

Developing readers are perhaps not naturally inclined to pick up a novel for pleasure. The below are a few easy to access texts for more reluctant readers.

**Booked, Crossover or Rebound** K. Alexander  
**Mondays are Murder** Tanya Landman  
**Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)** Jeff Kinney  
**Boy** Roald Dahl  
**A Series of Unfortunate Events (series)** Lemony Snicket  
**The Lottie Project** Jacqueline Wilson  
**Angel Cake** Cathy Cassidy  
**Dead Ball (Football Detective series)** Tom Palmer  
**Monster Mission** Eva Ibbotson  
**Jimmy Coates: Killer** Joe Craig  
**Revenge of the Number Two, Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story or Soccer Squad, Dream on (& Series)** Bali Rai  
**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** C. S. Lewis  
**Coraline** Neil Gaiman  
**Good Dog, Bad Dog (Graphic Novel)** Dave Shelton

### Competent Reader

Competent readers are much more likely to choose to read for pleasure. The title listed below remain easy to access in terms of content, however, they do provide a little more challenge.

**Skulduggery Pleasant** Derek Landy  
**Goodnight Mister Tom** Michelle Magorian  
**Love, Aubrey** Suzanne La Fleur  
**Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** JK Rowling  
**The Recruit (Cherub series)** Robert Muchamore  
**The Secret Garden** Frances Hodgson Burnett  
**Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)** Anthony Horowitz  
**Blood Hunters** Steve Voake  
**Holes** Louis Sachar  
**The London Eye** Mystery Siobhan Dowd  
**The Iron Man** Ted Hughes  
**The Graveyard Book** Neil Gaiman  
**Shadow** Michael Morpurgo  
**Artemis Fowl** Eoin Colfer  
**Trash** Andy Mulligan

### Active Reader

Active readers are keen to read for pleasure but may stick to one genre or author- below is a selection of titles from different genres to help students broaden their reading horizons.

**Malice** Chris Wooding  
**Journey to the River Sea** Eva Ibbotson  
**The Silver Sword** Ian Serraillier  
**Young Sherlock Holmes: Red Leech** Andrew Lane  
**Blood Ties** Sophie McKenzie  
**The Ruby in the Smoke** Philip Pullman  
**The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** John Boyne  
**I, Coriander** Sally Gardner  
**Chinese Cinderella** Adeline Yen Mah  
**The Thief Lord** Cornelia Funke  
**The Hound of the Baskervilles** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
**The Wind Singer** William Nicholson  
**Treasure Island** Robert Louis Stevenson  
**Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief** Rick Riordan  
**My Swordhand is Singing** Marcus Sedgwick

### Reflective Reader

Reflective readers are willing to challenge themselves; they think very carefully about what they have read. The below are some thought provoking choices to challenge students' emotional intelligence.

**Northern Lights** Philip Pullman  
**I Capture the Castle** Dodie Smith  
**Revolver** Marcus Sedgwick  
**The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole** Sue Townsend  
**The Other Side of Truth** Beverley Naidoo  
**Refugee Boy** Benjamin Zephaniah  
**Private Peaceful** Michael Morpurgo  
**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** Mark Haddon  
**The Knife of Never Letting Go (Chaos Walking series)** Patrick Ness  
**Diary of a Young Girl** Anne Frank  
**Noughts and Crosses, Hacker, Boys Don't Cry, or Pig-Heart Boy** Malorie Blackman  
**Eragon** Christopher Paolini  
**Chains** Laurie Halse Anderson

### Versatile Reader

Versatile readers are well read and always looking for the next challenge. Below are some challenging choices to stretch and challenge the most able readers at KS3 (and beyond!).

**The Book Thief** Markus Zusak  
**Bog Child** Siobhan Dowd  
**Rebecca** Daphne du Maurier  
**The Hunger Games** Suzanne Collins  
**To Kill a Mockingbird** Harper Lee  
**Ausländer** Paul Dowswell  
**Lord of the Flies** William Golding  
**Mort** Terry Pratchett  
**The Double Life of Cassiel Roadnight** Jenny Valentine  
**City of Ghosts** Bali Rai  
**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** Douglas Adams  
**Nineteen Eighty-Four** George Orwell  
**Pride and Prejudice** Jane Austen  
**Great Expectations** Charles Dickens

### YOUR ROLE

Engaging with your child's reading at home can vastly improve their literacy development. The **PEER** model below can be a helpful starting point:

**P**rompt your child to say something about the book.

**E**valuate their response.

**E**xpand their response by rephrasing or adding information to it.

**R**epeat the prompt to help them learn from the expansion.