

Year 7 Recommended Reading

You should use this list to guide your nightly reading choices. The books have been given a number code indicating the expected level of difficulty (in terms of prose/narrative style).

1 = Recommended standard for this year-group... 2 = More advanced... 3 = Testing you...

Action / adventure / detective

- 1 Agatha Christie, Murder on the Orient Express
- 2 Arthur Conan Doyle, The Lost World
- 1 Arthur Conan Doyle, A Study in Scarlet (the first Sherlock Holmes long story)
- 1 Ian Fleming, Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang
- 3 William Golding, Lord of the Flies
- 1 Charlie Higson, Silverfin (first of five 'Young Bond' novels)
- 1 Anthony Horowitz, Raven's Gate (first in five 'Power of Five' series)
- 1 Anthony Horowitz, Stormbreaker (start of Alex Rider novels)
- 2 Rick Riordan, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (first in series)
- 2 Rosemary Sutcliffe, The Eagle of the Ninth

Classic / Historical

- 1 Richard Adams, Watership Down
- 3 R. M. Ballantyne, The Coral Island
- 2 Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol
- 3 Charles Dickens, David Copperfield
- 1 Leon Garfield, Smith
- 1 Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows
- 1 Rudyard Kipling, The Jungle Book
- 1 C. S. Lewis, The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe (first of seven Narnia novels)
- 3 John Meade Faulkner, Moonfleet
- 2 E. Nesbit, The Railway Children
- 2 George Orwell, Animal Farm
- 2 Sir Walter Scott, Ivanhoe
- 2 Mark Twain, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Comedy

- 2 Frank Cottrell Boyce, Millions
- 2 Lewis Carroll, The Hunting of the Snark
- 1 Tim Collins, Adventures of a Wimpy Werewolf: Hairy but Not Scary
- 1 Cressida Cowell, How to Train Your Dragon (first in series)
- 1 Roald Dahl, James and the Giant Peach
- 3 Gerald Durrell, My Family and Other Animals
- 1 Goscinny & Uderzo, The Adventures of Asterix & Obelix (comic series)
- 3 Mark Haddon, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
- 1 Hergé, The Adventures of Tintin (comic series)
- 1 Jeff Kenney, Diary of a Wimpy Kid (first in series)
- 2 Terry Pratchett, Unseen Academicals (Discworld Novel No. 37)
- 1 John van de Ruit, Spud
- 1 David Walliams, Mr Stink

Horror

- 2 Peter Ackroyd, *The English Ghost*
- 2 Melvyn Burgess, *Bloodtide*
- 1 B. R. Collins, *Tyme's End*
- 1 Anne Fine, *The Tulip Touch*
- 2 Susan Hill, *The Mist in the Mirror*
- 3 Cliff McNeish, *The Hunting Ground*
- 3 Gudren Pausewang, *The Final Journey*
- 1 Dennis Pepper (ed.), *The Young Oxford Book of Supernatural Stories*
- 1 G. P. Taylor, *Shadowmancer*
- 1 Robert Westall, *The Scarerows*

Modern fiction

- 1 David Almond, *Skellig*
- 2 David Benedictus, *Return to the Hundred Acre Wood*
- 1 Malorie Blackman, *Noughts and Crosses*
- 1 Tim Bowler, *River Boy*
- 2 Frank Cottrell Boyce, *Framed*
- 3 Jennifer Donnelly, *A Gathering Light*
- 1 Jamila Gain, *Coram Boy*
- 2 Geraldine McCaughrean, *Not the End of the World*
- 2 Michael Morpugo, *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*
- 1 Andrew Norris, *Aquila*
- 2 Matt Whyman, *Boy Kills Man*

Sci-fi / Fantasy

- 2 Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (first in a trilogy of five)
- 1 Frank Beddor, *The Looking Glass Wars*
- 3 Ray Bradbury, *The Illustrated Man*
- 1 John Christopher, *The Tripods*
- 1 Eoin Colfer, *Artemis Fowl* (first in series of eight)
- 2 Geraldine McCaughrean, *Peter Pan in Scarlet*
- 2 Garth Nix, *Sabriel* (first in trilogy)
- 1 Philip Reeve, *Mortal Engines*
- 1 J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (first of seven novels)
- 2 J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*
- 3 John Wyndham, *The Day of the Triffids*
- 1 Moira Young, *Blood Red Road*