

# Year 8 School Library Recommended Reading List 2018

***Water ship Down* by Richard Adams** - A classic tale of animal adventure, courage and survival, as a very special colony of rabbits escapes disaster and travel in search of a new home.

***The Box of Delights* by John Masefield** - Kay Harker returns from boarding school for the holidays and becomes involved in a struggle with a wizard and witch, who wish to possess the magic box. A must read for anyone that has enjoyed the Harry Potter series.

***Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan** - An entertaining fantasy series in which a teenage boy living in modern day America finds out he is the son of an ancient God.

***The Sword in the Stone* by T.H. White** - A fantasy adventure set in medieval England following the life of King Arthur.

***Girl Missing Trilogy* by Sophie McKenzie** - Lauren is adopted and eager to know more about her mysterious past. But why will no one answer her questions? How can she find her biological parents? And could her adoptive parents really have been responsible for kidnapping her?

***Gallagher Girls Series* by Ally Carter** - An engaging spy thriller, aimed at young girls. Set in a school where teenage girls become undercover agents.

***My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece* by Annabel Pitcher** - A story of loss, as a family fail to recover from the death of their daughter in a terrorist attack.

***The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd** - Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off - but not Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? "A page turning, spine-tingling thriller"

***Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman** - Thirteen year old Cameron is dying and his only hope is a heart transplant. When there are no human hearts available, his father finds a doctor willing to use a pig's heart.

***Holes* by Louis Sachar** - A very popular novel about a miscarriage of justice that sends Stanley to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre where they dig holes, supposedly to find lost treasure. Will Stanley dig up the truth?

***Cirque du Freak Series* by Darren Shan** - Darren's life is changed forever following a visit to a banned freak show with his best mate Steve. The gothic Cirque Du Freak is where weird and frightening acts terrify the audience. Darren finds himself having to make a bargain with a creature of the night.

***Storm Breaker* by Anthony Horowitz** - Alex Rider is an average British teenager whose life is about to seriously change when he is recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle. Soon the teenage spy finds himself in mortal danger.

***Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy** - The story follows the character Skulduggery Pleasant, an undead sorcerer and detective and his partner Stephanie. Along with their allies they try to prevent Nefarian Serpine from unleashing a weapon of terrible power on the world.

***Stone Cold* by Robert Swindells** - There's a serial killer targeting the young and vulnerable homeless. Deb is an undercover journalist, determined to catch the killer and prepared to use herself as bait...

***Air Man* by Eoin Colfer** - Fourteen-year-old Conor is framed for a terrible crime he didn't commit. Thrown into prison, Conor is trapped in a sea swept dungeon and branded a traitor. He must escape and clear his name, if he wants his old life back. There is only one way out and Conor is determined to find it.

***Young Bond Series* by Charlie Higson** - James Bond is preparing for life back at Eton, following a treacherous rescue mission. James is under surveillance, his every move is being watched. He alone holds the clue to a sinister plot that will bring bloodshed and carnage to his school - and his country. Life for James Bond will never be the same again.

***A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness** - Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. It's a story of myths, about courage and loss and the fear of loss.

***The HIVE Series* by Mark Walden** - The Higher Institute of Villainous Education (H.I.V.E) is the new home for 13 year-old master criminal Otto Malpense. Soon Otto comes to the conclusion that he can go it alone. Is he clever enough to escape? An action packed adventure.

***The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper** - Will discovers he is no ordinary boy. He is the last of the Old Ones and has the power to defeat the evil magic of the Dark that lies within him.

***The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman** - This is the story of the boy Nobody "Bod" Owens who is adopted and raised by the supernatural occupants of a graveyard after his family is murdered.

***War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo** - The book tells the story of World War One through the eyes of Joey, a courageous farm horse sold to the army and thrust into the midst of war on the Western Front. It's a powerful story of humanity and friendship.

***Looking For JJ* by Anne Cassidy** - JJ has a new identity, but how long will it be before the past catches up with her? Is she as evil as people think? Will she ever live a 'normal' life?

***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon** - Christopher finds it difficult to talk to people, hates being touched and reacts badly to certain colours. When the neighbour's dog is murdered Christopher is determined to find out 'whodunnit'

***Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah** - A captivating memoir of a Chinese girl's painful coming-of-age, growing up in an affluent Chinese family, during the 1940s.

***Apple and Rain* by Sarah Crossan** - When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels complete again - but not for long. Her mother's homecoming is bitter sweet and Apple begins to wonder who is really looking after whom. It's only when Apple meets someone more lost than she is, that she begins to see things as they really are.

***Dandelion Clock* by Rebecca Westcott** - a story told through the eyes of eleven year old Liv, about a significant six months of her life. Guided by her Mum's own childhood diaries, Liv finds a new way to live.

A book that is real, funny, touching and absolutely heart-warming, it will keep you turning the pages to the end.

## **Non Fiction**

***Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*** - The story of Anne Frank and her family, told through Anne's diary after the family flee occupied Germany and hide in an annex in Amsterdam.

***Football Collection Set* by Tom & Matt Oldfield** - A selection of books on all your favourite Premier League football stars, including Gareth Bale, Alexi Sanchez, Eden Hazard and many more.