



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Recommended Reads

Year 8

Reading for pleasure is really important. Not only will it improve your vocabulary, your understanding of language, it will also give you an empathy with the world both real and fantasy. It is a great way of relaxing.

Below is a small selection of the amazing books available.

If reading is tricky for you why not download an audio book instead.

Year 8 Reading suggestions

Clap When You Land
Elizabeth Acevedo

Booked/Rebound
Kwame Alexander

Endgame*
Malorie Blackman

No Ballet Shoes in Syria
Catherine Bruton

The Murder Notebooks*
Anne Cassidy

One, Weight of Water, Toffee
Sarah Crossan

The Song That Sings Us *
Nicola Davies

Rosie Loves Jack
Mel Darbon

While the Storm Rages
Phil Earle

Bone Talk
Candy Gourlay

Once, Now, Then *
Maurice Gleitzman

Rumaysa
Radiya Halfza

Deeplight
Francis Hardinge

Things the Eye Can't See
Penny Joelson

Sawbones
Catherine Johnson

Welcome to Nowhere
Elizabeth Laird

Needle, Indigo Doughnut, Pieces of Silva
Patrice Lawrence

Skylarks War
Hilary McKay

Like A Charm
Elle McNicoll

The Crossing
Manjeet Mann

Girls for the Vote
Linda Newbery

The Northern Lights/Book of Dust *
Philip Pullman

The Blue Book of Nebo
Manon Steffan Ross

How I Live Now
Meg Rosoff

Tyger
S F Said

Only Love Can Break Your Heart
Katherine Webber

Graphic Novels

Mary and Frankenstein	Linda Bailey
Alpha	Bessora & Barroux
The Marvels	Brian Selznick
The Arrival	Shaun Tan
Smile, Sisters, Drama	Renee Telgemeier

Classics

Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Brontë
Wild Swans	Jung Chang
Boy	Roald Dahl
Rebecca	Daphne Du Maurier
I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith
Dracula	Bram Stoker
Jeeves & Wooster*	P.G. Wodehouse
Any Agatha Christie mystery	

Non fiction

Open	Gemma Cainey
Be Resilient	Nicola Morgan
Dairy of a Young Naturalist	Dara McAnulty

Special Books

Medusa	Jessie Burton
Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls	Francesco Cavallo & Elena Favilli
I Am Malala	
Suffragette	David Roberts