

## KS3 Reading List

A suggested reading list. Plenty of low or no cost places to get a book. Try the library in school or near you. Try the web sites below as well to find something you enjoy.

### ACTION & ADVENTURE

Author	Title	Plot summary
Stephen Cole	<b>The Aztec Code</b>	Exciting thriller about an elite team of thieves who steal valuable historical artefacts.
Eoin Colfer	<b>Airman</b>	Swash-buckling adventure set in a remote part of Ireland, that in the future is independent. Brilliant, alternative future tale!
Francis Hardinge	<b>Gullstruck Island</b>	Absolutely fantastic rip-roaring adventure set on a mysterious and lost island. A completely dazzling adventure.
Jake Highfield	<b>Chaos Unleashed</b>	Jake, schoolboy operative, is expelled from the academy who trained him. High speed action, for fans of Robert Muchamore.
Charlie Higson	<b>Silverfin(Young Bond Series)</b>	Superb novels about the school life of James Bond when he was still at school. Exceptionally entertaining and a deserved hit.
Eva Ibbotson*	<b>One Dog and his Boy</b>	Terrier Fleck arrives on Hal's birthday, but when Hal discovers that his dog must be returned, he runs away.
Andrew Klaven	<b>The Last Thing I Remember Series</b>	Super fast series, billed as "Bourne Identity for Kids", Charlie loses a year of his memory and finds he has been convicted of murder.
Andy McNab	<b>Drop Zone</b>	Fast moving thriller about a teenage skydiver recruited to a secret government anti-terrorist organisation.
Robert Muchamore	<b>CHERUBS Series OR Henderson's Boys Series</b>	Big adventures and excitement as the teenage recruits at CHERUB battle the underworlds of the World. OR Great new series about the original CHERUBS, set during World War 2.
Sophie McKenzie	<b>The Medusa Project Series</b>	Four 14 year-olds realise they have psychic powers in this powerful new adventure series. Great for girls too. 3 books so far!
Gary Paulsen	<b>Hatchet Series</b>	Thrilling adventure about the survival of a 12 year-old boy after a plane crash. Also has great sequels.
Rebecca Promitzer	<b>The Pickle King</b>	Zany comedy adventure about 5 bored kids who turn a long boring summer holiday into an adventure they'll never forget.
Chris Ryan	<b>Code Red Series</b>	Each book deals with a different environment disaster, including flooding, wild fires, plague and tornadoes. <i>Flash Flood</i> is book 1.
Louis Sachar	<b>Small Steps</b>	Very popular novel about a miscarriage of justice that sends Stanley into a juvenile prison and an assignment to dig holes to find, supposedly, lost treasure. Both books are really funny.
Craig Simpson	<b>Special Operations Series</b>	Four thrillers set in World War 2 about the adventures of Wolf Squadron. <i>Dog Fight</i> is book one.
John Smelcer	<b>The Trap</b>	Gripping survival story set in the Alaskan outback.
Eleanor Updale	<b>Montmorency Series</b>	Super-exciting crime thriller series set in Victorian London.
Steve Voake	<b>Fightback</b>	Cool thriller in which Kier learns the ancient art of unarmed combat before embarking on revenge for his father's murder.
Mark Walden	<b>HIVE Series</b>	In this story all the bright kids are sent to the Higher Institute of Villainous Education. Very good fun and born to be bad!

### GIRL TALK

Author	Title	Plot summary
Helen Bailey	<b>Life at the Shallow</b>	Electra Brown's family is falling apart and she comes up with a crack-pot scheme to make everything OK again.
Meg Cabot	<b>Jinx</b>	Funny teen-look at a girl struggling to come to terms with her clumsiness.
Cathy Cassidy	<b>Indigo Blue</b>	Indigo's mum has a secret... a reason to leave behind their lovely house and friends.
Belinda Hollyer	<b>River Song</b>	Jessye's tumultuous life flits between her grandmother and her mother in this moving New Zealand set novel.
Cathy Hopkins	<b>Mates, Dates....</b>	Long-running series of Lucy and her friends and their funny

	<b>(series)</b>	experiences of growing up.
Eva Ibbotson	<b>Journey to the River Sea</b>	An orphaned school girl makes a journey to South America with her 'tough-as-old-boots' nanny.
Rose Impey	<b>Scary Fairy Godmother</b>	Funny look at the chaos caused in a family by the odd and eccentric scary Fairy Godmother. A really popular read with girls.
Hayley Long	<b>Lottie Biggs Series</b>	Really funny (2 books so far) about a 15 year-old growing up in Cardiff. A real laugh, touching, and covers real life issues.
Karen McCombie	<b>Ally's World Series</b>	Funny 12 book series looking at Ally, her life, friends and mishaps.
Hilary McKay	<b>Saffy's Angel</b>	One of the best books of recent years. Saffy, when realising she is adopted, travels from America to Italy to trace her family.
Sarah Mlynowski	<b>Gimme a Call</b>	Pretty funny! Devi finds that she can talk to her future-self with her mobile.
Louise Rennison	<b>Georgina Nicholson Series OR Withering Tights</b>	Recently concluded series, hilarious and written in diary form as the accident prone Georgina grows up. 10 books to read! OR Comedy set over a long summer holiday in a drama school.
Liz Rettig	<b>Jumping to Confusions</b>	Funny look at romantic confusion, following the adventures of twin sisters, one more glamorous than the other.
Jerry Spinelli	<b>Star Girl</b>	Brilliant and brave novel about a teenager daring to be different in an American High School. Highly recommended.
Sarah Webb	<b>Amy Green Teen Agony Queen</b>	Amy helps a relative who has taken over an agony aunt page in a teenage magazine with funny consequences.
Rachel Wright	<b>You've Got Blackmail</b>	Comedy thriller that has the whole of the school in a tizzy.

#### GROWING UP: HEADING TO TEEN LIFE

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Plot Summary</b>
Julia Bell	<b>Massive</b>	Thought-provoking look at teenage anorexia.
Elen Caldecott	<b>How Kirsty Jenkins Stole the Elephant</b>	Sensitive and gently humorous treatment of the loss of a grandfather and its effect on a family.
Gregory Hughes	<b>Unhooking the Moon</b>	Great coming-of-age novel as 2 children travel from Canada to New York looking for a long-lost relative. Brave, funny and original.
Ally Kennen	<b>Beast</b>	Stephen is a boy with many secrets, and the Beast is the biggest. Vicious look at exclusion and isolation.
Guus Kuijer	<b>Book of Everything</b>	Thomas sees things and struggles living with his strict and harsh father. The "witch" next door begins to open his eyes in this dreamy and beautiful book.
Meg Rosoff	<b>Just in Case</b>	Quirky and funny follow-up to 'How I Live Now' in which 15 year-old David is obsessed that fate is out to get him.
Rodman Philbeck	<b>Freak the Mighty</b>	Funny and touching about two misfit boys, who when they become friends, unite as Freak the Mighty!
Caroline Plaisted	<b>No Way Am I Living With Her</b>	Well-written and touching story of two step-sisters forced to live together when their parents marry.
Louis Sacher	<b>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</b>	Another highly entertaining (and funny) tale from the writer of 'Holes'. Has much to identify with.
Benjamin Zephaniah	<b>Face</b>	Realistic story of how a boy is disfigured in a car accident and has to start living a new life with his disfigurement.

#### CLASSICS

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Plot Summary</b>
Louisa M Alcott	<b>Little Women</b>	First in the series of classic novels of 4 sisters growing up in 1860s America, written from the point of view of Jo, who would dearly like to become a writer.
Frances H Burnett	<b>The Secret Garden</b>	Escapism, innocence and beauty are all features of the secret garden. This book reads like a dream.
Charles Dickens	<b>Oliver Twist</b>	Classic story of the orphan boy, life in crime and his quest to escape it all.
Richard Bach	<b>Jonathan</b>	Uplifting story of a young seagull's bid to live its life as free as

	<b>Livingston Seagull</b>	possible. A beautifully crafted short read.
Charlotte Bronte	<b>Jane Eyre</b>	Jane falls in love with her rich employer, only to find out he has a dark secret.... Classic stuff that has thrilled generations.
Charles Dickens	<b>A Christmas Carol</b>	Read about Scrooge yourself, much better than any film you may have seen of it.
Conan Doyle	<b>Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</b>	This is a great introduction to detective stories. Many of the best Holmes stories are in this collection.
Penelope Farmer	<b>Charlotte Sometimes</b>	Dream-like novel where Charlotte, whilst sleeping, somehow slips back in time to 1919 and becomes Clare... Wonderful.
H Rider Haggard	<b>King Solomon's Mines</b>	An exciting yarn about an explorer who was the inspiration for the Indiana Jones films.
Jack Schaefer	<b>Shane</b>	Definitive western novel of the drifter coming to town. This classic novel is seen through the eyes of a little boy and is a great introduction to a forgotten genre.
Mark Twain	<b>Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</b>	Adventure, freedom and excitement are in abundance in these two novels set in the American deep south during the great depression. Highly recommended.

#### MULTI-VOLUME FANTASY SEQUENCES

Author	Title	Plot Summary
R J Anderson	<b>Knife and Rebel</b>	Highly entertaining novel set in the faery world of Oak Tree.
Tom Becker	<b>Dark Side Series</b>	Your home's been attacked. Your dad's in an asylum. You're running for your life. And there's nowhere to hide. And that's just the first few pages!
N M Browne	<b>Warriors of Alavna Trilogy</b>	Blistering time-slip novel where Dan and Ursula are whisked back in time to the tough unforgiving world of Alavna in 75AD.
Nancy Farmer	<b>Sea of Trolls Trilogy</b>	A sweeping Viking novel with 2 young children being held captive by the evil half-troll King Ivar the Boneless.
Charlie Fletcher	<b>Stone Heart Trilogy</b>	The great statues of London spring to life in this epic fantasy romp!
John Flanagan	<b>Ranger's Apprentice Series</b>	Superb series set in Castle Redmont, as Will and his friends choose their destinies. Highly, highly recommended.
Alan Gibbons	<b>Shadow of the Minotaur Trilogy</b>	Computer game virtual reality becomes reality in this compulsive read. Highly recommended and has been a top read for some years.
Julia Golding	<b>Companions Quartet</b>	Superbly exciting sequence of 4 books which combines mythology, magic and the last human able to communicate with the mythical beings. For all fans of quality fantasy.
Roderick Gordon	<b>Tunnels Series</b>	Lots of hype went with the release of this book, as 2 boys discover a dark underworld underneath Chester. Really enjoyable.
Derek Landy	<b>Skulduggery Pleasant Series</b>	Fantastic fantasy horror novel, wild, and full of imagination and excitement. Now 5 books. Very, very popular.
CS Lewis	<b>Narnia Series</b>	Perhaps the ultimate battle between Good and Evil? Classic tale of children trying to awaken an animal world from eternal winter.
Sam Llewellyn	<b>The Well Between Worlds Series</b>	Fast-paced tale of a world where demons and monsters inhabit the sea, after many years the peace truce is broken.....
Cliff McNish	<b>Doomspell Trilogy</b>	Powerful fantasy series about children snatched from our world to satisfy the evil of a witch from a different dimension.
William Nicholson	<b>Wind on Fire Trilogy</b>	Breathtaking trilogy about a society governed by exams. But what happens when you rebel? Read to find out.
James Patterson	<b>Maximum Ride Series</b>	Stunning 5 book sequence about a group of teenagers generically engineered to be 1% bird. It's cool to be able to fly!
Philip Pullman	<b>His Dark Materials Trilogy</b>	Staggering dark fantasy trilogy in which Lyra fights for survival in a Godless world. Quite brilliant fantasy series.
Philip Reeve	<b>Mortal Engines Series</b>	Blinding fantasy novel where moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester are thrown from "London" and try to get back on

		board. 2 prequels are also out now.
Rick Riordan	<b>Percy Jackson Series</b>	Entertaining fantasy series in which a teenage boy living in modern-day America finds out he is the son of a God.
Michael Scott	<b>The Alchemyst</b>	2 children stumble upon the secret of immortality when they meet the 700 year old Nicholas Flamel.

#### SINGLE VOLUME FANTASY NOVELS

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Catherine Banner	<b>Eyes of a King</b>	The main character embarks upon a fantastic journey after finding a book with no words in it, which then begins to guide and help him.
N M Browne	<b>The Spell Grinder's Apprentice</b>	Dark magic abounds as children with special powers are slaves to the powerful Spell Grinder in this gripping tale.
N M Browne	<b>Web of Shadows</b>	Brilliant even by Browne's standards! 2 girls with the same names and dates of birth, swap places and worlds in this great read.
Paul Bryers	<b>Kobal</b>	Gripping fantasy in which science and superstition intertwine to create a fantasy world equal to J K Rowling or Philip Pullman.
Frances Hardinge	<b>Verdigris Deep</b>	Nasty things begin to happen to a group of children who steal coins from a, supposedly, magic well.
Ingrid Law	<b>Savvy</b>	Highly enjoyable, quirky, coming-of-age story where everyone in Mibs' family receives a supernatural power when they turn 13. Charming, and original, fantasy for girls.
China Mieville	<b>Un Lun Dun</b>	Compelling look at a London lost in an alternative reality of broken toys, gadgets and ghosts.
Sally Nicholls	<b>Season of Secrets</b>	Moving tale which entwines the Green Man myth and a lonely child sent to live with her grandparents in the North of England.
Garth Nix	<b>Shade's Children</b>	Dark science fiction fantasy where children are killed off before they reach adult. Those who escape hide under the banner of the mysterious Shade. Nix is one of the best fantasy writers around.
Edith Patou	<b>North Child</b>	This is a beguiling epic of magic, love, loss and betrayal, based on the traditional fairy tale.
Terry Pratchett	<b>Nation</b>	Wild comedy fantasy about the survivors of a tidal wave creating a new world for themselves. Startlingly original Pratchett comedy.
Joanne Owen	<b>Puppet Master</b>	A really creepy fantasy tale of marionettes and mind control.
Rick Riordan	<b>The Red Pyramid</b>	One curse, two heroes and an evil that won't stay buried. New fantasy romp from the creator of Percy Jackson.
Pat Walsh	<b>The Crowfield Curse</b>	Historical fantasy with a magical twist, in which a girl finds the grave with the body of an angel. Combines fantasy and mystery.
David Whitley	<b>The Midnight Charter</b>	Dark fantasy where children are bought and sold, and feelings such as hate and fear are traded as commodities. Highly original.
Chris Wooding	<b>Malice Chaos</b>	Everyone's heard of it... a secret comic about a strange and awful world full of traps and tricks. But if rumours are to be believed, the children and monsters in this comic are real...
Chris Wooding	<b>Storm Thief</b>	One of the best action fantasies I read this year. Fast-paced, exciting and in a fantasy world so well crafted I hope it's a series!
Carlos Ruiz Zafon	<b>The Prince of Mist</b>	A haunting story of magic, mystery, adventure and revenge as an ancient force finds a way to enter our World.

#### MONSTERS, DEMONS AND VAMPIRES

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Stephen Cole	<b>Wereling Trilogy</b>	Really enjoyable horror series about a family of werewolves and the teenage daughter's fight against her changeover.
Steve Feasey	<b>Changling</b>	Trey is thrown into the world of demons and monsters in this highly original, and scary, fantasy horror novel.
Alan Gibbons	<b>Scared to Death Series</b>	Be prepared to be scared to death, in this clever and well-plotted tension builder. The very scary book 2 is now out.
Simon Holt	<b>Devouring</b>	Holt could be the next Darren Shan – entertaining novel in which demons feed off children's fears.

E E Richardson	<b>Devil's Footsteps OR The Intruders</b>	Wonderful horror novel from the new Queen of fear. Scary, atmospheric, well plotted and believable....OR More suspense and fear from Richardson in this terrifying haunted house novel. Taste the fear.....
Sebastian Rook	<b>Vampire Plague Series</b>	Juicy series of vampire novels set across the centuries as the vampires battle to take over the world.
Marcus Sedgwick	<b>My Swordhand is Singing</b>	Chilling vampire tale set in 17th century Europe, inspired by the original Transylvanian Vampire folk tales. Scary stuff!
Darren Shan	<b>Cirque du Freak Series(Saga of Darren Shan)</b>	First in the long running vampire horror series. It's so popular.
Justin Stomper	<b>Vampirates Series</b>	Blood thirsty, horror novels set on the high seas.
Chris Wooding	<b>Haunting of Alaizabel Cray</b>	Great atmospheric crossover fantasy novel about two young wych-hunters seeking for a beast that lurks in the sewers of old London. Very exciting and an exceptional read.

#### GHOST AND CREEPY TALES THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Malorie Blackman	<b>Stuff of Nightmares</b>	Frightening and scary novel which centres on the small, irrational fears that affect us all.
Jeremy de Quidt	<b>The Toymaker</b>	A demonic toymaker takes the hearts from animals and uses them to give life to robotic creatures in this dark fairytale.
Michael Ford	<b>The Poisoned House</b>	Abigail is a maidservant in Greave Hall, an elegant London household governed by the tyrannical housekeeper, Mrs Cotton. In the dead of night, Abi makes a desperate bid for freedom, but is soon captured. A ghostly presence distracts Abi with clues to a deadly secret.
Neil Gaiman	<b>Coraline OR Graveyard Book</b>	Stunning novel about a warped alternative universe hidden behind a door. Very weird and altogether creepy. OR Horror/fantasy take on the Jungle book – a toddler whose family is murdered is raised by the dead in a graveyard.
Alan Kennan	<b>Bedlam</b>	16 year-old Lexi discovers an abandoned mental asylum, and then the scary stuff really begins! A really atmospheric read!
Jon Mayhew	<b>Mortlock</b>	Really creepy, Victorian set, horror novel. Has ghouls, zombies and a really twisted original story. Read it today!
Catherine McPhail	<b>Underworld</b>	Utterly chilling novel set in the underground fear of a collapsed tunnel. This book is really, really scary!
Lazlo Strangolov	<b>Feather &amp; Bone</b>	Really creepy (and quirky) horror novel with the strangest set of characters you've ever seen!
Cliff McNish	<b>Breathe: A ghost Story</b>	A true ghost story. The kind that says its cold fingers on you grips tight and doesn't let you go until the last pages have been turned. Wonderfully spine-chilling.
E E Richardson	<b>The Summoning</b>	Be careful when you play with spirits... they play tricks... and often they want to stay with you forever.
Darren Shan	<b>The Demonata Series OR The Thin Executioner</b>	Brilliant 10 book horror series. OR The King of Fear returns with a new tale of horror and fear.

#### HAVING A LAUGH: FUNNY BOOKS

Author	Title	Plot Summary
M E Allen	<b>The Bish Bash Bosh</b>	A group of teenage boys discover a lotion which makes them irresistible to girls. Hilarious chaos follows!
Terence Blacker	<b>Missing, Believed Crazy</b>	Funny tale of 5 rich kids who fake the kidnapping of a TV star's child (for charity) and it all goes horribly wrong!
Martin Chatterton	<b>The Brain Finds a Leg</b>	A rip-roaring comedy adventure for lovers of bizarre and fantastic adventure.
F. Cottrell-Boyce	<b>Framed</b>	South Wales and art theft don't normally go together, except in this funny book!
Vanessa Curtis	<b>Zelah Green, Queen of Clean</b>	Funky comedy featuring "cleanaholic" Zelah and her friends.
Jimmy Docherty	<b>Ice Cream Con</b>	Fast and funny story of a boy who cons a group of bullies into believing a new gang are in town!

Sue Limb	<b>Zoe &amp; Chloe Series</b>	Funny series of books about the adventures of 2 teenage girls.
Anthony McGowan	<b>Hell Bent</b>	Hilarious tale of a teenager sent to hell for a misdemeanour.
Terry Pratchett	<b>Johnny Maxwell Trilogy</b>	A brilliant trilogy. Johnny has special powers which help him see the world in a slightly different way from other boys.
E F Smith	<b>When Mum Threw Out the Telly!</b>	Telly-addict Jeff's life is turned upside down when his mum throws out the TV. But his new life is only just beginning.

### THRILLERS

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Patricia Carmen	<b>Skeleton Creek</b>	An excellent horror-mystery about 2 children investigating mysterious goings-on in their small town.
Anne Cassidy	<b>Innocent</b>	Great junior novel from Cassidy, as Charlie tries to prove the innocence of her older brother Brad.
Anne Cassidy	<b>Talking to Strangers</b>	Gripping thriller centring around the disappearance of a 10 year-old in a small English town.
Malorie Blackman	<b>Hacker</b>	One of Blackman's most popular books. Two computer whiz-kids try to prove their father is innocent of bank theft.
Eion Colfer	<b>Half Moon Investigations</b>	After completing a dodgy online course, 10 year-old Fletch reckons he's a fully fledged detective! Chaos follows in this great thriller.
Joseph Craig	<b>Jimmy Coates Series</b>	11 year-old Jimmy realises he has super-powers, which his parents have hidden from him, and this leads to an exciting mystery of intrigue and suspense.
Narinder Dhani	<b>Bang Bang You're Dead</b>	When a mysterious gunman takes a class hostage, Mia suspects her brother might be involved in this tense thriller.
J A Henderson	<b>Colony OR Bunker 10</b>	Scary military conspiracy novel linking events of 30 years ago involving a secret army research facility OR Fast thriller set in a top secret military installation about to be hit by a major disaster.
Tanya Landman*	<b>Poison Pen</b>	Seventh in the brilliantly addictive series of murder mysteries.
Gabrielle Lord	<b>Conspiracy 365 Series</b>	12 book series, set over a year, about a teenager on the run from both the Police and a secret government organisation.
Will Peterson	<b>Triskellion</b>	Enticing mystery fantasy novel in which two American children move to the rural village of Triskellion, which is both dark and secretive. Soon sinister things begin to happen...
Marcus Sedgwick	<b>Floodland OR Revolver</b>	Gripping story of global warming and the pockets of survivors who live in the "High Lands" near Norwich. A fast brilliant read. OR Gripping thriller set in the Arctic in 1910, and the vicious search for stolen gold. Dark, scary and deeply atmospheric.
David Selznick	<b>Invention of Hugo Cabret</b>	Wonderful mystery novel set in 1930s Paris. It uses very visual graphics and art, which only add to the mystery.
Alex Shearer	<b>The Stolen</b>	A nail-biting and supernatural tale of old people taking over the bodies of young people. A gripping mystery.
Philip Womack	<b>The Liberators</b>	London is in financial melt-down and Ivo witnesses a murder on the underground, connecting him to a sinister cult who wish to end the world! Truly superb thriller.

### SCHOOL STORIES

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Wendy Cooling	<b>Ten of the Best School Stories</b>	Excellent collection of 10 school stories including new stories from Malorie Blackman and Paul Jennings.
Alan Gibbons	<b>Chicken</b>	Tough school story, focusing on bullying.
Pete Johnson	<b>Runaway Teacher</b>	What happens when your teacher becomes a friend and not a teacher? Read this short novel to find out.

### SCIENCE FICTION & THE UNEXPLAINED

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Malorie Blackman	<b>Pig Heart Boy</b>	Your heart transplant is from a pig! Find out what difference it makes in this gripping read.
Jason Bradbury	<b>Dot.Robot</b>	Really entertaining adventure which rattles along with many twists and turns, using gadgets, cyber-crime and geeks galore.

John Christopher	<b>Tripods Series</b>	Classic series in which giant robots take over the Earth.
Michael Grant	<b>Gone Trilogy</b>	Super-fast paced and exciting novel set in an area of America where adults disappear into thin area. Anarchy follows!
Ann Halam	<b>Taylor 5</b>	Fascinating novel about human cloning.
A J Healy	<b>Tommy Storm</b>	Very funny, crude, endlessly inventive intergalactic novel set in 2096 for fans of Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy!
Ben Horton	<b>Monster Republic</b>	Science fiction retelling of Frankenstein. A group of children are made into soldier monsters.
Joan Lennon	<b>The Seventh Tide</b>	Soul-sucking demons threatened to take over the world in this multi-dimensional romp.
Keith Mansfield	<b>Johnny Mackintosh and the Saint of London</b>	Loud, brash and flashy fantasy science fiction novel. Alex Ryder meets Dr Who!
Rhiannon Lassiter	<b>Hex Trilogy</b>	Totally believable science fiction set in the far future about mutant genes that can be passed through computers into people.
James Patterson	<b>Dangerous Days of Daniel</b>	Daniel is an Alien Hunter – bent for revenge.
A G Smith	<b>Furnace Series</b>	Vicious fantasy adventure with a boy trapped in a deep underground prison guarded by monsters and demons.
Robert Swindells	<b>Time Snatch</b>	Superb time travel novel by Swindells. Very exciting.
David Thorpe	<b>Hybrids</b>	Hybrids are human victims of a technology virus which infects the nation in this entertaining thriller.
Scott Westerfeld	<b>Leviathan</b>	Amazing, alternative history novel set in 1914. Impossible to describe, new type of science fiction called "steam punk".
Moria Young*	<b>Blood Red Road</b>	Every step of Saba's journey sizzles with danger in this futuristic thriller, which beats with a powerful, red-blooded heart.

#### SPORT STORIES

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Neil Arksey	<b>Playing on the Edge</b>	Great futuristic thriller where football has achieved global domination. A wonderful idea!
Theresa Breslin	<b>Divided City</b>	Tough Scottish novel which tackles the religious divide in Glasgow through a look at football.
Ben Bo	<b>Scullcrack</b>	High energy novel about skateboarding.
Chris D'Lacey	<b>Falling 4 Mandy I X Series</b>	Cheating, diving, football, and a beautiful striker called Mandy are all elements in this funny football novel. Murdering his parents. Now a trilogy.
Dan Freedman	<b>Kick Off Trilogy</b>	Funny look at a school football team, with Jamie desperate to be the star, by book 3 he's a teen prodigy!
Peter Hayden	<b>And Smith Must Score</b>	Funny modern take on the football story, with many great characters and enjoyable action sequences.
Kelvin MacGregor	<b>Here We Go!</b>	Football and romance! A great combination!
Robert Rigby	<b>Goal! OR Goal 2!</b>	Live the perfect football dream as Santiago makes his name at Newcastle before moving to Real Madrid in the sequel.

#### LIVING IN A WARZONE

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Anne Frank	<b>The Diary of Anne Frank</b>	Stunning story of bravery during the Second World War. Essential reading.
Jackie French	<b>Hitler's Daughter</b>	Wonderful time-slip and thought-provoking novel which asks the question, "What if?"
Catherine Forde	<b>Tug of War</b>	In 2012, after terrible terrorist attacks, the Government brings in extreme measures which imprison immigrants.
Maurice Gleitzman	<b>Once Trilogy</b>	Captivating, and moving story, of two child friends growing up in Nazi occupied Poland.
Sonya Hartnett*	<b>The Midnight Zoo</b>	World War II, Eastern Europe: Tomas and his younger brother, Andrej, have fled their Romany encampment which has been besieged by the Germans; they carry Wilma, their baby sister, in a sack. In an abandoned, bombed-out town, the children discover a zoo.
Cathy Kaser	<b>Underground</b>	True story of how a group of Czech children started their own

	<b>Reporters</b>	newspaper whilst being occupied by the Germans in WW2.
Michael Morpurgo	<b>War Horse</b>	Thought-provoking novel of the life of a horse and his thoughts during his numerous battles under different masters.
Andy McNab	<b>Boy Soldier</b>	McNab draws on his own vast SAS experience to write this exciting, part-biographical account of his younger days in the SAS.
James Riordan	<b>The Sniper</b>	Realistic World War 2 adventure tale about young Russian snipers.
Barry Turner	<b>One Small Suitcase</b>	Factual look at the evacuation of 1000s of Jewish children before the outbreak of WW2.

#### HISTORICAL FICTION

Author	Title	Plot Summary
Philip Ardagh *	<b>When Bunnies Turn Bad</b>	Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner Philip Ardagh is back with the seventh tale of grubbiness and chaos in his hilarious Grubtown Tales series. Perfect for fans of Mr Gum and Horrid Henry.
Lynn Cullen	<b>I Am Rembrandt's Daughter</b>	Haunting look at the fictional life of the daughter of the great Dutch painter, set after most of Cornelia's family has died of the plague.
Michael Ford	<b>Spartan Warrior Series</b>	Swords swing wildly in this fantasy adventure romp based on real Spartan myths.
Mary Hooper	<b>By Royal Command</b>	Lucy is a teenage spy for Elizabeth I. One of several novels about this period by Mary Hooper.
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