



Key Stage Three Reading List

Reading is the key to helping you in all of your subjects, not only that but it helps fire your imagination!

Take some time to read through the following list, making a note of those books you like the sound of. There are brief comments about each book to help you and you should try to sample at least one book from each category. By all means, if you really like an author then look out for other novels by them.

Recommend books to each other and try to make reading a part of your everyday routine. If you think there is a book that should be on this list – let your English teacher know.

Be relaxed, be inspired, make new friends and learn something new- get reading!

Title	Author	Summary
Fantasy Skellig	David Almond	A strange man found in a garage is the start of an angelic mystery.
Midget	Tim Bowler	Unable to speak, but powerful; family Conflict
Basilisk	N. M. Brown	A story of two worlds
The Dark is Rising (series)	Susan Cooper	A series of 5 books, beginning with "Over Sea, Under Stone" – a story of a quest
Indigo	Helen Dunmore	Mermaids and coping with loss
Dark Ground	Gillian Cross	A boy is forced to survive in a dangerous world... with a twist
Shadow of the Minotaur	Alan Gibbons	A gripping, fantasy thriller.
Across the Nightingale Floor	Liam Hearn	The first of a trilogy - a mystery in the Orient (Grass for his Pillow & Brilliance of the Moon)
Doomspell	Cliff McNish	A magical fantasy

The Snow Spider	Jenny Nimmo	The first of a trilogy (Emlyn's Moon & The Chestnut Soldier) about a boy magician
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	A time travelling adventure
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman	A trilogy exploring authority and other worlds (The Subtle Knife & The Amber Spyglass)
Mortal Engines	Phillip Reeve	Set in a world where moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester have been thrown out of theirs.
Harry Potter	J. K. Rowling	A series of books about the life of a wizard as he goes through Hogwarts School - don't just rely on the films, read the books!
Holes	Louis Sachar	A mystery unfolds in a prison camp in desert America
Secret Songs	Jane Stemp	A story of love, Silkies, the sea...
Lord of the Rings	J. R. R. Tolkein	A trilogy about a quest to rid the world of the power of the ring - don't just rely on the films!
The Dreamwalker's Child	Steve Voake	Sam Palmer is knocked off his bike and wakes in Aurobon, a parallel world where insects are used as war machines.
Mirror Dreams	Catherine Webb	A magical adventure with wizards...
<u>A bit of fun...</u>		
Agent Z	Mark Haddon	Very funny! Read it and find out...
The Race for the Lost Keystone	Val Rutt	An amusing adventure story – talking animals, a mad great-aunt...

<p><u>Historical</u></p> <p>Carrie's War</p> <p>PoW</p> <p>Kezzie</p>	<p>Nina Bawden</p> <p>Martin Booth</p> <p>Theresa Breslin</p>	<p>Evacuation & adventure during WW2</p> <p>A novel of conflict and adventure.</p> <p>Mining and transportation...</p>
<p>Classics</p> <p>Jane Eyre</p> <p>The Secret Garden</p> <p>Anne of Green Gables</p>	<p>Charlotte Bronte</p> <p>Frances Hodgson-Burnett</p> <p>L. M. Montgomery</p>	<p>The story of a young girl's passage to adulthood in the early nineteenth century.</p> <p>An adventure into a secret garden, showing that people can change...</p> <p>The first of a series of books about an orphan girl and her new life...detailed and descriptive...</p>