



# Year 8 Reading List

## More Challenging Reads

- Charles Dickens
  - R.L. Stevenson
  - Mark Twain
  - Jules Verne
  - H.G. Wells
  - Gabriel García Márquez
  - Toni Morrison
  - Jean Rhys
  - Erich Maria Remarque
  - Dorothy L Sayers
  - Zadie Smith
  - John Steinbeck
  - Robert Louis Stevenson
  - Jonathan Swift
  - J.R.R. Tolkien
  - Voltaire
  - Evelyn Waugh
  - Jeanette Winterson
  - Markus Zusak
  - George Orwell
- Oliver Twist
  - Kidnapped
  - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
  - Journey to the Centre of the Earth
  - The Time Machine
  - One Hundred Years of Solitude
  - Beloved
  - Wide Sargasso Sea
  - All Quiet on the Western Front
  - Murder Must Advertise
  - White Teeth
  - East of Eden
  - Jekyll and Hyde
  - Gulliver's Travels
  - The Lord of the Rings Trilogy
  - Candide
  - Decline and Fall
  - Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit
  - The Book Thief
  - Animal Farm

## Fantastic reads

- David Almond
  - Andy Briggs
  - Gennifer Choldenko
  - Harlan Coben
  - Stephen Cole
  - Eoin Colfer
  - Berlie Doherty
  - Deborah Ellis
  - Neil Gaiman
  - Jamila Gavin
  - A.J. Healy
  - Lian Hearn
  - Charlie Higson
  - Will Hill
  - William Nicholson
  - Johnny O'Brien
  - Gary Paulsen
  - Terry Pratchett
  - Chris Priestley
  - Philip Pullman
  - Robert Rigby
  - David Thorpe
  - Matthew Whyman
  - Maus
  - Frank Cottrell Boyce
  - Jasper Forde
- Kit's Wilderness
  - Hero.com
  - Al Capone Does My Shirts
  - Shelter
  - The Aztec Code
  - Artemis Fowl
  - A Beautiful Place for a Murder
  - Prison Runner
  - The Graveyard Book
  - Coram Boy
  - Tommy Storm
  - Across the Nightingale Floor
  - The Enemy
  - Department 19
  - The Wind Singer
  - Day of the Assassins
  - Hatchet
  - Nation
  - Tales of Terror from the Black Ship
  - Northern Lights
  - Goal
  - Hybrids
  - Inside the Cage
  - Art Spiegelman
  - Millions
  - The Last Dragonslayer

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| • John Green        | Will Grayson, Will Grayson  |
| • Agatha Christie   | The Body in the Library etc |
| • Lois Lowry        | The Giver                   |
| • William Golding   | The Lord of the Flies       |
| • Adeline Yen Mah   | The Chinese Cinderella      |
| • Michelle Magorian | Goodnight Mister Tom        |
| • Ally Condie       | Matched                     |
| • J. Dashner        | The Maze Runner             |
| • P. Lore           | I am Number Four            |
| • Rick Yancey       | The 5 <sup>th</sup> Wave    |
| • Todd Strasser     | The Wave                    |
| • Lara Williamson   | A Boy Called Hope           |
| • Malala Yousafzai  | I am Malala                 |
| • Jennifer Nielson  | A Night Divided             |
| • J. Riordan        | The Sniper                  |
| • Megan Rix         | A Soldier's Friend (series) |
| • Ruta Sepetys      | Salt to the Sea             |
| • Robert Westall    | The Machine Gunners         |

### Easier Reads

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| • Anthony McGowan   | Brock            |
| • Michael Morpurgo  | Private Peaceful |
| • James Riordan     | Sweet Clarinet   |
| • Caroline Lawrence | Roman Mysteries  |
| • Lynne Reid Banks  | Tiger, Tiger     |
| • Louis Sachar      | Holes            |

### Quick Reads

If you want to try something else as well as novels, there are great short stories, newspaper articles and magazines on topics you enjoy. You may also enjoy listening to audio books and following with the text in front of you.

As it is impossible to list everything here and fantastic new books are published all the time, here are some useful websites, which may give you some inspiration for your reading choices,

The Carnegie Medal Children's Literature Award	<a href="http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk">www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk</a>
Reading Matters	<a href="http://www.readingmatters.co.uk">www.readingmatters.co.uk</a>
Fantastic Fiction	<a href="http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk">www.fantasticfiction.co.uk</a>
Good Reads	<a href="http://www.goodreads.com">www.goodreads.com</a>