

READING LIST!

Recommended Reads

Action & Mystery

Airman by Eoin Colfer. A fast-paced action book, perfect for anyone fascinated by adventure/flight.

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd. How can someone disappear from the London Eye?

The Diamond of Drury Lane (& sequels) by Julia Golding. Orphan, adventurer, actress: Cat Royal.

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler by EL Konigsburg. Imagine running away to 'live' in an art museum. Unforgettable.

High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson - This mystery is fast-paced, hilarious and exciting.

Challenging reads and/or classics

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. Is it possible to read this book without crying?

The Secret Garden by Francis H Burnett. Inspiring story of the power of nature and friendship.

Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin. Abandoned children, slavery, love, greed – and music - in 18thc. England

Chronicles of Narnia by CS Lewis. Superb!

The Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman. A magnificent series for able readers.

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell. The ultimate book for horse-lovers – but have the tissues ready!

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson. A boy hero, pirates, buried treasure and adventure.

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien. Hobbits, dragons, wizards and dwarves...let your imagination fly.

Fantasy Adventure or Magic Realism

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill. Magic, love, a misunderstood witch and a poetry-spouting swamp monster. Newbery winner 2017.

Artemis Fowl (and sequels) by Eoin Colfer. A 12 yo criminal mastermind attacks high-tech fairies.

Skellig or **Kit's Wilderness** by David Almond. Beautifully written books. A Carnegie winner.

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (& series) by Rick Riordan. A hilarious modern twist on Greek mythology. Filled with drama and battles.

Fun

The Person Controller by David Baddiel. Fred and Ellie love video games but struggle at school. Then they get a bizarre controller with hilarious results!

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank C Boyce. It's up to Prez to save the planet in this side-splitting, crazy – and moving -- story.

The Accidental Billionaire by Tom McLaughlan. Jasper creates the world's first talking cat – and becomes rich. But are talking cats a good idea?

My Brother is a Superhero (& sequels) by David Solomon. Life is not fair: Luke loves comics, but it is his geeky older brother who gets superpowers.

Ghosts and Horror

The Savage by David Almond. What if your writing became reality – and you have created a savage?

Doll Bones by Holly Black. Eleanor Black died in 1895 – and now she wants to play. Newbery Honor.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. Possibly the best opening to a story ever! Carnegie & Newbery.

Relationships & Tough Situations

The One and Only Ivan by K Applegate. Story 'told' by an exploited gorilla. Newbery winner 2014.

Cloud Busting or **Pig-Heart Boy** by Malorie Blackman. Poignant and inspiring books.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness. A harrowing and powerful book about family, fear, illness and imagination. Won both Carnegie and Greenaway.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio. A heart-warming story of a boy with a severe facial deformity.

Pax by Sara Pennypacker. A beautifully written story of a boy and his fox, who struggle to reunite.

As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds. What does it mean to be brave? Disability, diversity and truth explored from 11 year old perspective. Beautiful.

Brown Girl Dreaming by J Woodson. Growing up in the segregated South – a powerful story in poems.

