

Recommended reading list for KS3

Fantasy

Simple

Jenny Nimmo – *Midnight for Charlie Bone* from the *Red King* series

Average

Michelle Paver – *Wolf Brother* from the *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness*

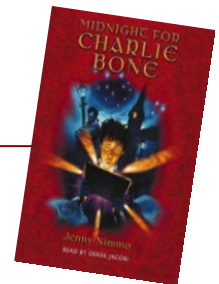
Cornelia Funke – *Dragon Rider*

Challenging

Gareth Nix – *Old Kingdom* Series, start with *Sabriel*

Phillip Pullman – *The Northern Lights* series

Peter Dickinson – *The Ropemaker*



Horror

Simple

R. L. Stine - The *Goosebumps* series

M.D Spenser – *The Animal Nightmare*

Ian Livingstone – *Caverns of the Snow Witch* and other titles, you can choose your own adventure.

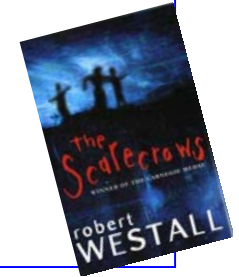
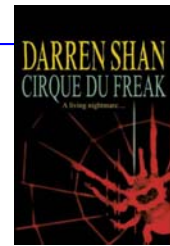
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Darren Shan – *Vampire Blood* Trilogy, start with *Cirque Du Freak*

Robert Westall - *The Scarecrows*

Challenging

Stephen Cole – *The Wereling* series, start with *Wounded*



Action and Adventure

Simple

Siobhan Dowd – *London Eye Mystery*

Paul Jennings – *Unbelievable!* (Short stories)

Anthony Horowitz – *Alex Rider* series, start with *Stormbreaker*

Average

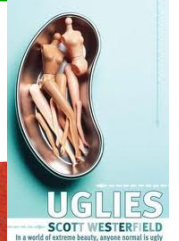
Alan Gibbons – *Shadow of the Minotaur*

Gary Paulsen – *Hatchet*

Challenging

Malorie Blackman - *Noughts and Crosses*

Scott Westerfeld – *Uglies*



Science Fiction

Simple

Robert Swindells - *Hydra*

Average

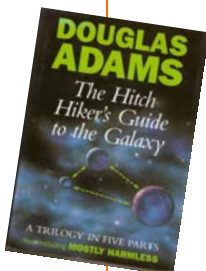
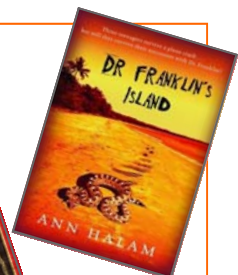
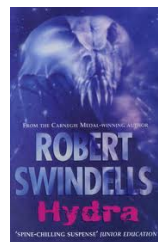
Ann Halam – *Dr Franklin's Island*

Allison Allen-Gray - *Unique*

Challenging

George Orwell – *1984*

Douglas Adams - *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*



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Emotional and Epic

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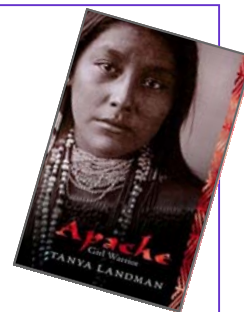
Sharon Creech – *Heartbeat*
Frank Cottrell Boyce - *Millions*

Average

Bali Rai – *(Un)Arranged Marriage*
Kevin Crossley Holland – *Gatty's Tale*
Mary Hooper – *At the Sign of the Sugared Plum*
Tanya Landman – *Apache: Girl Warrior*

Challenging

J. G. Ballard – *Empire of the Sun*
Gudrun Pausewang – *The Last Children*



Something different?

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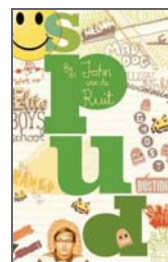
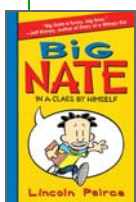
David Almond – *Skellig, Clay*
Lincoln Peirce – *Big Nate, the Boy with the Biggest Head*
Mal Peet – *The Penalty*

Average

Louis Sachar - *Holes*
John Van De Ruit - *Spud*
Catherine MacPhil – *Grass*

Challenging

Sue Townsend – *The Adrian Mole series*
Melvin Burgess – *Junk*



Interested in another culture?

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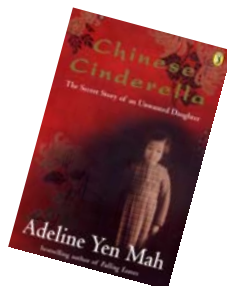
Elizabeth Laird - *The Garbage King*

Average

Yen Mah Adeline – *The Chinese Cinderella*
Geraldine McCaughrean – *The Kite Rider*

Challenging

Diane Matcheck - *The Sacrifice*



Classics

Lemony Snicket – *Series of Unfortunate Events*

Rudyard Kipling - *The Jungle Book*

Anna Sewell - *Black Beauty*

Mark Twain – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

C. S. Lewis - *The Chronicles of Narnia*

Charles Dickens – *A Christmas Carol*

R. L. Stevenson - *Treasure Island*

Louisa May Alcott - *Little Women*

J. R. R. Tolkein - *Lord of the Rings*

