

Recommended reading list for KS3

Fantasy

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

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

Cornelia Funke – *Dragon Rider*

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

Phillip Pullman – *The Northern Lights* series

Peter Dickinson – *The Ropemaker*

Horror

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.

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

Robert Westall – *The Scarecrows*

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

Action and Adventure

Siobhan Dowd – *London Eye Mystery*

Paul Jennings – *Unbelievable!* (Short stories)

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

Alan Gibbons – *Shadow of the Minotaur*

Gary Paulsen – *Hatchet*

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Malorie Blackman – *Noughts and Crosses*
Scott Westerfeld – *Uglies*

Science Fiction

Robert Swindells – *Hydra*

Ann Halam – *Dr Franklin's Island*
Allison Allen-Gray – *Unique*

George Orwell – *1984*
Douglas Adams – *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

Emotional and Epic

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

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*

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

Something different?

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

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

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

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Multicultural

Elizabeth Laird – *The Garbage King*

Yen Mah Adeline – *The Chinese Cinderella*

Geraldine McCaughrean – *The Kite Rider*

Benjamin Zephaniah – *Refugee Boy*

Diane Matcheck – *The Sacrifice*

Classics

Chinua Achebe – *Things Fall Apart*

Louise May Alcott – *Little Women*

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

Anna Sewell – *Black Beauty*

Dodie Smith – *I Capture the Castle*

Lemony Snicket – *A Series of Unfortunate Events*

R.L.Stevenson – *Treasure Island*

J.R.R.Tolkien – *The Hobbit*

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