



Years 7-9 Reading Lists 2025

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NOVELS

David Almond Skellig Sophie Anderson The House with Chicken Legs Katya Balen October, October Malorie Blackman Pig Heart Boy Sita Brahmachari When Secrets Set Sail Eoin Colfer Artemis Fowl F.Cottrell-Boyce Millions Narinder Dhami Thirteen Hours Phil Earle When The Sky Falls Deborah Ellis The Breadwinner Hannah Gold The Last Bear Maurice Gleitzman Once Soma Chainani The School for Good and Evil Stewart Foster The Bubble Boy Kenneth Grahame The Wind in the Willows Sophie McKenzie The Set-Up Series	Judith Kerr When Hitler Stole Pink Madeleine L'Engle A Wrinkle in Time Andrew Lane Young Sherlock Holmes Michelle Magorian Goodnight Mr Tom Hilary McKay The Skylark's War Michael Morpurgo Shadow William Nicholson The Wind Singer R.J. Palacio Wonder Chris Paolini Eragon Philip Pullman Northern Lights Katherine Rundell Impossible Creatures A.F. Steadman Skandar and the Unicorn Thief Robin Stevens Murder Most Unladylike Raina Telgemeier Smile J.R.R. Tolkien The Hobbit Ross Welford Time Travelling with a Hamster
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Kiran Milwood Hargrave The Island at the End of Everything Polly Ho Yen The Boy in the Tower Anthony Horowitz Alex Rider series Eva Ibbotson Journey to the River Sea	Jacqueline Wilson My Mum Tracey Beaker Lauren Wolk Wolf Hollow Katherine Woodfine The Clockwork Sparrow Benjamin Zephaniah Face
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AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Floella Benjamin **Coming to England**
Roald Dahl Boy: **Tales of Childhood**
Gerald Durrell **My Family and Other Animals**
Malala Yousafzai **I Am Malala**
Adeline Yen Mah **Chinese Cinderella**

CHILDREN'S CLASSICS

J. M. Barrie **Peter Pan**
Susan Coolidge **What Katy Did**
Charles Dickens **The Christmas Stories**
Frances Hodgson-Burnett **The Secret Garden**
L.M. Montgomery **Anne of Green Gables**
Mary Norton **The Borrowers**
Anna Sewell **Black Beauty**
Robert Louis **Stevenson Treasure Island**
Mark Twain **The Prince and the Pauper**
Oscar Wilde **Fairy Tales**

THE 13 X 13 (2025)

Douglas Adams **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**
Louisa May Alcott **Little Women**
Malorie Blackman **Noughts and Crosses**
Ray Bradbury **Fahrenheit 451**
Arthur Conan Doyle **The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**
Elle McNichol **A Kind of Spark**
Jewell Parker Rhodes **Ghost Boys**
Philip Pullman **Northern Lights**
Noel Streatfeild **Ballet Shoes**
Dodie Smith **I Capture the Castle**
R.L. Stevenson **Kidnapped**
Angie Thomas **The Hate U Give**
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Tomi Adeyemi **Children of Blood and Bone**
 Elizabeth Acevedo **The Poet X**
 Jennifer Lynn Barnes **The Inheritance Games**
 Nina Bawden **Carrie's War**
 Theresa Breslin **Remembrance**
 Nick Brooks **Promise Boys**
 Keira Cass **The One**
 Sophie Cameron **A Flash of Neon**
 Sarah Crossan **Once**
 Helen Dennis **River of Ink**
 Phil Earle **Being Billy**
 Natasha Farrant **Lydia**
 Sally Gardner **Maggot Moon**
 Michael Grant **Gone**

Matt Killeen **Orphan Monster Spy**
 Elizabeth Laird **Welcome to Nowhere**
 Ursula K Le Guin **The Wizard of Earthsea**
 Ann Sei Lin **Rebel Skies**
 Louis Lowry **The Giver**
 Michelle Magorian **Back Home**
 Amy McCaw **Mina and the Slayers**
 Ella McLeod **Rapunzella**
 Anthony McGowan **Lark**
 Karen McManus **One of Us is Lying**
 Andy Mulligan **Trash**
 Patrick Ness **The Knife of Never Letting Go**
 Sally Nicholls **Things A Bright Girl Can Do**
 Katherine Patterson **Bridge to Terabithia**
 Michelle Paver **Wolf Brother**
 Annabel Pitcher **My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece**
 Celia Rees **Witch Child**

Mark Haddon The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime Jenny Han The Summer I Turned Pretty Karen Millwood Hargrave The Girl of Ink and Stars Frances Hardinge The Lie Tree Charlie Higson Silverfin Anthony Horowitz Horowitz Horror Holly Jackson A Good Girl's Guide to Murder Penny Joelson I Have No Secrets	Jason Reynolds Long Way Down Libby Scott Can You See Me? Marcus Sedgwick My Sword Hand is Singing Dodie Smith, I Capture the Castle Lauren St John Wave Riders Jonathan Stroud Lockwood & Co. William Sutcliffe The Wall Elizabeth Wein Code Name Verity
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CHALLENGING FICTION

Agatha Christie **The Murder of Roger Ackroyd**
Barry Hines **A Kestrel for a Knave**
Ernest Hemingway **The Old Man and the Sea**
J.R.R. Tolkien **Lord of the Rings**
John Wyndham **The Day of the Triffids**

POETRY & PLAYS

J.K.Rowling **Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**
Maya Angelou **And Still I Rise**
Joseph Coelo **The Girl Who Became A Tree**
Amanda Gorman **The Hill We Climb**

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Roald Dahl **Going Solo**
Malala Yousafzai **I Am Malala**
Michelle Obama **Becoming**
Barack Obama **Dreams from My Father**

PRE 20th CENTURY

Jane Austen **Pride and Prejudice (Katherine Woodfine edition)**
Charles Dickens **Oliver Twist**
Alexandre Dumas **The Three Musketeers**
Jonathan Swift **Gulliver's Travels**
Jules Verne **Around the World in 80 Days**

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