

Year 8 Reading List

- Soldier Dog** *Sam Angus*
Stanley is a boy soldier and dog handler in the First World War reliant on the loyalty of his dog under fire.
- Noughts and Crosses** *Malorie Blackman*
Racism, but in this world blacks oppress whites.
- Sea of Whispers** *Tim Bowler*
When an old woman is washed up on a remote island, the islanders are afraid she will bring bad luck but Hetty is determined to help her.
- I'd Tell You I Love You but Then I'd have to Kill You** *Ally Carter*
The Gallagher Academy is a school for girl geniuses and spies in training.
- The Roar** *Emma Clayton*
Pod flyers compete in a future London where the privileged live behind a high wall and Mika hunts for his missing twin sister in the underworld.
- Ghost Hawk** *Susan Cooper*
Before he becomes a man Little Hawk must survive 3 months alone in the forest in winter. Nearby the first white settlers are building villages and conflict is coming between them and the Indians.
- The Wanderer** *Sharon Creech*
A sailboat voyage across the Atlantic is more than an adventure for Sophie.
- The Company of Ghosts** *Berlie Doherty*
Ellie is excited about a break with Morag's family on their island but when she finds herself abandoned there things begin to change.
- Inkheart** *Cornelia Funke*
Inkheart is an evil character from a story accidentally in the real world and plotting more evil.
- Maggot Moon** *Sally Gardner*
The people of Zone Seven are kept under surveillance at all times by the Motherland. Plans for a moon landing mean the threats increase.
- Fen Runners** *John Gordon*
Skaters who have fallen into the frozen fens are afterwards haunted by the presence of what lies beneath the water.
- The Vanishing of Katharina Linden** *Helen Grant*
How could a ten-year-old girl vanish in a place where everyone knows everyone else? Pia was the last to see Katharina and is determined to find out.
- The Abduction** *John Grisham*
Boy lawyer Theodore tries to solve a kidnapping.
- The Ostrich Boys** *Keith Gray*
Three friends steal their friend's ashes to give him a proper send off.
- The Black Book of Secrets** *F.E. Higgins*
Joe collects people's most terrible guilty secrets.
- Fallen Grace** *Mary Hooper*
Grace and Lily are orphans in 1861 and Grace is about to have a baby.
- Raven's Gate** *Anthony Horowitz*
Matt is one of five children destined to return when they are needed to prevent the two gates that keep the Old Ones away from the Earth from being opened.
- Into the Wild (Warriors Cats)** *Erin Hunter*
For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by the powerful ancestors but the warrior code is threatened.

Peace Weavers*Julia Jarman*

On a US base in England an archaeological dig discovers the body of a woman thought to be a peace weaver from Viking times.

The Protectors*Pete Johnson*

The protectors are anti-bullying vigilantes who take their responsibilities too far in dealing with one particular bully.

Love, Aubrey*Suzanne LaFleur*

Aubrey's sister and father are killed in an accident and her mother disappears

The Carbon Diaries*Saci Lloyd*

It is 2015 and Britain has introduced carbon rationing.

I am Number Four*Pittacus Lore*

Nine survivors from an interplanetary war are hiding on Earth disguised as humans. They are being hunted but a charm means they can only be killed in number order.

Girl, Missing*Sophie McKenzie*

Lauren is adopted and finds out she was snatched from her parents as a baby. She runs away to find out the full truth getting herself into more and more danger.

Itch*Simon Mayo*

Ichingham Lofte has caused explosions before but now he has created a dangerous new element that the authorities are keen to get their hands on.

Seeker*William Nicholson*

Noble warriors carry no weapons but none can stand against them.

A Monster Calls*Patrick Ness*

The monster comes to Connor in his dreams and makes him listen to him.

Wolf Brother*Michelle Paver*

Torak's only friend in a dangerous and ancient forest is a wolf cub.

Mortal Engines*Philip Reeve*

Cities have become mobile and feed off each other in a destroyed world.

Time Riders*Alex Scarrow*

Time riders put things right when the world is changed by a time traveller.

Midwinterblood*Marcus Sedgwick*

Sent to investigate an island where no-one appears to age, Eric feels like he has been there before, and in a way he has – in several earlier lives.

The One Dollar Horse*Lauren St John*

Casey rescues a starving horse and hopes to win the Badminton Horse Trials but love and her father's criminal record get in the way.

The Wall*William Sutcliffe*

Trying to retrieve his football, Joshua finds out what is on the other side of the wall that divides the city.

Last of the High Kings*Kate Thompson*

The fairies in Ireland do not want to be bothered with human affairs but a fairy child is growing up in a human family.

Dandelion Clocks*Rebecca Westcott*

Liv's mum is preparing her for the time when she will not be there anymore.

Earthfall*Mark Walden*

Sam has been alone since an alien invasion wiped the minds of most people on Earth. Eventually he is found by a small resistance group and joins the fight.

The Book Thief*Markus Zusak*

Death is the narrator of this book set during the Second World War in Germany.