

Reading List for Year 7

Here is a list of excellent books that we recommend for 11 to 12 year olds. It is by no means comprehensive but may include a few titles you have considered reading before. There is also a range of levels - if they are too difficult just try again another time; if too easy, then enjoy the ride!

A Greyhound of a Girl, *Roddy Doyle*
A Pattern of Roses, *K.M. Peyton*
A Series of Unfortunate Events Series, *Lemony Snicket*
A Thousand Splendid Suns, *Khaled Hosseini*
A Wizard of Earthsea, *Ursula Le Guin*
A World Between Us, *Lydia Syson*
Anne of Green Gables, *L.M. Montgomery*
Around the World in Eighty Days, *Jules Verne*
Captains Courageous, *Rudyard Kipling*
Carrie's War, *Nina Bawden*
Children of the Lamp Series, *P.B. Kerr*
Children of the Red King Series, *Jenny Nimmo*
Cider with Rosie, *Laurie Lee*
Code Name Verity, *Elizabeth Wein*
Decline and Fall, *Evelyn Waugh*
Deep Blue, *Jennifer Donnelly*
Diary of a Young Girl, *Anne Frank*
Divergent Trilogy, *Veronica Roth*
Dustlands Trilogy, *Moira Young*
Feather Boy, *Nicky Singer*
Ferryman, *Claire McFall*
Flambards, *K.M. Peyton*
Fool's Gold, *Philippa Gregory*
Girl, Missing, *Sophie McKenzie*
Goodnight Mister Tom, *Michelle Magorian*
Greek Myths, *Robert Graves*
Harry Potter Series, *J. K. Rowling*
Heroic, *Phil Earle*
I'm the King of the Castle, *Susan Hill*
I Am David, *Anne Holm*
I Capture the Castle, *Dodie Smith*
In Darkness, *Nick Lake*
In The Sea There Are Crocodiles, *Fabio Geda*
Interworld, *Neil Gaiman and Michael Reaves*
Jane Eyre, *Charlotte Brontë*
Jimmy Coates Series, *Joe Craig*
Journey to the River Sea, *Eva Ibbotson*
Liar & Spy, *Rebecca Stead*
Life: An Exploded Diagram, *Mal Peet*
Lionboy Series, *Zizou Corder*
Little Women, *Louisa May Alcott*
Lord of the Flies, *William Golding*
Mockingbird, *Kathryn Erskine*
Mr Frisby and the Rats of Nimh, *Robert C. O'Brien*
Noughts and Crosses, *Malorie Blackman*
Picture Me Gone, *Meg Rosoff*
Poison Boy, *Fletcher Moss*
Rooftoppers, *Katherine Rundell*
Seraphina, *Rachel Hartman*

Shadowmancer, *GP Taylor*
Small Change for Stuart, *Lissa Evans*
Spooks Stories, *Joseph Delaney*
Stars Shall Be Bright, *Catherine MacPhail*
Stonebird, *Mike Rvell*
The 39 Steps, *John Buchan*
The Afterworld Series, *Barry Hutchinson*
The Ash Mistry Chronicles, *Sarwat Chadda*
The Book Thief, *Markus Zusak*
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, *John Boyne*
The Breadwinner, *Deborah Ellis*
The Child's Elephant, *Rachel Campbell-Johnston*
The Christmas Carol, *Charles Dickens*
The Day of the Triffids, *John Wyndham*
The Declaration, *Gemma Malley*
The Enlightenment of Peter Schock Series, *Linda Buckley-Archer*
The Flame Trees of Thika, *Elspeth Huxley*
The Garbage King, *Elizabeth Laird*
The Haunting, *Margaret Mahy*
The Hobbit, *J.R.R. Tolkien*
The Hound of the Baskervilles, *Arthur Conan Doyle*
The Incredible Journey, *Sheila Burnford*
The Kite Rider, *Geraldine McCaughrean*
The Lady of the Squire, *Terry Jones*
The Last Wild, *Piers Torday*
The Life of Pi, *Yann Martel*
The Machine Gunners, *Robert Westall*
The Messenger Bird, *Ruth Eastham*
The Mortal Instruments Series, *Cassandra Clare*
The Phantom Tollbooth, *Norton Juster*
The Railway Children, *E. Nesbit*
The Roman Mysteries Series, *Caroline Lawrence*
The Savages, *Matt Whyman*
The Secret Garden, *F.H. Burnett*
The Seeing, *Diana Hendry*
The Shakespeare Secret, *J.L. Carrell*
The Silver Sword, *Ian Serrailier*
The Solitaire Mystery, *Jostein Gardener*
The Sword in the Stone, *T.H. White*
The Unforgotten Coat, *Frank Cottrell Boyce*
The Village by the Sea, *Anita Desai*
The Wall, *William Sutcliffe*
The Weight of Water, *Sarah Crossan*
The Wind in the Willows, *Kenneth Grahame*
The Woman in Black, *Susan Hill*
Theodore Boone, *John Grisham*
TimeRiders, *Alex Scarrow*
To Kill a Mockingbird, *Harper Lee*
Tom Sawyer, *Mark Twain*
Treasure Island, *Robert Louis Stevenson*
Troy, *Adèle Geras*
Undead, *Kirsty McKay*
War Dog, *Ryan Chris*

Watership Down, *Richard Adams*
What Katy Did, *Susan M. Coolidge*
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, *Judith Kerr*
Wide Sargasso Sea, *Jean Rhys*
Wonder, *R. J. Palacio*
Z for Zachariah, *Robert O'Brien*
Zlata's Diary, *Zlata Filipovic*

When you cannot get enough of one author...

Chinese Cinderella; Falling Leaves, *Adeline Yen Mah*
Madame Doubtfire; The Tulip Touch, *Anna Fine*
Ketchup Clouds; My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece, *Annabel Pitcher*
Alex Rider Series; Diamond Brothers Series; Power of Five Series, *Anthony Horowitz*
Gangsta Rap; Teacher's Dead, *Benjamin Zephaniah*
The Company of Ghosts; Treason, *Berlie Doherty*
The Box of Red Brocade; The Chronoptika Series: The Obsidian Mirror, *Catherine Fisher*
The Fool's Girl; This is Not Forgiveness, *Celia Rees*
Silverfin; The Enemy Series, *Charlie Higson*
Bodyguard Series; Young Samurai Series, *Chris Bradford*
Mister Creecher; New World; Tales of Terror from the Black Ship; Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror, *Chris Priestley*
The Dragonbone Gate; The Hunting Ground, *Cliff McNish*
Inkheart Trilogy; MirrorWorld Series; The Thief Lord, *Cornelia Funke*
Heaven Eyes; Kit's Wilderness; My Name Is Mina; Skellig; The Fire-Eaters; The True Tale of the Monster Billy Dean, *David Almond*
Enchanted Glass; The Game, *Diana Wynne Jones*
Airman; Artemis Fowl Series; Half Moon Investigations; W.A.R.P.: The Reluctant Assassin, *Eoin Colfer*
A Little Princess; The Secret Garden, *Frances Hodgson Burnett*
A Confusion of Princes; Across the Wall; Keys to the Kingdom Series, *Garth Nix*
After Tomorrow; Calling a Dead Man; Chart Breaker; Lost Trilogy, *Gillian Cross*
Ingo Series; Stormswept; The Greatcoat, *Helen Dunmore*
The Demons of Ghent; The Vanishing of Katharina Linden, *Helen Grant*
Coram Boy; The Eye of the Horse; The Wheel of Surya, *Jamila Gavin*
Let It Snow; The Fault in our Stars, *John Green*
Arthur Trilogy; The Viking Sagas, *Kevin Crossley-Holland*
Burn Mark; Witch Fire, *Laura Powell*
Dead Man's Cove; Race the Wind, *Lauren St John*
Chains; Forge, *Laurie R. King*
Nevermore; The Treasure House, *Linda Newbery*
Holes; Pig City; Small Steps; The Cardturner, *Louis Sachar*
Blood Red, Snow White; Midwinterblood; My Swordhand is Singing; She Is Not Invisible; The Book of Dead Days, The Dark Flight Down; White Crow, *Marcus Sedgwick*
Stravaganza: City of Masks, City of Stars, City of Flowers; The Falconer's Knot, *Mary Hoffman*
At the Sign of the Sugared Plum; Poppy; Velvet, *Mary Hooper*
A Medal for Leroy; Alone on the Wide Wide Sea; Private Peaceful; Shadow, *Michael Morpurgo*
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Series; Ghost Hunter; Gods and Warriors; Wolf Brother, *Michelle Paver*
After; Now; Once; Then, *Morris Gleitzman*
Coraline; The Graveyard Book, *Neil Gaiman*
A Monster Calls; The Knife of Never Letting Go, *Patrick Ness*
Sektion 20; The Cabinet of Curiosities, *Paul Dowsell*
His Dark Materials Trilogy; The Ruby in the Smoke, *Philip Pullman*

Heroes of Olympus: The Lost Hero, The Son of Neptune, The Mark of Athena; Percy Jackson Series;
The Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid, The Throne of Fire, The Serpent's Shadow; The House of
Hades, *Rick Riordan*
Boy; James and the Giant Peach; Matilda; The BFG, *Roald Dahl*
Black Friday; Brigands MC; Cherub Series: The Recruit; Class A; Divine Madness; Eagle Day; Grey
Wolves; Guardian Angel; Mad Dogs; Man vs Beast; Maximum Security; Rock War; Secret Army;
Series 2: People's Republic; Shadow Wave; The Fall; The General; The Henderson's Boys Series: The
Escape; The Killing; The Prisoner; The Sleepwalker, *Robert Muchamore*
Maggot Moon; The Red Necklace; The Silver Blade, *Sally Gardner*
All Fall Down; Season of Secrets; Ways to Live Forever, *Sally Nicholls*
Ice Maiden; Song Hunter; Wheels of War, *Sally Prue*
Tom Fletcher and the Angel of Death; Tom Fletcher and the Three Wise Men, *Sarah Matthias*
Behemoth; Pretties; Specials; Uglies, *Scott Westerfeld*
A Monster Calls; A Swift Pure Cry; The London Eye Mystery, *Siobhan Dowd*
The Children of the King; The Midnight Zoo; The Silver Donkey, *Sonya Hartnett*
The Edge Chronicles Series; Wymeweald: Returner's Wealth, Bloodhoney, The Bone Trail, *Stewart
Paul*
King of Shadows; The Dark is Rising Series, *Susan Cooper*
Dodger; Nation; I Shall Wear Midnight; Snuff; The Discworld Series, *Terry Pratchett*
Spy for the Queen of Scots; War Girls, *Theresa Breslin*
Frozen Fire; River Boy; Sea of Whispers; Starseeker; Tales from the Dark Side: Blood on Snow,
Walking with the Dead, *Tim Bowler*