

Year 8 Recommended Reading List

If you liked...

The World According to Norm or *The Secret Diary of a Wimpy Kid ...*

try these:

Geekhood by Andy Robb

Alex Rider by Anthony Horowitz

The Private Blog of Joe Cowley by Ben Davis

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 3/4 by Sue Townsend

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews

19th century literature for Key Stage 3

Sherlock Holmes short stories by Arthur Conan Doyle

Short stories are a great way in, if students enjoy these they could then progress on to the 4 novels.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Short stories such as *The Signal Man* by Charles Dickens

Students may be familiar with t.v. or film versions. Dickens wrote some great spooky stories which are good to read aloud.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë - a good first classic.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte - classic gothic read.

Oliver Twist or *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

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Other recommendations

Thicker than Water by Anne Cassidy

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Stargazing for Beginners by Jenny McLachlan

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

Pax by Sara Pennypacker (St. Joseph's College 2018 Kerrigan Book Award winner)

Ring of Roses by Mary Hooper

Running on the Roof of the World by Jess Butterworth

Football School: Season 1 by Alex Bellos

Liam by Benjamin Zephaniah

The Ones That Disappeared by Zana Fraillon

You are Awesome by Matthew Syed

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean

Cold Spell by Jackson Pearce

Ash and Quill by Rachel Caine

Crown of Acorns by Catherine Fisher

Body Harvest by Malcolm Rose

Raven Boy by Pippa Goodhart

Eve of Man by Giovanna and Tom Fletcher

Kit's Wilderness by David Almond