

Reading Matters at Parkside

KS3 Reading List

Choosing the right book to read can be a daunting prospect and can sometimes lead to reading the same books over and over. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, but we should always aim to try new books and challenge ourselves with our reading.

All the books listed below have been enjoyed by other people of your age. To help you choose, all the books have been sorted out into categories so that you have more chance of choosing something that's suited to your tastes.

Happy reading! If you have a recommendation which you think should be added to this list, speak to your form teacher or Mrs Terrey.

Books with a Touch of Magic

Secret Heart by David Almond
Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident by Eoin Colfer
The Dark is Rising (series) by Susan Cooper
Snatchers by Helen Cresswell
Deathscents and others by Robin Jarvis
Power of Three and others by Dianne Wynne Jones
A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin
The Wind Singer by William Nicholson
Count Karlstein and others by Philip Pullman
Witch Child by Celia Rees
The *Harry Potter* series by J.K.Rowling
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J.R.R.Tolkein
Reaver's Ransom by Emily Diamond
Dragon Keeper: Garden of the Purple Dragon by Carole Wilkinson

Extra Challenge:

The Angel Factory by Terence Blacker
Stranger with My Face and *Locked in Time* by Lois Duncan
The Changeover and others by Margaret Mahy
His Dark Materials Trilogy and others by Philip Pullman
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J.R.R.Tolkein

Time Travel Books

An Angel for May by Melvin Burgess
King of Shadows by Susan Cooper
Red Shift and others by Alan Garner

Books Set in the Past

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

Moonfleet by J. Meade Faulkner
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
The Last Wolf and others by Michael Morpurgo
Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce
The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier
Treasure Island by R.L. Stevenson
Wendy by Karen Wallace
The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall

Horror

The Ghost Behind the Wall by Melvin Burgess
The Dungeon by Lynne Reid Banks
Anything in the *Point Horror* series

Extra challenge:

Tales of Mystery and Imagination by Edgar Allan Poe
Look for books by Stephen King and Christopher Pike

Real Life/Adventure

Little Soldier by Bernard Ashley
Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
Starseeker by Tim Bowler
Martyn Pig by Kevin Brookes
On the Edge by Gillian Cross
Tulip Touch by Anne Fine
Transplant and *The Edge* by Alan Gibbons
Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird
Walkabout by James Vance Marshall
Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay
The Other Side of Truth by Beverly Naidoo
Holes by Louis Sachar
Dosh and others by Robert Swindells
Secrets and others by Jacqueline Wilson
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Angel Blood by John Singleton
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar
Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis
Marina by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Extra challenge:

Fake by K. Beck
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
Lucas by Kevin Brookes
The Shell House by Linda Newbery
Daz 4 Zoe and others by Robert Swindells
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

Animal Books

The Sheep Pig and others by Dick King Smith
Watership Down by Richard Adams

Extra challenge:

My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell
Animal Farm by George Orwell

Crime

Look for books by David Belbin
Artemis Fowl books by Eoin Colfer

Extra Challenge:

Look for the following authors: Patricia Cornwell, PD James or Sara Paretsky

Something to make you laugh...

The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross
Anything by Roald Dahl
Anything by David Walliams (look out for his new book *Demon Dentist*)
Granny and others by Anthony Horowitz
Unbearable and others by Paul Jennings
Discworld and others by Terry Pratchett
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend
Double Act and others by Jacqueline Wilson

Extra Challenge:

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series by Douglas Adams
Anything by Terry Pratchett – funny for people of all ages
Anita and Me by Meera Syal

Science Fiction / Fantasy

Belgariad by David Eddings
Books by Robert Jarvis
Anything by Terry Pratchett
Chocky and others by John Wyndham

Classics

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Oliver Twist and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

Waterstones Bestsellers

The Various by Philip Auggard
The Kin by Philip Dickinson
His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Slightly More Modern:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Nineteen Eighty-Four / Animal Farm by George Orwell
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Modern:

House of Spirits by Isabel Allende
Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson
Cat's Eye / Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood
Every Man for Himself and others by Beryl Bainbridge
Border Crossing by Pat Barker
Memoirs of a Geisha by William Golden
Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres
Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Anita and Me by Meera Syal