

## **KS3 Reading**

*Use this list to help you choose challenging and stimulating books to read. You should be able to find them in any good library.*

*Some of your favourite books will not be listed here – they are easy reading!*

### *BOOKS WRITTEN BEFORE 1900*

*You will notice these books are very different to books written more recently. Many tell very good stories and use a breadth of vocabulary which can help to increase your own 'word bank'.*

*These writers are all listed in the new National Curriculum for England*

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
Aesop	Aesop's Fables
Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice
Jane Austen	Sense and Sensibility
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Wilkie Collins	The Moonstone
Wilkie Collins	The Woman in White
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
Charles Dickens	David Copperfield
Charles Dickens	Great Expectations
Charles Dickens	Oliver Twist
Arthur Conan Doyle	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
George Eliot	Silas Marner
J M Falkner	Moonfleet
Charles Lamb	Tales from Shakespeare
Jack London	White Fang
Jack London	Call of the Wild
Mary Shelley	Frankenstein
R L Stevenson	Kidnapped
RL Stevenson	Treasure Island
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
H G Wells	The History of Mr Polly

*These were all written in the Twentieth Century. Good readers should enjoy some of these at KS3.*

Richard Adams	Watership Down
Ray Bradbury	The Invisible Man and other stories
Anita Desai	The Village by the Sea
Anne Fine	Flour Babies
F S Fitzgerald	The Great Gatsby
Paul Gallico	The Snow Goose

Susan Hill	<i>I'm the King of the Castle</i>
Barry Hines	<i>A Kestrel for a Knave</i>
George Orwell	1984
Robert Swindells	<i>Serpent's Tooth</i>
Mildred Taylor	<i>Friendship and other stories</i>
Mildred Taylor	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry</i>
Mildred Taylor	<i>The Road to Memphis</i>
John Wyndham	<i>The Day of the Triffids</i>
John Wyndham	<i>The Midwich Cuckoos</i>

***You might like to try these recently published novels.***

Joan Aitken	<i>The Cockatrice Boys</i>
David Almond	<i>The Skellig</i>
Michael Coleman	<i>Weirdo's War</i>
Gillian Cross	<i>Pictures in the Dark</i>
Roald Dahl	<i>The Great Automatic Grammatizator</i>
Berlie Doherty	<i>Daughter of the Sea</i>
Anne Fine	<i>Madame Doubtfire</i>
Anne Fine	<i>The Tulip Touch</i>
Deborah Hautzig	<i>Second Star to the Right</i>
Gay Paulsen	<i>Hatchet</i>
Robert Swindells	<i>Stone Cold</i>
James Watson	<i>Justice of the Dagger</i>

***Reading non-fiction can be as enjoyable and stimulating as reading novels and short stories. If you have a particular interest, read about it.***

*Try these:*

Zlata Filipovic	<i>Zlata's Diary (about the war in Yugoslavia)</i>
Michelle Elliot	<i>Bullying</i>
Anita Ganeri	<i>Out of the Ark (stories from different religions)</i>

***Dorling Kindersley and Kingfisher*** are companies which publish informative books with good illustrations. ***Usbourne Books*** publish a huge selection of fiction and non-fiction, all colourfully illustrated.

Look for Stephen Biesty's *Incredible Cross-sections*.

***The Oxford University Press*** publish a huge range of dictionaries. A dictionary can be fascinating reading as well as being an essential aid for your education.

There is an ***Islamic Bookshop*** on Wilmslow Road, Rusholme. Their selection is growing and they have catalogues of books.

***As you read more you will become better at choosing books. Don't judge a book by its cover. Look inside to see how easy or challenging the writer's style is – read a page or two.***