



Serva Fidem

### **Recommended Reading List for Senior Boys**

*Below is a list of suggested titles, categorised according to genre: some are, of course, more accessible than others, but please encourage your sons to be ambitious in some of their reading choices. Many more titles could have been added to this list, but we hope it embodies a diversity of literature - and represents a range of reading tastes - as it stands. Please seek guidance from your son's English teacher as to suitable material, should you require help in this respect.*

#### Classics

The Woman in Black – Susan Hill  
Wide Sargasso Sea – Jean Rhys  
The Day of the Triffids – John Wyndham  
Little Women – Louisa May Alcott  
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens  
Great Expectations – Charles Dickens  
The Mayor of Casterbridge – Thomas Hardy  
Silas Marner – George Eliot  
Jane Eyre – Charlotte Brontë  
Lord of the Flies – William Golding  
The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien  
Brideshead Revisited – Evelyn Waugh  
The Go-Between – L.P. Hartley \*  
The 39 Steps – John Buchan  
Cider with Rosie – Laurie Lee \*  
To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee \*  
The Secret Garden – F.H. Burnett \*  
Anne of Green Gables – L.M. Montgomery  
Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain \*  
Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain  
The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle  
Around the World in Eighty Days – Jules Verne  
Watership Down – Richard Adams \*  
The Railway Children – E. Nesbit \*  
Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad  
Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck \*  
Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck  
The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald  
For Whom the Bell Tolls – Ernest Hemingway  
The Catcher in the Rye – J.D. Salinger \*

\* texts marked with an asterisk are among the more accessible of the Classics

### Real Life Stories

A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini  
The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini  
A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness  
Maggot Moon – Sally Gardner  
The Weight of Water – Sarah Crossan  
Wonder – R J Palacio  
In The Sea There Are Crocodiles – Fabio Geda  
Mockingbird – Katheryn Erskine  
The Innocents Abroad – Mark Twain  
Roughing It – Mark Twain

### Adventure Stories

The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness  
The Vanishing of Katharina Linden – Helen Grant  
The Haunting – Margaret Mahy  
Holes – Louis Sachar  
The Sword in the Stone – T.H. White  
The Ruby in the Smoke – Philip Pullman  
The Solitaire Mystery – Jostein Gardiner  
Silverfin – Charlie Higson  
Ferryman – Clarie McFall  
The Afterworld Series – Barry Hutchinson  
Midwinterblood – Marcus Sedgwick  
The Messenger Bird – Ruth Eastham  
Girl, Missing – Sophie McKenzie

### Fantasy and Science Fiction Stories

Shadowmancer – GP Taylor  
Z for Zachariah – Robert O'Brien  
Skellig – David Almond  
A Wizard of Earthsea – Ursula LeGuin  
The Discworld Series – Terry Pratchett  
Children of the Lamp Series – P.B. Kerr  
The Seeing – Diana Hendry  
Seraphina – Rachel Hartman

### Historical Stories

The Book Thief – Marcus Zusak  
Greek Myths – Geraldine McCaughrean  
The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall  
The Silver Sword – Ian Serraillier  
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr  
Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian  
King of Shadows – Susan Cooper  
I Am David – Anne Holm

Troy – Adèle Geras  
The Dark is Rising Series – Susan Cooper  
Carrie’s War – Nina Bawden  
A Pattern of Roses – K.M. Peyton  
At the Sign of the Sugared Plum – Mary Hooper  
The Red Necklace – Sally Gardner  
Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank  
Birdsong – Sebastian Faulkes

#### Stories About Other Cultures

The Flame Trees of Thika – Elsbeth Huxley  
Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah  
The Village by the Sea – Anita Desai  
Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson  
The Eye of the Horse – Jamila Gavin  
The Kite Rider – Geraldine McCaughrean  
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver  
The Incredible Journey – Shelia Burnford  
The Breadwinner – Deborah Ellis  
The Thief Lord – Cornelia Funke  
The Wheel of Surya – Jamilia Gavin  
The Lady of the Squire – Terry Jones  
The Life of Pi – Yann Martel  
Falling Leaves – Adeline Yen Mah  
Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe

#### Other stories by established authors

Stars Shall Be Bright – Catherine MacPhail  
Stonebird – Maïke Rvell  
Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman  
I Capture the Castle – Dodie Smith  
Frozen Fire – Tim Bowler  
Feather Boy – Nicky Singer  
The Declaration – Gemma Malley  
The Tulip Touch – Anna Fine  
Zlata’s Diary – Zlata Filipovic  
Boy – Roald Dahl  
The Shakespeare Secret – J.L. Carrell  
Starseeker – Tim Bowler  
Chart Breaker – Gillian Cross  
Coram Boy – Jamilia Gavin