



Serva Fidem

Recommended Reading List for Year 7 and Year 8

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 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

I'm the King of the Castle – Susan Hill
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
Jane Eyre – Charlotte Brontë
Lord of the Flies – William Golding
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien *
The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien
The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis
Decline and Fall – Evelyn Waugh
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 *
The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle
Around the World in Eighty Days – Jules Verne
Watership Down – Richard Adams *
The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame *
The Railway Children – E. Nesbit *
Mr Frisby and the Rats of Nimh - Robert C. O'Brien *

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

Real Life Stories

A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini
A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
Maggot Moon – Sally Gardner
The Weight of Water – Sarah Crossan
Wonder – R J Palacio
Ketchup Clous – Annabel Pitcher
In The Sea There Are Crocodiles – Fabio Geda
Mockingbird – Katheryn Erskine

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
Hatchet – Gary Paulson
Pax – Sara Pennypacker
Where the World Ends – Geraldine McCaughrean
Brother in the Land – Robert Swindells

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
Interworld – Neil Gaiman and Michael Reaves
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
The Dark is Rising Series – Susan Cooper
Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
The Red Necklace – Sally Gardner
Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank

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

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