
Top 60 books for reluctant readers at KS3

Books for pupils with a reading age below their actual age

The Vampire of Croglin (Reloaded)

By Terry Deary

The Ghost Box

By Catherine Fisher

Diary of an (Un) Teenager

By Pete Johnson

Seriously Silly Stories – series

By Laurence Anholt and Arthur Robins

Including:

- *Shampoozel*
- *Eco-wolf and the Three Pigs*
- *Ghostyshocks and the Three Scares*

Desirable

By Frank Cottrell Boyce

FYI: Fiction with Stacks of Facts Series

Various authors

Including:

- *The Doomsday Virus* by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore
- *The Last Viking* by Terry Deary
- *The Greatest* by Alan Gibbons

Timepiece series

By Anne Perry

The first three books are:

- *Tudor Rose*
- *Rose of No Man's Land*
- *Blood Red Rose*

Deadline

By John Townsend

Ninja: First Mission (Ninja Trilogy)

By Chris Bradford

Bridging the gap

These books are a little more challenging, for those who up to now have been reading specialist titles for struggling readers, are ready to move on, but perhaps lack the confidence or enthusiasm.

Raven's Gate (Power of Five) Graphic Novel

By Anthony Horowitz

Bodyguard: Hostage

By Chris Bradford

Knightley and Son

By Rohan Gavin

Books for students who don't have the reading habit – (yet!)

The Saga of Darren Shan – series

By Darren Shan

The first three books are:

- *Cirque Du Freak*
- *The Vampire's Assistant*
- *Tunnels of Blood*

The Cherub Series

By Robert Muchamore

- *The Recruit*
- *Class A*
- *Maximum Security*

The Bindi Babes Series

By Narinder Dharmi

The first three books are:

- *Bindi Babes*
- *Bollywood Babes*
- *Bhangra Babes*

Socks Are Not Enough

By Mark Lowery

Refugee Boy

By Benjamin Zephaniah

The Young Bond Series

By Charlie Higson

The first three in the series are:

- *Silverfin*
- *Blood Fever*
- *Double or Die*

The Alex Rider Series

By Anthony Horowitz

The first three books are:

- *Stormbreaker*
- *Point Blanc*
- *Skeleton Key*

Love Ya Babe

By Chris Higgins

A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E

By Malorie Blackman

Grass

By Cathy Macphail

The Giver Quartet

By Lois Lowry

The four books are:

- *The Giver*
- *Gathering Blue*
- *Messenger*
- *Son*

The Graveyard Book

By Neil Gaiman

Set In Stone

By Linda Newbery

Skin Deep

By Malaika Rose Stanley

The Garbage King

By Elizabeth Laird

Books for students whose reading age is above their actual age**Never Odd or Even**

By John Townsend

Paupers

By Mary Chapman

Among the Hidden

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Abhorsen Trilogy

By Garth Nix

The books in the trilogy are:

- *Sabriel*
- *Lirael*
- *Abhorsen*

Revolver**She is Not Invisible**

By Marcus Sedgwick

The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn

By Mark Twain

Liar and Spy

By Rebecca Stead

Call of the Wild

By Jack London

A Fall of Moondust

By Arthur C Clarke

The Hobbit

By J.R.R Tolkein

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

By Douglas Adams

Mensa for Kids Excellence in Reading Program (Nonfiction)

Alternate nonfiction titles to replace **up to five** fiction titles from the corresponding segment lists.

TITLE — AUTHOR	DATE (M/D/Y)	RATING
Kindergarten – Grade 3		
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade</i> – Sweet, Melissa		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Founding Mothers</i> – Roberts, Cokie		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Frida</i> – Winter, Jonah		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>From the Good Mountain</i> – Rumford, James		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>How the Sphinx Got to the Museum</i> – Hartland, Jessie		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i> – Gerstein, Mordicai		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>When Marian Sang</i> – Ryan, Pam Munoz		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Night Flight: Amelia Earhart Crosses the Atlantic</i> – Burleigh, Robert		☆☆☆☆☆
Grades 4–6		
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Moses: When Harriett Tubman Led Her People to Freedom</i> – Weatherford, Carole		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Side by Side</i> – Brown, Monica		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bad News for Outlaws</i> – Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Electric Ben</i> – Byrd, Robert		☆☆☆☆☆
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<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pyramid</i> – Macaulay, David		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Teammates</i> – Golenbock, Peter		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Walt Whitman: Words for America</i> – Kerley, Barbara		☆☆☆☆☆
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<input type="checkbox"/> <i>William Shakespeare and the Globe</i> – Alike		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wilma Unlimited</i> – Krull, Kathleen		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>14 Cows</i> – Deedy, Carmen Agra		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lafayette and the American Revolution</i> – Freedman, Russell		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i> – Nelson, Kadir		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wildness and Wonder: The Art and Life of Georgia O’Keefe</i> – Goldman, Rubin Susan		☆☆☆☆☆

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Grades 7–8			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amelia Lost</i> – Fleming, Candace		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Bloody Times</i> – Swanson, James		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Bodies from the Ice</i> – Deem, James		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Brooklyn Bridge</i> – Curlee, Lynn		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Candy Bomber</i> – Tunnell, Michael		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Carver: A life in Poems</i> – Nelson, Marilyn		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Castle</i> – Macaulay, David		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i> – Hoose, Phillip		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr</i> – St. George, Judith		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery</i> – Freedman, Russell		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Great Molasses Flood</i> – Kops, Deborah		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>In Defense of Liberty</i> – Freedman, Russell		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Kennedy Through the Lens</i> – Sandler, Martin		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Leonardo Da Vinci</i> – Stanley, Diane		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Lincoln: a Photobiography</i> – Freedman, Russell		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Spies of Mississippi</i> – Bowers, Rick		☆☆☆☆☆
Grades 9–12			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Many Rides of Paul Revere</i> – Giblin, James Cross		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Vincent van Gogh</i> – Greenberg, Jan; Jordan, Sandra		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jane Austen: A Life Revealed</i> – Reef, Catherine		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>March</i> – Lewis, John; Aydin, Andrew; Powell, Nate		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>1968</i> – Kaufman, Michael		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i> – Frank, Anne		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Flesh and Blood So Cheap</i> – Marrin, Albert		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>God Grew Tired of Us</i> – Dau, John Bul		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks</i> – Skloot, Rebecca		☆☆☆☆☆

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Into Thin Air</i> – Krakauer, Jon		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sugar Changed the World</i> – Aronson, Marc; Budhos, Marina		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>With Courage and Cloth</i> – Bausum, Ann		☆☆☆☆☆
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Words We Live By</i> – Monk, Linda		☆☆☆☆☆

By signing below, we attest that _____ has read a complete and unabridged version of five nonfiction books to replace five books as recorded on the Excellence in Reading list, and that this record is true.

Reader's signature

Adult's signature

Completed lists must include the [Excellence in Reading shirt order](#) form to be eligible to receive an Excellence in Reading T – shirt and certificate.

Author	Title	Description	
Adams, Douglas	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (The)	Earth is to be abolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass.	C Classic P Parental guidance (13+)
Adams, Richard	Watership Down	Rabbits threatened with losing their homes fight for survival.	
Adlington, Lucy	Red Ribbon (The)	Ella is a dressmaker, but this is no ordinary sewing workshop.	
Aiken, Joan	Wolves of Willoughby Chase (The)	King James III rules a country plagued by wolves.	
P Ainsworth, Eve	Seven Days	Story about bullying told from the perspective of the bully and the bullied.	
C Alcott, Louisa-May	Little Women	Four sisters struggle to support their mother while their father is at war.	
P Alderson, Sarah	Hunting Lila	17-year-old Lila has two secrets she's prepared to take to the grave.	
Alexander, Jenny	Binding (The)	When Jack's family arrive on a remote Scottish island, the summer holiday seems doomed... until they find the den.	
Almond, David	A Song for Ella Grey	Themes of love, loss, fate and destiny are explored.	
Almond, David	Skellig	Michael finds a strange magical creature in his new home.	
P Anholt, Laurence	Hypnotist (The)	13-year-old Pip is plucked out of an orphanage by a farmer, hired as a farm-hand, and as carer for the farmer's wife.	
P Altebrando, Tara	Leaving (The)	Eleven years ago, six five-year-olds went missing without a trace.	
Atkins, Dani	Fractured	The night of the accident changed everything... Now, five years on, Rachel's life is crumbling.	
C Austen, Jane	Pride and Prejudice	First impressions give way to true feelings in this comedy.	
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting	The Tuck family are blessed - or doomed - with eternal life.	
Ballard, J G	Empire of the Sun	A story of a British boy's 4 year ordeal in a Japanese prison.	
Barclay, Linwood	Chase (series)	Chipper the dog is part of a top-secret operation.	
P Barr, Emily	One Memory of Flora Banks (The)	Flora has amnesia and can't remember anything...	
Barstow, Sam	Joby	11-yr-old Joby struggles to live in this unfair and unequal world.	
P Beckett, Bernard	August	Trapped in a car wreck, upside down, bleeding and in pain, Tristan and Grace are staring at death.	
Blackman, Malarie	Noughts and Crosses (series)	Society is split into two classes: Noughts and Crosses.	
Blackman, Malarie	Pig Heart Boy	Cameron is dying and his only hope is a pig heart transplant.	
P Bourne, Holly	Am I Normal Yet?	Evie suffers with anxiety but wants to fit in at 6th form college.	
P Bourne, Holly	Soulmates	After a chance meeting at a local band night, Poppy and Noah find themselves swept up in a whirlwind romance.	
Bowden, Nina	Carrie's War	Three wartime evacuees are billeted to Wales to solve a mystery.	
Bowen, James	Streetcat Named Bob (A)	How one man and his cat found hope on the streets .	
Bowler, Tim	Midget	15-yr-old Midget is 3ft tall and bullied by his brother.	
Bowler, Tim	Night Runner	Zenny's life is falling apart. Shadowy figures are following him. His parents are keeping secrets from him.	
Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Framed	£250,000 is found with only 10 days to spend it.	
Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Millions	Two brothers are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery.	
Boyne, John	Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (The)	Bruno is oblivious to the Holocaust until he meets a new friend.	
Bradford, Chris	Young Samurai (series)	Stories of ferocious storms, man-eating sharks and ninja pirates.	
Breslin, Theresa	Divided City	Two friends must get by in a world divided by differences.	
P Brooks, Kevin	Black Rabbit Summer	Secrets and jealousies surface on the worst night of their lives.	
Brooks, Kevin	Road of the Dead	Two teenage boys want to avenge the death of their sister.	
P Brooks, Terry	Shannara Chronicles (The) (series)	The tree of long-lost Elven magic is dying, unravelling the spell that locks the Demons away from the world.	
Bryson, Bill	Notes from a Small Island	Travelogue of Bryson's experiences in the UK.	
C Byatt, A S	Children's Book (The)	A novel spanning the Victorian era through to WWI.	
P Cannon, Katy	And Then We Ran	A road-trip story about following your dreams and embracing the unexpected.	
P Casale, Alexia	House of Windows	Despite heading to Cambridge University aged 15, Nick hates it when people call him a genius.	
P Cassidy, Anne	Looking for JJ	JJ is released from prison following the murder of a child.	
P Catchpole, Barbara	Dead Ed in my Head	Tod's head becomes invaded by the undead spirit of a wannabee Rock Star (Ed).	
Chiang, Ted	Story of Your Life	A mother tells her new-born daughter the story of the coming of the aliens.	
Child, Tera Lynn	Forgive My Fins	When you're half-human, half-mermaid Lily Sanderson, there's no such thing as a simple crush.	
Clare, Cassandra	Mortal Instruments (series)	Clary Fray witnesses a murder by three teenagers.	
Colfer, Chris	Stranger Than Fanfiction	Chased by paparazzi and hounded by reporters, an unlikely crew takes off on a journey of a lifetime	
Collins, Suzanne	Hunger Games (The) (series)	Katniss must fight to survive as a gladiator in a futuristic arena.	
C Conan Doyle, Arthur	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (The) (series)	A 19th century detective with extraordinary abilities.	
C Conan Doyle, Arthur	Study in Scarlet (A)	A dead man is discovered in a bloodstained room in Brixton.	
Cooper, Susan	Dark is Rising (The) (series)	Will begins a journey to vanquish the evil magic of the Dark.	
Cormier, Robert	Chocolate War (The)	A shocking novel about the power of gangs.	
Cotterill, Jo	Sweet Hearts: Star Crossed	Floss isn't exactly outgoing. But on stage as Juliet opposite Romeo, she really comes alive.	
Cowley, Joy	Dunger	William and Melissa have been roped into helping their weird grandparents fix up their holiday home in the country.	
Creach, Sharon	Chasing Red Bird	Zenny finds an ancient pioneer trail following her aunt's death.	
Crossan, Sarah	Apple and Rain	Apple's mother returns after 11 years of absence with a secret.	
P Crossan, Sarah	Breathe (series)	Anyone who opposes the Switch regime is labelled a terrorist and ejected from the Pod to die.	
P Crossan, Sarah	We Come Apart	The only safe place Nicu and Jess have is with each other.	
Cussler, Clive	Flood Tide	The site of a mysterious sunken ship is found filled with treasure.	
Dashner, James	Eye of Minds (The) (series)	A series set in a world of hyper-advanced technology, cyberterrorists, and gaming beyond your wildest dreams... and worst nightmares.	
Dashner, James	Maze Runner (series)	Thomas wakes up surrounded by strangers with no memory.	
P Dawson, Juno	Say Her Name	Spine-chilling horror in which the ghost of Bloody Mary is summoned.	
P Dawson, Juno	Mind Your Head	Funny, factual book about living with mental and anxiety disorders.	
P Day, Ann	The Fandom (series)	At Comic Con, a freak accident transports Violet and her friends into the Gallows Dance for real.	
Dent, Grace	Diary of a Snob (series)	Poppet Montague-Jones is 15, 87th in line to the British throne and soon to inherit a whopping trust fund.	
C Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield	A young man's journey from an unhappy childhood to success.	
Doherty, Berlie	Company of Ghosts (The)	Ghost story featuring a remote island and a girl grieving about her parents' divorce.	
P Donnelly, Jennifer	Gathering Light (A)	When Grace Brown is found drowned in Big Moose Lake, Mattie finds it difficult to burn the letters she had left behind.	
Dowd, Siobhan	Solace of the Road	Holly Hogan hates her foster family with their too-nice ways and their false sympathy.	
Dowdsell, Paul	Bomber	Every boy dreams of flying, but in war that dream can turn into a nightmare.	
P Downham, Jenny	Before I Die	Tessa has just a few months to live. So she compiles her bucket list, her To Do Before I Die list.	
P Durrant, Sabine	Cross Your Heart Connie Pickles	Connie used to be the only sensible person in her world. But now her life is spiralling out of control.	
Durrell, Gerald	My Family and Other Animals	The Durrell family recollections of their relocation to Corfu.	

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	Earle, Phil	Bubblewrap Boy (The)	A humorous story about a boy who is always left out.
	Feasey, Steve	Mutant Rising	The world has changed for Rush since he discovered that he wasn't the only one.
P	Fine, Anne	Blood Family	Edward is four years old when he is locked away with his mother by her abusive, alcoholic partner.
	Fine, Anne	Madame Doubtfire	A desperate dad disguises himself as a nanny to see his children.
P	Fitzpatrick, Becca	Hush, Hush	Romance was not part of Nora Grey's plan - until Patch came along.
P	Flood, C.J.	Infinite Sky	Iris is mourning the boy in the casket - but who is it?
	Forde, Catherine	Drowning Pond (The)	Nicky can get back in with the 'It' crowd by picking on Loopy Loner Lizzie.
P	Forman, Gayle	If I Stay	A cold February morning . . . a snowy road . . . and suddenly all of Mia's choices are gone. Except one.
	Forrest, Bella	Girl Who Dared (The) (series)	Her life is defined by the number on her wristband - a rating out of 10 based on her usefulness and loyalty to the Tower.
	Frailton, Zara	Bone Sparrow (The)	Born in a refugee camp, all Subhi knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high - until he meets Jimmie.
	Frank, Anne	Diary of a Young Girl (The)	Diary of young Jewish girl hiding for 2 years from Nazis.
	Freese, Barbara	Coal	Barbara Freese explores the profound role coal has played in human history.
P	Furniss, Clare	How Not to Disappear	Hattie and her great-aunt Gloria head on a journey of self-exploration.
	Gaiman, Neil	Graveyard Book (The)	Bod lives in a graveyard and is raised by ghosts.
P	Gaiman, Neil	Silver Dream (The) (series)	After mastering the ability to walk between dimensions, Joey helped save the Altiverse from destruction.
	Gardner, John	James Bond 007 (series)	Tales of super spy James Bond.
P	Gardner, Sally	Door That Led to Where (The)	AJ Flynn has just failed all but one of his GCSEs, and his future is looking far from rosy.
P	Gardner, Sally	Maggot Moon	A teenager risks it all to expose the truth about a moon landing.
	Gardner, Sally	Red Necklace (The)	A tremendous adventure story and a vibrant and passionate picture of Paris in turmoil.
	Garfield, Leon	Smith	The adventures of an illiterate young ragamuffin named Smith.
	Garner, Alan	Owl Service (The)	Kids uncover the mystery of the owl service and become trapped.
	Gavin, Jamila	Coram Boy	Otis takes babies and money off mothers before murdering them.
	Gibbons, Alan	Edge (The)	Danny and his mother are on the run from his mother's boyfriend: a violent man who beats and traps them.
	Gibbons, Stella	Cold Comfort Farm	A wickedly funny portrait of British rural life in the 1930's.
	Gleitzman, Morris	Once (series)	Felix escapes his orphanage to journey through Nazi Germany.
C	Golding, William	Lord of the Flies	Boys stranded on a desert island turn to savagery.
	Gourlay, Candy	Shine	Rosa is born with a rare condition that leaves her unable to speak.
	Grant, Michael	Gone (series)	In the blink of an eye everyone disappears. Except the young.
P	Green, John	Fault in our Stars (The)	A terminally-ill girl finds love and adventure.
P	Green, John	Will Grayson, Will Grayson	Two strangers' worlds collide and lives intertwine.
P	Greene, Graham	Brighton Rock	A gang war rages through the underworld of Brighton.
C	Greene, Graham	Our Man in Havana	MIG secret detective desperately tries to save his job.
	Grisham, John	Theodore Boone (series)	Theo is a 13-yr-old lawyer-in-training.
	Hiaasen, Carl	Skink - No Surrender	To avoid being shipped off to boarding school, Mally takes off with some guy she met online.
P	Haddon, Mark	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (T)	A boy with Asperger's attempts to solve a murder mystery.
	Hamilton, Alwyn	Rebel of the Sands (series)	A trilogy packed with shooting contests, train robberies, festivals under stars, powerful Djinni magic, and electrifying love.
	Hardinge, Frances	Cuckoo Song	Triss wakes up from an accident with no memory of her past.
	Hardinge, Frances	Lie Tree (The)	Faith's family move because of a scandal. Then her father dies...
	Hargrave, Kiran	Island at the End of Everything (The)	Amihan lives on Culion Island, where some of the inhabitants - including her mother - have leprosy.
	Harris, M G	Joshua Files (The)	Joshua's life was cool. Until his dad was reported dead in an air crash.
	Herbert, Frank	Dune (series)	Epic science fiction novel based in a distant futuristic planet.
	Higson, Charlie	The Enemy (series)	Jaw-dropping zombie horror series.
	Hill, Susan	Woman in Black (The)	A young man is haunted by a ghost in a deserted house.
	Hines, Barry	Kestrel for a Knave (A)	Billy is a troubled teen growing up in Barnsley.
	Hinton, Nigel	Ghost Game (series)	Danny and his dad have barely begun unpacking in their new Victorian house when he feels the chill of an evil presence.
	Hinton, S E	Outsiders (The)	A story of growing up, struggles, gangs and peer pressure.
	Hoffman, Alice	Nightbird	Twig lives in Sidwell, where people whisper that fairy tales are real.
	Hogan, Ruth	Keeper of Lost Things (The)	Anthony Peardew has spent half his life collecting lost objects, trying to atone for a promise broken many years before.
P	Holland, Sara	Everless	Time is a prison. She is the key. Packed with danger, temptation and desire.
	Holme, Anne	I Am David	David escapes from the concentration camp where he has spent his entire life and flees across Europe.
	Hopkins, Hannah	Split (The) (series)	It's the year 2100. Earth is dying. A young woman has risked everything to get her new-born son aboard The Mayfly.
P	Hunt, Leo	Thirteen Days of Midnight (series)	When Luke Manchett's estranged father dies suddenly, he leaves his son a dark inheritance.
P	Huxley, Aldous	Brave New World	Set in 2540 AD, the novel anticipates development of society.
	Ishiguro, Katsuo	Nocturnes	Exploration of ideas of love, music and the passing of time.
	Ishiguro, Katsuo	Remains of the Day (The)	An aging butler embarks on a holiday that will change his life.
P	Ivory, Rhian	Boy Who Drew the Future (The)	Blaze and Noah both have the same gift or curse - they find they must draw pictures that later come true.
P	Jones, Carrie	Need (series)	Zara collects phobias the way other high school girls collect Facebook friends.
P	Kasischeke, Laura	Boy Heaven	Around a campfire, sit a group of girls telling gruesome and spooky urban legends.
	Kearney, Paul	Calgar's Siege (series)	When his vessel is shot down, Calgar and his Honour Guard must trek across Zalidar's jungle to reach the city of Zalathras.
P	Keyes, Daniel	Flowers For Algernon	A clinical moron is given genius levels of intelligence as an experiment.
	Kinsella, Sophie	Finding Audrey	14-yr-old Audrey suffers from social anxiety after a bullying incident.
P	Kuehn, Stephanie	Charm and Strange	No one really knows who Andrew Winston Winters is. Least of all himself.
	La Fleur, Suzanne	Love, Aubrey	Something terrible has happened. 11-yr-old Aubrey is on her own.
P	Lake, Nick	There Will Be Lies	Shelby's mum likes to keep Shelby safe. So safe she barely goes out. So safe she doesn't go to school.
	Lancaster, Mike	Q.4	So begins the story of Kyle Straker, recorded on to old audio tapes.
	Landman, Tanya	Hell and High Water	A heart-stopping tale of a young man's attempt to clear his father's name.
	Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	Story of a wise-cracking detective and powerful magician.
	Lane, Andrew	Young Sherlock (series)	Series of detective novels featuring a teenage Sherlock Holmes.
	Lawani, Nikita	Gifted	A sparkling funny and poignant study of a young maths prodigy struggling with her gift and a difficult family.
P	Lawrence, Patrick	Indigo Donut	Indigo lives with her foster mum and meets a boy in 6th form.
C	Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	Young girl witnesses the trial of an accused African-American.
P	Lee, Laurie	Cider with Rosie	Funny autobiography of boy growing up after WWI.
P	Levithan, David	Every Day	Each morning, A wakes up in a different body.

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Lingard, Joan	Across the Barricades	A gritty story of religious divide and distrust.
P Lord, Emery	Names They Gave Us (The)	Lucy was looking forward to working at summer camp with her boyfriend, until her mum's cancer returns.
Lord, Emery	Start of Me and You (The)	It's been a year since Paige's first boyfriend died in a swimming accident and it's time she re-joined the real world.
Lowry, Lois	Giver (The)	It's the future: no war, no hunger, no pain. Is it really perfect?
P Ludlum, Robert	Paris Option (The) (series)	A fiery explosion shatters a laboratory building in Paris.
P Maas, Sarah J	Throne of Glass (series)	18-yr-old assassin serving a life sentence fights for freedom.
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight Mr Tom	A war evacuee is housed with a grumpy old man.
P Martel, Yann	The Life of Pi	A cargo ship sinks and only one lifeboat survives.
P Marzi, Christoph	Memory	This is a story about a ghost called Story who is lost in the city, alone and afraid with no memory.
Masefield, John	Box of Delights (The)	Kay receives a box with magic powers from an old man.
P Matharu, Taran	Summoner (series)	Enter an immersive fantasy world where one boy's ability to summon demons will change the fate of an empire.
Mayhew, Julia	Big Lie (The)	Jess cannot keep both her perfect life and her dearest friend. But which can she live without?
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Middle of Nowhere (The)	Mary Pinyin dies from a snakebite leaving her family in the Middle of Nowhere.
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Where the World Ends	A group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stack to harvest birds for food. No one returns to collect them.
McDermott, Andy	Tomb of Hercules (The) (series)	An epic quest for the ultimate treasure.
McFall, Claire	Ferryman	Dylan has escaped a horrific train crash unscathed. Except she hasn't.
McGovern, Cammie	Amy & Matthew	Amy (a cerebral palsy sufferer) finds love with Matthew.
McGowan, Anthony	Rook	When Kenny and Nicky rescue a rook left for dead, Kenny is determined to keep it alive.
McKenzie, Sophie	Girl, Missing (series)	Kidnapped as a child, Lauren is determined to escape and find the truth.
McKenzie, Sophie	Medusa (series)	Four teens are unaware that their psychic abilities are about to kick in.
P McManus, Karen	One of Us Is Lying	Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive.
P McNish, Cliff	Breathe: A Ghost Story	Imagine moving to a house that is inhabited by ghosts, but only you can see and communicate with them.
Mendelson, Charlotte	When We Were Bad	A warm, poignant and true portrayal of a London family in crisis, in love, in denial and - ultimately - in luck.
Meyer, Kai	Arcadia Awakens (series)	Troubled teen Rosa stumbles into a sinister Mafia underworld of murder, corruption and bitter, generations-old rivalries.
Millward-Hargrave, Kiran	Girl of Ink and Stars (The)	Isabella searches a magical island in search of her lost friend.
Mlyrowski, Sarah	Think Twice (series)	Can they save their telepathy before it's too late?
Morgan, Nicola	Blame My Brain...	Everything you need to know about the teenage brain.
Morgan, Nicola	Teenage Guide to Stress (The)	A fantastically wide-ranging, reassuring, eye-opening and comprehensive look at the stresses many teenagers face.
Morpurgo, Michael	War Horse	A horse experiences the deadly chaos of WWI.
Morrison, Toni	Song of Solomon	Story following the life of Macon "Milkman" Dead III, an African-American man living in Michigan, from birth to adulthood.
Muchamore, Robert	Cherub (series)	Adventures as teenage recruits battle the underworld.
Ness, Patrick	Knife of Never Letting Go (The) (series)	Set in a place where everyone can hear one other's thoughts.
Ness, Patrick	Monster Calls (A)	A monster shows up after midnight looking for the truth.
Ness, Patrick	More Than This	Seth, desperate and alone, drowns. But then he wakes, alive.
Nicholls, Sally	An Island of Our Own	3 children fight for inheritance that will save them from foster care.
Nicholls, Sally	Things a Bright Girl Can Do	Through rallies and marches, in freezing prison cells and poverty-stricken slums, three girls join the fight for the vote.
Nicholls, Sally	Ways to Live Forever	Terminally-ill Sam wants answers to questions nobody will answer.
Nicholson, William	Wind Singer (series)	Kestrel dares to rebel, and her family are subjected to torture.
Nielsen, Susin	We Are All Made of Molecules	They are complete opposites. And yet, they share one thing in common.
P Niffenegger, Audrey	Time Traveller's Wife (The)	Henry has a condition that suddenly pulls him into the past or future.
P Niven, Jennifer	All the Bright Places	Two teenagers struggling with their lives find each other by chance.
Nix, Garth	Clariel (series)	Clariel misses roaming freely within the forests of Estwael, and she feels trapped within the stone city walls.
Nix, Garth	Mister Monday (series)	One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world.
Norton, Mary	Borrowers (The)	A mini family live out of sight of humans - for how long?
O'Brien, Robert C	Z for Zachariah	Nuclear war devastates America as Ann is brought under control.
P Oliver, Lauren	Before I Fall	Sam is killed in a car crash. She awakes to relive the same day.
Oppel, Kenneth	Half Brother	When his scientist parents bring home a baby chimp to raise as a human child, Ben's life is turned upside-down.
P O'Rourke, Erica	Dissonance	Del is a Walker: someone who can navigate between the worlds, and whose job is to keep the dimensions in harmony.
C Orwell, George	1984	Winston is controlled under the watchful eye of Big Brother.
C Orwell, George	Animal Farm	Animals on the farm rise up against their powerful owners.
Oseman, Alice	Solitaire	Last year, things were very different. Now there's Solitaire. And Michael Holden.
P Oswald, J.D.	Ballad of Sir Benfro (The) (series)	Fleeing the vengeful Inquisitor Melyn, Sir Benfro is drawn to the last resting place of a great dragon of legend.
P Paige, Danielle	Dorothy Must Die	A twisted and dark take on the original <i>Wizard of Oz</i> .
Palacio, R J	Wonder	Auggie has a deformity but wants to be treated like everyone else.
Patterson, Katherine	Bridge to Terabithia	Jess meets Leslie who helps him to escape his troublesome family.
Peet, Mal	Life: An Exploded Diagram	A brilliant coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of the Cold War and events leading up to the Cuban Missile Crisis.
Perera, Anna	Guantanamo Boy	A 15-yr-old British Muslim is kidnapped while holidaying in Pakistan.
P Perkins, Stephanie	Summer Days and Summer Nights	A beautiful collection of twelve gorgeously romantic short stories.
Philbrick, Nathaniel	In the Heart of the Sea	Epic true-life story of one of the most notorious maritime disasters of the 19th century.
P Pinborough, Sarah	13 Minutes	I was dead for 13 minutes. I don't remember why, but it wasn't accidental and it wasn't suicide.
P Pinborough, Sarah	Death House (The)	Toby is a boy who has forgotten how to live. Clara is a girl who was born to die.
Pitcher, Annabel	Ketchup Clouds	Zoe, 15, shares her terrible secret via letters with a serial killer.
Pitcher, Annabel	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	A family make a new life after their daughter is killed by a terrorist bomb.
Priestley, Chris	Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror	Uncle Montague's scary tales turn out to be more real than imagined.
Pullman, Philip	Northern Lights (series)	Two children wander through a (series) of parallel universes.
Pullman, Philip	Ruby in the Smoke (The)	A girl tries to find out why her father was murdered.
P Rai, Bali	Demon Hunter	While on an archaeological dig in Egypt with his father, Jai accidentally opens a portal to an ancient world.
P Redwine, C.J.	Shadow Queen (The) (series)	Her royal blood makes her a desirable bride. Her ambition and passion make her a threat.
Rees, Celia	Witch Child	A girl's mother is accused of being a witch in 18th C England.
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engine (series)	Mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.
Reeve, Philip	Railhead	The Great Network is a place of great dangers for Zen.
Richter, Hans Peter	Friedrich	A terrifying story of the destruction of a Jewish family by Nazis.
P Riggs, Ransom	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Dark fantasy novel about a boy who discovers an abandoned children's home.

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Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (series)	Percy, the son of a Greek god, fights to stay alive.
Rosoff, Meg	How I Live Now	American Daisy is evacuated to England and falls in love.
Roth, Veronica	Divergent (series)	Society is divided into 5 factions: choose one to devote your life to.
Rowell, Rainbow	Eleanor & Park	Through late-night conversations, Eleanor and Park fall in love.
Rowling, J K	Harry Potter and the ... (series)	A young wizard and his friends battle against dark forces.
P Ryan, Jeanne	Nerve	A high-stakes online game of dares turns deadly.
Sachar, Louis	Cardturner (The)	Buried secrets are uncovered and love is found after a card game.
P Salinger, J D	Catcher in the Rye (The)	Holden narrates his story after being expelled from prep school.
P Sanderson, Brandon	The Stormlight Archive (series)	A nation is divided into a hierarchy according to eye colour.
Scarrow, Alex	Time Riders (series)	The Time Riders are saved and recruited to fix broken history.
Sedgwick, Marcus	Midwinter Blood	What would you sacrifice for someone you've loved forever?
Sedgwick, Marcus	My Swordhand is Singing	A band of gypsies turn Peter's drab existence upside down.
Sedgwick, Marcus	Revolver	15-yr-old Alex is alone. Except for the corpse of his father.
P Sedgwick, Julian	Ghosts of Shanghai (series)	Ruby is part of a gang of Chinese and ex-pat children who hide out in ruined White Cloud Temple.
Selznick, B	Invention of Hugo Cabret (The)	Hugo steals food to survive, but his invention changes his life forever.
Shan, Darren	Cirque du Freak (series)	Darren visits a freak show, encountering a vampire and deadly spider.
Shan, Darren	Lord Loss (series)	Grubbs finds the mutilated bodies of his family and encounters Lord Loss.
Shan, Darren	Zom-B (series)	Zombies attack B's school as he fights for survival.
C Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein	A man-monster is created and inflicts murder upon humankind.
Slater, Kim	Smart	A homeless man is found dead and Kieran is determined to find the truth.
Sloan, Holly Goldberg	Counting by 7s	The story of Willow, a genius who is obsessed with diagnosing medical conditions and finds comfort in counting by 7s.
Smale, Holly	Geek Girl	Will Harriet be able to transform herself before her life falls apart?
Smith, Dodie	I Capture the Castle	American heirs arrive at the castle and Cassandra falls in love.
P Spencer, Barbara	Running	Fifteen year old Scott Anderson has a secret so big he doesn't share it even with his best friends.
Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl	A teenager at an American high school dares to be different.
C Steinbeck, John	Of Mice and Men	George and Lennie have nothing in the world except each other.
P Stiefvater, Maggie	Shiver	When a local boy is killed by wolves, Grace's small town becomes a place of fear.
C Stoker, Bram	Dracula	Vampire Count Dracula attempts to spread the undead curse.
Stroud, Jonathan	Lockwood & Co (series)	3 detectives investigate hauntings around London.
Swarup, Vikas	Slumdog Millionaire	18-yr-old boy appears on the Indian <i>Who Wants to be a Millionaire?</i>
Swindells, Robert	Dosh	Local kids are recruited to attend parties with a sinister side to them.
Swindells, Robert	Room 13	There is no Room 13 in the school trip hotel. Or is there?
Swindells, Robert	Stone Cold	A serial killer targets the young and the homeless.
Syal, Meera	Anita and Me	Meena is the daughter of the only Punjabi family in Tollington.
Taylor, G P	Shadowmancer	A world of superstition, magic and witchcraft.
Taylor, L	Daughter of Smoke and Bone (series)	Karou must choose between human life and a war-ravaged world.
Taylor, Mildred D	Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry	A moving story about growing up during the American Depression.
Tisdall, Laura	Echoes	Volatile mathematical genius Mallory Park is living two lives.
C Tolkien, J.R.R.	Hobbit (The)	The adventures of Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit.
C Tolkien, J.R.R.	Lord of the Rings (The) (series)	Frodo Baggins adventures into Middle Earth.
Townsend, Sue	Secret Diary of Adrian Mole... (The) (series)	Very funny fictional diary of teenage angst and dreams.
Ure, Jean	Plague 99	Overnight a plague wipes out England's population. Except for three.
Valentine, Jenny	Broken Soup	A mysterious stranger gives Rowan a photo of her dead brother.
Valentine, Jenny	Fire Colour One	Story about the joy and sadness of a dying father's relationship with his daughter.
Walden, Mark	Earthfall (series)	Sam wakes to see strange vessels gathered in the skies around London.
Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E. (series)	A top-secret school of applied villainy teaches children wrongdoings.
Walters, Eric	We All Fall Down	A story following Will who spends a day with his father at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.
Weir, Andy	Martian (The)	I'm stranded on Mars. I have no way to communicate with Earth. I'm in a Habitat designed to last 31 days.
C Wells, H G	Time Machine (The)	A Victorian scientist propels himself into the year 802,701 AD.
C Wells, H G	War of the Worlds	Martians invade Earth.
P White, Kiersten	Paranormalcy	When your world is paranormal, be glad that you're human...
White, T H	Once and Future King (The) (series)	The tales of King Arthur and his shining Camelot.
P Williams, Lisa	Art of Being Normal (The)	David and Leo are both boys navigating their own rocky teenage terrain by attempting to be invisible.
Williams, Michael	Now is the Time for Running	An aspiring footballer's life is torn apart in Zimbabwe.
P Williamson, Lisa	All About Mia	Unlike her brilliant sisters, middle child Mia has no idea what she wants to do with her life.
P Wilson, Leslie	Last Train from Kummarsdorf	Hanno is on the run, having just seen his twin brother killed. Effi is streetwise.
P Wilson, S.M.	Extinction Trials (The) (series)	In Stormchaser and Lincoln's ruined world, the only way to survive is to risk everything.
Wolitzer, Meg	Belzhar	A group of emotionally fragile, highly intelligent teenagers are mysteriously picked for 'Special Topics in English'.
Womack, Philip	Broken King (The) (The Darkening Path trilogy)	Simon's little sister is mysteriously snatched to a dark other world.
P Wooding, Chris	Velocity	Cassica and Shiarra have grown up in an outback settlement far from anywhere.
Wyndham, John	Day of the Triffids (The)	Bill wakes up blindfolded to find that everyone else has been blinded.
Yancey, Rick	5th Wave (The) (series)	Cassie must choose between trust and despair; defiance and surrender.
Yelland, David	Truth About Leo (The)	A book focusing on the loss of a parent and the effect of alcoholism on children.
Yoon, Nicola	Everything, Everything	Maddy, allergic to the outside, can't leave the house. Until she falls in love.
Yoon, Nicola	Sun is Also a Star (The)	A deep dive into love and chance and self-determination.
Zephaniah, Benjamin	Face	Martin's life changes completely when his face is scarred in an accident.
Zephaniah, Benjamin	Refugee Boy	An Ethiopian boy holidaying in England is deserted by his father.
Zusak, Markus	Book Thief (The)	9-yr-old Liesel steals a gravedigger's manual during WW2.