

## Recommended reading list for KS3

### Fantasy

#### **Simple**

Jenny Nimmo – *Midnight for Charlie Bone* from the *Red King* series

#### **Average**

Michelle Paver – *Wolf Brother* from the *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness*

Cornelia Funke – *Dragon Rider*

#### **Challenging**

Gareth Nix – *Old Kingdom* Series, start with *Sabriel*

Phillip Pullman – *The Northern Lights* series

Peter Dickinson – *The Ropemaker*



### Horror

#### **Simple**

R. L. Stine - The *Goosebumps* series

M.D Spenser – *The Animal Nightmare*

Ian Livingstone – *Caverns of the Snow Witch* and other titles, you can choose your own adventure.

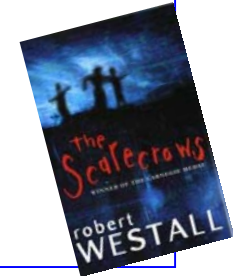
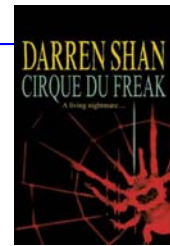
#### **Average**

Darren Shan – *Vampire Blood* Trilogy, start with *Cirque Du Freak*

Robert Westall - *The Scarecrows*

#### **Challenging**

Stephen Cole – *The Wereling* series, start with *Wounded*



### Action and Adventure

#### **Simple**

Siobhan Dowd – *London Eye Mystery*

Paul Jennings – *Unbelievable!* (Short stories)

Anthony Horowitz – *Alex Rider* series, start with *Stormbreaker*

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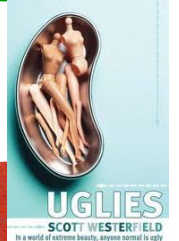
Alan Gibbons – *Shadow of the Minotaur*

Gary Paulsen – *Hatchet*

#### **Challenging**

Malorie Blackman - *Noughts and Crosses*

Scott Westerfeld – *Uglies*



### Science Fiction

#### **Simple**

Robert Swindells - *Hydra*

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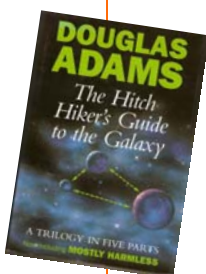
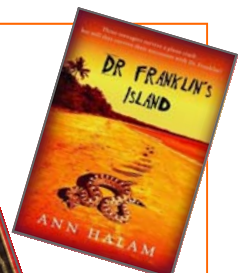
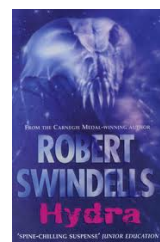
Ann Halam – *Dr Franklin's Island*

Allison Allen-Gray - *Unique*

#### **Challenging**

George Orwell – *1984*

Douglas Adams - *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*



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### Emotional and Epic

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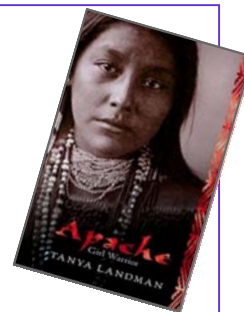
Sharon Creech – *Heartbeat*  
Frank Cottrell Boyce - *Millions*

#### Average

Bali Rai – *(Un)Arranged Marriage*  
Kevin Crossley Holland – *Gatty's Tale*  
Mary Hooper – *At the Sign of the Sugared Plum*  
Tanya Landman – *Apache: Girl Warrior*

#### Challenging

J. G. Ballard – *Empire of the Sun*  
Gudrun Pausewang – *The Last Children*



### Something different?

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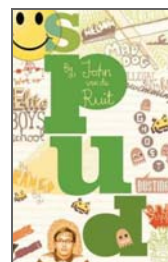
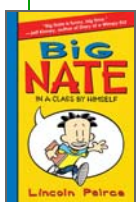
David Almond – *Skellig, Clay*  
Lincoln Peirce – *Big Nate, the Boy with the Biggest Head*  
Mal Peet – *The Penalty*

#### Average

Louis Sachar - *Holes*  
John Van De Ruit - *Spud*  
Catherine MacPhil – *Grass*

#### Challenging

Sue Townsend – *The Adrian Mole series*  
Melvin Burgess – *Junk*



### Interested in another culture?

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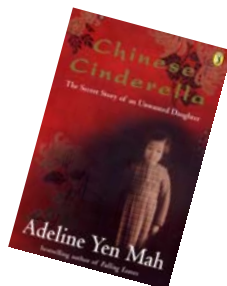
Elizabeth Laird - *The Garbage King*

#### Average

Yen Mah Adeline – *The Chinese Cinderella*  
Geraldine McCaughrean – *The Kite Rider*

#### Challenging

Diane Matcheck - *The Sacrifice*



### Classics

**Lemony Snicket** – *Series of Unfortunate Events*

**Rudyard Kipling** - *The Jungle Book*

**Anna Sewell** - *Black Beauty*

**Mark Twain** – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

**C. S. Lewis** - *The Chronicles of Narnia*

**Charles Dickens** – *A Christmas Carol*

**R. L. Stevenson** - *Treasure Island*

**Louisa May Alcott** - *Little Women*

**J. R. R. Tolkein** - *Lord of the Rings*

