

Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list

General Reading

The Lorien Legacies series by Pittacus Lore
The Gallagher Girls Series by Alley Carter
The watcher in the shadows by Carlos Ruiz Zafon,
The Prince of Mist by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The shadow of the wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Prisoner of Heaven by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Enemy Series by Charlie Higson
Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly The Curious
Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
Tamar by Mal Peet
Turbulence by Jan Mark
Just in Case by Meg Rosoff
A Swift Pure Cry by Siobhan Dowd
Her Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve
What I Was by Meg Rosoff
How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
Finding Violet Park by Jenny Valentine
Apache by Tanya Landman
Ruby Red by Linzi Glass
Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd Ostrich Boys by Keith Gray
The Ask and the Answer by Patrick Ness
The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick
Monsters of Men by Patrick Ness
Creature of the Night by Kate Thompson
Black Rabbit Summer by Kevin Brooks
The Alchemist by Paul Coelho
Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick The Vanishing of Katharina Linden by Helen Grant
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by Michael Boyne
Thursday's Child by Sonya Hartnett
Rowan The Strange by Julie Hearn
The Bride's Farewell by Meg Rosoff
White Crow by Marcus Sedgwick
Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace
The 10th Circle by Jodi Picoult
Spirit Hunter (Bloodline) by Katy Moran
Falling by Sharon Dogar
Waves by Sharon Dogar
The Numbers trilogy by Rachel Ward
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman 2

Knife Edge by Malorie Blackman
Checkmate by Malorie Blackman
Doublecross by Malorie Blackman
Z for Zachariah by Robert O'Brien
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
The Emperor Series by Conn Iggulden
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
Across the Barricades by Joan Lingard
Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
To Sir With Love by ER Braithwaite
Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Silas Marner by George Eliot
A Town Like Alice by Nevil Shute
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Walkabout by James Vance Marshall
Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins
Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
Sisterland by Linda Newbery
A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly
Brick Lane by Monica Ali
The African Queen by C. S. Forrester
Inventing Elliot by Graham Gardner
I'm the King of the Castle by Susan Hill
The Light/Gone series by Michael Grant
Paper Towns by John Green
An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
The Maze Runner series by James Dashner
The Eye of Minds by James Dashner
The Rule of Thoughts by James Dashner
The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird
Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman
The Middle of Nowhere by Geraldine McCaughrean
More than this by Patrick Ness
Dark Satanic Mills by Julian Sedgwick
Running Girl by Simon Mason 3

Mystery stories & drama

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley
The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins
The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
The Third Man by Graham Green
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
The Kon-Tiki Expedition by Thor Heyerdahl
My Cousin Rachel by Daphne du Maurier
Fingersmith by Sarah Waters
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend
The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend
Stories and plays about commerce
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
Hobson's Choice by Harold Brighouse
History of Mr. Polly by H. G. Wells
East of Eden by John Steinbeck
The Old Curiosity Shop by Charles Dickens
The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare
A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
A Kid for Two Farthings by Wolf Mankovitz
The Hidden Persuaders by Vance Packard
Books and poetry with a "darker theme"
The Foreshadowing by Marcus Sedgewick
The Fire-eaters by David Almond
A Town like Alice by Nevil Shute
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Bleak House by Charles Dickens
Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens
Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy
The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
Collected Poems of Ted Hughes
People or situations which aren't quite what they seem...
Scarecrows by Robert Westall
Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell
The Shell House by Linda Newberry
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
Definitions Postcards from No-man's Land by Aidan Chambers
Hester's Story by Adele Geras
Going for Stone by Philip Gross 4

Barchester Towers by Anthony Trollope
The Warden by Anthony Trollope
Books on the theme of beauty
A Picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde
The White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughrean
Antony and Cleopatra by William Shakespeare
Death in Venice by Thomas Mann
Books the theme of risk, adventure and exploration in fiction or real life:
The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean
The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo
I Am the Cheese by Robert Cormier
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
The Worst Journey in the World by Apsley Cherry-Garrard
Cherry by Sara Wheeler
The Small Woman by Alan Burgess
The Birthday Boys by Beryl Bainbridge
Race to the Pole by Ranulph Fiennes
The Storm Garden by Philip Gross
Taking on the World by Ellen McArthur
Michael Joseph Grasshopper by Barbara Vine
Into the Crocodile Nest by Benedict Alien
Faber Book of Explorations edited by Benedict Alien
Abacus Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer
The family
Buddy by Nigel Hinton
Buddy's Song by Nigel Hinton
Turbulence by Jan Mark
Ruth by Elizabeth Gaskell
What Maisie Knew by Henry James
Looking for X by Deborah Ellis
Falling Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah
Clinging to the Wreckage by John Mortimer
Brother and Sister by Joanna Trollope
Black Swan Hungry Hill by Daphne du Maurier
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Germinal by Emile Zola
Forms of government:
The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Animal Farm by George Orwell
House of Cards by Michael Dobbs 5

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Republic by Plato
The Tempest by William Shakespeare
Across the Nightingale Floor by Lian Hearn
Alan Dark Diaries by Alan Dark.
Wild Swans by Jung Chang
Fatherland by Robert Harris
Resistance by Owen Sheers
The Man in the High Castle by Phillip K. Dick
War
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
Testament of Youth by Vera Britten
A Town like Alice by Nevil Shute
Sharp's Eagle by Bernard Cornwell
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
Charlotte Gray by Sebastian Faulks
In the Morning by Michael Cronin
Mr Midshipman Hornblower by C.S. Forrester
The Night Watch by Tracey Walters
Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
The Ghost Road by Pat Barker
Marriage
The Photograph by Penelope Lively
Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray
Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
The Taming of the Shrew by Shakespeare
Second Honeymoon by Joanna Trollope
The Way We Live Now by Anthony Trollope
Small Island by Andrea Levy
Marie and Pierre Curie by John E Senior