

Adventure

***Watership Down* by Richard Adams**

A classic and well-loved animal adventure. Fiver has a sixth sense for danger and he persuades Hazel to lead a group of rabbits to escape certain disaster and search for a new home. Ideal book for more advanced readers.

***The Island at the End of Everything* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

A thought provoking and atmospheric story about Amihan, who lives on an island affected by a leprosy outbreak. Forced to leave, she finds some unlikely allies in her quest to return home.

***Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan**

Percy is a twelve-year-old boy who has been expelled from every school he has ever attended. But when his class takes a field trip to an art gallery and his maths teacher attacks him...his life will never be the same! Fantastic and thrilling start to a series updating Greek myths.

***The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien**

Bilbo's life takes an unexpected turn when a group of rambunctious dwarves invade his house and scoop him up on an adventure to find stolen treasure. Read the book that began the saga of the One Ring.

Fantasy

***The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper**

Just prior to his 11th birthday, Will discovers he's the last person left with the power of the Old Ones, and his mission is to guard the Light and drive out the Dark. A gripping and imaginative story for those that love fantasy and mystery.

***The Weirdstone of Brisingamen* by Alan Garner**

Colin and Susan are saved from mysterious creatures by a wizard who has been searching for a lost magic stone for over 100 years. Can the two children defeat the dark forces at work?

***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle**

Charles and Meg Murry's father has disappeared and they set out to find a wrinkle in time – a gateway to a parallel universe – to save him. Captivating and imaginative.

***The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman**

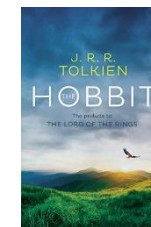
Jack murders every member of a family except a child upstairs. When the child crawls to a graveyard nearby, Mr and Mrs Owens, both ghosts, decide to bring him up.

***Mortal Engines* by Philip Reeve**

Superb fantasy where moving cities crawl the globe. Tom and Hester are thrown from "London" and desperately try to get back on board. A highly original read.

Year 6 to Year 7

Suggested Reading



Action

***Robin Hood: Hacking, Heists and Flaming Arrows* by Robert Muchamore**

The first book in Robert Muchamore's series updating the Robin Hood myth. When his dad is framed for a robbery Robin is hounded out of Locksley and must survive in Sherwood Forest. But Robin is determined to do more than survive! A great series full of action and adrenaline.

***SilverFin* by Charlie Higson**

First book in a great series about a young James Bond's escapades while he is at school. Action and adventure!

***Itch* series by Simon Mayo**

Itch is an accident prone 14-year-old who discovers a new chemical element – but why is it suspiciously warm? And why is a malevolent teacher, an evil corporation and a top-secret government agency so interested in it? A great pacey read.

***DropZone* series by Andy McNab**

Fast moving thrillers about a teenage skydiver recruited to a secret government anti-terrorist organisation.

***H.I.V.E. Higher Institute of Villainous Education* by Mark Walden**

Well, all super villains have to start somewhere, right? Follow Otto as he tries to solve the mystery surrounding supervillain school – and try and escape with his life!

Classics

***A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens**

This well-known story depicts Scrooge, a miser, who is taught the value of life and relationships by a quartet of ghosts on one fateful Christmas Eve. This short classic is ideal for Year 7.

***Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Sea adventures, the search for lost treasure, and the pirate book that began it all! The wonderful characters make this sea yarn as fun as ever.

***The Call of the Wild* by Jack London**

Buck the dog is stolen from his California home and shipped north to the Klondike to become a sled dog. Can he survive the cold, the work and the lead dog Spitz? A more challenging read.

***Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell**

Beginning with his carefree youth as a colt on a farm we follow Black Beauty's life as he is sold on to a cruel owner and forced to pull cabs in London. A true classic!

***The Secret Garden* by Francis Hodgson Burnett**

A popular novel through the ages. The book tells the story of Mary Lennox, a solitary child sent to live in her uncle's manor in Yorkshire after her parents' death.

Historical

***The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken**

In an alternate reality, King James III rules in 1832 and the country is plagued by wolves from the Channel Tunnel. But for Sylvia and Bonnie it isn't clear whether it's the wolves or their governess Miss Sleighcarp that they should be more afraid of.

***War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo**

A gripping description of the horrors of war, told from the perspective of Joey, a horse, who sees the senselessness of war and the importance of friendships more clearly than the soldiers around him.

***The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliffe**

Thousands of Roman soldiers marched into the mist and were never seen again. Young Marcus Aquilla is determined to find out what happened to them. An engaging historical saga.

***Firebird* by Elizabeth Wein**

The atmosphere and setting of World War Two Russia are brought vividly to life through Anastasia: she's a young woman full of hopes and dreams, yet entirely a product of her country. This novella packs a punch!