

St Mary's Recommended

Reads: Years 7/8

Note to parents/carers: Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be occasional 'gritty' content. Generally by Key Stage 3, young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask Mrs Frino (school librarian) or Miss Keane (Literacy Coordinator)!

* = Top picks for reluctant readers

! = Highly recommended!

Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

The Terrible Thing [...] *Barnaby Brocket* - John Boyne

Gamer (& sequels) by Chris Bradford*

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (!)

Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman

The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock

High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson

Girl Missing (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie

The Recruit (& sequels) or *Killer T* -R Muchamore*

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman

Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper The Explorer by K Rundell

Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) – R Stevens

Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick

Lampie by Annet Schaap *

Ruby Redfort series by Lauren Child

Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick

Skywake by Jamie Russell

A Young Sherlock Holmes by A Lane

Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari !

Dystopian & Science Fiction

The Infinite by Patience Agbabi

The Middler or *Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum

Ink (& sequels) by Alice Broadway

Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari

Gone or *BRZK* (& sequels) -Michael Grant

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake

The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea & How to Bee by Bren Macdibble (!) – environmental dystopia

Class A by Robert Muchamore

Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)-P Reeve (!)

Slated (& sequels) by Teri Terry

The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford

The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

Mind Writer by Steve Cole*

Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer

Inkheart (& sequels) or *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke (!)

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (!)

Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy

Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)

Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy

Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini

Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher –Chris Priestley

Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman (!)

Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell*

Zom-B or *Cirque du Freak* (& sequels) by D. Shan*

The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell

Humorous books

Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties - Humza Arshad (!)

The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels) by Max Brallier*

Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)*

Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce*

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

Any Alex Rider graphic novel by A Horowitz

A Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

Wonder Woman: Warbringer by Louise Simonson

A Good Day for Climbing Trees by Jaco Jacobs

Batman: Nightwalker by Marie Lu

The Girl With the Lost Smile by Miranda Hart

Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans

Relationships & Tough Situations

Noughts and Crosses or *Pig-Heart Boy* - M Blackman (!)

Artichoke Hearts or *Jasmine Skies* -S. Brahmachari

The Many Worlds of Albie Bright –Chris Edge

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine (!)

Check Mates & The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster

After the Fire by Will Hill (!)

Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

A Different Dog by Paul Jennings*

Scarlet Ibis by Gill Lewis

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (!)

No Fixed Address – Susin Nielsen (!)

Wonder by R.J. Palacio (!)

Unboxed by Non Pratt *

Long Way Down, Look Both Ways, Ghost -Reynolds*(!)

Ghost Boys or *Black Brother[...]* Jewell P Rhodes (!)

Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

What Not to Do If You Turn Invisible - Ross Welford

The Boy who Sailed The Ocean in an Armchair - by L
Williamson

Girl, Missing by Sophie McKenzie

Scarlet Ibis by Gill Lewis

I am the Minotaur by Anthony McGowan

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari

October, October by Katya Balen

Ruby Red by Linzi Glass

The Glass Collector by Anna Perera

Sports

Crossover, Booked or Rebound – K. Alexander* (!)

Man of the Match - Dan Freedman*

The Number 7 Shirt or **The Beautiful Game** - A Gibbons*

Kick by Mitch Johnson

Foul Play series–Tom Palmer*

Stars by Bali Rai*

History, War, Conflict & Refugee Experience

Illegal by Eoin Colfer * (!)

Boy 87 by Ele Fountain

Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman * (!)

Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay (!)

Allies by Alan Gratz

Race to the Frozen North* or **Sawbones** by Catherine
Johnson

A Medal for Leroy or **Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips-**
Morpurgo

After the War or Armistice Runner-T Palmer*

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf (!)

Animals / Survival stories

Girl, Boy, Sea by Chris Vick

Echo Mountain or Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren
Walk

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

King of the Cloud Forests by M Morpurgo

The Midnight Zoo by Sonja Hartnett

Non Fiction and Biography

Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson

Lightning Mary by Anthea Simmons