

KS3 Recommended Reading List



Year 9 Recommended Reading				
Modern Classics				
I KnowWhy the Caged Brd Sings	Maya Angelou	MAYA ANGELOU J Know Why The Caged Bird Sings	Classic autobiography of a young black girl struggling against the brutal American race discrimination in the 1930	
Farenheit 451	Ray Bradbury		Books are banned in this legendary novel, whilst "firemen" scour the frightened, suppressed, cities for those who hide books	
Looking for JJ	Anne Cassidy		JJ is released from prison, 10 years after killing a friend, & tries to live with her new identity. Truly amazing teenage thriller.	
Wolf	GILLIAN CROSS WOLF	Gillian Cross	Brilliant multi-layered family drama about hidden secrets and Cassy's father – who nobody ever speaks about.	
Ourious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon		Agenuine cult classic. Aboy with autism investigates the "murder" of his neighbour's dog. Funny, original and moving	
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	Life of Ri	Very accessible Booker Prize winner concerning oceanic, fantasy like, wanderings of a boy stranded at sea on a raft with some animals.	
Classics				
Tarzan of the Apes	Edgar Rice Burrog	hs	It's time for a Tarzan revival! A baby boy is left stranded in the African jungle after his parents die and is raised by apes.	
Brave New World	BRAVE NEW WORLD ALDOUS HUXLEY	Aldous Huxley	Huxley's nightmare vision of the future. A challenging read.	
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley		The fable of the scientist who creates a man-monster, only to see it inflict murder on the human race.	
War of the Worlds	HGWélls		The Martians invade in this classic invasion story.	
Off the Rails Teens in Trouble				
Inside my Head	Jim Carrington		Riveting tale of school bullying told from three points of view, the bully's friend, the victimand girl in the middle.	



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The Dead House	Anne Cassidy	Lauren returns to her childhood home in Houc London only to find dark family secrets are slowly revealed in this scary thriller.
Entangled	Cat Clarke CAT CLARKE ENTANGLEI THE TRUTH LIES BEIMEN THE LINE	and paper - and no clue how she got there.
Paper Towns	John Green	Dark American comedy as a popular school girl goes of the rails and is helped by a friend from her days in nursery school.
Double Life of Cassiel Roadnight	Jenny Valentine Jenny Valentine	Two boys. One identity. He can change his life if he says yes Brilliant thriller about mistaken identity & the choices you make.
	Coming of Age	
Empire of the Sun	J G Ballard	Ballard's famous autobiographical novel about his teenage years in Shanghai during World War 2 after losing his parents.
13 Little Blue Envelopes	Maureen Johnson	Ginny is left a series of instructions in follow, in 13 steps, from a dead aunty to daiman inheritance. Quirky, amusing & life affirming.
Everybody Jam	Ali Lewis EVERYBOI JAM ALI LEWIS	
Amy and Roger's Epic Detour	Morgan Matson	Two teens go on a road-trip across America. Funny, moving, cute & most of all a book that'll give you a really warm feeling
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Classic look at childhood and growing up in the deep South of America in the 50s, with racism & segregation the back-drop.
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie Sherman	eally funny tale of a half-native American- Indian boy trying to integrate into an American high school. Moving & dark
Chameleon	Charles R Smith	Great coming of age novel in modern day LA: girts, gangs, basketball, all help shape Shaun's future in this entertaining & fresh read.
15 Days without a Head	Dave Cousins Dave Cousins Dave Cousins	Story of a 15 year old boy struggling to keep his family together, through tragedy & events that are mixed with new love and kinship