

St Aidan's Church of England High School Library
Recommended reads for Year 8

Adventure

Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	Set on an Island off the USA
Buffalo Soldier	Tanya Landman	Slavery, American Civil War, NA Indians
Gatty's Tale	Kevin Crossley-Holland	A gripping historical tale
Hostage: Bodyguard series	Chris Bradford	Action, adventure, adrenalin
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson	Exotic and wonderfully described
My name is Mina	David Almond	Unconventional story, sequel to Skellig
Revolution	Jennifer Donnelly	Time slip novel, historical teen fiction
Salt to the Sea	Ruta Sepetys	Second World war story
Trash	Andy Mulligan	Boy's growing up on a rubbish tip

Fantasy

Aberrations	Joseph Delaney	Warning: not to be read after dark
Across the Nightingale Floor	Lian Hearn	Popular adventure series
Eragon	Christopher Paolini	First in Inheritance Cycle
The Giver	Lois Lowry	Dystopia
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Hilarious fantasy classic
The Knife of Never Letting go	Patrick Ness	Popular fantasy adventure
Maggot Moon	Sally Gardner	Thought provoking dystopian novel
The Medusa Project	Sophie McKenzie	Teenagers with psychic abilities
Mister Creecher	Chris Priestley	Frankenstein meets Dickens
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman	A classic
Railhead	Philip Reeve	Sci-fi
Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy	Detective, magician and dead?
Spellslinger	Sebastien De Castell	A story about magic
Time Riders	Alex Scarrow	Time travel series
Uglies	Scott Westerfeld	The future is plastic surgery?
Wind Singer	William Nicholson	First in popular fantasy trilogy
Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver	Adventures of early man
Wreckers	Julie Hearn	A tense and gripping read

General Fiction

An Act of Love	Alan Gibbons	Friendship in the face of terrorism
Auslander	Paul Dowsell	A heart racing thriller
Bloodchild	Tim Bowler	Supernatural with the terrifyingly real
The Bone Sparrow	Zana Fraillon	Life in a refugee camp
Chinese Cinderella	Adele Mah	An unwanted daughter in China PTO

Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	A boy saved from an African ship
Coyote Summer	Mimi Thebo	A story of self-discovery
Curious incident of the dog in the Nighttime	Mark Haddon	A murder mystery like no other
Diamond Boy	Michael Williams	Set in the Zimbabwe diamond fields
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff	Roman historical fiction
Faceless	Alyssa Sheinmel	An emotional read
The Fool's Girl	Celia Rees	Historical adventure
Gangsta Rap	Benjamin Zephaniah	Gang culture and musical ambitions
Life: an exploded diagram	Mal Peet	Coming of age during the Cold War
No Fixed Address	Susin Nielsen	Immigration, homelessness
One	Sarah Crossan	Emotional story of conjoined twins
Running on the cracks	Julia Donaldson	She knows who she's running from. But who is she running to?
Poppy in the Field	Mary Hooper	Heartbreak on the front line
Stargazing for beginners	Jenny McLachlan	Romance, families and science?

Classics (see also the Classics book list)

I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith	Life in an eccentric family
The Adventures of S Holmes	Arthur Conan Doyle	Classic detective fiction
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Animals acting as humans
The Body in the Library	Agatha Christie	Miss Marple at her best
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	London, AD 2540
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	Plants invade the earth
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Humorous sci fi story
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle	Beware the ravenous supernatural dog
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Dark romance
Little Women	Louisa M Alcott	Four sisters in 1860s America
The Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Disturbing ship wreck tale
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	Adventure of a young orphan
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	The search for a good husband
The Time Machine	H G Wells	SF time travel novel
Treasure Island	R L Stevenson	Searching for lost treasure

Please ask if you need help finding a good book to read

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