

St Aidan's Church of England High School Library
Recommended reads for Year 9

Adventure

Finding Violet Park	Jenny Valentine	Part mystery, part romance
Flash Flood	Chris Ryan	Sink or swim?
In Darkness	Nick Lake	Earthquake survival adventure
Looking for JJ	Anne Cassidy	A 10 year old commits a dreadful crime
Revolver	Marcus Sedgwick	Tense story set in the Arctic Circle
Touching the Void	Joe Simpson	True adventure

Classics

Animal Farm	George Orwell	Animals acting as humans
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	A future world
Cold Comfort Farm	Stella Gibbons	Rural England, early 20thC
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	Plants invading Earth
The Diary of	Anne Frank	The Holocaust
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	Prophetic classic dystopia
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkein	Strange and magical adventure
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle	Detective Sherlock Holmes
I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith	About an eccentric family
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Dangerous secrets and choices
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Eighteenth century courtship
The Turn of the Screw	Henry James	Ghost story
The War of the Worlds	HG Wells	Classic tale of alien invasion

See the **Classics list** for further suggestions.

Fantasy

The Book of Lost Things	John Connolly	A sinister fantasy world
Echo Boy	Matt Haig	Love, loss – what makes us truly human
Good Omens	T Pratchett and N Gaiman	Ridiculously inventive and gloriously funny
Ink	Alice Broadway	First of a trilogy
Internment	Samira Ahmed	Dystopia around the corner

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Matched	Ally Condie	Gripping page turner
More Than This	Patrick Ness	Author of the Knife of Never Letting go
Spellslinger	Sebastien De Castell	Magical fantasy
General		
A Sky Painted Gold	Laura Wood	For fans of I Capture the Castle/Gatsby
Anita and Me	Meera Syal	Experience of a young Asian girl in the UK
Being Billy	Phil Earle	14-year-old Billy's life in care
Blood Red, Snow White	Marcus Sedgwick	Bolshevik Russia
The Book Thief	Marcus Zusak	World War II story
Buffalo Soldier	Tanya Landman	Slavery, American Civil War, NA Indians
Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	Tale of an orphan in the 18thC
Death Zone	Matt Dickinson	True story of climbing Everest
Everything, Everything	Nicola Yoon	The girl who lives in a bubble
Face	Benjamin Zephaniah	Martin has a life changing accident
The Fountains of Silence	Ruta Sepetys	1957 Fascist Spain
Front Lines	Michael Grant	Second World War series
Girl in the Window	Penny Joelson	Abduction mystery
How I Live Now	Meg Rosoff	Friendship, murder, revenge
Notes from a Small Island	Bill Bryson	Amusing travel writing
Optimists Die First	Susin Nielsen	Teenage romance/issues
The Smell of Other People's Houses	Hitchcock, B	Coming of age in 1970s Alaska
Toffee	Crossan, S	Identity, mental health and friendship
Witch Child	Celia Rees	Mary, the granddaughter of a witch
Wolf Hollow	Lauren Wolk	Likened to the writing of Harper Lee

**This is just a selection, there are plenty more recommendations – classics, travel, non-fiction....
Please ask Mrs Roth, Librarian for further information.**

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