

Year 8 Reading List

- Soldier Dog** *Sam Angus*
Stanley is a boy soldier and dog handler in the First World War reliant on the loyalty of his dog under fire.
- Noughts and Crosses** *Malorie Blackman*
Racism, but in this world blacks oppress whites.
- Sea of Whispers** *Tim Bowler*
When an old woman is washed up on a remote island, the islanders are afraid she will bring bad luck but Hetty is determined to help her.
- I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You** *Ally Carter*
The Gallagher Academy is a school for girl geniuses and spies in training.
- The Roar** *Emma Clayton*
Pod flyers compete in a future London where the privileged live behind a high wall and Mika hunts for his missing twin sister in the underworld.
- Ghost Hawk** *Susan Cooper*
Before he becomes a man Little Hawk must survive 3 months alone in the forest in winter. Nearby the first white settlers are building villages and conflict is coming between them and the Indians.
- The Wanderer** *Sharon Creech*
A sailboat voyage across the Atlantic is more than an adventure for Sophie.
- The Company of Ghosts** *Berlie Doherty*
Ellie is excited about a break with Morag's family on their island but when she finds herself abandoned there things begin to change.
- Inkheart** *Cornelia Funke*
Inkheart is an evil character from a story accidentally in the real world and plotting more evil.
- Maggot Moon** *Sally Gardner*
The people of Zone Seven are kept under surveillance at all times by the Motherland. Plans for a moon landing mean the threats increase.
- Fen Runners** *John Gordon*
Skaters who have fallen into the frozen fens are afterwards haunted by the presence of what lies beneath the water.
- The Vanishing of Katharina Linden** *Helen Grant*
How could a ten-year-old girl vanish in a place where everyone knows everyone else? Pia was the last to see Katharina and is determined to find out.
- The Abduction** *John Grisham*
Boy lawyer Theodore tries to solve a kidnapping.
- The Ostrich Boys** *Keith Gray*
Three friends steal their friend's ashes to give him a proper send off.
- The Black Book of Secrets** *F.E. Higgins*
Joe collects people's most terrible guilty secrets.
- Fallen Grace** *Mary Hooper*
Grace and Lily are orphans in 1861 and Grace is about to have a baby.
- Raven's Gate** *Anthony Horowitz*
Matt is one of five children destined to return when they are needed to prevent the two gates that keep the Old Ones away from the Earth from being opened.
- Into the Wild (Warriors Cats)** *Erin Hunter*
For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by the powerful ancestors but the warrior code is threatened.

Peace Weavers	<i>Julia Jarman</i>
On a US base in England an archaeological dig discovers the body of a woman thought to be a peace weaver from Viking times.	
The Protectors	<i>Pete Johnson</i>
The protectors are anti-bullying vigilantes who take their responsibilities too far in dealing with one particular bully.	
Love, Aubrey	<i>Suzanne LaFleur</i>
<i>Aubrey's sister and father are killed in an accident and her mother disappears</i>	
The Carbon Diaries	<i>Saci Lloyd</i>
It is 2015 and Britain has introduced carbon rationing.	
I am Number Four	<i>Pittacus Lore</i>
Nine survivors from an interplanetary war are hiding on Earth disguised as humans. They are being hunted but a charm means they can only be killed in number order.	
Girl, Missing	<i>Sophie McKenzie</i>
Lauren is adopted and finds out she was snatched from her parents as a baby. She runs away to find out the full truth getting herself into more and more danger.	
Itch	<i>Simon Mayo</i>
Ichingham Lofte has caused explosions before but now he has created a dangerous new element that the authorities are keen to get their hands on.	
Seeker	<i>William Nicholson</i>
Noble warriors carry no weapons but none can stand against them.	
A Monster Calls	<i>Patrick Ness</i>
The monster comes to Connor in his dreams and makes him listen to him.	
Wolf Brother	<i>Michelle Paver</i>
Torak's only friend in a dangerous and ancient forest is a wolf cub.	
Mortal Engines	<i>Philip Reeve</i>
Cities have become mobile and feed off each other in a destroyed world.	
Time Riders	<i>Alex Scarrow</i>
Time riders put things right when the world is changed by a time traveller.	
Midwinterblood	<i>Marcus Sedgwick</i>
Sent to investigate an island where no-one appears to age, Eric feels like he has been there before, and in a way he has – in several earlier lives.	
The One Dollar Horse	<i>Lauren St John</i>
Casey rescues a starving horse and hopes to win the Badminton Horse Trials but love and her father's criminal record get in the way.	
The Wall	<i>William Sutcliffe</i>
Trying to retrieve his football, Joshua finds out what is on the other side of the wall that divides the city.	
Last of the High Kings	<i>Kate Thompson</i>
The fairies in Ireland do not want to be bothered with human affairs but a fairy child is growing up in a human family.	
Dandelion Clocks	<i>Rebecca Westcott</i>
Liv's mum is preparing her for the time when she will not be there anymore.	
Earthfall	<i>Mark Walden</i>
Sam has been alone since an alien invasion wiped the minds of most people on Earth. Eventually he is found by a small resistance group and joins the fight.	
The Book Thief	<i>Markus Zusak</i>
Death is the narrator of this book set during the Second World War in Germany.	