

## **Reading List for KS3 students (11-14)**

As I'm sure you're aware, reading is one of the most important ways in which we can improve our children's literacy and awareness of the outside world. It can be hard to get children reading, especially with X-Boxes and PS3s around, but it is all about finding the right book.

There is one out there for every person but if your child is not enjoying a book then please don't force them to the end. It is important that students take pleasure in reading and associate it with a positive experience rather than a chore.

Below are listed some of the most creative and enjoyable children's books. They have been organised into girl and boys, just girls and just boys. Each category then starts with books that are 'easiest' to read and goes on to the most challenging. Titles highlighted in bold are particularly renowned for their appeal and literary worth and well worth giving a go for both children and adults alike!

Some of these titles will be available in the school library, most in your local library or second hand book shops and all are available relatively cheaply from [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk).

Reading is such an important part of your children's progress through school and wider life that we appreciate anything you can do at home to encourage it.

If you would like any further information or guidance on reading please don't hesitate to contact me.

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## Both Girls and Boys (ascending from easiest to most difficult)

### **Anything by Roald Dahl**

*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again* by F. Cottrel

*How To Train Your Dragon* by C. Cowell

*Fizzleburt Stump* by A. F. Harold

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series* by J. Kinney

*Captain Underpants* by D. Pilkey

*The Teenage Years (Dark Lord)* by J. Thomson

### ***Billionaire Boy* by D. Walliams**

*Gangsta Granny* by D. Walliams

*Mr Stink* by D. Walliams

### ***Harry Potter series* by J.K. Rowling**

### **Anything by M. Morpurgo**

### ***Artemis Fowl series* by E. Colfer**

*Thief!* By M. Blackman

*Dodger* by T. Pratchett

### ***The Hunger Games Trilogy* by S. Collins**

### ***The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein**

### ***The Young Sherlock Holmes Series* by A. Lane**

### ***I Am Number Four* by P. Lore**

*The Mortal Instruments Series* by C. Clare

*Sherlock Holmes* by A. C. Doyle

*The Boy in Striped Pyjamas* by J. Boyne

*Goodnight Mr Tom* by M. Magorian

### ***His Dark Materials Trilogy* by P. Pullman**

### ***The Inheritance series* by C. Paolini**

### ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by B. Selznick**

### ***The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkein**

*Wonder* by J.R.Palacio

Girls (ascending from easiest to most difficult)

**Anything by Jacqueline Wilson**

*Judy Moody series by A. McDonald*

***Fire Spell* by L. Schlitz**

*Coraline* by N. Gaiman

*Stardust* by N. Gaiman

***The Gallagher Girls Series* by A. Carter**

*Darke* by A. Sage

***The Book Thief* by M. Zusak**

***Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by L. Taylor**

*The Twilight Trilogy* by S. Meyer

*Divergent series* by V. Roth

Boys (ascending from easiest to most difficult)

*Tom Gates series* by L. Pichon

***Percy Jackson* by R. Riordan**

***Heroes of Olympus* by R. Riordan**

*Alex Rider series* by A. Horowitz

*Time Riders* by A. Scarrow

***Young Bond* by C. Higson**

***The Illuminati Series* by D. Shan**

***Zom-B* by D. Shan**

*Zom-B Underground* by D. Shan

***Skullduggery Pleasant series* by D. Landy**

***Cherub series* by R. Muchamore**

***Gone series* by M. Grant**