

KS3 English - **suggestions for independent reading**

This list is just to start you looking. Ask your teacher, the librarian or your friends to help you choose a book. Not too easy, not too difficult - a kind of story that's just right for YOU.

(1) Getting Started

John Talbot *Our Toilet's Haunted*

Betsy Byars *The Eighteenth Emergency*

Various authors, The Goosebumps series

Morris Gleitzman *Bumface*

Lemony Snicket *The Bad Beginning*

Pete Johnson 'How to Train Your Parents', 'Ghost Dog'

Jeff Kinney *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

(2) Books on a Common Theme

Childhood and Growing Up

Siobhan Dowd *A Swift Pure Cry*

Neil Gaiman *The Graveyard Book*

Malorie Blackman *Boys Don't Cry*

Elizabeth Laird *Red Sky in the Morning*

Gaye Hicyilmaz *The Frozen Waterfall*

Meera Syal *Anita and Me*

Gillian Cross *Where I Belong*

Guus Kuijer *The Book of Everything*

Frank Cottrell Boyce *Framed*

Frank Cottrell Boyce *Millions*

David Almond *Kit's Wilderness*

Lesley Beake *A Cageful of Butterflies*

Benjamin Zephaniah *Face*

Melvyn Burgess *Junk*

Gennifer Choldenko *Al Capone Does my Shirts*

Graham Gardner *Inventing Elliott*

Bertie Doherty *Street Child*

Anita Desai *The Village by the Sea*

Anne Cassidy *Looking for JJ* (older readers)

Siobhan Dowd *The London Eye Mystery*

Anthony Mc Gowan *Henry Tumour*

Faiza Guene *Just Like Tomorrow*

Timothee de Fombelle *Toby Alone*

Mildred D. Taylor *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*

Anne Fine *Flour Babies*

Malorie Blackmail *Tell Me No Lies*

Louis Sachar *Holes*

Gaye Hicyilmaz *Against the Storm*

Sharon Creech *Walk Two Moons*

Nicky Singer *Feather Boy*

Sharon Creech *Love That Dog*

Political Situations

Michelle Magorian *Goodnight Mr. Tom*

Elizabeth Laird *A Little Piece of Ground*

Benjamin Zephaniah *Refugee Boy*

Michael Morpurgo *Wreck of the Zanzibar*

Bali Rai *What's Your Problem?*

Jennifer Johnston *Shadows on Our Skin*

Lesley Beake *A Cageful of Butterflies*

Bernard MacLaverty *Cal*

Jan Needle *Piggy in the Middle*

Morris Gleitzman *Once*

Jason Wallace *Out of the Shadows* (older readers)

John Boyne *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas*
Bernard Ashley *Little Soldier*
Harper Lee *To Kill a Mockingbird*

James Watson *Talking in Whispers*
Gudrun Pausewang *The Final Journey*
Alan Gibbons *An Act of Love*

War

Robert Swindells *Brother in the Land*
Anne Frank *The Diary of Anne Frank*
Michael Morpurgo *Private Peaceful*
J. G. Ballard *Empire of the Sun*
Marcus Zusak *The Book Thief*

Robert O'Brien *Z for Zachariah*
Nina Bawden *Carrie's War*
Michael Morpurgo *War Horse*
Robert Westall *The Machine Gunners*

Adventure

Cristy Burne *Takeshita Demons*
M G Harris *The Joshua Files: Invisible City*
Jack London *The Call of the Wild*
Eoin Colfer *The Artemis Fowl Series*
Mal Peet *Keeper*
Geraldine McCaughrean *The Death- Defying Pepper Roux*

Eva Ibbotson *Journey to the River Sea*
Tim Bowler *River Boy*
Ian Serraillier *The Silver Sword*
Mal Peet *Exposure*

Love

Angela Jariwala *Pardesi*
Karen McCombie *My Funny Valentine*
Bali Rai *Rani and Sukh*

Maggie Stiefvater *Shiver*
Julie Bertagna *The Opposite of Chocolate*

Survival

Meg Rosoff *How I Live Now*
James Vance Marshall *Walkabout*
William Mayne *Drift*

Russell Evans *Survival*
Gary Paulsen *Hatchet*
Rachel Anderson *Asylum*

Myths and Legends

Kevin Crossley-Holland *The Seeing Stone* (trilogy)
Madhur Jaffrey *Seasons of Splendour*
Rick Riordan- *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*

Zizou Corder *Halo*
Adele Geras *Troy*

Fantasy

Joan Aiken *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*

Eoin Colfer *Artemis Fowl*

Cornelia Funke *Inkheart*
Philip Reeve *Fever Crumb*
Susan Cooper *Over Sea, Under Stone*
Geraldine McCaughrean *The Kite Rider*
Philip Reeve *Mortal Engines*

China Mieville *Un Lun Dun*
Patrick Ness *The Knife of Never Letting Go*
J.R.R. Tolkien *Lord of the Rings*
J.R.R. Tolkien *The Hobbit*

Historical Fiction

Celia Rees *Sorceress*
Celia Rees *Witch Child*
Kevin Crossley-Holland, trilogy on the story of Arthur
Theresa Breslin *Prisoner of the Inquisition*

Henrietta Branford *Fire, Bed and Bone*
Philip Reeve *Here Lies Arthur*
Michael Morpurgo *Arthur, High King of Britain*

Graphic Novels

Charles Higson *Silverfin: the graphic novel*
Dean and Shannon Hale *Calamity Jack*
Tony Lee *Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood*
Shaun Tan *Tales From Outer Suburbia*
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle *The Hound of the Baskervilles: Graphic Novel*
John Harris Dunning *Salem Brownstone: All Along the Watchtowers*

Thrillers and Chillers and Crime

Malorie Blackman *The Stuff of Nightmares*
Kate Cann *Leaving Poppy*
F. E Higgins *The Black Book of Secrets*
Darren Shan *Cirque Du Freak*
Darren Shan *Lord Loss*
Celia Rees *Truth or Dare*
Chris Priestley *Uncle Montague's Tales of Terrors*
Marcus Sedgwick *My Swordhand is Singing*
Robert Muchamore *The Killing* (part of a series)

Anthony Horowitz *Stormbreaker*
Charlie Higson *The Enemy*
Anne Fine *The Tulip Touch*
Neil Gaiman *Coraline*
Kevin Brooks *Martyn Pigg*
Melvin Burgess *The Ghost Behind the Wall*
Philip Pullman *The Ruby and the Smoke* (trilogy)
Robert Swindells *Abomination*

The Future

Robert Westall *Futuretrack 5*
Ursula Le Guin *The Lathe of Heaven*
Ursula Le Guin *The Left Hand of Darkness*
Rebecca Stead *When You Reach Me*
Johnny O'Brien *The Day of Deliverance*

Aldous Huxley *Brave New World*
Julie Bertagna *Zenith*
Jan Mark *The Ennead*
Alex Scarrow *Time Riders*
Julie Bertagna *Exodus*

Short stories

David Almond *Counting Stars*

Beverley Naidoo *Out of Bounds*

ed. Marion Dane Bauer *Am I Blue?*

Ray Bradbury *The Golden Apples of the Sun*

Leon Garfield *Six Shakespeare Stories*

Jan Mark *A Can of Worms*

New Windmill Book *Classic Short Stories*

ed. David Kitchen *Don't Make Me Laugh* (funny short stories)

Poetry

Malorie Blackman *Cloud Busting*

ed. Kaye Webb *I Like this Poem*

Benjamin Zephaniah *Too Black, Too Strong*

Talking Turkey

Funky Chickens

Wicked World

Michael Rosen & Roger McGough *You Tell Me*

ed. Grace Nichols Poetry *Jump Up*

ed. Peters & Fusek *Poems With Attitude*

ed. Wendy Cope *Is That the New Moon?*

ed. Chatterjee & Frazer *Rainbow World: Poems from Many Cultures*

ed. Seamus Heaney & Ted Hughes *The Rattlebag*

Jan Mark *A Jetblack Sunrise: Poems about War...*

Allan Ahlberg *Friendly Matches*

Sharon Creech *Heartbeat*

We also recommend the website LoveReading4Kids, www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk, to get other ideas for book choices.

Don't forget, you can also go to your local library and borrow a book for free from there. Below are a list of libraries in Camden.

Belsize Library

Camden Town Library

Chalk Farm Library

Heath Library

Highgate Library

Holborn Library

Kentish Town Library

Kilburn Library Centre

Queens Crescent Library

Regents Park Library

St Pancras Library

Swiss Cottage Central Library

West Hampstead Library

