

Year 8 reading suggestions

Want to join our **Millionaire's Club**? Well, reading approximately 12 novels, will help to get you there. Keep a track of the books that you read, and we can check to see if this will make you **word rich** by **reading 1 million words** 😊

<p><u>Classics</u></p> <p>'The Secret Garden', 'The Little Princess', 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' by Frances Hodgson Burnett 'The Lost World' by Arthur Conan Doyle 'Narnia' by C. S. Lewis 'The Railway Children' by E. Nesbit 'Swallows and Amazons' by Arthur Ransome 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell, 'Treasure Island' by R. L. Stevenson 'Around the World in 80 Days' by Jules Verne 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' by L Frank Baum</p> <p><u>Feel good and thought-provoking stories</u></p> <p>'Politics for Beginners' by Louie Stowell et al 'Sky Dancer' and 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis 'Talking Turkeys' by Benjamin Zephaniah 'The Explorer' and 'The Girl Savage' by Katherine Rundell 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio * 'You are Awesome' by Matthew Syed * 'Birthday Boy' by David Baddiel * 'Stories for Kids Who Dare to be Different' by Ben Brooks* 'Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guide' by Matthew Burton 'We Are All Greta: Be Inspired by Greta Thunberg to Save the World' by Valentina Giannella</p>	<p><u>War, history and conflict</u></p> <p>'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne 'The Diary of Anne Frank' 'I am David' by Anne Holm 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit' by Judith Kerr 'Tom's War' by Robert Leeson 'Goodnight Mr Tom'* by Michelle Magorian 'Blitz Boys' by Linda Newberry 'Fly Away Home' by Christne Nostlinger 'Dolphin Crossing' by Jill Paton Walsh 'Blitzcat', 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird 'Private Peaceful' and 'War Horse'* by Michael Morpurgo 'Suffragette: Battle for Equality' by David Roberts 'The Life of Stephen Lawrence' by Verna Allette Wilkins 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne * 'Refugee Boy' by Benjamin Zephaniah 'The Book Thief' by Marcus Zusak 'Illegal' by Eoin Colfer</p>
<p><u>Fantasy/ dystopian/ science fiction</u></p> <p>'Grimm's Fairy Tales' by Jacob Grimm 'Skellig' by David Almond 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness 'Maze Runner' by James Dashner The 'Divergent' series by Veronica Roth 'A Series of Unfortunate events' by Lemony Snickett * 'Johnny and the Bomb', 'Diggers', 'The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents' by Terry Pratchet 'His Dark Materials Series' by Philip Pullman 'The Hobbit' / 'Lord of the Rings' by J. R. R.Tolkein 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave 'Wildspark' by Vashti Hardy 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver 'Inkheart' (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke 'The Hunger Games' by Suzanne Collins</p>	<p><u>Adventure/ crime/ horror</u></p> <p>'Cirque du Freak' and 'The Vampire's Assistant' by Darren Shan 'Artemis Fowl' by Eoin Colfer 'A Nest of Vipers' by Catherine Johnson 'Silverfin' and 'The Young Bond Books' by Charlie Higson 'Russian Roulette' and 'Alex Rider: Stormbreaker'* by Anthony Horowitz 'Stone Cold' and 'Abomination' * 'Blackout', 'Room 13' and 'In the Nick of Time' by Robert Swindells 'The Skylark's War' by Hilary McKay 'Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror' by Chris Priestley 'Murder Most Unladylike' by Robin Stevens 'The Astounding Broccoli Boy' 'Framed', 'Millions'*, 'Cosmic' and 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley</p>

Books marked with an asterisks (*) would be suitable for reluctant readers.

Parents/guardians know their child(ren) best, and are best placed to decide on the suitability and content of reading materials. Please ensure that you check online reviews, prior to letting your child read the suggested books.

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Subject specific recommendations

History

'The Book Thief' by Marcus Zusak
 'The Endless Steppe' by Esther Hautzig
 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell
 'The Dam Busters' by Paul Brickhill
 'The Lady is a Spy' by Don Mitchell

Geography

'Where on earth? Geography Without all the Boring Bits' by Jim Doyle
 'Horrible Geographies' Series - Various
 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson
 'Midnight' by Randolph Stowe
 'The Man who Cycled the World' by Mark Beaumont

Music

Rock n' Roll n' Comics
 'Classical Music for Dummies'
 'A History of African American Jazz and Blues
 'An Equal Music' by Vikram Seth
 'How To Kill a Rock Star' by Tiffanie DeBartolo
 'After Tupac and D Foster' by Jaqueline Woodson
 'Amplified' by Tara Kelly
 'Audrey, Wait' by Robyn Benway
 'The Beauty That Remains' by Ashley Woodfolk

Art

'Art and Fear' by David Bayles and Ted Orland
 'The Art Spirit' by Robert Henry
 'Hawthorne on Painting' - Dover Art Instruction
 'Alla Prima' by Richard Schmid
 'How Pictures Work' by Molly Bang

Business Studies

'Shoe Dog' by Phil Knight
 'Virgin' by Richard Branson
 'Women who Launch- The Women who Shattered Glass Ceilings' by Marlene Wagman-Geller
 'Usbourne Business for Beginners'.
 'How to Start a Business Without any Money' by Rachel Bridge

Computer Science

'Dreaming in Code' by Emily Arnold McCally
 Steve Jobs and the Story of Apple
 'The Imitation Game' by Jane Rollason
 'Algorithms to Live By' by Brian Christian
 'Code Girls: The Untold Story of The American Women Code Breakers of WWII' by Lisa Mundy

PE

'Unbelievable' by Jessica Ennis
 'Foul Play' by Mike Rowbottom
 'What Sport Tells You About Life' by Ed Smith
 'Bring Your A Game' by Jennifer L Etnier
 'The Young Champions Mind' by Jim Afremow

Science

'The Rise of the Rocket Girls' by Nathalia Holt
 'The Third Chimpanzee' by Jared Diamond
 Science(ish) The Peculiar Science Behind the Movies' by Dr Michael Brooks
 'An Astronauts Guide to Life on Earth' by Chris Hadfield
 'Turing: A Pioneer of the Information Age' by Jack B. Copeland

Modern Foreign Languages

'Le Petit Prince' (in various languages) by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
 Read any novels in different languages