



Year 7 Recommended Reading

Adventure

<i>Bodyguard series</i>	Chris Bradford	No one suspects that a teenager could protect someone – but Connor Reeves is no ordinary 14-year-old.
<i>The Cogheart series</i>	Peter Bunzl	Lily's inventor father vanishes after a Zeppelin crash and Lily is determined to find the truth behind his disappearance. She is helped by Robert, the local clockmaker's son, and her mechanical fox Malkin.
<i>Running on the Roof of the World</i>	Jess Butterworth	Tash and her best friend Sam travel across the Himalayas on a mission to save her parents.
<i>The Alex Rider series + others</i>	Anthony Horowitz	Fourteen-year-old Alex is recruited into MI6.
<i>The Girl of Ink and Stars</i>	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	When Isabella's friend disappears, she volunteers to lead the search party. However, the journey is full of dangers.
<i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i>	Michael Morpurgo	Michael is washed up on an island and struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he falls asleep. When he wakes, there is a plate of food beside him. He is not alone.

<i>Time Travelling with a Hamster + others</i>	Ross Welford	A boy travels back to 1984 to prevent a go-kart accident, and save his father's life.
<i>Echo Mountain</i>	Lauren Wolk	When Ellie and her family lose everything, they flee to Echo Mountain to build a new life.

Animal stories

<i>The Girl Who Speaks Bear</i>	Sophie Anderson	Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from
<i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i>	James Bowen	The uplifting true story of an unlikely friendship between a man on the streets and the ginger cat who adopts him.
<i>One Dog and His Boy</i>	Eva Ibbotson	All Hal had ever wanted was a dog but his parents refuse to consider one. Then they discover Easy Pets, a dog-rental agency.
<i>Fawn</i>	Margi McAllister	Kirsty Weaver isn't like most ten-year-olds. She spends most of her time watching a herd of deer in the hills behind her house.
<i>Pax</i>	Sara Pennypacker	Read about Peter and the fox he rescued as a cub.
<i>Pony Magic and other stories</i>	Holly Webb	As Lottie's magical powers grow, so do her adventures at the magical pet shop.

Comedy

<i>Framed</i>	Frank Cotterell Boyce	When some lorries drive up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine Dylan is astounded. Who are these people and what have they got to hide?
<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda and anything else by same author</i>	Roald Dahl	Find out about Charlie Bucket, Willy Wonka and the Golden Ticket.
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid series</i>	Jeff Kinney	A story about a middle-school weakling named Greg Heffley.
<i>Anything from The Brilliant World of Tom Gates series</i>	Liz Pichon	Catch up with the latest hilarious chapter in the life of Tom Gates.
<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i>	Lemony Snicket	This series follows the turbulent lives of Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire
<i>Awful Auntie, Demon Dentist and anything else by the same author</i>	David Walliams	Read <i>Awful Auntie</i> to find out about Stella Saxby, Aunt Albert and Saxby Hall.

Crime and Mystery

<i>Ruby Redfort series</i>	Lauren Child	Ruby Redfort is a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who is also a 13-year-old girl
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<i>The Lie Tree*</i>	Frances Hardinge	Faith's father has been found dead under mysterious circumstances, and as she is searching for clues she discovers a strange tree.
<i>The Ruby in the Smoke*</i>	Philip Pullman	Sally is thrown into a terrifying mystery in the dark heart of Victorian London.

Drama and Romance

<i>The Princess Diaries*</i>	Meg Cabot	Fifteen-year-old Mia discovers that her father is the Prince of Genovia and she is the sole heir to the throne.
<i>The Chocolate Box Girls series + others</i>	Cathy Cassidy	Each sister has a different story to tell. Which will be your favourite?
<i>Goggle Eyes + others</i>	Anne Fine	Kitty Killin is the world's greatest expert when it comes to mothers having new and unwanted boyfriends.
<i>I was Jane Austen's best friend: a secret diary</i>	Cora Harrison	Shy Jenny Cooper goes to stay with her cousin - Jane Austen.
<i>Dork Diaries series</i>	Rachel Renée Russell	Read about Nikki Maxwell, as she struggles to fit in and survive middle school.
<i>Girl Online series</i>	Zoe Sugg	Under the alias Girl Online, Penny blogs about school dramas, boys, her whirlwind family - and the panic attacks she's suffered from lately.

<i>Hetty Feather, Katy and anything else by the same author.</i>	Jacqueline Wilson	In 1876 Hetty Feather is just a tiny baby when her mother leaves her at the Foundling Hospital.
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Fantasy and Science Fiction

<i>The House with Chicken Legs</i>	Sophie Anderson	Marinka's house has chicken legs and never settles down, making it impossible for her to have real, living, human friends.
<i>The School for Good and Evil series</i>	Soman Chainani	One witch girl, one princess, one happily never after...
<i>Dragon Rider</i>	Cornelia Funke	The dragon Firedrake, his brownie friend Sorrel and a lonely boy called Ben embark on a journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace forever.
<i>Into the Wild + other Warrior Cat books</i>	Erin Hunter	For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest but things are changing.
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Madeleine L'Engle	Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father.

<i>Narnia series</i>	C S Lewis	Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter, four siblings find themselves in the world of Narnia through a magical wardrobe while playing a game of 'hide-and-seek' at the country estate of a mysterious professor.
<i>The Land of Roar</i>	Jenny McLachlan	When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic.
<i>Dragons at Crumbling Castle (short stories)</i>	Terry Pratchett	Dragons have invaded Crumbling Castle and unfortunately all of King Arthur's knights are either on holiday or visiting their grannies.
<i>Mortal Engines Quartet</i>	Philip Reeve	In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities fight each other for survival.
<i>Percy Jackson series</i>	Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson finds out that the gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st century.
<i>Harry Potter series</i>	J K Rowling	Follow teenage wizard Harry Potter and his friends at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
<i>Lampie</i>	Annet Schaap	Lampie is sent to work in the Admiral's Black House. There is a rumour that a monster lurks in the tower. However, soon she is drawn into a world of mermaids and pirates.

Historical

<p><i>Once, Then, Now, After, Soon and Maybe – book series</i></p>	<p>Morris Gleitzman</p>	<p>The story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.</p>
<p><i>Journey to the River Sea and The Secret Countess + others</i></p>	<p>Iva Ibbotson</p>	<p>In <i>Journey to the River Sea</i> it is 1910 and Mai has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon.</p> <p><i>The Secret Countess</i> follows Anna, a young countess, who has lived all her life in a palace overlooking the River Neva. When revolution tears Russia apart, her now-penniless family is forced to flee to England.</p>
<p><i>Anne of Green Gables + others</i></p>	<p>L M Montgomery</p>	<p>Follow the adventures of Anne Shirley, an 11-year-old orphan girl who is mistakenly sent to Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward Island.</p>
<p><i>War Horse, Private Peaceful and others</i></p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Read about Joey, a thoroughbred horse, in the battles of the First World War.</p> <p>In <i>Private Peaceful</i> get to know Tommo Peaceful, looking back on his life from the trenches.</p>

<i>Lightning Mary</i>	Anthea Simmons	One stormy night, a group of villagers are struck by lightning. Mary is the only survivor. She grows up to follow her father hunting for fossils along the coast.
<i>The Machine Gunners</i>	Robert Westall	Chas McGill has the second-best collection of war souvenirs in Garmouth, and he desperately wants it to be the best. Next, he finds the remains of a German bomber crashed in the woods.
<i>Star by Star</i>	Sheena Wilkinson	At the end of the First World War, this book follows Stella who has just lost her mother in a flu pandemic. Change is coming - the war is over, and women are about to vote for the first time.

Scary

<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman	A baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family and finds safety in the local graveyard.
<i>Cuckoo Song*</i>	Francis Hardinge	When Triss wakes up after an accident, she knows that something is very wrong. Soon she discovers that what happened to her is stranger and more terrible than she could have imagined.
<i>Skulduggery Pleasant + others</i>	Derek Landy	Skulduggery Pleasant is a detective, sorcerer and warrior. He's also dead. Stephanie and Skulduggery

		must defeat an all-consuming ancient evil.
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** May include more advanced themes.*

Classics

Try anything from the Classics Starts series including ***The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*** and ***Wind in the Willows***.

Alternatively, try a book from the Classics Challenge including ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*** by Lewis Carroll or ***Robinson Crusoe*** by Daniel Defoe.