

Years 7 & 8 Hall Grove Reading List September 2011

By Years 7 and 8 the children are being prepared for life at Senior School and beyond, and should be engaging more with the world around them; in particular that means being exposed to other points of view and other cultures. Consequently this reading list, in some small way, is an attempt to highlight particular authors and texts that will help them in that journey. This list is revised annually to take account of changing tastes amongst year groups and to include more recently published or discovered books.

The first section is a rough collection of recommendations in different genres – all books that I've particularly enjoyed. The remainder of the current list is based on what might be expected and suitable, and also on what Senior Schools suggest the children may have come across. I have tried to build in a sense of progression in subject matter and technical difficulties. Most of the list consists of fiction – some written for children, some for adults; as such, some of the topics and language are more mature in outlook and this needs to be taken into account when selecting books to read. The lists for younger children are also available, either by contacting me or through the school web-site – www.hallgrove.co.uk – go to the Academic section, English, and there are links to all Reading Lists on the right of the page.

Whilst not all of these books are in the school library, many of them *are*; the children should make good use of our library (and other libraries) to look for new authors, to dip into books and to recommend books. If you find errors, feel that there are important omissions, or wish to simply comment on these, please let me know.

It is always worth looking in newspapers, magazines and web-sites for recommended new books. You may find www.lovereading.co.uk and www.lovereading4kids.co.uk (the children's section) useful websites – these have extracts from new books, discounts on books and regular email newsletters to keep you informed. Also recently published is *1001 Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up*, edited by Julia Eccleshare – I've found this sending me back to books I loved as a child, and making new discoveries. It's part of the '1001' series, all interesting lists of recommendations for albums, films, books, buildings and so on.

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Daily and Weekly Publications

The Guardian	broadsheet, daily
The Telegraph	broadsheet, daily, copy in school library
The Times	broadsheet, daily
The Spectator	magazine, weekly – very useful commentary on the week in politics, sport, current affairs, culture

The Economist
New Scientist

Short Stories

Edgar Allan Poe	Murders In The Rue Morgue, The Pit and the Pendulum, many others
Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451, The Martian Chronicles, many others
Isaac Asimov	earlier stories (before 1975), especially robot collections such as I, Robot The Rest of the Robots

Crime Fiction

Arthur Conan Doyle	The Memoirs Of Sherlock
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	Holmes, A Study In Scarlet, The Hound of the Baskervilles, and others
Agatha Christie	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, and others
Georges Simenon	any Maigret books (all quite short – French detective, clear, well-controlled)

Humorous Fiction

Douglas Adams	The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy and others
Robert Rankin	Web Site Story, many others
Tom Holt	Expecting Someone Taller, and others
Jasper Fforde	The Eyre Affair and others

Adventure / Historical Fiction

John Buchan	The 39 Steps
Bernard Cornwell	Sharpe novels
Ian Fleming	any James Bond novels
George Macdonald Fraser	Flashman novels

Year 7

Richard Adams	Watership Down	Beverley Naidoo	Out of Bounds
Joan Aiken	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	William Nicholson	The Wind Singer
Louisa M Alcott	Little Women	Robert O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
Iain M Banks	Feersum Endjinn	Kenneth Oppel	Silverwing
	Consider Phlebas	George Orwell	Animal Farm
Karen Blixen	Out of Africa	Michelle Paver	Wolf Brother and others in
Martin Booth	Music on the Bamboo Radio		Chronicles of Ancient Darkness
Ray Bradbury	The Illustrated Man		series
	Something Wicked This Way	Tamora Pierce	Lioness series
	Comes	Terry Pratchett	Wintersmith
Theresa Breslin	Whispers in the Graveyard,		Discworld series in general – but
	Remembrance		1 st 2 books (The Colour of Magic,
Melvyn Burgess	Kite		The Light Fantastic) are the
John Christopher	Tripods Trilogy	Phillip Reeve	weakest
D Clement-Davies	Fire Bringer	Philip Ridley	Mortal Engines (series)
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl series	Louis Sachar	Scribbleboy
Susan Cooper	The Dark is Rising series	Ian Strachan	Holes
Sharon Creech	Ruby Holler	Robert Swindells	Throwaways
Helen Cresswell	Beachcombers	J R R Tolkien	Thousand Eyes of Night
Gillian Cross	Born of the Sun	Sue Townsend	The Hobbit
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Arthur – The Seeing Stone (4 in	Mark Twain	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole
	series)		The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe		The Adventures of Huckleberry
Charles Dickens	Oliver Twist		Finn
	A Christmas Carol (and other	Cynthia Voigt	The Tillerman Trilogy
	Christmas stories)	Kurt Vonnegut	The Sirens of Titan
Berlie Doherty	Hard Times	Robert Westall	Machine Gunners
Deborah Ellis	Street Child	T H White	The Sword in the Stone – part of
Hans Magnus Enzensberger	Breadwinner	John Wyndham	The Once and Future King
Anne Fine	Number Devil	Benjamin Zephaniah	Chocky
	Madame Doubtfire		Face
	Goggle Eyes		
Nicholas Fisk	The Tulip Touch	<i>Non-fiction and Poetry</i>	
Paul Gallico	Trillions	Hillaire Belloc	Cautionary Verses
Leon Garfield	The Snow Goose	Bill Bryson	Notes from a Small Island
Alan Garner	Smith		Notes from a Big Country
	Elidor		A Short History of Nearly
	The Owl Service		Everything
Alan Gibbons	Shadow of the Minotaur	Gerald Durrell	My Family and Other Animals
William Golding	Lord of the Flies	Anne Frank	The Diary of Anne Frank
Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows		
James Herriot	It Shouldn't Happen To A Vet		
Nigel Hinton	Collision Course		
Anne Holm	I am David		
Nick Hornsby	Fever Pitch		
Anthony Horowitz	Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)		
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea		
Brian Jacques	Redwall series		
Captain W E Johns	The Camels Are Coming		
	other Biggles stories		
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit		
Gary Kilworth	Welkin Weasels series		
Rudyard Kipling	Jungle Book		
Caroline Lawrence	The Roman Mysteries series		
Ursula Le Guin	The Wizard of Earthsea		
C S Lewis	The Screwtape Letters		
Penelope Lively	Astercote		
Jack London	The Call of the Wild		
	White Fang		
Jan Mark	Hairs in the Palm of the Hand		
Anthony Masters	Shark		
Robert Muchamore	Class A		
	Maximum Security		

Year 8

Chinua Achebe	Things Fall Apart	Erich Maria Remarque	The Butterfly Tattoo
Joan Aiken	The Stolen Lake	Chris Ryan	All Quiet on the Western Front
Vivien Alcock	The Trial of Ann Cotman	Alexander Solzhenitsyn	Greed, and others
Louisa M Alcott	Little Women		One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
	Good Wives	John Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath
David Almond	Kit's Wilderness		Of Mice and Men
Kingsley Amis	We Are All Guilty	Robert Louis Stevenson	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice		Dracula
	Mansfield Park	Bram Stoker	The King Arthur Stories
R M Ballantyne	The Coral Island	Rosemary Sutcliffe	Dosh
Jean-Dominique Bauby	The Diving-Bell and the Butterfly	Robert Swindells	The Collected Stories
Tim Bowler	The River Boy	Dylan Thomas	The Lord of the Rings
Charlotte Bronte	Jane Eyre	J R R Tolkien	The Prince and the Pauper
Emily Bronte	Wuthering Heights	Mark Twain	Journey to the Centre of the Earth
Melvyn Burgess	Junk (<i>very good, but not for the faint-hearted, details heroin addiction</i>)	Jules Verne	Homecoming
	Father Brown series	Cynthia Voigt	Slaughterhouse 5
G K Chesterton	2001 A Space Odyssey	Kurt Vonnegut	Billy Liar
Arthur C. Clarke	Fire Bringer	Keith Waterhouse	Scoop
David Clement-Davies	The Chocolate War	Evelyn Waugh	Decline & Fall
Robert Cormier	Sharpe series		The Sword of Honour Trilogy
Bernard Cornwell	Moondial	H G Wells	The Invisible Man
Helen Cresswell	Wolf		War of the Worlds
Gillian Cross	Kiss Kiss	Robert Westall	Break of Dark
Roald Dahl	A Journal of the Plague Year	P G Wodehouse	anything
Daniel Defoe	Moll Flanders	John Wyndham	The Day of the Triffids
	Nicholas Nickleby		The Chrysalids
Charles Dickens	Great Expectations		
	Granny was a Buffer Girl	<i>Non-fiction and Poetry</i>	
Berlie Doherty	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	John Betjeman	Collected Poems
Arthur Conan Doyle	The Three Musketeers	William Blake	Songs of Innocence and Experience
Alexander Dumas	Flour Babies		Mother Tongue
Anne Fine	Hornblower series (historical fiction)	Bill Bryson	My Early Life
C S Forester	Flashman series (historical fiction)	Winston Churchill	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
	Sophie's World	T S Eliot	
George Macdonald Fraser	Caught in the Crossfire		In Search of Schrödinger's Cat
Jostein Gaarder	Pincher Martin	John Gribbin	Almost Everyone's Guide to Science
Alan Gibbons	Far From the Madding Crowd		Round Ireland With A Fridge
William Golding	Wessex Tales	Tony Hawks	Playing The Moldovans At Tennis
Thomas Hardy	I'm the King of the Castle		Selected Poems
	Weather Eye	Ted Hughes	Cider with Rosie
Susan Hill	A High Wind in Jamaica	Laurie Lee	any – travel writing
Lesley Howarth	Brave New World	Dervla Murphy	Fermat's Last Theorem
Richard Hughes	Balloon House	Simon Singh	The Code Book
Aldous Huxley	Kim		Big Bang!
Brian Keaney	Red Sky in the Morning		
Rudyard Kipling	To Kill a Mocking Bird		
Elisabeth Laird	Phantom of the Opera		
Harper Lee	The Grass is Singing		
Gaston Leroux	Diary of a Teenage Health Freak		
Doris Lessing	Missing		
Aidan MacFarlane	The Tricksters		
Catherine MacPhail	A Pack of .Lies		
Margaret Mahy	any		
Gerald McCaughrean	Walkabout		
Andy McNabb	The Pursuit of Love		
James Vance Marshall	Z for Zachariah		
Nancy Mitford	1984		
Robert O'Brien	Cry, The Beloved Country		
George Orwell	Gormenghast		
Alan Paton	Flambards series		
Mervyn Peake	Discworld series		
K M Peyton	Northern Lights series		
Terry Pratchett	The Broken Bridge		
Philip Pullman			