



Recommended reading list for Year 8

(completion of Silver Award)

Shorter books are marked*



Author	Title
Books with a school setting	
Gillian Cross	The Dark Behind the Curtain
Anne Fine	Up on Cloud Nine
Morris Gleitzman	Blabber Mouth*
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Catherine MacPhail	Another Me
J.K. Rowling	“Harry Potter” series
Jacqueline Wilson	How to Survive Summer Camp
Jean Ure	Bossyboots*
Lee Weatherly	Child X
Books featuring sports or animals	
Tim Bowler	Midget
Tony Bradman	Under Pressure
Melvin Burgess	Kite
Michael Coleman	Gruesome Goalkeeping*
Lucy Daniels	“Animal Art” series*
Gerald Durrell	My Family and Other Animals
Anthony Masters	Shark Attack*
Lian Tanner	Rats
Science fiction or fantasy	
Tim Bowler	River Boy
Eoin Colfer	The Wish List
Susan Cooper	Over Sea, Under Stone
Michael Morpurgo	Arthur, High King of Britain*
Terry Pratchett	“Discworld” series
Philip Pullman	Northern Lights
Sally Prue	Cold Tom*
Katherine Roberts	Song Quest
Chris Ryan	Flash Flood
Suspense (murder mysteries and ghost stories)	
For your Silver Award, this task is completed in stages, while you are reading the book. Have a look at the task before you start.	
Malorie Blackman	Hacker
Judy Blume	Tiger Eyes
Theresa Breslin	Saskia’s Journey
Joe Craig	Jimmy Coates: Killer
Berlie Doherty	Deep Secret
Sam Hutton	Meltdown*
Catherine MacPhail	Dark Waters
Margaret Mahy	Operation Terror*
Anthony Masters	Dark Tower*
Lee Weatherly	Missing Abby



A book set in another country

Gillian Cross
Deborah Ellis
Michael Morpurgo
Beverley Naidoo
Chris Ryan
Mildred D. Taylor
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James Watson
Robert Westall
Adeline Yen Mah

The Dark Ground
Parvana's Journey
Waiting for Anya*
Journey to Jo'Berg
Survival*
The Road to Memphis
(Sequel to "Roll of Thunder")
Talking in Whispers
Gulf*
Chinese Cinderella

A historical novel

Berlie Doherty
Sonya Hartnett
Judith Heneghan
Janni Howker
Michelle Magorian
Philip Pullman
Robert Westall
David Wiseman

Children of Winter*
Thursday's Child
Stonecipher
Isaac Campion
Goodnight Mr Tom
The Ruby in the Smoke
A Time of Fire
Thimbles*

Humour

Meg Cabot
Lauren Child
Roald Dahl
Echo Freer
Michael Lawrence
Lemony Snicket
Sue Townsend
Various authors

The Princess Diaries
Clarice Bean Spells Trouble
The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*
Magenta Orange
Killer Underpants*
A Series of Unfortunate Events
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*
"The Knowledge" or "Dead Famous" series*