



KEY STAGE 3 READING LIST

A list of books which will help you choose something you might enjoy,
give you ideas about what to choose next -
challenge yourself to a genre that you wouldn't normally pick.

READ

The amazing power of twenty minutes



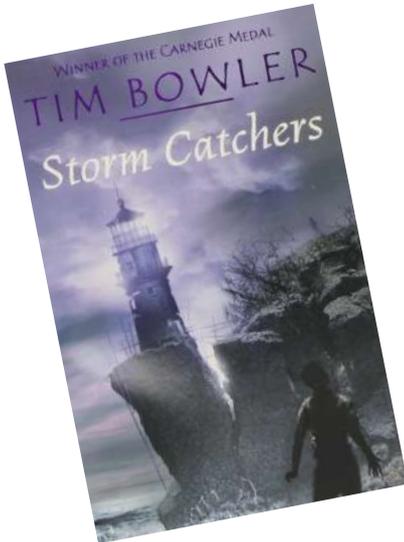
It only takes 20 minutes every day to read
1.8 million words in a year - that's the
same as reading **18** books



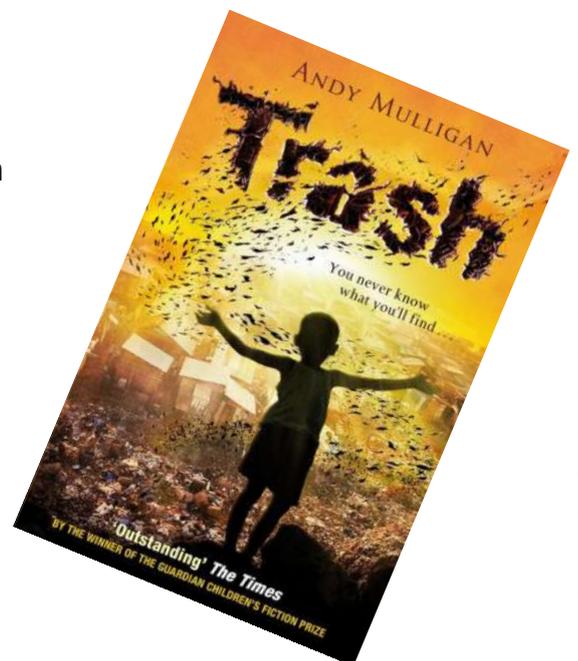
Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school
in **ALL** subjects than those who do not.

Adventure

- ◆ **Exodus** - Julie Bertagna - A quest for survival and a search for a new world.
- ◆ **Hacker** - Malorie Blackman - A computer hacking adventure.



- ◆ **Storm Catchers** - Tim Bowler - Kidnap and mystery.
- ◆ **Millions** - Frank Cottrell Boyce - Adventure & dealing with grief.
- ◆ **Silverfin** - Charlie Higson - James Bond, the original superspy is back, aged 13!
- ◆ **Scorpia** - Anthony Horowitz - The MI6 adventure spy adventure series
- ◆ **Journey to the River Sea** - Eva Ibbotson - An adventure along the Amazon.
- ◆ **Star of Kazan** - Eva Ibbotson - A family mystery.
- ◆ **Thunder and Lightnings** - Jan Mark - An adventure mystery all about planes
- ◆ **Underworld** - Catherine Macphail - A school trip that goes wrong...
- ◆ **Trash** - Andy Mulligan - Three friends find something extraordinary. From that moment on they are hunted without mercy.
- ◆ **Windsinger** - William Nicholson – a rebellious and fast-paced adventure.
- ◆ **Seeker** - William Nicholson – a thrilling, high-octane adventure.
- ◆ **Bridge to Terabithia** - Katherine Patterson - An adventure mystery.
- ◆ **Johnny and the Bomb** - Terry Pratchett - A time travelling adventure!
- ◆ **Brother in the Land** - Robert Swindells – A nuclear attack on earth

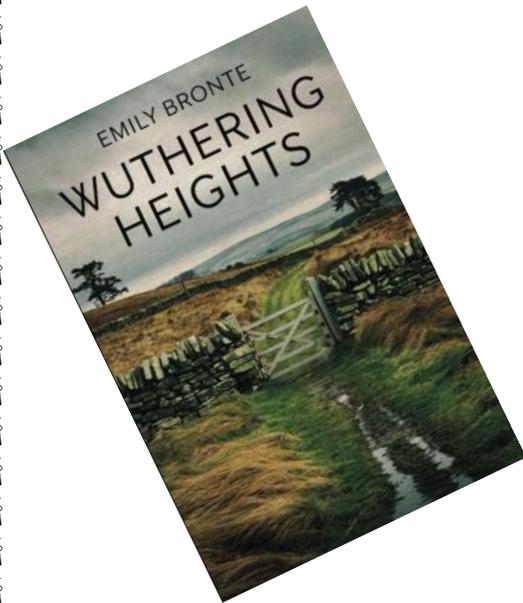


Classic

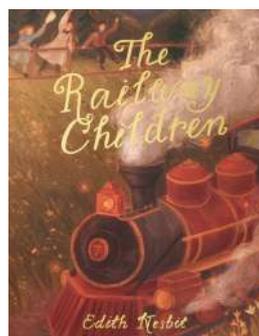
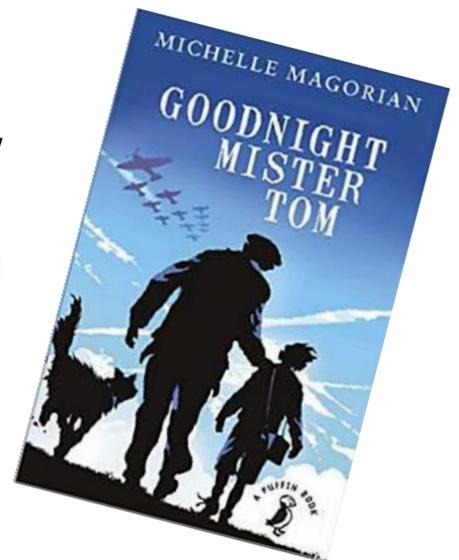
- ◆ **Watership Down** - Richard Adams – A small band of rabbits set out on a perilous journey to find a safe home.
- ◆ **Little Women** - Louisa May Alcott – A family drama following the lives of the March sisters.
- ◆ **Jane Eyre** - Charlotte Bronte – The story of a young girl's passage to adulthood in the early nineteenth century.



- ◆ **Wuthering Heights** - Emily Bronte – A wild, passionate story set on a lonely moorland.
- ◆ **Great Expectations** - Charles Dickens – A gripping drama which opens in an overgrown churchyard on the eerie Kent marshes.
- ◆ **The Secret Garden** - Frances Hodgson-Burnett - An adventure into a secret garden, showing that people can change.
- ◆ **Goodnight Mr Tom** - Michelle Magorian – A long-bereaved old man grudgingly takes London evacuee into his home.



- ◆ **Anne of Green Gables** - L. M. Montgomery -The first of a series of books about an orphan girl and her new life.
- ◆ **Five Children and It** - Edith Nesbit – Five children find a cantankerous sand fairy in a gravel pit.
- ◆ **The Railway Children Edith** - Nesbit – A family move to a house near the railway, after their father is imprisoned having been falsely accused of spying.
- ◆ **Heidi** - Johanna Spyri - Set in Switzerland, a story of friendship and family.

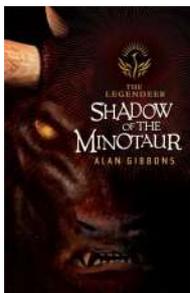


Fantasy

- ◆ **Midget** - Tim Bowler - Unable to speak, but powerful; family conflict
- ◆ **Basilisk** - N. M. Brown - A story of two worlds
- ◆ **The Hunger Games** series - Suzanne Collins –A terrifying and exhilarating thriller!

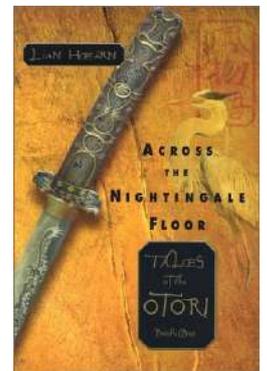


- ◆ **The Dark is Rising** - series Susan Cooper - A series of five books, beginning with 'Over Sea, Under Stone' – a story of a quest
- ◆ **Ingo** - Helen Dunmore - Mermaids and coping with loss
- ◆ **Dark Ground** - Gillian Cross - A boy is forced to survive in a dangerous world with a twist

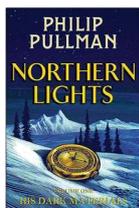


- ◆ **Shadow of the Minotaur** - Alan Gibbons - A gripping, fantasy thriller. Phoenix hates his new home and the new school where he is bullied.

- ◆ **Across the Nightingale Floor** - Liam Hearn - The first of a trilogy - a mystery in the Orient (Grass for his Pillow & Brilliance of the Moon)



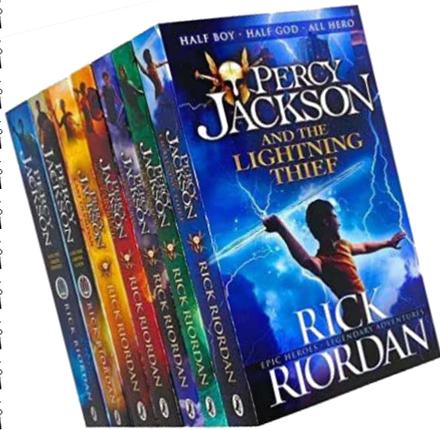
- ◆ **Doomspell** - Cliff McNish - A magical fantasy
- ◆ **The Snow Spider** - Jenny Nimmo - The first of a trilogy (Emlyn's Moon & The Chestnut Soldier) about a boy magician
- ◆ **Tom's Midnight Garden** - Philippa Pearce - A time travelling adventure



- ◆ **Northern Lights** - Philip Pullman – A trilogy exploring authority and other worlds (The Subtle Knife & The Amber Spyglass)



- ◆ **Mortal Engines** - Phillip Reeve - Set in a world where moving cities trawl the globe, Tom and Hester have been thrown out of theirs.



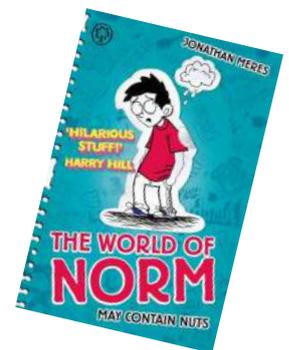
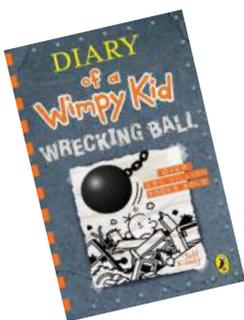
- ◆ **Percy Jackson** - Rick Riordan series - Join the adventures of Percy Jackson and his demigod friends as they fight mythological monsters and the forces of the titan lord Kronos.
- ◆ **Harry Potter** - J. K. Rowling - A series of books about the life of a wizard as he goes through Hogwarts School
- ◆ **Secret Songs** - Jane Stemp - A story of family secrets
- ◆ **Lord of the Rings** - J. R. R. Tolkien - A trilogy about a quest to rid the world of the power of the ring

- ◆ **The Dreamwalker's Child** - Steve Voake - Sam Palmer is knocked off his bike and wakes in Aurobon, a parallel world where insects are used as war machines.
- ◆ **Mirror Dreams** - Catherine Webb - A magical adventure with wizards...

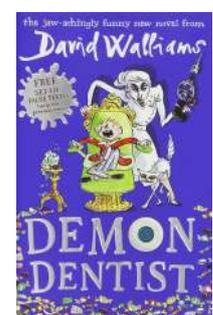


Funny/Humorous

- ◆ **Agent Z** - Mark Haddon - Very funny! Read it and find out...
 - ◆ **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** - Jeff Kinney – A hysterically funny story about a boy who finds himself in ridiculous situations.
 - ◆ **The World of Norm** - Jonathan Meres – A funny, clever book about the hapless 12 year old Norm.
 - ◆ **The Race for the Lost Keystone** - Val Rutt - An amusing adventure story – talking animals, a mad great-aunt...



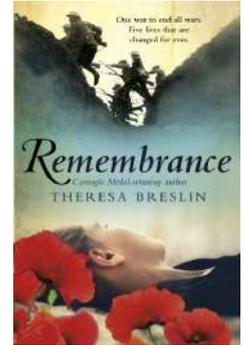
- ◆ **Billionaire Boy** - David Walliams – The story of a boy with a billion pounds and not a single friend!
- ◆ **Demon Dentist** - David Walliams – Full of mad characters and hilarious jokes, this is the thriller for you!
- ◆ **Mr Stink** - David Walliams - An original, touching, twisted, and most of all hilarious novel



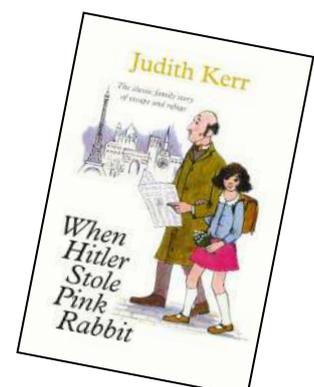
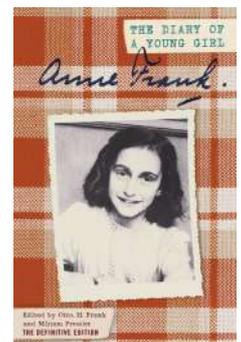
- ◆ **Ratburger** - David Walliams – A screamingly funny novel about a little girl called Zoe and the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers who is after her pet rat!
- ◆ **The Boy in the Dress** - David Walliams – Charming and surprising, the story of a boy called Dennis who is a little different!

Historical

- ◆ **Carrie's War** - Nina Bawden - Evacuation & adventure during WW2
- ◆ **PoW** - Martin Booth - A novel of conflict and adventure.
- ◆ **Kezzie** - Theresa Breslin - Mining and transportation...
- ◆ **Remembrance** - Theresa Breslin - The story of two families in WW1.
- ◆ **King of Shadows** - Susan Cooper - A time travel adventure into the world of Shakespeare
- ◆ **Arthur and the Seeing Stone** - Kevin Crossley-Holland - The first of a trilogy set in Medieval England (Arthur at the Crossing Places & King of the Middle March)



- ◆ **The Kin** - Peter Dickinson - A historical family adventure
- ◆ **Children of Winter** - Berlie Doherty - Set in Eyam – a village isolated by the plague in the 1600s
- ◆ **Street Child** - Berlie Doherty - The story behind the foundation of Dr Barnado's children's homes
- ◆ **The Diary of Anne Frank / Diary of a Young Girl** - Anne Frank - The diary of a Jewish girl in hiding during WW2
- ◆ **Coram Boy** - Jamilla Gavin - Orphans, the Coram Hospital, Slaves...
- ◆ **Changeling** - Philippa Gregory – The year is 1453 and all signs point to it being the end of the world.
- ◆ **Stars of Fortune** - Cynthia Harnett - What happened when Elizabeth I was imprisoned by Mary I?
- ◆ **I Am David** - Ann Holm - A journey from imprisonment
- ◆ **When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** - Judith Kerr - A humorous adventure story from WW2



Friendships and Relationships

- ◆ **Blubber** - Judy Blume - Bullying and family issues

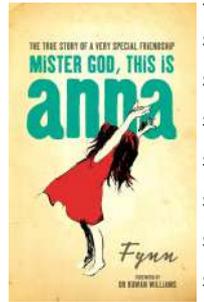


- ◆ **Are you there God? It's me, Margaret** - Judy Blume - Friendship & growing up; thoughts about God and the world.

- ◆ **Summer Dream** - Cathy Cassidy – The more Summer tried to find perfection, the more lost she becomes.

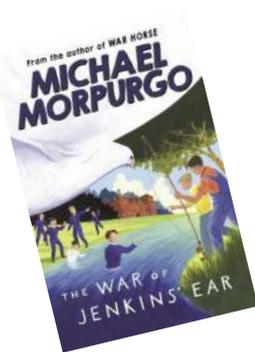
- ◆ **Flour Babies** - Anne Fine - Parenting and family values

- ◆ **Mister God, This is Anna** - Fynn - A conversation about life and the universe - an interesting story about a girls' experiences as she grows up.



- ◆ **Girl Missing** Sophie Mackenzie- Lauren has always known she has been adopted but is it possible she was snatched from an American family at birth?

- ◆ **Double Image** - Pat Moon- Coping with loss and mental health issues



- ◆ **Daughter** - Isobel Moore - The life of a young girl caring for a mother with Alzheimer's Disease

- ◆ **The War of Jenkins' Ear** - Michael Morpurgo - Boarding school, acceptance and the question of belief.

- ◆ **Why The Whales Came** - Michael Morpurgo- Dealing with death, separation, prejudice...a beautifully told story

- ◆ **Sisterland** - Linda Newbery- A parallel story between WW2 and the present

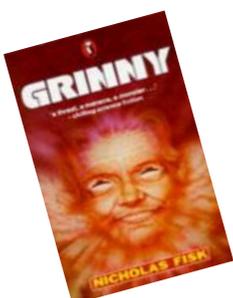
- ◆ **Stop Pretending** - Sonya Sones- An unusual collection of poems exploring the feelings of a girl whose sister suffers from mental illness

- ◆ **Best Friends** - Jacqueline Wilson – A delightfully touching and entertaining story.

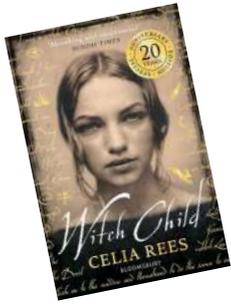


Science Fiction

- ◆ **Grinny** - Nicholas Fiske - An alien great aunt – a humorous read!



- ◆ **Hybrids** - David Thorpe - A thrilling sci-fi novel set in the believable near

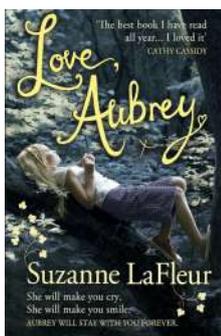
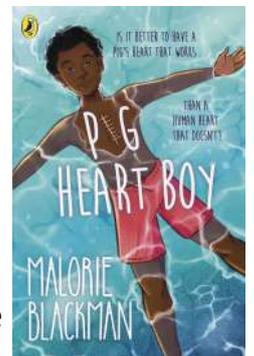


- ◆ **Witch Child** - Celia Rees- Sixteenth century witch hunts - a horror mystery
- ◆ **The Silver Sword** - Ian Serraillier - A journey to escape from attack during the WW2

- ◆ **Last Train from Kummersdorf** - Lesley Wilson - Consider the events of the WW2 from the perspective of two young Germans.

Emotional and thought-provoking

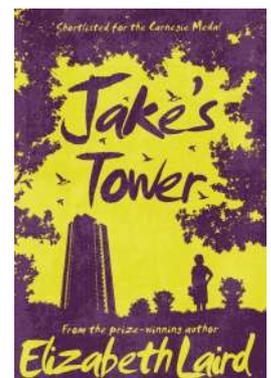
- ◆ **My Name Is Mina** - David Almond – a thought-provoking and extraordinary prequel to 'Skellig.'
- ◆ **Soundtrack** - Julie Bertagna - Dealing with grief and loss
- ◆ **Pig-Heart Boy** - Malorie Blackman - Heart transplant, animal rights, life and death.
- ◆ **Noughts & Crosses** - Malorie Blackman - Issues of racism and prejudice from a different perspective. First of a trilogy (Knife Edge & Checkmate).
- ◆ **Walk Two Moons** - Sharon Creech - Dealing with grief and family life, with a mystery unfolding
- ◆ **Refugee Boy** - Benjamin Zephaniah - Story of a young Ethiopian boy , whose parents abandon him in London to save his life.



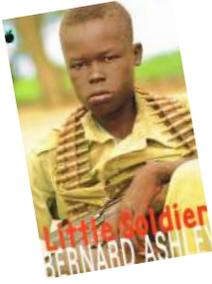
- ◆ **Goggle Eyes** - Anne Fine - Living with separated parents / divorce
- ◆ **Love Aubrey** - Suzanne LaFleur - A young girl recovering from the tragedy of losing her father and sister in an automobile accident, and from the confusion of being abandoned by her grieving mother.

- ◆ **Inventing Elliot** - Graham Garner - Bullying
- ◆ **The Edge** - Alan Gibbons- A boy and his mother escape from a life of fear in an abusive relationship

- ◆ **Red Sky in the Morning** - Elizabeth Laird - The impact of having a disabled baby brother.
- ◆ **Jake's Tower** - Elizabeth Laird - Step families / abuse
- ◆ **My Sister Lives On The Mantelpiece** - Annabel Pitcher - The story of a young boy's struggle to make sense of the loss that tore his family apart.



Stories from other cultures



- ◆ **Little Soldier** - Bernard Ashley - Bullying, family, racism
- ◆ **The Alchemist** - Paul Coelho - The story of a boy's quest for the Elixir of Life. Very philosophical.
- ◆ **Pavana's Journey & Mud City** - Deborah Ellis - Life in Afghanistan under the Taliban - The first of three books -

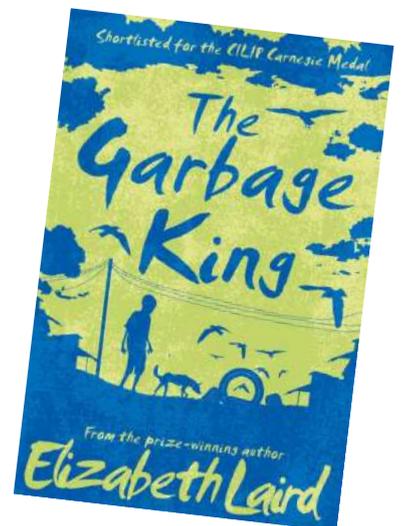
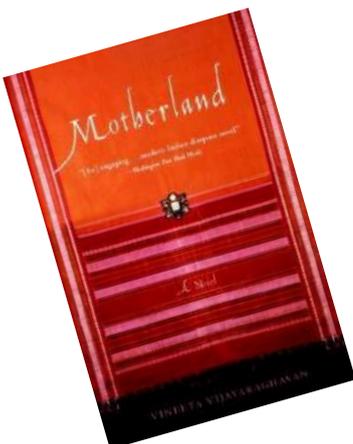
- ◆ **Daughter of the Wind** - Suzanne Fisher-Staples Issues facing a Muslim desert girl.
- ◆ **Under the Persimmon Tree** - Suzanne Fisher-Afghanistan under the Taliban
- ◆ **Lost for Words** - Elizabeth Lutzeier - Moving to England
- ◆ **The Other Side of Truth** - Beverley Naidoo - Refugees and immigration. Also read the sequel – **'Web of Lies'**.
- ◆ **Zlata's Diary** - Zlata Filipovic - A diary from war torn Eastern Europe
- ◆ **Thura's Diary** - Thura Al-Windawi - A diary from war torn Iraq
- ◆ **AK** - Peter Dickinson - The story of a boy soldier



- ◆ **White Stranger** - Susan Gates- How do we view the values and morals of people from different backgrounds and cultures?
- ◆ **The Wheel of Surya** - Jamilla Gavin- The first in a trilogy about a life between India and the UK and the conflicting cultures (The Eye of the Horse & Track of the Wind)
- ◆ **The Garbage King** - Elizabeth Laird- Street children in South Africa
- ◆ **No Turning Back** - Beverley Naidoo- Street children in South Africa

- ◆ **Out of Bounds** - Beverley Naidoo - A collection of short stories - one from each decade of Apartheid, showing the gradual process of change in South Africa

- ◆ **Motherland** - Vijayaraghavan - The story of a girl sent to India to explore possibilities for an arranged marriage.



The Principles of Reciprocal Reading

Predict



Use clues from the text or illustrations to predict what will happen next.

- * I think...because...
- * I predict...because...
- * I suppose...because....
- * I think I will learn...because...

Question



Ask questions as you read.

Ask some questions that have answers in the text.

Use the question words: *Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? and What if?*

Try asking some questions that can be inferred (worked out) by looking for clues in the text.

Clarify



How can you figure out a difficult word or idea in the text?

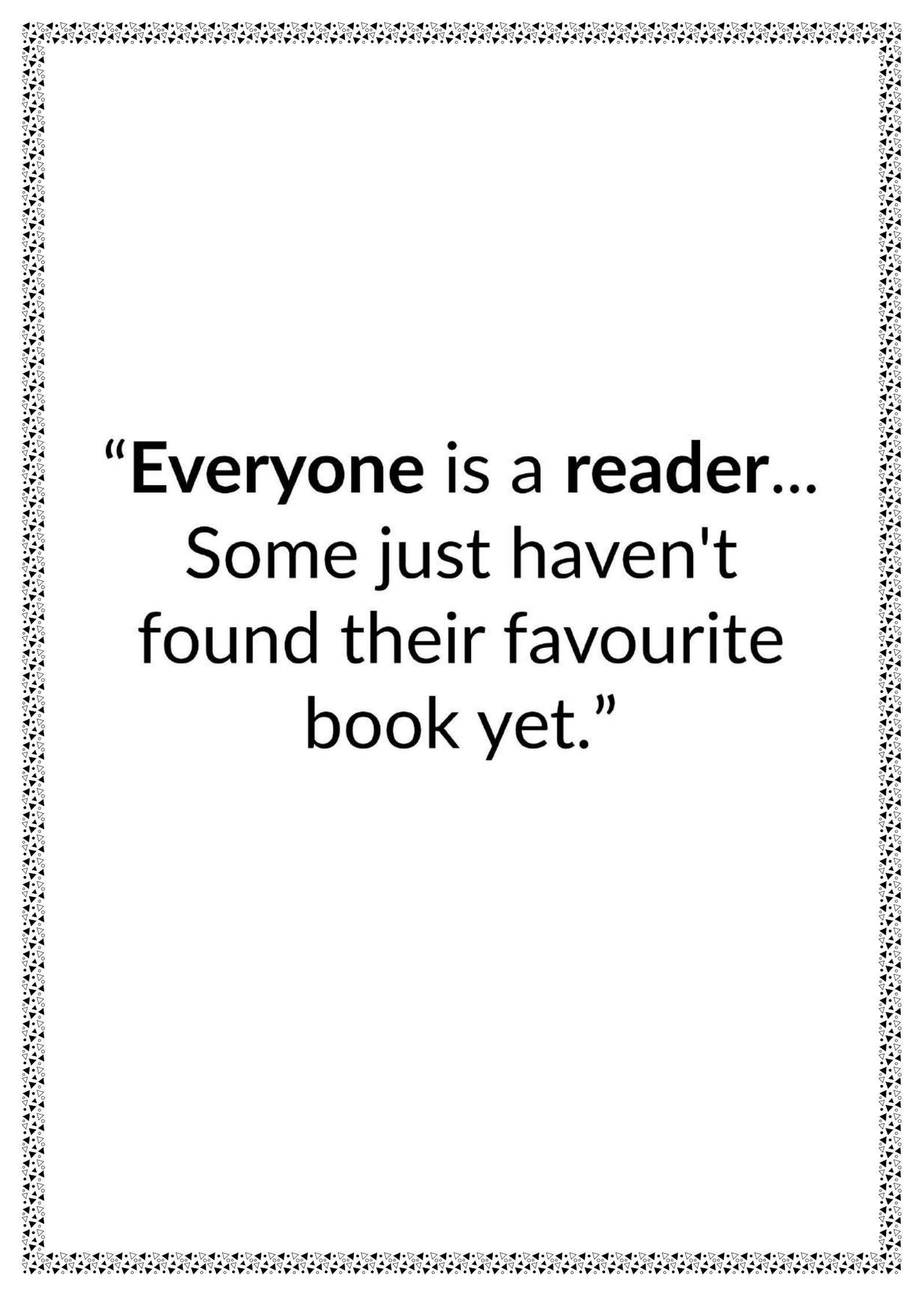
- * Try sounding it out.
- * Try breaking it down. Reread and read ahead to see if you can work it out.
- * Think of another word that might fit
- * Think about what would make sense.
- * Talk to a friend, or look it up in the dictionary or on the internet.

Summarise



Using your own words, sum up the main ideas from the text in order.

- * This text is about...
- * This part is about... First... next... in the last paragraph...
- * Then...
- * Finally...



**“Everyone is a reader...
Some just haven't
found their favourite
book yet.”**