

Year 7 Recommended Reading List

All of the books on this list are recommended by Mr Johnston, Mr Banks and the English Teachers. These books have been ranked according to reading level, but anybody can read any book in this list. They are all in the LRC and on Accelerated Reader. See which level matches you the list below

Key:

Anything in Orange - I am a confident reader and enjoy books

Anything in Blue - I am a competent reader, but I don't like thick books

Anything in Green - I struggle with some words and don't really enjoy books

Fantasy

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| The Hobbit | J.R.R Tolkein | This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces readers to the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. |
| Skellig | David Almond | An unusual being enters the life of Michael, a boy whose family has moved into a new house and whose baby sister is gravely ill. Michael's loneliness and isolation lead to a special friendship with the being called Skellig. |
| The Weirdstone of Brisingamen | Alan Garner | The Weirdstone of Brisingamen is lost and the forces of evil are closing in. Colin and Susan realise that they are the key to its return, but how can they defeat the powerful magic of the Morrigan and her deadly brood? |
| The Graveyard book | Neil Gaiman | Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and lives in a graveyard. |
| You Killed Me | Keith Gray | When Toby makes a careless mistake, a ghost shows up and reveals the consequences of his actions. |
| Artemis Fowl | Eoin Colfer | Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind. But even he doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy. These fairies are armed and they are dangerous. |
| His Dark Materials | Phillip | Three fantasy books, Set against the dreaming spires of Jordan College and the dangerous wilderness of the frozen north, <i>His Dark Materials</i> trilogy offers an intoxicating blend of |

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| Series | Pullman | imagination, science, theology and adventure. A must for any Harry Potter fans. |
| Inheritance Cycle Series | Christopher Paolini | The Inheritance cycle is the unforgettable saga of one boy, one dragon, and a world of adventure. When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. |
| Historical | | |
| Codename Verity | Elizabeth Wein | In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can. |
| Tarka the otter | Henry Williamson | This classic story of an otter living in the Devon countryside captures the feel of life in the wild as seen through the otter's own eyes. |
| The Jungle Book | Rudyard Kipling | .This is the story of Mowgli, the boy raised by wolves in the jungle |
| The Lie Tree | Frances Hardinge | When Faith's father dies under mysterious circumstances it is up to her to uncover the truth with the help of one of her father's plants: a tree that feeds on lies. Set in the 19th century. |
| Five Children on the western front | Kate Saunders | The Great War begin's in earnest, and Cyril was off to fight. And for the first time in years, the magical Psammead appeared at the bottom of the garden. This is a follow-up to E. Nesbit's Five Children and It. A nominee for many awards. |
| Call of the Wild | Jack | Rugged outdoor story of the sled dog, Buck, who was mistreated by his master and broke |

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| | London | free to roam the Alaskan wilderness. |
| Respect - The Walter Tull Story | Michaela Morgan | The true story of Walter Tull, an orphan who, as well as being a great footballer, becomes the first black British army officer. |
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| Funny | | |
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| Framed | Frank Cottrell-Boyce | Dylan Hughes's dad leaves home and, overnight, Dylan must become the man of the household and boss of the failing family business. Dylan has never been interested in art before, but a valuable masterpiece might be just what they need. |
| Wed Wabbit | Lissa Evans | Don't be fooled by the cutesy title. Fidge is a clever, cynical 11 year old who is flung into the world of her little sister Minnie's favourite story - the world of the Wimbley Woos. This book is seriously laugh out loud funny |
| Georges Marvellous medicine | Roald Dahl | What's the best cure for the meanest grandmother in the world? George creates a fierce and fantastic bubbling brew, the perfect medicine. |
| Demolition Dad | Phil Earle | Jake and his dad have a secret. By day Dad knocks down buildings, but by night he's a wrestler. After several successful fights, Jake has a plan that could turn Dad into a global superstar. |
| Skulduggery Pleasant Series | Derek Landy | Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out. |

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| Scream Street Series | Tommy Donbavand | Luke Watson: a regular teen apart from where he lives, a place where surfer-dude zombies, sarcastic vampires, martial arts mummies, glamorous witches and just plain-bad monsters put a whole new spin on community spirit. |
| How to Train Your Dragon Series | Cressida Cowell | Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was a truly extraordinary Viking Hero. Warrior chieftain, awesome sword-fighter and amateur naturalist, he was known throughout Vikingdom as 'the Dragon Whisperer', on account of his amazing power over these terrifying beasts, but it wasn't always like that... |
| Adventure | | |
| Dead mans cove | Lauren St John | When Laura is sent to live with her estranged uncle, she gets involved in lots of exciting adventures. Like a modern Enid Blyton book |
| Awesome | Pete Johnson | Things get out of control when Ben convinces everyone at school he is a famous TV star. |
| Wasted | L.A. Weatherley | Luke's mum has problems with alcohol. One day things get really bad and Luke needs to leave, fast. Will he survive on the streets? |
| The Wall | William Sutcliffe | In an isolated town that closely resembles the West Bank, thirteen-year-old Joshua discovers his world may not be at it seems, his people may be aggressors rather than the victims and he must forge his own sense of right and wrong. |

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| The Gun | Bali Rai | Jonas finds a gun on the estate but makes a big mistake when he not only keeps it, but shows his friends. |
| Bloodline | Kevin Brooks | Finbar is having his normal monthly visit at his dad's when a beautiful stranger bursts into the house with a gun and a bag full of cash. The police surround the house and the stage is set for a finale to keep you guessing right up until the end. |
| The Medusa Project Series | Sophie McKenzie | Fourteen years ago, scientist William Fox implanted four babies with the Medusa gene - a gene for psychic abilities. But Fox died and the babies were hidden away for years. Now the children are teenagers - and unaware that their psychic powers are about to kick in. |

Authors to read

These authors write for all levels of reader, if you need help picking a book, just ask Mr Johnston in the LRC

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| Jacqueline Wilson | | This author has written, amongst others, The Tracey Beaker and Hetty Feather series. She has sold over 40 million books in the UK alone |
| Michael Morpurgo | | A highly popular author who has won pretty much every prize going. He has published nearly 300 books including War Horse and Private Peaceful. |
| Robin Stevens | | A new author who has written the Wells and Wong mysteries |
| Malorie Blackman | | The author of the acclaimed noughts and crosses series |
| Robert Muchamore | | Author of the Cherub and Henderson's Boys books, great for boys |

