

## British School of Washington

### Recommended Reading for Years 7 – 9(Key Stage 3)

The selection below represents an inevitably subjective choice. They are all books which I have enjoyed and/or have seen others of this age enjoy. I have now divided the list into fiction and non-fiction items. Many are available in the School Library or will be shortly. Other works by the same writer may be equally suitable.

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Authors marked with a \* are amongst those recommended in the National Curriculum (England) lists of prescribed or suggested writers.

Author	Works
Achebe, Chinua *	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down, Plague Dogs, Shardik</i>
Asimov, Isaac	<i>I, Robot</i>
Austen, Jane *	<i>Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Northanger Abbey</i>
Ballard, J.G. *	<i>Empire of the Sun</i>
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451, The Martian Chronicles</i>
Bronte, Charlotte *	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Bronte, Emily *	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>
Buchan, John	<i>The Thirty Nine Steps, Greenmantle</i>
Chandler, Raymond	<i>The Big Sleep, Farewell My Lovely</i>
Collins, Wilkie *	<i>The Moonstone, The Woman in White</i>
Conan Doyle, Arthur *	<i>The Sherlock Holmes Stories, The Lost World</i>
Conrad, Joseph *	<i>Heart of Darkness, Lord Jim, The Secret Agent</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Crichton, Michael	<i>Jurassic Park, The Andromeda Strain</i>
Defoe, Daniel *	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Tales of the Unexpected, Henry Sugar, Danny the Champion of the World</i>
Deighton, Len	<i>Bomber, The Ipcress File, SS-GB</i>
Dickens, Charles *	<i>Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities, Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol</i>
Dickinson, Peter	<i>A.K.</i>
Du Maurier, Daphne	<i>Rebecca, Jamaica Inn, The Birds</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Three Musketeers, The Count of Monte Cristo</i>
Fleming, Ian	<i>Dr. No, From Russia with Love, Diamonds are Forever, Moonraker,</i>
Forsyth, Frederick	<i>The Day of the Jackal</i>
Garner, Alan	<i>The Owl Service, The Weirdstone of Brisingamen</i>
Golding, William *	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>
Hammett, Dashiell	<i>The Maltese Falcon</i>
Hardy, Thomas *	<i>Far From the Madding Crowd, Tess of the d'Urbervilles, The Mayor of Casterbridge</i>
Harris, Robert	<i>Fatherland, Enigma, Archangel</i>

Heinlein, Robert	<i>Starship Troopers, Stranger in a Strange Land</i>
Hill, Susan *	<i>The Woman in Black, I'm the King of the Castle, Strange Meeting</i>
Hines, Barry	<i>A Kestrel for a Knave</i>
Hoban, Russell	<i>Riddley Walker</i>
Household, Geoffrey	<i>Rogue Male</i>
Howker, Janni	<i>The Nature of the Beast</i>
James, M.R.	<i>Ghost Stories</i>
Joyce, James *	<i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Dubliners</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Le Guin, Ursula	<i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i>
Macleane, Alistair	<i>H.M.S. Ulysses</i>
Mahfouz, Naguib	<i>The Cairo Trilogy</i>
Meade Falkner, J.	<i>Moonfleet</i>
Monsarrat, Nicholas	<i>The Cruel Sea</i>
Orwell, George *	<i>Animal Farm, Nineteen Eighty Four</i>
Rowling, J.K.	<i>The Harry Potter Novels</i>
Peake, Mervyn	<i>Titus Groan, Gormenghast, Titus Alone</i>
Poe, Edgar Allan	<i>Tales of Mystery and Imagination</i>
Salinger, J.D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>
Scott Fitzgerald, F.	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Sewell, Anna	<i>Black Beauty</i>
Shelley, Mary *	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Spark, Muriel	<i>The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie</i>
Steinbeck, John *	<i>Of Mice and Men, The Grapes of Wrath</i>
Stevenson, Robert Louis *	<i>Treasure Island, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Kidnapped</i>
Stoker, Bram	<i>Dracula</i>
Sutcliffe, Rosemary	<i>The Eagle of the Ninth</i>
Swindells, Robert	<i>Brother in the Land</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Lord of the Rings</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
Townsend, Sue	<i>The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole</i>
Vance Marshall, James	<i>Walkabout</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Journey to the Centre of the Earth, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>
Wells, H.G. *	<i>The Time Machine, The Invisible Man, The First Men in the Moon, The Island of Dr. Moreau, The War of the Worlds</i>
White, Antonia	<i>Frost in May</i>
Wodehouse, P.G.	<i>The Jeeves Books</i>
Wyndham, John	<i>The Day of the Triffids, The Midwich Cuckoos, The Kraken Wakes, The Chrysalids</i>

### Non Fiction

Bauby, Jean-Dominique	<i>The Diving Bell and the Butterfly</i>
Brittain, Vera	<i>Testament of Youth</i>
Bryson, Bill	<i>A Walk in the Woods, Notes from a Small Island, The Lost Continent</i>
Cobbett, William	<i>Rural Rides</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy, Going Solo</i>
Durrell, Gerald	<i>My Family and Other Animals</i>

Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Geldof, Bob	<i>Is That It?</i>
Gordon, George (Lord Byron)	<i>Letters</i>
Herr, Michael	<i>Dispatches</i>
Herriott, James	<i>All Creatures Great and Small, It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet</i>
James, Clive	<i>Unreliable Memoirs</i>
Keats, John	<i>Letters</i>
Keegan, John	<i>A History of Warfare, The Mask of Command, The Face of Battle</i>
Leigh Fermor, Patrick	<i>A Time of Gifts, Between the Woods and the Water</i>
Lee, Laurie	<i>Cider with Rosie, As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning, A Moment in War</i>
Newby, Eric	<i>Slowly Down the Ganges, A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush, Love and War in the Appenines</i>
Orwell, George	<i>Down and Out in Paris and London, Homage to Catalonia</i>
Sassoon, Siegfried	<i>Memoirs of an Infantry Officer</i>
Theroux, Paul	<i>Riding the Iron Rooster, The Great Railway Bazaar</i>
Thubron, Colin	<i>Behind the Wall, Among the Russians</i>
Waugh, Evelyn	<i>When the Going Was Good</i>