

## Ryecroft Recommends

### KS3 Reads

Our aim is to develop children's love of reading. This list provides a range of genres and difficulties. Many of these titles are available in our school library.

### Fiction

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams  
Watership Down by Richard Adams  
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken  
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman  
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman  
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte  
Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton  
Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins  
Sherlock Holmes Series by Arthur Conan Doyle  
Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge  
The Graveyard Book by Nick Gaiman  
The Woman in Black by Susan Hill  
A Kestrel for a Knave by Barry Hines  
The Flame Trees of Thika by Elspeth Huxley  
Sawbones by Catherine Johnson  
Kick by Mitch Johnson  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle  
The Giver by Lois Lowry  
One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus  
The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo  
War House by Michael Morpurgo  
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness  
The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness  
Animal Farm by George Orwell  
Becoming Muhammed Ali by Alexander Patterson  
Discworld series by Terry Pratchett

Northern Lights Series by Phillip Pullman

Mortal Engines by Phillip Reeve

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Dracula by Bram Stoker

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

The Secret Diary of Adrien Mole Series by Sue Townsend

Raspberries on the Yangtze by Karen Wallace

Uglies by Scott Westerfield

The Illustrated Mum by Jacqueline Wilson

The Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

### Poetry

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

Poetry for Young People by Maya Angelou

Homer's Iliad and Odyssey retold by Gillian Cross

Collected narrative poems by Edgar Allan Poe

Collected Sonnets by William Shakespeare

### Non-fiction

Horrible Science Series by Nick Arnold

Boy by Roald Dahl

Horrible Histories Series by Terry Deary

Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

George's Secret Key To The Universe by Lucy & Stephen Hawking

Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives by Rachel Ignotofsky

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers by Rachel Ignotofsky

Where Once We Stood by Christopher Riley

Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson

Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah

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