

Book Recommendations for Year 8+

Author	Book Title	Description
Douglas Adams	The Hitchhiker's guide to the Galaxy	first in a comedy science trilogy
Richard Adams	The Plague Dogs	animal adventure
R.M Ballantyne	The Coral Island	story of shipwreck & pirates
Stan Barstow	Joby	thought provoking social comment
Paul Brickhall	The Dam Busters	true WWII story
Anne Cassidy	Looking for JJ	mystery
Gillian Cross	Tightrope	thriller
Arthur Conan Doyle	The Hound of Baskervilles	classic Sherlock Holmes mystery
Anne Fine	Goggle Eyes	family drama set during the anti nuclear protests of the 1980s
Anne Fine	Madame Doubtfire	young adult story
Anne Fine	The Tulip Touch	raises questions of morality & accountability
Jamila Gavin	Coram Boy	historical fiction set in 18th century
William Golding	Lord of the Flies	modern classic allegorical novel
Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	mystery
Susan Hill	I'm King of the Castle	persecution, punishment,exploitation explored in this novel
Susan Hill	The Woman in Black	ghost story
Barry Hine	Kestral for a Knave	modern classic story of a boy and his kestral
S.E Hinton	The Outsiders	story of gangs & growing up
Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden	spellbinding story set in early 1900s
Anne Holm	I am David	story of escape from a concentration camp
Elsbeth Huxley	The Flame Trees of Thika	autobiography set in Africa
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the Sea	exotic adventure story
Paul Jennings	Unbearable	8 weird and wonderful short stories
Elizabeth Laird	Welcome to Nowhere	story of life during the Syrian civil war
Lois Lowry	The Giver	dystopian novel
Margaret Mahy	The Haunting	scary novel
Robert O'Brien	Z for Zachariah	post-apocalyptic science-fiction novel
George Orwell	Animal Farm	allegory of the Russian Communist revolution
Katherine Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia	adventure/tragedy
K.M Peyton	Flambards	horsey book set in early 1900s
Meg Rosoff	How I Live Now	book of survival and teenage love
Louis Sachar	Small Steps	sequel to 'Holes'
John Steinbeck	Of Mice and Men	novella set in the Great Depression
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island	classic seafaring/pirate adventure
G.P Taylor	Shadowmancer	atmospheric fantasy/allergorical novel
John Wyndham	The Day of the Triffids	fantasy adventure
Adeline Yen Mah	Chinese Cinderella	story of girls personal struggle to find acceptance

Books recently shortlisted for the Carnegie Prize for Children's Literature

Author	Book Title	Description
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth	very funny science fiction
Sarah Crossen	One	moving story with savage twist 12+
Zana Fraillon	The Bone Sparrow	evocative & moving & heartfelt
Frances Hardinge	The Lie Tree	mystery/fantasy set in Victorian Britain 13+
Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock	The Smell of Other People's Houses	historical fiction set in Alaska
Nick Lake	There Will be Lies	dark and otherworldly youg adult novel
Glenda Millard	The Stars at Oktober Bend	poignant story of two traumatized teens
Patrick Ness	The Rest of Us Just Live Here	zany & funny young adult book
Mal Peet with Meg Rosoff	Beck	sweeping coming-of-age adventure
Philip Reeve	Railhead	a must read for all sci-fi fans
Kate Saunders	Five Children on the Western Front	sequel to Five Children & It 11+
Marcus Sedgwick	The Ghosts of Heaven	mesmerising & mysterious
Robin Talley	Lies We Tell Ourselves	story set in civil rights movement 1959
Jenny Valentine	Fire Colour One	grief, angst & emotional fire