

Recommended Authors for Reluctant Readers

Colored coded genres:

Action/ adventure

Harsh Reality/ futuristic

Life, Love, Friendship and Families

Laugh Out Loud



Adam Blade - *Beast Quest*

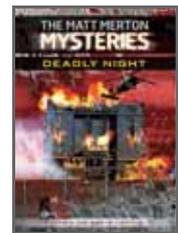
Popular adventure series for boys aged 10-13.

Malorie Blackman– *Noughts and Crosses*

Exciting and challenging writer for teenagers. This book is set in a fictional, racist world.

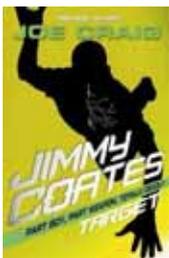
Paul Blum - *Matt Merton Mysteries*

Science fiction books, ideal for boys aged 10-14.



Frank Colyer Boyce- *Millions*

What would you do if a massive bag of money landed in your lap? *Millions* follows Damian and Anthony as they become involved in a train robbery.



John Boyne – *The Boy with the striped pajamas'*

See World War II through the innocent eyes of eight year old Bruno.

Joe Craig - *Jimmy Coates Series*

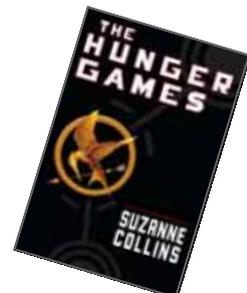
An eleven year old boy discovers that he has strange powers. Action packed books for boys.

Erin Colfer – *Artemis Fowl*

Colfer describes his books as "*Die Hard* with fairies"; don't be fooled by the fairy subject matter – Artemis Fowl is a criminal mastermind.

Suzanne Collins - *The Hunger Games*

Teenagers are annually entered into a *Big Brother* style competition, where they are forced to fight to each other death. The plot will grab you with twists and turns.



Roald Dahl – *Danny the Champion of the World - Boy*

A favourite British author, Dahl's writing will make students of any age smile.

Lucy Daniels - *Animals Ark*

Series of animal stories suitable for younger girls.



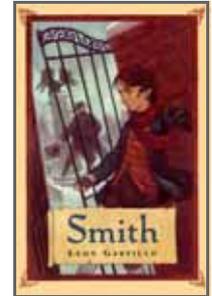
Terry Deary - *Horrible Histories*

These books are great for students who are interested in facts given in a humorous and accessible form.

Other Series - *Horrible Geography, Horrible Science, Murderous Maths, Dreadful Drama*

Leon Garfield – *Smith* *Jack Holborn*

Historical fictional adventures set in eighteenth century London and on a pirate ship.



Maurice Gleizman – *Once/ Now/ Then/ After* *Adults*

The 'Once' series is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in during World War II. This is powerful writing from an innocent child's point of view.

Michael Grant – *Gone*

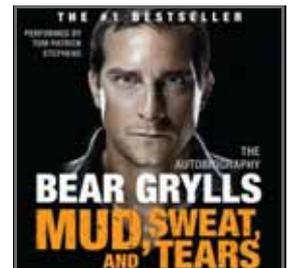
Suddenly there are no adults, what would you do? Fifteen year old Sam and Astrid try to solve the questions in this world without rules.

Bear Grylls - *Mud, Sweat and Tears*

Bear Grylls is well known for his survival adventures. This is a great book for any one interested in mountaineering or sports as he tells the story of his action packed life.

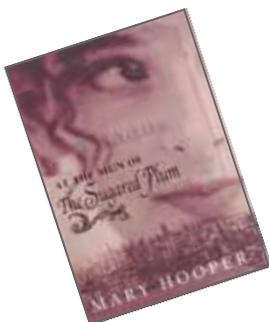
Mark Haddon – *Curious incident of the Dog in the nighttime*

Christopher Boone is fifteen and has aspergers syndrome. When Christopher finds a neighbours' dog murdered he undertakes the investigation, which changes his life significantly. Suitable for students aged 15+



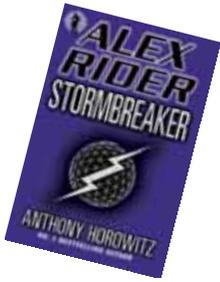
Chalie Higson – *The Young James Bond Series (start with SilverFin)*

These popular books are full of action and all that is expected of an extension of the legend that is James Bond.



Mary Hooper – *At The Sign of the Sugared Plum*

This is fantastic historical fiction for students aged 11-14. Set in 1665, Hannah is full of excitement for her trip to London to work with her sister in her sweet shop. However, things are not as she imagines as the Plague is taking hold of the city.



Anthony Horowitz – Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)

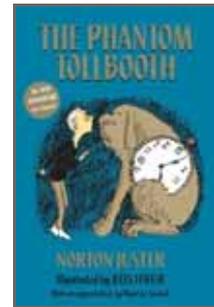
Alex Rider is recruited by the British Secret Service after his guardian is mysteriously killed. Exciting adventure stories for boys 10-13.

Rick Riordan - Percy Jackson Series

Fast paced adventures about a school boy who finds out that he is the son of a Greek God. These books are action pack ancient Greek tales, great for boys aged 11-14.

Norton Juster – The Phantom Tollbooth

This book is said to be Alice in Wonderland updated. Fantasy adventures for younger students.



Gene Kemp – The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler

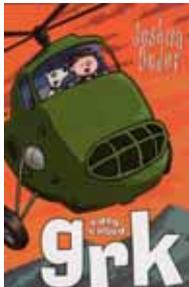
This book follows the mishaps of two good friends, Tyke and Danny. This has a great storyline for younger students.

Jeff Kinney - Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Greg has to write a journal about his life at Junior High. This series is very popular and all ages of students will find them funny.

Clive King - Stig of the Dump

Barney is a lonely boy who often wonders off on his own. During one walk he falls into a chalk pit and finds a cave man. This story follows their friendship and how they change.



Josh Lacey – The Grk Books

When Tim finds an abandoned dog called Grk he finds himself on an adventure in Stanislavia as he tried to return the dog to the rightful owner. Great for younger students.

Derek Landy - Skullduggery Pleasant (series)

Exciting horror fiction for students aged 10-14.



Penelope Lively - The Ghost of Thomas Kempe

James and his family have moved to a new cottage where strange things have begun to happen, and he keeps getting the blame for them! But it's not him, it's the ghost of Thomas Kempe...

Eden Maguires – The Iron Witch

This is one for the girls into the vampire romance genre. Seventeen year old Donna gets called a freak at school because of her iron tattoos, in this book she comes to learn of her role in the war against the dark elves.

Chris Mould - Something Wickedly Weird Series

Adventure series for younger students. Full of travels, pirates and spooky twists.





Micheal Morpurgo – *War Horse*

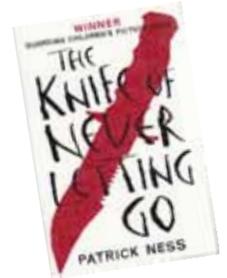
Morpurgo is a very popular writer; he has many titles for children. *War Horse* tells the story of one horse's experiences during World War I.

Robert Muchamore – *CHERUB* series, start with *The Recruit*

Thrilling and action packed, the *CHERUB* series follows children who work undercover for the secret service.

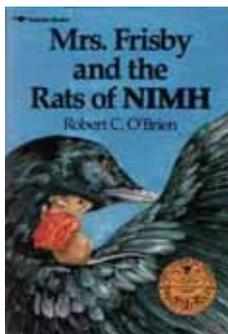
Patrick Ness – *Chaos Walking* series, start with *The Knife of Never Letting Go*

An intriguing story for students aged 13+. Todd Hewitt is twelve and is the only boy in a town of men where everybody can hear each others thoughts. Soon he will be a man and find out that there are some well kept secrets.



Gareth Nix – *Old Kingdom Series*, start with *Sabriel*

Gripping fantasy series for students aged 12+. 18 year old Sabriel crosses the wall that her school is next to. Over the wall is another world which challenges her powers and magical skills.



Robert C. O'Brien - *Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*

This is an unusual story for younger readers. Mrs Frisby is a widowed field mouse with a sick child. She turns to help from the mysterious alley rats.

James Patterson's - *Witch and Wizard series* start with *The Gift*

Whit and Whisty discover that they have magical powers, they use these to battle the oppressive New Order who is trying to ban magic and change their world. Fantasy adventure for older readers.

Bali Rai – *(Un)arranged Marriage*

Manny is a sixteen year old enjoying school in Leicester. His family has plans for his future – a wedding on his next birthday, but he is determined to plan his own life.

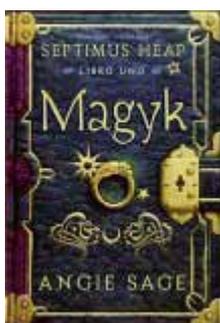


Louise Rennison – the *Georgia Nickolson series* for girls – start with *Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging*

Very funny books about the challenges and dilemmas of teenage life. Great for 12-15 year old students.

Louis Sachar – *Holes*

Stanley Yelnats has had his share of bad luck; this gets significantly worse when he is sent to a Juvenile Detention Centre. He is told to dig a hole, but will he find anything?



Angie Sage – *Riddell and the Septimus Heap series* start with *Magyk*

Fantasy adventure series which is good for younger readers.

Orson Scott- *Ender's Game* from the *Ender Series*

Science fiction series. Ender Wiggin is Battle school's latest recruit. He has a lot to learn as an earth invasion is on the way.



Francesca Simon - *Horrid Henry*

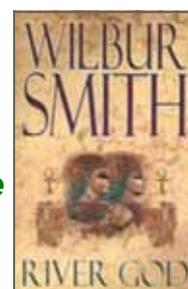
Well known comically books for younger students.

Darren Shan – *Cirque Du Freak*, leading horror writer

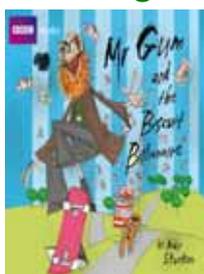
Shan is a popular horror writer, his fiction is usually in familiar settings for teenagers, this one begins at a funfair. Then the terror and extraordinary happenings creep in.

Wilbur Smith – *River God*

An adventure series set in Ancient Egypt.



Lemony Snicket - *Series of Unfortunate Events* start with *The Bad Beginning*



These aren't cheerful books, but if you don't read them you will never find out if things will improve for the clever Baudelaire children.

Andy Stanton - *Mr Gum series*

Mr Gum is a truly horrible man. These funny books are great for younger readers with strong characters and bizarre events.

Paul Stewart - *The Edge Chronicles*, start with *beyond the Deepwoods*

Young Twig lives in the deepwoods, but he knows that he doesn't really belong there. To solve this puzzle he ventures beyond his world. Fantasy adventure.

J.R.R Tolkien - *The Hobbit*

This book tells the story of Bilbo Baggins before he finds the ring and Frodo in *The Fellowship of the Ring*. Imaginative fantasy adventure writing.



Scott Westerfeld– *Uglies, Pretties, Specials*

In Tally's world you are an 'ugly' until you turn 16, when you become a 'pretty' thanks to an operation on your birthday. Tally and her friends attempt to escape the authorities, causing frightening consequences. For ages 13+

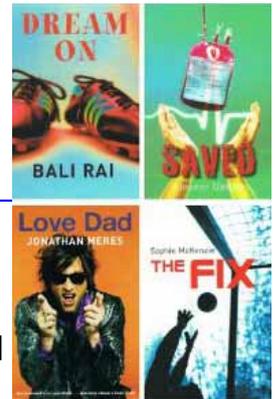
Jacqueline Wilson – *Tracy Beaker, Girls Out Late*

Wilson is a very popular author with younger students. Most of her books follow youngsters dealing with family or friendship problems.

Benjamin Zephaniah's - '*Gangsta Rap*', reluctant boys aged 12-15

This book is based on Zephaniah's own experiences of growing up. Ray has given up school and hates authority. He is given the chance to make music, but this starts up a rivalry with another gang





General interest

Barrington Stoke books – This collection is designed for students with dyslexia; printed on cream paper with wide spacing and with engaging plots.

Choose your own adventure/game series

We have a couple of series of these which are popular with the boys. The idea is to read a section and you will be asked to make a decision, you have control over what will happen in the story.

Manga comics, graphic novels

Increasingly popular collection, these can cover a variety of subjects.



Ripley's 'Believe it or not' and Guinness World Records Non-fiction