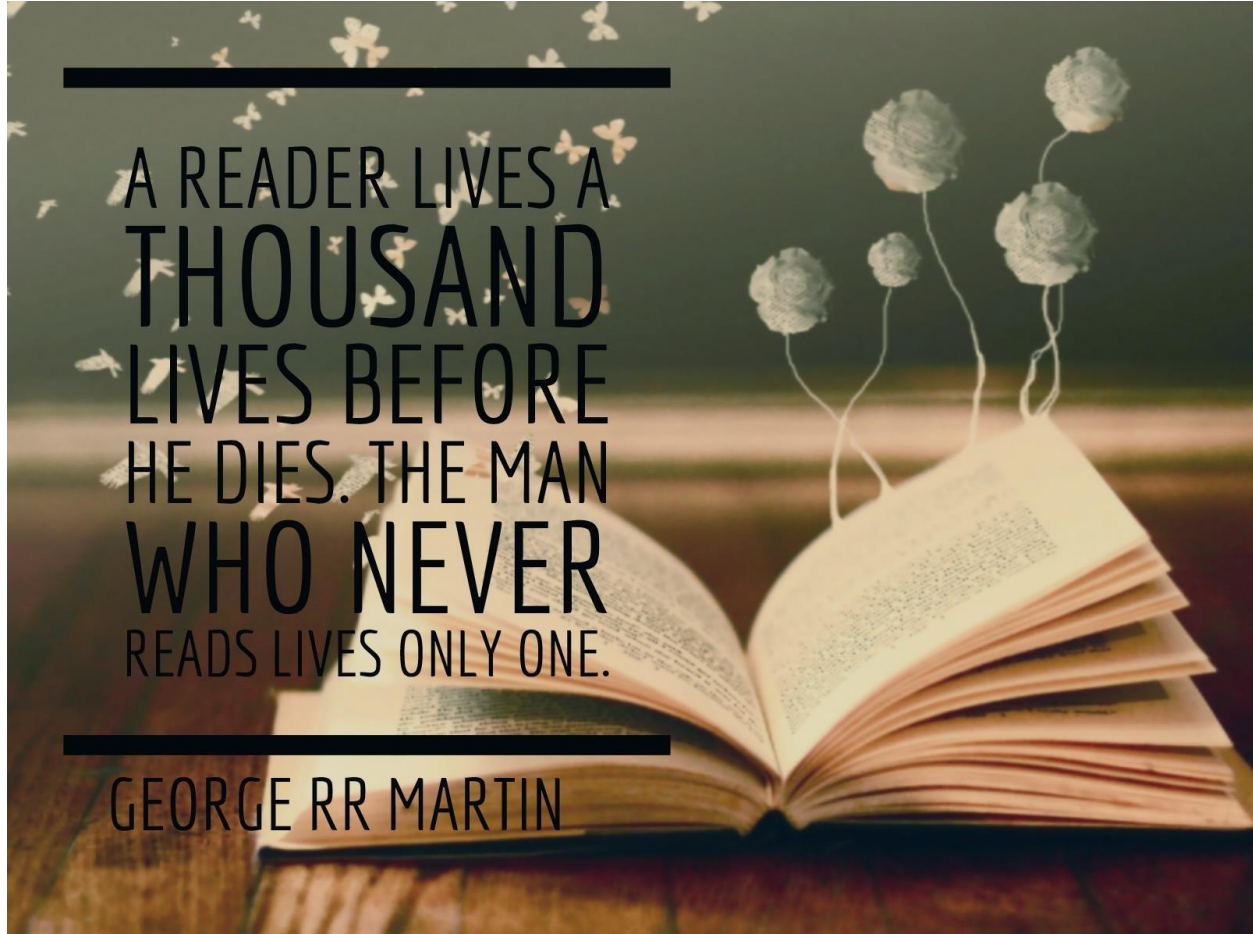


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KS3 Reading List

Here is a list of books that you might like to read in your own time.



Some are more challenging than others. Books marked with a star are a little easier. If you fancy more of a challenge, then have a look at the KS4/5 list, as this is where you'll find some of the classics of English Literature.

#### Humorous Books

- [Mr Gum series](#) by Andy Stanton\*
- [Captain Underpants](#) by D. Pilkey\*
- [Anything](#) by [David Walliams](#) e.g. Billionaire Boy, Mr Stink\*
- [Anything](#) by [Roald Dahl](#) e.g. Matilda, The Twits\*
- [Diary Of A Wimpy Kid series](#) by Jeff Kinney\*
- [The Brilliant World Of Tom Gates](#) by Liz Pichon\*
- [The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole](#) – Sue Townsend

#### Journeys and adventure

- [The Hunger Games trilogy](#) – Suzanne Collins

- [Holes](#) – Louis Sachar
- [Dodger](#) by T. Pratchett
- [Journey To The River Sea](#) by Eva Ibbotson
- [The Garbage King](#) – Elizabeth Laird
- [I Am David](#) – Anne Holme
- [The Plague Dogs](#) – Richard Adams
- [Z for Zachariah](#) – Robert O’Brien
- [Hatchet \(Brian's Saga Series\)](#) – Gary Paulsen

#### Crime, thriller, spy, mystery and action

- [Stone Cold](#) – Robert Swindells
- [Framed](#) – Frank Cottrell Boyce
- [Tightrope](#) – Gillian Cross
- [I Am Number Four](#) by P. Lore
- [The Invention of Hugo Cabret](#) by B. Selznick
- [CHERUB-series](#) - Robert Muchamore
- [Tins](#) - Alex Shearer
- [Gangsta Rap](#) – Benjamin Zephaniah
- [Alex Rider series](#) by A. Horowitz
- [Young Bond](#) by C. Higson
- [Blood Ties](#) – Sophie McKenzie

#### Fantasy / science fiction

- [How To Train Your Dragon](#) by Cressida Cowell
- [Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief](#) – Rick Riordan
- [Artemis Fowl series](#) by E. Colfer
- [The Harry Potter Series](#) - J K Rowling
- [The Northern Lights Trilogy](#) – Philip Pullman
- [The Indian in the Cupboard Trilogy](#) – Lynne Reid Banks\*
- [The Hobbit](#) – JRR Tolkien
- [A Tale Dark And Grimm](#) by Adam Gidwitz

- [The Terrible Thing That Happened To Barnaby Rooker](#) by John Boyne
- [Itch - The Explosive Adventures Of The Element Hunter](#) by Simon Mayo
- [Rooftoppers](#) by Katherine Rundell
- [Shadowmancer](#) – G. P. Taylor
- [The Mortal Instruments Series](#) by C. Clare
- [Basilisk](#) - NM Browne
- [Beast Quest Series](#) – Adam Blade\*
- [Stig of the Dump](#) – Clive King\*
- [Wind on Fire Trilogy](#) - William Nicholson
- [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe](#) - C S Lewis
- [A Monster Calls](#) - Patrick Ness
- [Maze Runner](#) – James Dashner
- [The School for Good and Evil](#) - Soman Chainani
- [The Twilight Saga](#) – Stephanie Mayer
- [Divergent series](#) by V. Roth
- [Heroes of Olympus](#) by R. Riordan
- [Zom-B Series](#) by Darren Shan
- [Skullduggery Pleasant series](#) by D. Landy
- [Time Riders](#) by A. Scarrow
- [Gone series](#) by M. Grant
- [Cirque du Freak](#) – Darren Shan

#### Book that will make you think – emotions, life and love

- [Pig Heart Boy](#) by Malorie Blackman
- [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio
- [Anything](#) by Michael Morpurgo
- [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time](#) – Mark Haddon
- [Looking for JJ](#) – Anne Cassidy
- [The Boy in Striped Pyjamas](#) by J. Boyne
- [Goodnight Mr Tom](#) by M. Magorian

- [The Iron Man](#) by Ted Hughes
- [Charlotte's Web](#) by E B White
- [The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas](#) by David Almond\*
- [The Book Thief](#) – Marcus Zusak
- [A Kestrel for a Knave](#) – Barry Hines
- [Once](#) by Morris Gleitzman
- [Noughts and Crosses](#) - Malorie Blackman
- [A Song for Ella Grey](#) – David Almond
- [Anything](#) by Jacqueline Wilson
- [Goggle Eyes](#) – Anne Fine
- [The Tulip Touch](#) – Anne Fine
- [The Secret Garden](#) – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- [Looking for Alaska](#) – John Green
- [The Fault in Our Stars](#) – John Green
- [Princess Diaries Series](#) – Meg Cabot
- [Angus; Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging](#) – Louise Rennison
- [Geek Girl](#) – by Holly Smale
- [Are you there God? It's me Margaret](#) – Judy Blume
- [Boy Proof](#) – Cecil Castelluchi
- [Walking Naked](#) - Alyssa Brugman
- [If Only I'd Known](#) - Jenny Davis
- [Looking Glass Girl](#) – Cathy Cassidy
- [Everything Everything](#) – Nicola Yoon

#### Non-fiction

- [Fun Science](#) by Charlie McDonnell
- [The Diary of a Young Girl](#) by Anne Frank
- [Horrible Histories Series](#) - Terry Deary\*
- [Mud, Sweat and Tears](#) - Bear Grylls
- [I am Malala](#) – Malala Yousafzai