

Senior School - Suggested Authors and Books (FICTION)

We are often asked by pupils and parents to suggest **fiction** for this age group (10 – 13 years). We have compiled this list of authors and books which we have either read ourselves, had recommended to us by pupils or which have been reviewed favourably.

We are aware that many pupils also enjoy, and in some cases, prefer reading non-fiction but to include non-fiction in this list would make even longer than it already is! However, we would like to help a little here by making a few suggestions:-

Bill Bryson – (autobiography) *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, Notes from a Small Island and any of his other travel writing books*
Roald Dahl - (autobiographies) *Boy, Going Solo*
Gerard Durrell – *My Family and other Animals (older/advanced readers)*
Anne Frank – *The Diary of a Young Girl*
Laurie Lee – *Cider with Rosie (older/advanced readers)*
Jacqueline Wilson (autobiography) - *Jackie Daydream*
Horrible Geography series / Horrible History series /Horrible Science series
The “News” series (*The Greek News, The Egyptian News and many more*)
The Rattle Bag (poetry collection) ed. Seamus Heaney

Any list of suggested reading is obviously subjective and cannot be exhaustive. Where an author has written many books we have decided to suggest one or two and add “*and many more*” after the author’s name. Should you wish to see a complete list of all the books written by an author we recommend the website www.fantasticfiction.co.uk. We have also added the phrase (*suitable for older/advanced readers*) beside books where the content or level of difficulty suggest the book is more appropriate for Form 8 pupils. Parents, of course, are advised to monitor their children’s choice of books as individual parents have different ideas about the suitability of reading material and, as teachers, we can only advise on this delicate area.

We prefer, if possible, that children do not read the texts used in class in advance and have, therefore, put in bold the letters **C.T.** (*class text*) before any book used as a class text in the hope that a different book by the same author might be chosen.

As part of the Reading Passport, which forms a key element of our English syllabus in the senior school, we will now sometimes ask pupils to select a book by an author on our list.

We hope this list will be of benefit to you in encouraging your children to see reading as an enjoyable experience. Many (though not all) of the books suggested here can be found in our own school library which is open for pupils every day from 1.00 – 1.25p.m.

Finally, we would like to add another suggestion for parents interested in their children’s reading material. The Daily Telegraph (working with the Royal Society of Literature) has printed online at www.telegraph.co.uk/ 3 lists called ‘100 books every child should read’. One list is for ‘Early Years’, one for ‘Middle Years’ and one for ‘Early Teens’. Even if you disagree with their choices they make interesting reading!

Craigclowan School Suggested Authors and Books-(Fiction) for Forms 6-8

ADAMS Richard	<i>Watership Down</i>
AIKEN Joan	<i>Wolves of Willoughby Chase series (Bk 1 (C.T.) The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, Bk 2 <i>Black Hearts in Battersea</i>) and many more</i>
ALCOTT Louisa May	<i>Little Women, Good Wives , Little Men, Jo's Boys</i>
ALEXANDER Lloyd	<i>Prydain series (Bk 1 <i>The Book of Three</i>) and many more</i>
ALMOND David	(C.T.) <i>Skellig, The Fire Eaters, Clay, Kit's Wilderness, and many more</i>
ARDAGH Philip	<i>A House called Awful End, Dreadful Acts and many more</i>
AUSTEN Jane	<i>Emma, Pride and Prejudice and many more (suitable for older /advanced readers</i>
BALLANTYNE Robert M.	<i>The Coral Island and many more (suitable for older/advanced readers)</i>
BANKS Lynne Reid	<i>Indian in the Cupboard series (Bk 1 <i>Indian in the Cupboard</i>) and many more</i>
BARRIE J. M.	<i>Peter Pan and many others</i>
BAUM L. Frank	<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (series)</i>
BAWDEN Nina	(C.T.) <i>Carrie's War, The Peppermint Pig, A Handful of Thieves, The Witch's Daughter and many more</i>
BLACKMAN Malorie	<i>Pig Heart Boy, Hacker, Noughts and Crosses (suitable for older/advanced readers) and many more</i>
BLUME Judy	<i>Are you there, God? It's me Margaret, Blubber, Starring Sally J Freedman as Herself and many more</i>
BLYTON Enid	<i>Famous Five Series (Bk 1 <i>Five on a Treasure Island</i>) Malory Towers series (Bk 1 <i>First term at Malory Towers</i>) and many more</i>
BOWLER Tim	<i>River Boy, Starseeker, Midget (suitable for older/advanced readers) and many more</i>
BRESLIN Theresa	(C.T.) <i>Remembrance and Kezzie, Whispers in the Graveyard and many more</i>
BOYNE John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i>

BROOKS Kevin *Martyn Pig*

BRONTE Charlotte *Jane Eyre (suitable for older/advanced readers)*

BRONTE Emily *Wuthering Heights (suitable for older/advanced readers)*

BRYANT Bonnie *Saddle Club series (Bk 1 Horse Crazy) and many more*

BUJOR Flavia *The Prophecy of the Gems*

BURGESS Melvin *Bloodtide, Billy Elliott, Junk (suitable for older/advanced readers) and many more*

BURNETT Frances Hodgson *The Secret Garden, A Little Princess and many more*

BYARS Betsy **(C.T.)** *The Midnight Fox and many others*

BYNG Georgia *Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism and many more*

CABOT Meg *Princess Diaries series (Bk 1 The Princess Diaries Volume 1)*

CARROLL Lewis *Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass*

CASSIDY Anne *Looking for JJ and many others*

COLFER Eoin *Artemis Fowl series (Book 1 Artemis Fowl), The Supernaturalist and many more*

COLLODI Carlo *Pinocchio*

COOLIDGE Susan *Katy Did series (Bk 1 What Katy Did)*

COOPER Susan *The Dark is Rising and many more*

CORDER Zizou *Lion Boy series (Bk 1 Lion Boy)*

CREECH Sharon *Walk Two Moons, Absolutely Normal Chaos, Chasing Redbird and many more*

CRESSWELL Helen *The Bagthorpe series (Bk 1 Ordinary Jack)) and many more*

CROSS Gillian *The Demon Headmaster series (Bk 1 The Demon Headmaster)
The Great Elephant Chase, Born of the Sun and many more*

CROSSLEY-HOLLAND Kevin *Arthur series (Bk 1 The Seeing Stone): Storm; Gatty's Tale and many more*

DAHL Roald	<i>Matilda, The Witches, Danny: the Champion of the World and many more</i>
DANZIGER Paula	<i>The Pistachio Prescription, Remember me to Harold Square, P.S. Longer Letter Later and many more</i>
DESAI Anita	(C.T.) <i>The Village by the Sea, Journey to Ithaca and many more</i>
DICKENS Charles	<i>A Christmas Carol, Great Expectations (suitable for older/advanced readers) and many more</i>
DICKINSON Peter	<i>The Kin series (Bk 1 Mana's Story), The Changes series (Bk 1 The Weathermonger) and many more</i>
DIXON Franklin W.	<i>The Hardy Boys Casefiles series (Bk 1 Dead on Target)</i>
D'LACEY Chris	<i>Fly Cherokee Fly and many others</i>
DOHERTY Berlie	<i>Granny was a Buffer Girl, Street Child and many more</i>
DOYLE Sir Arthur Conan	<i>A Study in Scarlet, The Hound of the Baskervilles (suitable for older/advanced readers) and many more</i>
DUNMORE Helen	<i>Zillah and Me, Ingo, The Tide Knot and many more</i>
FARMER Penelope	<i>A Castle of Bone, Charlotte Sometimes and many more</i>
FIDLER Kathleen	<i>The Boy with the Bronze Axe, The Desperate Journey and many more</i>
FINE Anne	<i>Flour Babies, The Road of Bones, The Tulip Touch, Madame Doubtfire and many more</i>
FISK Nicholas	<i>Grinny and many more</i>
FORDE Catherine	<i>Fat Boy Swim and many more</i>
FUNKE Cornelia	<i>Inkheart series (Bk 1 Inkheart) The Thief Lord and many more</i>
GAIMAN Neil	<i>Coraline and many more</i>
GALLICO Paul	<i>The Snow Goose : The Small Miracle and many more</i>
GARDNER Sally	<i>I, Coriander and many more</i>
GARNER Alan	<i>The Weirdstone of Brisingamen, Elidor, The Owl Service, The Stone Book and many more</i>

GAVIN Jamila *Coram Boy, Surya series (Bk 1 The Wheel of Surya)*

GERAS Adele *Troy and many more*

GIBBONS Alan *Legendeer series (Bk 1 Shadow of the Minotaur):
The Lost Boys' Appreciation Society and many more*

GLEITZMAN Morris *Once, also with Paul Jennings "Deadly" series (Bk 1 The Slobberers) a
and "Wicked" series (Bk 1 Nude)*

GLIORI Debi *Pure, Dead series (Bk 1 Pure Dead Magic) and many more*

GODDEN Rumer *The Diddakoi and many more*

GOLDING William *Lord of the Flies (suitable for older/advanced readers)*

GRAHAME Kenneth *The Wind in the Willows*

GRAY Keith *The Runner, Warehouse and many more*

HADDON Mark *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time (suitable for
older/advanced readers) and many more*

HAGGARD H. Rider *King Solomon's Mines (suitable for older/advanced readers)
and many more*

HAIG Matt *The Shadow Forest*

HARNETT Cynthia *The Wool Pack*

HENDRY Diana *Harvey Angel and the Ghost Child*

HENDRY Frances Mary *Quest for a Kelpie*

HIAASAN Carl *Hoot*

HIGSON Charlie *Young Bond series.... (Bk 1 Silverfin, Bk 2 Bloodfever)*

HILL Stuart *Chronicles of Icemark series (Bk 1 The Cry of the Icemark)*

HINES Barry *A Kestrel for a Knave*

HOFFMAN Mary *Stravaganza (Bk 1 City of Masks)*

HOROWITZ Anthony *Alex Rider series (Bk 1 Stormbreaker): Power of Five series (Bk 1
Raven's gate): Diamond Brothers series (Bk 1 The Falcon's Malteser)
and many more*

HOWKER Janni *Badger on the Barge (short stories)*

HUGHES Ted *The Iron Man*

HUNTER Erin *Warrior Cat series (Bk 1 Into the Wild)*

HUNTER Mollie *The Stronghold, The Spanish Letters and many more*

IBBOTSON Eva ***(C.T.) Journey to the River Sea, The Secret of Platform 13, The Star of Kazan and many more***

JACQUES Brian *Redwall series (Bk 1 Redwall): Castaways of the Flying Dutchman series (Bk 1 Castaways of the Flying Dutchman)*

JOHNS Cpt. W. E. *Biggles series (Bk 1 The Camels are Coming)*

JOHNSON Pete *The Phantom Thief, The Ghost Dog*

JONES Diana Wynne *Chrestomanci series (Bk 1 Charmed Life) and many more*

JUSTER Norman *The Phantom Tollbooth*

KEENE Carolyn *The Nancy Drew Files series (Bk 1 Secrets Can Kill) and many more*

KEMP Gene *The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler and many more*

KERR P.B. *Children of the Lamp series (Bk 1 The Akhetan Adventure) and many more*

KILWORTH Garry *The Bronte Girls, Knights of Liofwende series (Bk 1 Spiggot's Quest)*

KING SMITH Dick *The Crow Starver, The Roundhill and many more*

KIPLING Rudyard *Just So Stories*

LAIRD Elizabeth *The Garbage King, Oranges in No Man's Land and many more*

LAWRENCE Caroline *Roman Mysteries series (Bk 1The Thieves of Ostia)*

LE GUIN Ursula *Earthsea series (Bk 1 A Wizard of Earthsea)*

LEE Harper *To Kill a Mockingbird (suitable for older/advanced readers)*

LEWIS C. S. *Chronicles of Narnia series (Bk 1 The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe) and many more*

LIVELY Penelope *The Ghost of Thomas Kempe and many more*

LONDON Jack *The Call of the Wild*

McCAUGHREAN Geraldine *A Pack of Lies, Peter Pan in Scarlet and many more*

McNISH Cliff *Doomspell series (Bk 1 Doomspell)*

MacPHAIL Catherine *Another Me, Run Zan Run, Tribes and many more*

MAGORIAN Michelle **(C.T.) *Goodnight Mr. Tom, Back Home, A Cuckoo in the Nest and many more***

MAHY Margaret *The Haunting, The Changeover and many more*

MARK Jan *Thunder and Lightning and many more*

MARRYAT Captain *Children of the New Forest*

MAYNE William *Earthfasts and many more*

MEYER Stephanie *Twilight series (Bk 1 Twilight)(suitable for older/advanced readers)*

MICHAEL Livi *The Whispering Road*

MONTGOMERY L. M. *Anne Shirley series (Bk 1 Anne of Green Gables)*

MORPURGO Michael *War Horse, Private Peaceful, Kensuke's Kingdom, Beowulf, The War of Jenkins Ear and many more*

MUCHAMORE Robert *Cherub series (Bk 1 The Recruit) and many more*

NAIDOO Beverly *The Other Side of Truth*

NAUGHTON Bill *Spit Nolan, The Goalkeeper's Revenge(short stories)*

NAYLOR Phyllis Reynolds *Shiloh series (Bk 1 Shiloh): Alice McKinley series (Bk 1 The Agony of Alice) and many more*

NESBIT Edith *The Railway Children, The Psammead series (Bk 1 Five Children and It, Bk 2 The Phoenix and the Carpet*

NEWBERY Linda *Set in Stone, Catcall and many more*

NICHOLSON William *Wind on Fire series (C.T. **Bk 1 The Windsinger**) and many others*

NIMMO Jenny *Snow Spider series (Bk 1 The Snow Spider)and many others*

NIX Garth *Old Kingdom series (Bk 1 Sabriel): Keys to the Kingdom series (Bk 1 Mister Monday)*

PAOLINI Christopher *Inheritance series (Bk 1 Eragon)*

PATERSON Katherine *Bridge to Terabithia (suitable for older/advanced readers)*

PAULSEN Gary *Foxman and many more*

PAVER Michelle *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series (Bk 1 Wolf Brother)*

PEARCE Philippa *Tom's Midnight Garden, Minnow on the Sway and many more*

PEET Mal *Tamar*

PEYTON K. M. *Flambards series (Bk 1 Flambards: Bk 2 The Edge of the Cloud)*

PICOULT Jodi *My Sister's Keeper and many more (suitable for older/advanced readers)*

PORTER Eleanor *Pollyanna and many more*

PRATCHETT Terry *Discworld series (Bk 1 The Colour of Money) Discworld Children's series (Bk 1 The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents) and many more*

PULLEIN THOMPSON (Sisters =Christine, Diana, Josephine) *numerous books about ponies e.g. Black Pony Series (Bk 1 Mystery at Black Pony Inn)*

PULLMAN Philip **(C.T.)** *The Firework Maker's Daughter: His Dark Materials series (Bk 1 Northern Lights) suitable for older/advanced readers: Sally Lockhart series (Bk 1 The Ruby in the Smoke)*

RANSOME Arthur *Swallows and Amazons series (Bk 1 Swallows and Amazons)*

REEVE Philip *Hungry City Chronicles (Bk 1 Mortal Engines)*

RIDDELL Chris (with Paul Stewart) *The Edge Chronicles series (Bk 1 Beyond the Deepwoods)*

RIDLEY Philip *Krindlekrax, Zip's Apollo and many others*

ROSOFF Meg *How I Live Now, Just in case and many more*

ROWLING J K *Harry Potter series (Bk 1 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone)*

RYAN Chris *Alpha Force series (Bk 1 Survival) and many more*

SACHAR Louis **(C.T.)** *Holes, Dogs Don't Tell Jokes, Small Steps and many more*

SAGE Angie *Septimus Heap series (Bk 1 Magyk) and many more*

SEDGWICK Marcus *The Dark Horse and many more*

SERRAILLIER Ian *The Silver Sword and many more*

SEWELL Anna *Black Beauty*

SHAN Darren *Saga of Darren Shan series (Bk 1 Cirque de Freak):
Demonata series (Bk 1 Lord Loss)*

SINGER Nicky **(C.T.) Feather Boy, Doll and many others**

SMITH Dodie *I Capture the Castle, The Hundred and One Dalmatians and many more*

SNICKET Lemony *A Series of Unfortunate Events (Bk 1 The Bad Beginning)*

SOMPER Justin *Vampirates series (Bk 1 Demons of the Ocean)*

STEINBECK John **(C.T.) The Pearl, The Red Pony, Of Mice and Men and many others**

STEVENSON R L *Kidnapped, Treasure Island and many others (suitable for
older/advanced readers)*

STREATFEILD Noel *Ballet Shoes, The Painted Garden, Thursday's Child and many more*

STROUD Jonathan *Bartimaeus series (Bk 1 The Amulet of Samarkand) and many more*

SUTCLIFF Rosemary *Eagle of the Ninth series (Bk 1 the Eagle of the Ninth) and many more*

SWINDELLS Robert *Stone Cold, Room 13, Blitzed and many others*

TEMPERLEY ALAN *Harry series (Bk 1 Harry and the Wrinklies) and many more*

THOMPSON Kate *The New Policeman and many more*

TOLKEIN J.R.R. *The Hobbit: Lord of the Rings series (Bk 1 The Fellowship of the Ring)*

TREASE Geoffrey *Cue for Treason*

TREECE Henry *Legions of the Eagle and many more*

TWAIN Mark *Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer series (Bk 1 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer)*

URE Jean *Skinny Melon and Me and many others*

UTTLEY Alison *Traveller in Time*

