



Summer Reading

Read a book from one of the suggested books below. Many of these can be found on the shelves in LH3; if you would like to borrow one, just ask your English teacher.

Write a review and submit it to your English teacher. Use the following questions to help you write a review:

What genre was the book?

Who were the main characters? Was there a particular character you could relate to?

What was the dramatic climax of the story? Was it effective?

Was the resolution of the story satisfying? Why?

Was there anything interesting about the way it was structured (flashbacks, different narrators etc.)? Was this successful?

Was this enjoyable to read? Why?

What was your favourite moment in the story? Why?

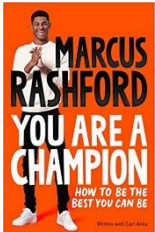
Would you recommend this book? Who would you recommend it to?

KS3 reading suggestions

While in Years 7, 8 and 9, you should try to read a wide variety of types of books. Don't just stick to one author, or one genre. Experiment with something new. That is one reason why this list is arranged in genre-based sections. As well as reading books, don't forget that newspapers and good magazines are also excellent reading material and will get you used to a range of reading experiences that will set you up well for GCSE and beyond, as well as broadening your knowledge and understanding of the world in which you live.

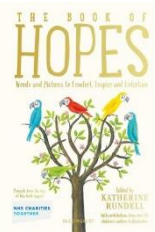
New Releases

Marcus Rashford, You are a Champion

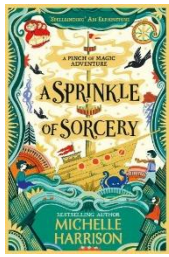


Tear up the rule book. Find your own lane. You are only in competition with yourself. Marcus Rashford MBE is recognised worldwide for his journey both on and-off the pitch – but how did a boy from the South of Manchester become not only an International footballer but also one of the leading activist voices in the UK? In this inspiring, positive and practical guide, Marcus gives YOU the tools you need to reach your full potential and will show you that your possibilities really can be endless.

The Book of Hopes edited by Katherine Rundell

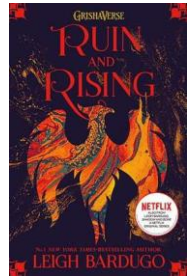


This collection is packed with short stories, poems and pictures from the very best children's authors and illustrators. 'The stories and poems celebrate animals, nature, courage, kindness and books. They include tales about finding friends or overcoming fears, and many have surprising twists or jokes, with illustrations that suggest anticipation or happiness... This book will sustain you.' - Children's Book of the Week, *The Sunday Times*



Michelle Harrison, A Sprinkle of Sorcery

A missing sister, a secret island and ... a sprinkle of sorcery. The family curse has been lifted and the Widdershins sisters: Betty, Fliss and Charlie are free to leave the misty prison isle of Crowstone. But when a mysterious girl arrives at the Poacher's Pocket with a pocketful of hagstones and accompanied by a will-o'-the-wisp, it seems another adventure has landed on their doorstep. And when Charlie goes missing, it's up to Betty and Fliss to journey through misty marches, past wisp catchers and on to a secret island that doesn't exist on any map...



Leigh Bardugo, Ruin and Rising

Enter the Grishaverse with book three of the Shadow and Bone Trilogy by number one *New York Times*-bestselling author Leigh Bardugo. The Darkling rules from his shadow throne while a weakened Alina Starkov recovers from their battle under the dubious protection of the zealots who worship her as a Saint. Now her hopes lie with the magic of a long-vanished ancient creature and the chance that an outlaw prince still survives.



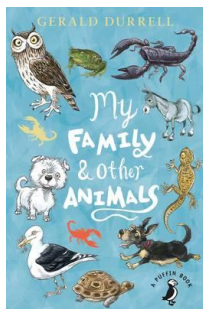
Elizabeth Acevedo, Clap When you Land

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people... In a novel-in-verse that brims with grief and love, National Book Award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives.

Non-fiction

Bill Bryson, Notes from a Big Country (and other travel books) - An American's very funny perspective on Britain and British culture.

Terry Deary, Horrible Histories – The gory aspects of history.



Gerald Durrell, My Family and Other Animals - A young boy, fascinated by wildlife, and his crazy, funny family move to Crete.

Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne, a Jewish Dutch girl, has to hide from the Germans in a tiny secret room with her family and another family for two years.

Laurie Lee, Cider with Rosie – The funny and moving autobiography of a young boy growing up in Gloucestershire just after the 1st World War.

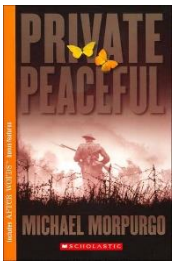
Adeline Yen Mah, Chinese Cinderella - Adeline grows up in China during the Second World War in a family which does not seem to love her. A moving story of individual survival.

Action and Adventure

Malorie Blackman, Noughts and Crosses - Set in a society with two types of people: 'Noughts' and 'Crosses'. Can friendship overcome the divisions between the two?

NM Browne, Basilisk - Myth, history and archaeology, set against the background of the caves of a dark world.

SE Hinton, Outsiders - Hate, violence, loyalty and friendship in the gang-lands of New York.



Michael Morpurgo, Private Peaceful - A moving story about a soldier's experiences set in the 1st World War.

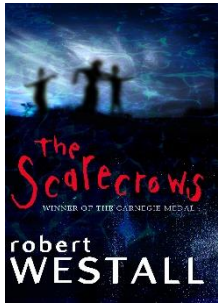
Robert Muchamore, CHERUB-series - Big adventures and excitement as the teenage recruits at CHERUB battle the underworlds.

William Nicholson, Wind on Fire Trilogy - What happens if you rebel against a society governed by exams?

George Orwell, Animal Farm - Animals on the farm rise up against their powerful owners.

Louis Sachar, Holes - A miscarriage of justice sends Stanley to a juvenile prison to dig "holes".

Alex Shearer, Bootleg - Chocolate is made illegal. A resistance movement forms.



R.L. Stevenson, Treasure Island - Sea adventure and the search for lost treasure.

J. Vance Marshall, Walkabout- Two children, survivors of a plane crash, journey across the Australian desert helped by an Aboriginal boy.

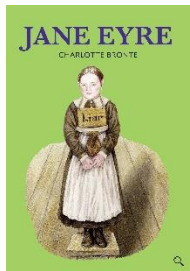
Jules Verne, Journey to the Centre of the Earth - Explorers climb down an extinct volcano and into the centre of the earth.

Robert Westall, The Scarecrows- Simon is furious when his mother decides to remarry but the abandoned mill where he seeks comfort holds a powerful secret within its walls.

Family and Relationships

Louisa M Alcott, Little Women - Four sisters grow up in the 1860s. Narrated by Jo, who

desperately wants to be a writer.



Charlotte Bronte, Jane Eyre - Jane falls in love with her rich employer, only to find out he has a dark secret.

Alyssa Brugman, Walking Naked - Girls in a secondary school clash with the new girl with startling consequences.

Meg Cabot, All American Girl - Teen rom-com about a girl who accidentally saves the life of the President and life is never the same again!

Jamila Gavin, Coram Boy - Two boys, from very different backgrounds, end up in a home for parentless children. A challenging story set in the 18th century.



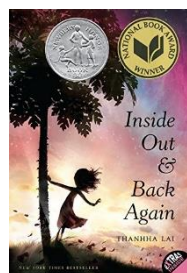
Mark Haddon, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time - A boy with Asperger's Syndrome tries to find out the truth about his family.

Insided Out and Back Again, Thanhha Lai- When Ha leaves Saigon for a new life in America, her new life is far from what she had been expecting. This story movingly captures the experience of a child refugee

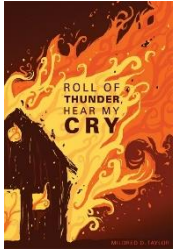
Elizabeth Laird, The Garbage King - A moving story set in the slums and streets of Ethiopia.

Michelle Magorian, Goodnight Mister Tom - An evacuee with terrible family experiences is housed with a grumpy old man – will they manage to get on?

Beverley Naidoo, The Other Side of Truth - Two children have to leave Nigeria when their mother is killed. They end up in London, abandoned to their fate.



Ian Serrallier, The Silver Sword- A moving tale of three young children whose lives are torn apart by the events of World War II



Dodie Smith, I Capture the Castle - Novel about first love featuring with an eccentric family of sisters living in a dilapidated castle.

Jerry Spinelli, Stargirl - A teenager at an American high school dares to be different.

Mildred Taylor, Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry - Tale of family loyalty set against the racist background of 1930s America.

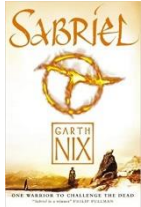
Fantasy

Richard Adams, Watership Down - Rabbits are threatened with losing their homes and have to find ways of surviving.

Frank Beddor, Looking Glass Wars - Challenging novel which develops the characters from "Alice in Wonderland" creating a whole new fantasy adventure.

C S Lewis, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe- Four children find themselves in another land by stepping through a wardrobe.

Cliff McNish, Doomspell (trilogy) - Powerful fantasy series about children snatched from our world to satisfy the evil desires of a witch from a different dimension.



Garth Nix, Sabriel, Lirael, Abhorsen - Powerful and complex fantasy trilogy. Sabriel sets out on a quest to avenge the death of her father in the land of dark, dark magic.

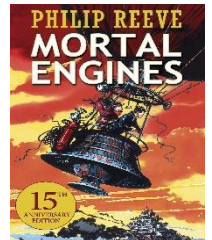
Chris Paolini, Eragon & Eldest - By a 16 year old author whose main character begins his quest to be a Dragon Rider.

Philip Pullman, His Dark Materials trilogy - Follows the coming-of-age of two children as they wander through a series of parallel universes.

Philip Reeve, Mortal Engines (series) - Moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester are thrown from their beloved "London" and try to get back on board.

Chris Wooding, Poison - Poison must rescue her kidnapped sister from the land of the "phaeries".

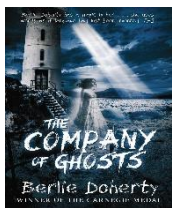
J R Tolkien, The Hobbit/Lord of the Rings - Start with the adventures of Bilbo Baggins, the reluctant adventurer, then move further into Middle Earth.



Ghosts and Horror

Kate Cann, Leaving Poppy - When Poppy moves into a house to help look after her sister, there's something about her which the house doesn't like.

Berlie Doherty, The Company of Ghosts- A haunting tale set on a mysterious island.

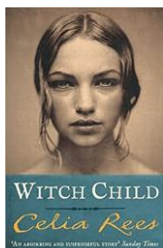


Ann Halam, Don't Open Your Eyes - Spine chilling horror novel about a boy killed in a joyriding accident.

Carol Hedges, Red Velvet - Nasty things begin to happen to Elly when she finds the skeleton of a dead girl wearing a red dress in an old house.

Susan Hill, The Woman in Black - A young man becomes the victim of a ghostly campaign of terror and tragedy while in a deserted house. Go and see the play too and be scared out of your wits!

Edgar Allan Poe, Tales of Horror - Stories from the man seen as the first true horror writer.



Celia Rees, Witch Child - A girl's mother is accused of being a witch in 18th century England.

Celia Rees, Soul Taker - Jardine is so obsessed with the lovely Lisa that he sells his soul for a chance to be with her.

Marcus Sedgwick, My Swordhand is Singing - Chilling vampire tale set in 17th Century Europe.

Darren Shan, Demonata series - Can the three main characters, all living in different times, fight against the demonic forces who are attempting to destroy the world?

Chris Wooding, Haunting of Alaizabel Cray - Two 'wychhunters' search for a beast lurking in the sewers of old London.

Mystery, Crime and Thrillers

Terence Blacker, Angel Factory - A curious boy hacks into his father's computer.

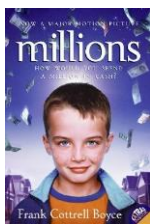
Tim Bowler, Apocalypse - A young family is shipwrecked on an island.

Kevin Brooks, Road of the Dead - Two teenage boys want to avenge the death of their murdered sister.

Anne Cassidy, Missing Judy - A six year old vanishes, and her 16 year old sister feels responsible.

Agatha Christie, The Body in the Library - Just one of Christie's famous crime novels –there are plenty more!

Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes stories - Choose any of Conan Doyle's fascinating tales about a 19th century detective with extraordinary abilities.



F. Cottrell-Boyce, Millions - You find £250,000 and have 10 days to spend it before Britain joins the euro. What would you do?

Jennifer Donnelly, A Gathering Light - Based on a real-life murder, a girl finds that the story of a drowned girl impacts on her own life.

Valerie Mendes, Girl in the Attic - Accessible, spine-chilling ghost/mystery novel set in Cornwall after a family move from the big city.

Nicola Morgan, Flesh Market - Set in the dark streets of 19th Century Edinburgh where the body-snatchers Burke and Hare stalk the homeless street urchins.

Philip Pullman, The Ruby in the Smoke - A girl tries to find out why her father was murdered.

Alex Shearer, Tins - Fergal collects metal tins, until life changes completes when he finds a finger in one tin and the word "help" scrawled in another.

Alex Shearer, Speed of the Dark - A scientist disappears into thin air but leaves an intriguing manuscript behind.

Nancy Werlin, Killer's Cousin - A 17 year old is acquitted of murder and forced to move to live with distant relatives.

Tim Wynne-Jones, Boy in the Burning House - Two friends try to solve a mystery from a previous generation

