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Broadening Horizons

# Trust-wide reading lists

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# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list – general reading



- The Lorien Legacies series by Pittacus Lore
- The Gallagher Girls Series by Alley Carter
- The watcher in the shadows by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- The Prince of Mist by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- The shadow of the wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- The Prisoner of Heaven by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- The Enemy Series by Charlie Higson
- Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy
- A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
- Tamar by Mal Peet
- Turbulence by Jan Mark
- Just in Case by Meg Rosoff
- A Swift Pure Cry by Siobhan Dowd
- Her Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve
- What I Was by Meg Rosoff
- How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
- Finding Violet Park by Jenny Valentine
- Apache by Tanya Landman
- Ruby Red by Linzi Glass
- Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
- Ostrich Boys by Keith Gray
- The Ask and the Answer by Patrick Ness
- The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
- Monsters of Men by Patrick Ness
- Creature of the Night by Kate Thompson

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- Black Rabbit Summer by Kevin Brooks
- The Alchemist by Paul Coelho
- Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick
- The Vanishing of Katharina Linden by Helen Grant
- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by Michael Boyne
- Thursday's Child by Sonya Hartnett
- Rowan The Strange by Julie Hearn
- The Bride's Farewell by Meg Rosoff
- White Crow by Marcus Sedgwick
- Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace
- The 10th Circle by Jodi Picoult
- Spirit Hunter (Bloodline) by Katy Moran
- Falling by Sharon Dogar
- Waves by Sharon Dogar
- The Numbers trilogy by Rachel Ward
- Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
- Knife Edge by Malorie Blackman
- Checkmate by Malorie Blackman
- Doublecross by Malorie Blackman
- Z for Zachariah by Robert O'Brien
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- The Emperor Series by Conn Iggulden
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
- Across the Barricades by Joan Lingard
- Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
- To Sir With Love by ER Braithwaite
- Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

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- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- Silas Marner by George Eliot
- A Town Like Alice by Nevil Shute
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Walkabout by James Vance Marshall
- Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
- Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
- The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins
- Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
- Sisterland by Linda Newbery
- A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly
- Brick Lane by Monica Ali
- The African Queen by C. S. Forrester
- Inventing Elliot by Graham Gardner
- I'm the King of the Castle by Susan Hill
- The Light/Gone series by Michael Grant
- Paper Towns by John Green
- An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
- The Maze Runner series by James Dashner
- The Eye of Minds by James Dashner
- The Rule of Thoughts by James Dashner
- The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird
- Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman
- The Middle of Nowhere by Geraldine McCaughrean

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- More than this by Patrick Ness
- Dark Satanic Mills by Julian Sedgwick
- Running Girl by Simon Mason

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list — Mystery stories & drama

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- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
- An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley
- The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins
- The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
- The Third Man by Graham Green
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- The Kon-Tiki Expedition by Thor Heyerdahl
- My Cousin Rachel by Daphne du Maurier
- Fingersmith by Sarah Waters
- The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend
- The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list – Stories and plays about commerce

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- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
- Hobson's Choice by Harold Brighouse
- History of Mr. Polly by H. G. Wells
- East of Eden by John Steinbeck
- The Old Curiosity Shop by Charles Dickens
- The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare
- A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
- A Kid for Two Farthings by Wolf Mankovitz
- The Hidden Persuaders by Vance Packard

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list — Books and poetry with a “darker theme”

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- The Foreshadowing by Marcus Sedgewick
- The Fire-eaters by David Almond
- A Town like Alice by Nevil Shute
- Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
- Bleak House by Charles Dickens
- Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens
- Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy
- The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
- Collected Poems of Ted Hughes



# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list

— People or situations which aren't quite what they seem...



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- Scarecrows by Robert Westall
- Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell
- The Shell House by Linda Newberry
- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Definitions Postcards from No-man's Land by Aidan Chambers
- Hester's Story by Adele Geras
- Going for Stone by Philip Gross
- Barchester Towers by Anthony Trollope
- The Warden by Anthony Trollope

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list – Books on the theme of beauty

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- A Picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde
- The White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughrean
- Antony and Cleopatra by William Shakespeare
- Death in Venice by Thomas Mann

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended

reading list — Books the theme of risk, adventure and exploration in fiction or real life



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- The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean
- The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo
- I Am the Cheese by Robert Cormier
- A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
- The Worst Journey in the World by Apsley Cherry-Garrard
- Cherry by Sara Wheeler
- The Small Woman by Alan Burgess
- The Birthday Boys by Beryl Bainbridge
- Race to the Pole by Ranulph Fiennes
- The Storm Garden by Philip Gross
- Taking on the World by Ellen McArthur
- Michael Joseph Grasshopper by Barbara Vine
- Into the Crocodile Nest by Benedict Alien
- Faber Book of Explorations edited by Benedict Alien
- Abacus Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list — The family

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- Buddy by Nigel Hinton
- Buddy's Song by Nigel Hinton
- Turbulence by Jan Mark
- Ruth by Elizabeth Gaskell
- What Maisie Knew by Henry James
- Looking for X by Deborah Ellis
- Falling Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah
- Clinging to the Wreckage by John Mortimer
- Brother and Sister by Joanna Trollope
- Black Swan Hungry Hill by Daphne du Maurier
- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
- Germinal by Emile Zola

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list — Forms of government

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- The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory
- The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- House of Cards by Michael Dobbs
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- The Republic by Plato
- The Tempest by William Shakespeare
- Across the Nightingale Floor by Lian Hearn
- Alan Dark Diaries by Alan Dark.
- Wild Swans by Jung Chang
- Fatherland by Robert Harris
- Resistance by Owen Sheers
- The Man in the High Castle by Phillip K. Dick

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list – War

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- Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- Testament of Youth by Vera Britten
- A Town like Alice by Nevil Shute
- Sharp's Eagle by Bernard Cornwell
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
- Charlotte Gray by Sebastian Faulks
- In the Morning by Michael Cronin
- Mr Midshipman Hornblower by C.S. Forrester
- The Night Watch by Tracey Walters
- Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
- The Ghost Road by Pat Barker

# Year 8 (and beyond) recommended reading list – Marriage

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- The Photograph by Penelope Lively
- Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray
- Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
- The Taming of the Shrew by Shakespeare
- Second Honeymoon by Joanna Trollope
- The Way We Live Now by Anthony Trollope
- Small Island by Andrea Levy
- Marie and Pierre Curie by John E Senior

# Thank you



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