

## *Years 7 & 8 Hall Grove Reading List September 2013*

By Years 7 and 8 the children are being prepared for life at Senior School and beyond, and should be engaging more with the world around them; in particular that means being exposed to other points of view and other cultures. Consequently this reading list, in some small way, is an attempt to highlight particular authors and texts that will help them in that journey. This list is revised annually to take account of changing tastes amongst year groups and to include more recently published or discovered books.

The first section is a rough collection of recommendations in different genres – all books that I've particularly enjoyed. The remainder of the current list is based on what might be expected and suitable, and also on what Senior Schools suggest the children may have come across. I have tried to build in a sense of progression in subject matter and technical difficulties. Most of the list consists of fiction – some written for children, some for adults; as such, some of the topics and language are more mature in outlook and this needs to be taken into account when selecting books to read. The lists for younger children are also available on through the school web-site – [www.hallgrove.co.uk](http://www.hallgrove.co.uk) – go to the Academic section, English, and there are links to all Reading Lists on the right of the page.

Whilst not all of these books are in the school library, many of them *are*; the children should make good use of our library (and other libraries) to look for new authors, to dip into books and to recommend books. If you find errors, feel that there are important omissions, or wish to simply comment on these, please let me know.

It is always worth looking in newspapers, magazines and web-sites for recommended new books. You may find [www.lovereading.co.uk](http://www.lovereading.co.uk) and [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) (the children's section) useful websites – these have extracts from new books, discounts on books and regular email newsletters to keep you informed. Also recently published is *1001 Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up*, edited by Julia Eccleshare – I've found this sending me back to books I loved as a child, and making new discoveries. It's part of the '1001' series, all interesting lists of recommendations for albums, films, books, buildings and so on.

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### *Daily and Weekly Publications*

The Guardian	broadsheet, daily
The Telegraph	broadsheet, daily, in school library
The Times	broadsheet, daily
The Spectator	magazine, weekly – very useful commentary on the week in politics, sport, current affairs, culture, in school library
The Economist	
New Scientist	

### *Short Stories*

Philip Pullman	Grimm Tales (retelling, published in paperback Sept. 2013)
Edgar Allan Poe	Murders In The Rue Morgue, The Pit and the Pendulum, many others
Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451, The Martian Chronicles, many others
Isaac Asimov	earlier stories (before 1975), especially robot collections such as I, Robot The Rest of the Robots

### *Crime Fiction*

Arthur Conan Doyle	The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes, A Study In Scarlet, The Hound of the Baskervilles, and others
Agatha Christie	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, and others
Georges Simenon	any Maigret books (all quite short – French detective, clear, well-controlled)

### *Humorous Fiction*

Douglas Adams	The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy and others
Tom Holt	Expecting Someone Taller and others
Jasper Fforde	The Eyre Affair and others

### *Adventure / Historical Fiction*

John Buchan	The 39 Steps
Bernard Cornwell	Sharpe novels
Ian Fleming	any James Bond novels
George Macdonald Fraser	Flashman novels



## Year 8

Chinua Achebe	Things Fall Apart	Erich Maria Remarque	The Broken Bridge
Joan Aiken	The Stolen Lake	Chris Ryan	The Butterfly Tattoo
Vivien Alcock	The Trial of Ann Cotman	Marcus Sedgwick	All Quiet on the Western Front
Louisa M Alcott	Little Women	John Steinbeck	Greed, and others
	Good Wives		Revolver
David Almond	Kit's Wilderness		The Grapes of Wrath
Kingsley Amis	We Are All Guilty	Robert Louis Stevenson	Of Mice and Men
Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice	Bram Stoker	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
	Mansfield Park	Rosemary Sutcliffe	Dracula
R M Ballantyne	The Coral Island	Robert Swindells	The King Arthur Stories
Jean-Dominique Bauby	The Diving-Bell and the Butterfly	Dylan Thomas	Dosh
Tim Bowler	The River Boy	J R R Tolkien	The Collected Stories
Charlotte Bronte	Jane Eyre	Mark Twain	The Lord of the Rings
Emily Bronte	Wuthering Heights		The Prince and the Pauper
Melvyn Burgess	Junk ( <i>very good, but not for the faint-hearted, details heroin addiction</i> )	Jules Verne	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
	Father Brown series	Cynthia Voigt	Journey to the Centre of the Earth
G K Chesterton	2001 A Space Odyssey	Kurt Vonnegut	Homecoming
Arthur C. Clarke	Fire Bringer	Keith Waterhouse	Slaughterhouse 5
David Clement-Davies	The Chocolate War	Evelyn Waugh	Billy Liar
Robert Cormier	Sharpe series		Scoop
Bernard Cornwell	Moondial		Decline & Fall
Helen Cresswell	Wolf	H G Wells	The Sword of Honour Trilogy
Gillian Cross	Kiss Kiss		The Invisible Man
Roald Dahl	A Journal of the Plague Year	Robert Westall	War of the Worlds
Daniel Defoe	Moll Flanders	P G Wodehouse	Break of Dark
	Nicholas Nickleby	John Wyndham	anything
Charles Dickens	Great Expectations		The Day of the Triffids
	Granny was a Buffer Girl		The Chrysalids
Berlie Doherty	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	<i>Non-fiction and Poetry</i>	
Arthur Conan Doyle	The Three Musketeers	John Betjeman	Collected Poems
Alexander Dumas	Flour Babies	William Blake	Songs of Innocence and Experience
Anne Fine	Hornblower series (historical fiction)	Bill Bryson	Mother Tongue
C S Forester	Flashman series (historical fiction)	Winston Churchill	My Early Life
George Macdonald Fraser	Sophie's World	Richard Dawkins	The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for Evolution
Jostein Gaarder	Caught in the Crossfire		The God Delusion
Alan Gibbons	Pincher Martin	Carol Ann Duffy	New Selected Poems
William Golding	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	T S Eliot	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
Mark Haddon	Wessex Tales	John Gribbin	In Search of Schrödinger's Cat
	It Shouldn't Happen To A Vet		Almost Everyone's Guide to Science
Thomas Hardy	I'm the King of the Castle	Tony Hawks	Round Ireland With A Fridge
James Herriot	Weather Eye		Playing The Moldovans At Tennis
Susan Hill	A High Wind in Jamaica	Seamus Heaney	Selected Poems
Lesley Howarth	Brave New World	Ted Hughes	Selected Poems
Richard Hughes	Balloon House	Laurie Lee	Cider with Rosie
Aldous Huxley	Kim	Christopher Lloyd	What On Earth Happened? The Complete Story of the {Planet, Life & People from the Beginning to the Present Day
Brian Keaney	Red Sky in the Morning		any – travel writing
Rudyard Kipling	To Kill a Mocking Bird	Dervla Murphy	
Elisabeth Laird	Phantom of the Opera	Terry Pratchett, Ian Stewart	The Science of Discworld series
Harper Lee	The Grass is Singing	& Jack Cohen	Professor Stewart's Hoard of Mathematical Treasures
Gaston Leroux	Diary of a Teenage Health Freak	Ian Stewart	Fermat's Last Theorem
Doris Lessing	Missing		The Code Book
Aidan MacFarlane	The Tricksters	Simon Singh	Big Bang!
Catherine MacPhail	A Pack of .Lies		
Margaret Mahy	any		
Gerald McCaughrean	Walkabout		
Andy McNabb	The Pursuit of Love		
James Vance Marshall	Z for Zachariah		
Nancy Mitford	1984		
Robert O'Brien	Cry, The Beloved Country		
George Orwell	Gormenghast		
Alan Paton	Flambards series		
Mervyn Peake	Discworld series		
K M Peyton	Northern Lights series		
Terry Pratchett			
Philip Pullman			