



## Recommended Reading List For Key Stage 3



<u>Classics</u>	<u>Brief Synopsis</u>	
<b>Little Women</b> by Louisa M Alcott	This is a Victorian bestseller, of a New England family of girls which still appeals and intrigues girls of today.	*****
<b>A Christmas Carol</b> by Charles Dickens	Read about Scrooge yourself: much better than any film you may have seen.	*****
<b>David Copperfield</b> by Charles Dickens	David's journey into adult is filled with difficult choices.	*****
<b>The adventures of Sherlock Holmes</b> by Arthur Conan Doyle	This a great introduction to detective stories. Many of the best Holmes stories are in this collection.	*****
<b>Charlotte Sometimes</b> by Penelope Farmer.	Dream like novel where Charlotte, whilst sleeping, somehow slips back in time to 1919 and becomes Clare. A wonderful story	***
<b>Little White Horse</b> by Elizabeth Goudge	Haunting story of a unicorn at Moonacre Valley	***
<b>Black Beauty</b> by Anna Sewell	Black Beauty begins life in a loving home. But his owners are forced to sell him, and Black Beauty's fortunes change.	***
<b>Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn</b> by Mark Twain	Adventure, freedom and excitement are in abundance in these two novels set in the American deep south during the Great Depression.	*****
<b>A Little Princess</b> by Frances Hodgson	Children's classic novel about a wealthy and gifted little girl, Sara Crewe, who must adjust to a different life when her father dies penniless.	*****
<b>The Secret Garden</b> by Frances Hodgson Burnett	Mary moves to a huge estate to live with her mysterious uncle, his ailing son, the servants ... and a secret garden.	*****
<b>Carrie's War</b> by Nina Bawden	Bombs were falling on London, and Carrie and Nick were wartime evacuees billeted in Wales on old Mr Evans. They were happy to visit their friend Albert at Druid's Bottom until Carrie did the worst thing she ever did in her life.	*****
<b>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</b> by Lewis Carroll	Alice lives an ordinary life, until the day she finds herself in the wonderful world of mad tea parties and remarkable characters	*****
<b>The Railway Children</b> by Elizabeth Nesbit	Roberta, Phyllis, and Peter are growing up in comfort until their happy life ends overnight. Their mother is in distress, and their father is gone.	*****
<b>Anne of Green Gables</b> by L.M Montgomery	This is the first novel in the Anne series that has delighted millions of young readers since its publication in 1908. Eleven-year-old Anne Shirley wins the heart of her foster mother.	*****
<b>The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy</b> by Douglas Adams	An Englishman and his alien friend proved that the Sci-fi could be clever and funny	*****
<b>Emma</b> by Jane Austen	This classic novel is about a self-assured young lady whose capricious behaviour is dictated by romantic fancy.	*****

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<b>Robinson Crusoe</b> by Daniel Defoe	A young seaman is cast ashore on an uninhabited tropical island.	*****
<b>Lord of the Flies</b> by William Golding	Shipwrecked English schoolboys set up their own civilisation, but savagery finally emerges.	***
<b>The Wind in the Willows</b> by Kenneth Grahame	The adventures of Ratty, Mole, Badger and the inimitable Toad. Mole and Badger love their friend Toad until he becomes involved in crime.	*****
<b>Catcher in the Rye</b> by JD Salinger	A cynical teenager explains the events following his expulsion from prep school and subsequent nervous breakdown.	***
<b>Gulliver's Travel</b> by Jonathan Swift	The story of Gulliver's incredible adventures among some remarkable people.	*****
<b>The Lord of the Rings</b> by J R R Tolkien	Considered by many to be the ultimate novel	*****
<b>A Town Like Alice</b> by Neville Shute	Love story set in Australia during WW2	***
<b>I captured the Castle</b> by Dodie Smith	A great novel of first love, with an eccentric living in a dilapidated castle.	***
<b>Treasure Island</b> by Robert Louis Stevenson	Sea adventure and the search for lost treasure. Wonderful characters	*****
<b>The Time Machine</b> by H.G Wells	SiFi novel about time travel and the possible consequences.	*****
<b>Rebecca</b> by Daphne du Maurier	A masterful tale of suspense	*****
<b>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</b> by Jules Verne	In Jules Verne's classic adventure story, a large & incredibly fast sea monster is attacking ships in oceans all over the world. When a marine professor is sent to investigate, he & his companions discover that the 'monster' is in fact an amazing submarine, built & captained by the mysterious mariner Nemo.	*****
<b>Watership Down</b> by Richard Adams	'Watership Down' is the exciting and emotional tale where a group of rabbits are forced to leave their Sandleford homes when Fiver, who often sees visions of the future, tells them that their warren is in danger from humans.	*****

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