



Recommended Reading List For Key Stage 3



<u>Teenage issues, Family and Relationships</u>	<u>Brief Synopsis</u>	
Massive by Julia Bell	Thought- provoking look at teenage anorexia	***
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech	An entertaining heart-warmer about two wild children who are adopted by an elderly couple, with startling and amusing consequences. A deserved multi-prize winner	***
Paper Towns by John Green	Dark American comedy as a popular school girl goes off the rails and is helped by a friend from her days in nursery school.	****
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson	An orphaned school girl's journey to South America with her tough-as-old- boots nanny. Very popular destined to become a modern classic.	***
Green Fingers by Paul May	Problems with dyslexia seem to ease when she spends time in the garden of her family's house in the country.	***
Ally's World Series by Karen McCombie	The series follows a group of friends from the age of 12 until they go to university.	**
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli	Brilliant and brave novel about a teenager daring to be different in an American high school.	***
Life on the Refrigerator Door by Alice Kuipers	A moving and emotional story told in an original way.	**
(Un) Arranged Marriage by Bali Rai	Set partly in the UK and partly in the Punjab, this is a contemporary look at one young man's fight to free himself from family expectations.	***
The Edge by Alan Gibbons	Cathy and her son escape from an abusive relationship to make a new start, but instead they must face prejudices and danger of another kind. A gripping story.	***
Boy2Girl by Terence Blacker	Very funny novel about a cross dressing dare that starts as a joke and goes further and further.	**
Ten things I hate about me by Randa Abdel-Fattah	At school Jamie is a Aussie-blonde one of the crowd. At home she is Jamilah the Muslim girl, driven mad by her stone age Dad. Excellent read	***
My sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher	Everything changed for Jamie when his sister, Rose, died. Mum left and Dad started drinking, leaving Jamie to make sense of the loss by himself.	***
Girl Missing by Sophie McKenzie	When Lauren starts to research her adoption, she learns some dark truths about her past and her adoptive parent's involvement. Excellent novel..	***
I Was Here by Gayle Foreman	Life at home is miserable for Jess since her father left. School is even worse. She is tormented by a girl called Kez, for being fat and scruffy (they call her The Stig).	***
Fault in Our stars by John Green	Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love.	***
Wonder by R J Palacio	After being home-schooled for years, Auggie Pullman is about to start fifth grade, but he's worried: How will he fit into middle-school life when he looks so different from everyone else?	***

*The stars represent the difficulty of the book 5 ***** being the more challenging*