



Recommended Reading List For Key Stage 3



<u>Ghosts, Vampires and Horror</u>	<u>Brief Synopsis</u>	
Dead Gorgeous by Malorie Blackman	After moving to the countryside, Nova befriends a dead boy with too many problems of his own. The only issue for Nova is that the ghost is also very, very cute.	**
Leaving Poppy by Kate Cann	A new genre for the great Kate Cann in this spooky haunted house, possession novel. <i>Genuinely creepy!</i>	***
Don't Open Your Eyes by Ann Halam	Spine chilling horror novel about a boy killed in a joyriding accident. Highly recommended.	**
Coraline by Neil Gaiman	Stunning novel about a warped alternative universe hidden behind a door. Very weird and altogether creepy.	***
Piggies by Nick Gifford	Great horror novel set in a land where vampires wander the land and humans are the prey. Very scary!	**
Breathe: A Ghost Story by Cliff McNish	A true ghost story. The kind that says its cold fingers on you grips tight and doesn't let you go under the last pages have been turned. Wonderfully spine chilling.	***
Witch Child & Sorceress by Celia Rees	Interesting read about the daughter of a woman accused of being a witch in 18th century England. Beautifully written and asks many intelligent questions and now followed by a great sequel.	*****
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman	Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard. <i>One of my favourite books Mrs Cooke</i>	***
My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick	Chilling vampire tale set in 17th Century Europe, inspired by the original Transylvanian Vampire folk tales. Scary stuff!	*****
Haunting of Alaizabel Cray by Chris Wooding	Great atmospheric crossover fantasy novel about two young "wychhunters" seeking for a beast that lurks in the sewers of old London. Very exciting and an exceptional read.	*****
The Woman in Black by Susan Hill	Written in 1983 this book about a menacing <u>spectre</u> that haunts a small English town, foreshadowing the death of children, is a must read if you're brave enough!	***
Morganville Series by Rachel Caine Glass Houses Book 1	In Morganville, Texas, a town where evil terrorises the streets under the cover of darkness, Claire Danvers, moves off campus and discovers that her new roommates are vampires.	***
Cirque Du Freak by Darren Shan	First in the long running vampire horror series. Excellent read	***
The Mirror Image Ghost by Catherine Storr	Now classic suspense horror novel. Wonderfully written with a timeless appeal.	*****
Twilight by Stephanie Meyer	Excellent read	***
The Mediator Series by Meg Cabot	Suze is a mediator -- a liaison between the living and the dead. In other words, she sees dead people. And they won't leave her alone until she helps them resolve their unfinished business with the living.	**

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