



Recommended Reading List For Key Stage 3



<u>More Action and Suspense</u>	<u>Brief Synopsis</u>	
Apocalypse by Tim Bowler	Haunting and nail-biting adventure which sees the life of a young family in danger when they are ship wrecked on a hostile island.	*****
Martyn Pig by Kevin Brooks	Martyn's life is turned on its head when he accidentally kills someone very close to him.	***
Road of the Dead by Kevin Brooks	Fast and edgy thriller about two teenage boys out to avenge the death of their murdered sister. Kevin Brooks just gets better and better.	***
Missing Judy by Anne Cassidy	Gripping novel about the mystery surrounding the vanishing of a 6 year old and the guilt of the 16 year sister who feels responsible	**
Story of my Life by Anne Cassidy	Magnificent thriller set over one London night. As Kenny is travelling home he bumps into Mac, his brother's girlfriend and his life is about to change.	***
Flesh market by Nicola Morgan	A startling thriller set in dark streets of 19 th century Edinburgh.	***
Butterfly Tattoo by Philip Pullman	The agony of first love inspires this book but tragedy and violence are soon to follow. For the older students.	***
Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman	Exceptional mystery, about a girl trying to find out why her father was murdered. There are two sequels with the same characters.	*****
Stolen by Alex Shearer	A nail-biting and supernatural tale of old people taking over the bodies of young people. A gripping mystery.	***
Blood Ransom by Sophie McKenzie	Rachel and Theo are caught up in danger when Elijah returns and kidnaps Rachel. Sequel to Blood Ties.	**
Uglies by Scott Westerfield	In the future plastic surgery is taken to the extreme. Those who reject the process are known as "Uglies". A riveting thriller.	***
Numbers by Rachel Ward	Since her mother's death, fifteen-year-old Jem has kept a secret. When her eyes meet someone else's, a number pops into her head the date on which they will die.	***
Stonecold by Robert Swindles	This story serves as a sinister warning to any young runaway and not just because there is a killer on the loose.	**
The Angel Collector by Bali Rai	After his friend Sophie goes missing, Jit investigates her disappearance and uncovers a serial killer.	*****
Bad Kitty by Michele Jaffe	While holidaying with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.	***
Death and the Arrow by Chris Priestley	After his friend Will, a pickpocket in London in 1715, is murdered as part of a series of mysterious deaths, fifteen-year-old Tom Marlowe asks his friend Dr Harker to help find the killer.	***

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