



## Recommended Reading List For Key Stage 3



<u>Action &amp; Suspense</u>	<u>Brief Synopsis</u>	
<b>Trash</b> by Andy Mulligan	Three friends find something extraordinary on a heap of trash. From that moment they are hunted.	<b>**</b>
<b>The Hacker</b> by Malorie Blackman	One of Blackman's most popular books. Two computer whizzes try to prove their father is innocent of bank theft. A gripping read.	<b>**</b>
<b>Underworld</b> by Catherine MacPhail	A school trip that goes wrong.	<b>**</b>
<b>The Kin</b> by Peter Dickinson(series)	Astonishing story of man 200,000 years ago and his fight for survival Five novels follow the lives of four teenage cave dwellers. Highly recommended	<b>***</b>
<b>Devil in the Fog</b> by Leon Garfield	One of many highly entertaining novels by Leon Garfield, with his usual eye for historical detail.	<b>*****</b>
<b>Wind on Fire</b> by William Nicholson:	Breathtaking trilogy about a society governed by exams. But what happens when you rebel?	<b>*****</b>
<b>The Missing</b> by Lisa McCann	Really creepy thriller about a teenage who starts to receive messages from other kids who have disappeared.	<b>***</b>
<b>Survival</b> by Chris Ryan	The ultra-tough and realistic novels of Chris Ryan are a must for youngsters seeking excitement and thrills.	<b>***</b>
<b>Holes</b> by Louis Sachar	Very popular novel about a miscarriage of justice that sends Stanley into a juvenile prison and an assignment to dig holes	<b>**</b>
<b>Shift</b> by E M Bailey	Disturbing psychological thriller about a new girl in school .Who is rumoured to of killed her parents.	<b>***</b>
<b>The Young Bond Series</b> by Charlie Higson	Charlie Higson was asked to write these books by the Ian Fleming Trust. He certainly did an excellent job in capturing the adventures of the young James Bond.	<b>***</b>
<b>Noughts and Crosses</b> by Malorie Blackman( Four books in the series)	In an alternative world the issues of racism are tackled in a society which has two types of people "noughts" and "crosses". This novel is about friendship that goes beyond these barriers	<b>***</b>
<b>Outsiders</b> by S. E Hinton	Stunning study of hate, violence, loyalty and friendship set in the violent gang-lands of New York. One of the very best teenage novels ever written.	<b>***</b>
<b>Flip</b> by Martyn Bedford	Tom wakes up one morning and discovers he is in the body of someone called Philip. Great twisty thriller.	<b>*****</b>
<b>Black Rabbit Summer</b> by Kevin Brooks	Gritty psychological thriller about an accident in a fair ground that has terrifying consequences for all the teenagers involved.	<b>*****</b>
<b>The Bunker Diary</b> by Kevin Brooks	A boy wakes up in a low-ceilinged rectangular building made entirely of whitewashed concrete. There are six rooms along the corridor. There are no windows. No doors. A compulsive, atmospheric mystery.	<b>*****</b>

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