






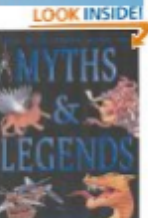


Year 7 Reading List for Developing Readers

	Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah
<p>Alem is on holiday with his father for a few days in London. He has never been out of Ethiopia before and is very excited. They have a great few days together until one morning when Alem wakes up in the bed and breakfast they are staying at to find the unthinkable. His father has left him so that he can find a better life as a lonely refugee in London.</p>		
	Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome
<p>It is the wholesome story of four young children, John, Susan, Titty and Roger, who set out in their boat (the Swallow of the title) to an island of adventure.</p>		
	Zlata's Diary	Z. Filipovic
<p>Non-fiction. The diary of an intelligent 10 year old girl written in Sarajevo during the war 1991-1993.</p>		
	The Turbulent Term of Tike Tyler	Gene Kemp
<p>Wherever best-friends Tyke Tiler and Danny Price are, there is usually trouble – stolen money, a sheep's skeleton, fights in class – and it's usually trouble that Tyke has to sort out.</p>		
	Alone on a Wide Wide Sea	Michael Morpurgo
<p>The story of an orphan is shipped to Australia alone in 1947 without family or understanding why he has to go.</p>		
	Mind Readers	Pete Johnson
<p>Matt's magic crystal enables him to read people's minds, but how will this extraordinary power affect his everyday life.</p>		
	The Protectors	Pete Johnson
<p>Josh and Andy sign up to become Anti-bullying Counsellors because they see it as a chance to skive. But, when they discover that younger pupils are being terrorised by a gang, they are determined to help the victims.</p>		
	Kingfisher Book of Myths and Legends	Retold by A. Horowitz
<p>This collection of over 30 myths and legends, retold by Anthony Horowitz, includes: "Isis and Osiris"; "Pyramus and Thisbe"; "Orpheus in the Underworld"; and "The Dragon and St George".</p>		

	The Machine Gunners	Robert Westall
	<p>Chas McGill has the second-best collection of war souvenirs in Garmouth, and he desperately wants it to be the best. When he stumbles across the remains of a German bomber crashed in the woods - its shiny, black machine-gun still intact - he grabs his chance. Soon he's masterminding his own war effort with dangerous and unexpected results....</p>	
	Room 13	Robert Swindells
	<p>Somebody was in there. Somebody - or some thing...There is no room thirteen in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to room 12.</p>	
	Flour Babies	Anne Fine
	<p>When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get to work on the Soap Factory, the Maggot Farm or the Exploding Custard Tins. To their intense disgust they get the Flour Babies - sweet little six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times.</p>	
	Professor Branestawm	N. Hunter
	<p>He's madly sane and cleverly dotty. Professor Branestawm is the most absent-minded inventor you'll ever meet and no matter how hard he tries his brilliant ideas never seem to keep him out of crazy scrapes.</p>	
	The Kite Rider	Geraldine McCaughrean
	<p>Haoyou knows that his father's spirit lives among the clouds above Ancient China. He also knows that to save his mother from being forced into a new marriage he must now follow in his father's footsteps and take to the skies, riding a kite through the clouds and the spirits of the dead.</p>	
	The Other Side of Truth	Beverly Naidoo
	<p>This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment. Seen through the eyes of Sade, the novel explores what it means to be classified as 'illegal' and the difficulties which come with being a refugee.</p>	
	Blitz Boys	Lynda Newbery
	<p>A story set in London during the Blitz. With German planes blitzing London, the wreckage can be an exciting place to play after the fear of the night has died down.</p>	
	Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
	<p>There was a wild crashing sound, a ripping of metal, and the plane blew through the trees, out over the water and down, down to slam into the lake ...Brian is a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crash-lands in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is a hatchet - and a desperate will to survive.</p>	

	Hoot	Carl Hiaasen
<p>Roy Eberhardt has recently, and unhappily, arrived in Florida. Roy's family moves a lot so he's used to the new-kid drill - and to bullies like Dana Matherson. Anyway, it's because of Dana that Roy gets to see the mysterious running boy. Suddenly life in Florida is looking up.</p>		
	Crowstarver	Dick King-Smith
<p>When Tom the shepherd comes across a wailing little bundle in the lambing pens, it changes his life. He and his wife are childless and are delighted to adopt the baby, but soon realize that "Spider" is no ordinary child.</p>		
	Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
<p>Meet Alex Rider, the teenage super-spy. Dragged unwillingly from his safe normal life Alex is thrown head first into a series of extraordinary adventures. Series includes: Stormbreaker, Point Blanc, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snakehead, Crocodile Tears</p>		
	Cosmic	Frank Cottrell Boyce
<p>Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force defying Cosmic rollercoaster. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job?</p>		