

Junior Cycle -Recommended Books by Genre

Choose from a selection of different book genres: Action, Thriller, Autobiographies, Memoirs, Classics, Challenging Reads, Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror, Ghost, Complex/Difficult Issues, Conflict, War, Sports, Dystopian & Science Fiction, Humorous books, Relationship books.

Action & Thrillers

Bodyguard or ***Young Samurai*** (& sequels); ***Bullet Catcher*** or ***Gamer*** by Chris Bradford*
Heist Society or ***I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You*** (& sequels) by Ally Carter
Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks, The Everest Files (& sequels) or ***Lie, Kill, Walk Away*** - Matt Dickinson (!)
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (!)
DC Comics: Secret Hero Society—Fridolfs & Nguyen*
Mission Survival series by Bear Grylls*
Silverfin or ***The Enemy*** (& sequels) by C Higson
The Outsiders by SE Hinton (!)
Stormbreaker (& sequels) by A. Horowitz*
Itch (& sequels) by Simon Mayo
Where the World Ends by G. McCaughrean
Girl Missing (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie
Boy Soldier & Dropzone (& sequels) by A McNab
The Recruit (& sequels) by R. Muchamore*
Maximum Ride (& sequels) by J Patterson
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Agent 21 (& sequels) by Chris Ryan
Night Speakers or ***Carjacked*** by Ali Sparkes
Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) – R Stevens
Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure) -T Turner.*

Classics or Challenging Reads

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by A C Doyle
Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank (!)
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway (!)
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (!)
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Treasure Island by Robert L Stevenson
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor (!)
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne
The Sword in the Stone by TH White (!)

Dystopian & Science Fiction

Matched (& sequels) by Ally Condie (!)
The Maze Runner (& sequels) by J Dashner
Cell 7 (& sequels) by Kerry Drewery
The Gender Game by Bella Forrest
Gone (& sequels) or ***Monster*** by Michael Grant
Illuminae (& sequels) by A Kaufmann and J Kristoff
Department 19 (& sequels) by Will Hill
I Am Number Four (& sequels) by P Lore
The Giver and ***Gathering Blue*** by Lois Lowry (!)
Legend (& sequels) by Marie Lu
The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)-P Ness (!)
MetaWars: Fight for the Future (&sequels)- Norton*
Railhead (& sequels) by Philip Reeve (!)
Divergent (& sequels) by Veronica Roth
Remade (& sequels) or ***Time Riders*** - Alex Scarrow
Scythe or ***Unwind*** (& sequels) – Neal Shusterman (!)
Contagion or ***Slated*** (& sequels) by Teri Terry
The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
Mind Writer by Steve Cole*
Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer (!)
The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans
Ranger's Apprentice series by John Flanagan
Inkheart (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke (!)
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (!)
A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge
Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy
Zom-B or ***Cirque du Freak*** (& sequels) by D. Shan*
Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini
Discworld (and other series) by Terry Pratchett
Through Dead Eyes or ***Mister Creecher*** –C. Priestley

Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman
Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell*
Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children -Riggs
Percy Jackson or ***Kane Chronicles*** series by Riordan
The Monsters We Deserve by Marcus Sedgwick
Thunderstruck or ***Unleashed*** by Ali Sparkes*
Finding Sky (& sequels) by Joss Stirling
The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell

Humorous books

Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy by Frank C Boyce
The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels) by Max Brallier
Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole*
Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire(&more)-T.Collins*
Demolition Dad (& sequels) – Phil Earle*
Enginerds (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner*
Disaster Diaries: Zombies (&sequels)-R McGeddon*
The Donut Diaries series – A McGowan*
The Accidental Billionaire series- T McLaughlin
The World of Norm series by Jonathon Meres*
Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis*
Middle School series by James Patterson*
Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)*
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce*
Killer Animals (series) by Tracey Turner
Gangsta Granny (& more) by David Walliams*
What Not To Do If You Turn Invisible – R Welford

Relationships & Tough Situations

Noughts and Crosses, Cloud Busting, Boys Don't Cry or ***Pig-Heart Boy*** by Malorie Blackman (!)
Blubber or anything by Judy Blume
Artichoke Hearts or ***Jasmine Skies*** - S Brahmachari
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
One, Apple&Rain or ***Weight of Water***-S Crossan (!)
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy - P Earle*
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright, Jamie Drake Equation or Infinite Lives of Maisie Day –C. Edge
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine (!)
Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies by A. Fine
The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion (!)

George by Alex Gino
Tall Story or **Shine** by Candy Gourlay
The Island at the End of Everything—KM Hargrave(!)
After the Fire by Will Hill (!)
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Red Sky in the Morning by Elizabeth Laird (!)
Every Falling Star (North Korea) by Sungju Lee
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (!)
Word Nerd, We Are All Made of Molecules—Nielsen
Wonder by R.J. Palacio (!)
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker (!)
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by A Pitcher (!)
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Marvels or **Wonderstruck** by Brian Selznick*(!)
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli (!)
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (!)
A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (!)
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Sports

Booked, Crossover or Rebound – K. Alexander* (!)
Charlie Merrick's Misfits... by David Cousins*
The Beautiful Game series by Dhami (girls' football)
Man of the Match (& series) by Dan Freedman
The Number 7 Shirt or **The Lion Roars** by A Gibbons
The Fix by Sophie McKenzie*
Football Academy series – Tom Palmer*
Foul Play (& sequels) or **Black Op** by Tom Palmer
Soccer Squad and series by Bali Rai*

War & Conflict

Soldier Dog or **A Horse Called Hero** - Sam Angus
The Boy at the Top of the Mountain or **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** by J Boyne (!)
Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven or Auslander—Dowswell
Under a War-Torn Sky by L.M. Elliott
Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman (!)
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Dog Tags: Semper Fido or **Strays** by C A London*
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (!)
War Horse or **Private Peaceful** by M Morpurgo (!)

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers*

A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielson

The Red Pencil by Andrea David Pinkney

The Sniper or When the Guns Fell Silent – J Riordan

A Soldier's Friend (series) by Megan Rix

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (!)

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak (!)