



Fiction: Recommended Authors	
Anthony McGowan	Powerful human-interest plotlines. Simple, powerful style. Not one wasted word.
Malorie Blackman	Powerful exploration of social issues
Marcus Sedgewick	Accessible, powerful style. Very creative angles. Sometimes hard-hitting.
Helen Dunmore	Famous author for adults. Her 'Ingo' series for young people is highly recommended.
Neil Gaiman	Fantasy/Sci-fi/Humour
Sally Gardner	Dystopian fiction, fantasy, historically-based
Anthony Horowitz	Thrillers ('Alex Rider' series) and age-appropriate horror
Michael Morpurgo	Wide range of human-interest and historically-based fiction
Philip Pullman	Master storyteller, offering plenty to reflect on
David Walliams	Comedy with real sensitivity to relationships
Terry Pratchett	Fantasy/Sci-Fi/ Humour

Getting back into the reading habit? Recommended books	
'Raven's Gate' (Power of Five) Graphic Novel	Anthony Horowitz
'Grass'	Cathy Macphail
'Millions' series	Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Bodyguard: Hostage	Chris Bradford
'The Saga of Darren Shan' series	Darren Shan
'Bindi Babes' series	Narinder Dharmi
'Love Ya Babe'	Chris Higgins
'The Young Bond' series	Charlie Higson
'The Giver' Quartet	Lois Lowry
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman
'Refugee Boy'	Benjamin Zephaniah
'Set in Stone'	Linda Newbery
'Skin Deep'	Malaika Rose Stanley
'ANTIDOTE' or 'Thief'	Malorie Blackman
'The Garbage King'	Elizabeth Laird

Powerful/ Moving Reads	
'A Greyhound of a Girl'	Roddy Doyle
'The Fault in Our Stars' (and other books by)	John Green
'The Hate You Give'	Angie Thomas
'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'	Mark Haddon
'Lark'	Anthony McGowan
'Midwinter Blood' / 'Revolver' / 'Saint Death' / 'She is Not Invisible' / 'My Swordhand is Singing'	Marcus Sedgewick
'The Woman in Black'	Susan Hill
'The Knife of Never Letting Go'	Patrick Ness
'The Book Thief'	Marcus Zusak

'Never Let Me Go'	Kazuo Ishiguro
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Series to 'lose yourself' in	
'Harry Potter' series	JK Rowling
'Across the Nightingale Floor' series	Lian Hearn
'Disc-World' series	Terry Pratchett
'The Ruby in the Smoke' series	Philip Pullman
'Percy Jackson' series	Rick Riordan
'The Hunger Games' trilogy	Suzanne Collins
'The Maze Runner' series	James Dashner
'Divergent' series	Veronica Roth
'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' series	Douglas Adams
'His Dark Materials' series	Philip Pullman
'Cherub' series	Robert Muchamore
'Twilight' series	Stephanie Meyer

Books for those with dyslexic tendencies	
Every child can be a reader - Barrington Stoke	'Barrington Stokes' are award-winning publishers of books with high interest level, appropriate to secondary-school students, written with an awareness of the challenges faced by dyslexic readers.
Bloomsbury - High/Low	The Bloomsbury High/Low category specialises in books with high interest level for secondary school students but low reading difficulty.
'The Front Room'	Michelle Magorian
'Brock' series	Anthony McGowan
'Wuthering Heights' (Emily Bronte)	A retelling by Tanya Landman
'Jane Eyre' (Charlotte Bronte)	A retelling by Tanya Landman
'What Magic is This?'	Holly Bourne
'Kerb Stain Boys'	Alex Wheatle
'Moose Baby'	Meg Rosoff
'The Last Days of Archie Maxwell'	Annabel Pitcher
'Timepiece' series	Anne Perry
'Deadline'	John Townsend
'The Ghost Box'	Catherine Fisher

Classics and 'Up for a Challenge?' books	
'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings'	JRR Tolkien
'William' series	Richmal Crompton
'I Capture the Castle'	Dodie Smith
'Jane Eyre'	Charlotte Bronte
'Little Women'	Louisa May Alcott
'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer'	Mark Twain
'The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn'	Mark Twain
'Watership Down'	Richard Adams
'A Fall of Moondust'	Arthur C Clarke
'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'	Douglas Adams
'The Book of Dust'	Philip Pullman

'1984'	George Orwell
'The Kraken Wakes'	John Wyndham
'Far from the Madding Crowd'	Thomas Hardy

Recommended Literary Non-Fiction	
'The Diary of a Young Girl'	Ann Frank
'I am Malala'	Malala Yousafzai
'Notes from a Small Island' and any travel books by	Bill Bryson
'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind'	William Kamkwamba
'Limitless'	Tim Peake

Free on-line books	
Ebooks, e-magazines e-newspapers and e-audiobooks - Derbyshire County Council	This Derbyshire Library Service 'Borrow Box' online book, newspaper and magazine service is easy to register for and unleashes a wealth of free reading material for you and your children. We strongly recommend that you register on their behalf.
https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/	The World Book Day site has an 'Author and Illustrator Academy' with videos, resources and book extracts for all ages and stages.
https://library.thenational.academy/	The Oak National Academy has just started giving free access to a children's book each week
'Project Gutenberg'	A website providing free online books which are out of copyright. Many of the older classics are available on this site.

Non-Fiction Reading to Extend Your Thinking	
General	
'How it Works' magazine	Well designed and broad in topics covered: all sciences, geography, history, inventions.
Sports and Physical Fitness	
BBC Sport website, particularly the 'Insight' section	
'The Body – A Guide for Occupants'	Bill Bryson
'Anything is Possible'	Gareth Southgate
'Born to Run'	Christopher McDougall
History	
'Captivating History – The Industrial Revolution'	
Mathematics	
'Humble Pi- a comedy of Maths errors'	Matt Parker
'The Simpsons and their mathematical secrets'	Simon Singh
'Alex's Adventures in Numberland'	Alex Bellos
Religious Studies	

The CAFOD blog	
'The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained'	
'The Philosophy Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained'	Will Buckingham
The Islam Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained	Rageh Omaar
'The Shed that Fed a Million Children'	Magnus McFarlane Barrow
'A Brief History of Everyone who Ever Lived'	Adam Rutherford
'A Life on Our Planet'	David Attenborough
Sciences	
'The Bacteria Book: The Big World of Really Tiny Microbes'	Steve Mould
'The Element in the Room: Investigating The Atomic Ingredients That Make Up Your Home'	Mike Barfield
'Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood by Science Superstars'	David Stabler
'Planetarium: Welcome to the Museum'	Raman Prinja
Psychology and The Mind (Fiction and Non-fiction)	
'My First Book About the Brain'	Patricia J Wynne
'What Goes On in My Head'	Robert Winston
'All About Your Brain'	Robert Winston
'The Illustrated Mum'	Jaqueline Wilson
'The Outsiders'	S.E. Hinton
'Looking for JJ'	Anne Cassidy
Geography	
'Off the Map'	Alastair Bonnett
'Adventures in the Anthropocene'	Gala Vince
The 'National Geographic' Magazine	