

Teenage Reading List:

!: Signifies a warning that the book may include adult content and is certainly a mature read. Therefore, it is up to your discretion to allow your child to read books with this symbol (however, all instances of adult content are within context and not gratuitous).

Non- Fiction:

1. *Faster than lightning* – Usain Bolt (Sport)
‘The autobiography of the fastest man of all time and a superstar whose talent and charisma have made him one of the most famous people on the planet’.
2. *Alex Ferguson My Autobiography*- Alex Ferguson (Sport)
‘Considered to be the greatest manager in the history of British football’ , this is his controversial autobiography.
3. *Pele: The Autobiography*- Pele (Sport) !
‘The world's greatest footballer now gives us the full story of his incredible life and career’.
4. *Stillness and Speed: My Story* - Dennis Bergkamp (Sport)
Footballer Dennis Berkamp’s autobiography: ‘He was a player like no other; his story is told like no other. It is a book that will inspire football fans everywhere, whatever their allegiance.
5. *I am Zlatan Ibrahimovic*- Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Sport)
‘The explosive, critically-acclaimed memoir of Zlatan Ibrahimovich, one of the world's most gifted and controversial footballers’.
6. *I think therefore I play*- Andrea Pirlo (Sport)
‘Andrea Pirlo is one of the finest footballers of his generation - a World Cup and Champions League winning playmaker who has redefined his position at the base of midfield, and one of the most deadly free-kick takers the game has known. This is his story, in his words’
7. *Diary of a Young Girl*- Anne Frank (History) !
Thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family were forced into hiding, fleeing the Nazi occupation in 1942. Her diary tells her story, and ends abruptly when, in August 1944, they were all betrayed. ‘One of the greatest books of the [last] century’ - *Guardian*
8. *May I Have Your Attention Please?*- James Corden (Comedy) !
From the book: ‘The truth is, I should never have been this famous guy. I wasn't the cool, clever, good-looking boy at school. But I always dreamt of it, hoped for it, longed for it: throughout school when I was disruptive, in my teens when I tried to form my own boy band and through hundreds

of auditions for parts which were met with constant rejection... And my whole life changed’.

9. *Life and Laughing: My Story* - Michael McIntyre (Comedy) !

‘Discover Michael McIntyre's hilarious life-story in *Life and Laughing*’.

Fiction:

1. *Animal Farm*- George Orwell

‘George Orwell's chilling fable of Soviet Russia's brutal dictatorship, *Animal Farm* brings to life in lucid, uncomplicated language the disastrous project of Russian Communism’.

2. *Northern Lights* (First in series)- Philip Pullman

‘Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...’

3. *The Hobbit* (First in series)- J. R. R. Tolkien

‘Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected journey ‘there and back again’. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...’ A modern classic.

4. *The Life of Pi*- Yann Martel !

‘One boy, one boat, one tiger ...After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orang-utan and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger’.

5. *Across the Nightingale Floor* (First in series)- Lian Hearn !

‘Takeo is just 16 when he loses his family to the evil Lord Iida and it seems like incredible luck when he is saved from death by the noble Shigeru, rightful heir to the Clan of the Otori. These are treacherous times. Everyone is at risk, and few can be trusted. Takeo also has a special gift--inherited skills that mark him out as different from other men. He is at once desirable and highly dangerous to those in power. His life is soon in danger’.

6. *The Fault in Our Stars*- John Green !

‘Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named

Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten'.

7. *Noughts and Crosses* (First in series)- Malorie Blackman !

'Sephy is a Cross – a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought – a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood.

Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum – a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger...'

8. *Junk*- Melvin Burgess !

'Melvin Burgess' most ambitious and complex novel is a multi-faceted and vivid depiction of a group of young people in the grip of drug addiction. It is told in many different voices, from the addicts themselves to the friends watching from the outside who try to prevent tragedy'.

9. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* – Mark Haddon !

'A murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome'.

10. *Divergent* (First in series)- Veronica Roth !

'For sixteen-year-old Tris, the world changes in a heartbeat when she is forced to make a terrible choice.

Turning her back on her family, Tris ventures out, alone, determined to find out where she truly belongs.... A debut novel that will leave you breathless'.

11. *The Hunger Games* (First in series)- Suzanne Collins

'Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Welcome to the deadliest reality TV show ever...'

12. *City of Bones* (First in series)- Cassandra Clare

'Sixteen-year-old Clary Fray is an ordinary teenager, who likes hanging out in Brooklyn with her friends. But everything changes the night she witnesses a murder, committed by a group of teens armed with medieval weaponry'.

13. *The Maze Runner* (First in series)- James Dashner

'When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's not alone. Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there - or what's happened to the world outside. All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back, they will risk everything ... to try and find out' (Often compared to The Hunger Games).

14. *Gone* (First in series)-Michael Grant

'Suddenly it's a world without adults and normal has crashed and burned. When life as you know it ends at 15, everything changes'.

15. *The Book Thief*- Markus Zusak

'1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier'. A gripping novel narrated by Death himself.

"...a beautifully balanced piece of storytelling...Unsettling, thought-provoking, life affirming, triumphant and tragic, this is a novel of breathtaking scope, masterfully told. It is an important piece of work, but also a wonderful page-turner." -*The Guardian*

16. *I Am Number Four* (First in series)- Pittacus Lore

'Nine of us came here. We look like you. We talk like you. We live among you. But we are not you. We can do things you dream of doing. We have powers you dream of having. We are stronger and faster than anything you have ever seen. We are the superheroes you worship in movies and comic books—but we are real'.

17. *Wonder* – R. J. Palacio

'Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?'

From the book:"My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse."

18. *The Private Blog of Joe Cowley* - Ben Davis

'The brilliantly funny and cringe-worthy secret blog of 14-year-old Joe Cowley (wannabe comic artist and self-confessed repeller of girls)'

19. *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4* (First in series)- Sue Townsend

The first book in the honest and 'brilliantly funny' Adrian Mole series. 'An exquisite social comedy'.

20. *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*- John Boyne

'Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. He is oblivious to the appalling cruelties being inflicted on the people of Europe by his country (Nazi Germany). All he knows is that he has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel'. Who lives on the other side of the fence.

21. *Half My Facebook Friends Are Ferrets*- J.A. Buckle

'Fifteen-year-old Josh fantasises about becoming a death metal guitarist complete with tattoos, piercings and hoards of adoring fans. But it's not easy when his super-strict mom won't let him grow his hair'.

22. *Private Peaceful*- Michael Morpurgo

'Heroism or cowardice? A stunning story of the First World War from a master storyteller'.

23. *Trash*- Andy Mulligan

'Raphael is a dumpsite, street boy. He spends his days wading through mountains of steaming trash, sifting it, sorting it, breathing it, sleeping next to it. Then one unlucky-lucky day, Raphael's world turns upside down. A small leather bag falls into his hands. It's a bag of clues. It's a bag of hope. It's a bag that will change everything'.

24. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (First in series) - J.K.Rowling

'Funny, imaginative, magical Rowling has woken up a whole generation to reading. In the 2020s, thirty-something book-lovers will know each other by smug references to Diagon Alley and Quidditch' -*The Times*

25. *Good Night, Mr. Tom*- Michelle Magorian

'It's the story of young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley'. A truly touching and powerful story.

26. *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* (First in series) - Rick Riordan

'Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God.

I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling Greek monsters and generally trying to stay alive'.

27. *The Zombie Survival Guide: Complete Protection from the Living Dead*- Max Brooks

Just in case.

28. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*- Jeff Kinney

From the book: 'Let me get something straight: this is a JOURNAL, not a diary. This was Mom's idea, not mine. But if she thinks I'm going to write down my "feelings" in here or whatever, she's crazy. The only reason I agreed to do this at all is because I figure later on when I'm rich and famous, this book is gonna come in handy'.

