



Reading List - Year 7

Real Life

A Different Dog

By Paul Jennings

A boy stops to help a crashed van—but the only survivor is a dog. This emotional novella follows his quest to get his new friend to safety.

The Children of Willesden Lane

By Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen

Aspiring concert pianist Lisa Jura is just 14 when she is forced to leave Germany behind and travel to England on the Kindertransport. An eye-opening insight into life as a young refugee during World War Two.

Roller Girl

By Victoria Jameson

It's really exciting to be starting at Roller Derby camp, but less so when Astrid finds herself on her own. A fantastic, funny graphic novel about friendship and strong girls.

A Good Day for Climbing Trees

By Jaco Jacobsen

Translated from Afrikaans by Kobus Geldenhuys

Thirteen-year-old Marnus finds himself at the centre of a protest when he and a girl named Leila camp out in a tree to prevent it being cut down by developers. This is the perfect feel-good book from one of South Africa's top children's authors.

Humorous

The Ice Monster

By David Walliams

When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster – a woolly mammoth found at the North Pole – she's determined to discover more...

Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid

By Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley has been chronicling his middle school years in thirteen Diary of a Wimpy Kid journals... and counting. Now it's time for readers to hear from Greg's trusty best friend, Rowley Jefferson, in a journal of his own.

Radio Boy

By Christian O'Connell

A brilliant and laugh-out-loud story of an ordinary boy with an extraordinary secret radio show. (Broadcast from his shed.)



Escapist

Unicorn Girl

By Anne-Marie Conway

When Granny Rae dies and leaves Ariella her precious unicorn charm, Ariella invests the charm with magic powers. Days later a unicorn appears in the empty field at the bottom of the garden.

The House with Chicken Legs

By Sophie Anderson

A story of death, magic and the afterlife told by Marinka, who is desperate not to follow in her grandmother's footsteps and wants to find her own destiny. Loosely based on the Slavic myth of Baba Yaga and shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.

The List of Real Things

By Sarah Moore Fitzgerald

Grace knows the difference between what's real and the strange ideas that float around in her little sister's mind. Their parents died - that's real. A secret hotel on the cliff-top where their parents are waiting - definitely NOT real. The line between truth and fantasy is more complicated than it seems...

The Children of Castle Rock

By Natasha Ferrant

When Alice Mistlethwaite is shipped off to boarding school in Scotland it's nothing like she imagines. Both hilarious and heartfelt, this is the classic adventure story brought bang up to date, and told in Natasha's inimitable voice.

Nonfiction

The Silk Roads: A New History of the World – Illustrated Edition

By Peter Frankopan

Beautifully illustrated, this book explores the connections made by people, trade, disease, war, religion, adventure, science and technology.