



Reading List - Year 8

Real Life

Star by Star

By Sheena Wilkinson

15-year-old Stella returns to Northern Ireland to live with an aunt she has never met. The war has ended and women are about to vote for the first time. Fascinating and inspiring.

Boy 87

By Ele Fountain

Shif is just an ordinary schoolboy who loves chess and playing with his best friend. But, one day, he is forced to leave home to avoid conscription into the army. This story illuminates the realities of life as a refugee.

Well That Was Awkward

By Rachel Vail

A.J. likes not Gracie but Gracie's beautiful best friend, Sienna. Gracie's had lots of practice being the sidekick, but will it always be good enough?

Freak the Mighty

By Rodman Philbrick

Kevin and Max are both accustomed to ridicule but when fate throws this seemingly mismatched pair together the result is awesome: Freak the Mighty. A tragic, suspenseful and touching story that is ultimately uplifting.

Humorous

May Contain Nuts: The World of Norm

By Jonathan Meres

An award-winning, laugh-out-loud series for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid and David Walliams.

The Last Kids on Earth

By Max Brallier

Jack Sullivan is 42 days into the monster zombie apocalypse and doing pretty well, but that's all thrown into jeopardy when a monster called Blarg becomes intent on killing him off... A fast-paced, funny story that's a mix between Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Shaun of the Dead.

Invisible Emmie

By Terri Libenson



This debut novel follows two girls who could not seem more different: shy, observant, wallflower Emmie; and loud, popular, cheery Katie. Then Emmie's very private, very embarrassing scribbles fall into the wrong hands.

Escapist

The School for Good and Evil

By Soman Chainani

It's where children are trained to become fairytale heroes or villains--a dark and enchanting fantasy adventure with a twist.

The Wolf Wilder

By Katherine Rundell

A story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.

Tales of Terror from the Black Ship

By Chris Priestly

Thirteen spine-tingling tales told by a shipwrecked sailor—fast-paced and frightening!

Children of Blood and Bone

By Tomi Adeyemi

Zelie has a chance to bring magic back to her people. This YA fantasy epic is infused with the rich mythology of west Africa.

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Nonfiction

The Teenage Guide to Life Online

By Nicola Morgan

A balanced look at what happens to us all when we spend time on our screens, both positive and negative--take control of your time online and keep it from controlling you!