

TEMA Reading List for years 7 and 8

Dead Gorgeous by Malorie Blackman - a mysterious stranger shows up at Nova's parents' hotel and she realises she's the only one who can see him – read this if you enjoyed the Gothic

Something Like Home by Andrea Beatriz Arango - A novel in verse in which a lost dog helps a lonely girl find a way home to her family . . . only for them to find family in each other along the way.

The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon – the first in a series: Tom Gates is the master of excuses for late dog attacks; spilt water; and, lightning.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney- In the first book of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney, introduces us to Greg Heffley: an unforgettable, unlikely hero that every family can relate to.

Impossible Creatures: Impossible Creatures, Book 1 Katherine Rundell - The day Christopher saved a drowning baby griffin would change his life forever. It's the day he learned about the Archipelago, a cluster of unmapped islands where magical creatures of every kind have thrived for thousands of years—until now.

Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan – an adventurous series about mythological creatures and Olympian Gods – read this if you enjoyed Greek myths

The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow – a story about finding your place in the world – read this if you enjoyed Kick

The Harder They Fall by Bali Rai – a brave story about overcoming bullying, poverty and mental health

Ethan's Voice by Rachel Carter – about a boy who stopped speaking but cannot remember why, until he meets Polly and wishes things were different – read this if you enjoyed A Monster Calls

Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah – Adeline's family consider her bad luck when her mother dies after giving birth to her, as a girl she finds her courageous voice in the face of adversity

Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II by Adam Gidwitz – Max didn't want to move from Berlin to London, and he has a plan to get home – it only involves becoming a spy.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer – a fantasy series about a boy descended from a long line of criminal masterminds – read this if you enjoyed Greek mythology or any adventure stories

The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan – a story about a girl's experience moving to England and the importance of courage – read this if you enjoyed *Boy Everywhere*

Make More Noise by Emma Carroll – an anthology of short stories centring around strong female characters – read this if you enjoyed *I Am Malala*

Sawbones by Catherine Johnson – Ezra McAdam's world is turned on its head when a failed break-in sets off a strange and disturbing series of events... - read this if you enjoyed the Gothic

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd – siblings Ted and Kat overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin

Wonder by R.J. Palacio – a heartwarming story about August Pullman, born with a facial difference that has prevented him from going to mainstream school until now

Once by Morris Gleitzman – a story of a young Jewish boy determined to save his parents from the Nazis – read this if you enjoyed *Trash* or your Experiences of War reading lessons

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia – in 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters experience what it means to be a Black Panther

Non-Fiction:

Good News by Rashmi Sirdeshpande - From pandemics and environmental destruction, world news can sometimes seem rather bleak. This superb, upbeat book redresses the balance, highlighting amazing news stories from around the globe.

You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed – Syed uses his own experience to explain how your mindset can help you achieve whatever you want, or, alternatively, hold you back.

Kay's Incredible Inventions by Adam Kay - With quizzes at the end of each section and several joke inventions, this is great fun, while also being informative about how people lived in the past.

More Than a Dream: The Radical March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom by Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long - account offers a fresh look at the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom by spotlighting the protest's radical roots and the underappreciated role of Black women.