

## MIDDLE SCHOOL : SUGGESTIONS FOR READING

There are three lists here, each containing something for everyone. It is to be hoped that you will enjoy exploring these books and developing your tastes in reading.

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A general list of “good reads”.

Abse, D	<i>Ash On A Young Man’s Sleeve</i>
Adams, R	<i>Watership Down; Shardik</i>
Asimov, I	<i>Foundation; Second Foundation; Foundation and Empire, etc</i>
Bates, H E	<i>Fair Stood the Wind for France; The Darling Buds of May</i>
Bradbury, R	<i>Fahrenheit 451; Dandelion Wine</i>
Buchan, J	<i>The Thirty-nine Steps; The Three Hostages; The Island of Sheep</i>
Caldwell, J	<i>Desperate Voyage</i>
Chevalier, T	<i>Girl With a Pearl Earring</i>
Childers, E	<i>The Riddle of the Sands</i>
Clarke, A C	<i>2001</i>
Cooper, S	<i>The Dark is Rising series</i>
Cornwall, J	<i>The ‘Sharpe’ series</i>
Desai, A	<i>The Village by the Sea</i>
de Bernières, L	<i>Red Dog</i>
Doyle, C	<i>The Lost World; Brigadier Gerard; Hound of the Baskervilles; Sign of Four; Adventures and Memoirs</i>
du Maurier, D	<i>Rebecca; Don’t Look Now &amp; Other Stories; Jamaica Inn</i>
Durrell, G	<i>My Family and Other Animals; Encounters with Animals, etc.</i>
Falkner, J M	<i>Moonfleet</i>
Fine, A	<i>Tulip Touch; Madame Doubtfire; Flour Babies, etc.</i>
Forester, C S	<i>Hornblower</i>
Frank, A	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank (NF)</i>
Gallico, P	<i>The Snowgoose; Flowers for Mrs Harris</i>
Graham, W	<i>Poldark</i>
Grossmith, G&W	<i>The Diary of a Nobody</i>
Haggard, H R	<i>King Solomon’s Mines</i>
Harris, J	<i>Chocolat; Five Quarters of an Orange</i>
Hemingway, E	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Hill, S	<i>Strange Meeting; The Albatross &amp; Other Stories; Bird of Night; The Woman in Black; I’m the King of the Castle</i>
Hines, B	<i>A Kestrel for a Knav</i>
Hinton, N	<i>Buddy</i>
Holm, A	<i>I Am David</i>
Horowitz, A	<i>Stormbreaker etc.</i>
Hughes, T	<i>Tom Brown’s Schooldays</i>
Huxley, E	<i>The Flame Trees of Thika</i>
Jerome, J	<i>Three Men in a Boat</i>
Lee, H	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Lee, L	<i>Cider with Rosie; As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning</i>
London, J	<i>The Call of the Wild; White Fang</i>
Magorian, M	<i>Back Home; Goodnight Mr Tom; A Spoonful of Jam</i>
Mason, D	<i>The Piano Tuner</i>
Maxwell, G	<i>Ring of Bright Water</i>
McCall-Smith, A	<i>The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series</i>
Morpurgo, M	<i>Out of the Ashes; Kensukea’s Kingdom; The War of Jenkins’ Ear; Arthur, High King of Britain</i>
Nicholson, W	<i>Slaves of Mastery; The Wind Singer; Firesong</i>
O’Brien, R	<i>Z for Zachariah</i>
Orwell, G	<i>Animal Farm</i>
Pullman, P	<i>His Dark Materials (trilogy)</i>

Reid, P	<i>Colditz</i> (NF)
Remarque, EM	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>
Rowling, J K	<i>Harry Potter</i> (series)
Rushdie, S	<i>Haroun and the Sea of Stories</i>
Saint-Exupéry, A	<i>The Little Prince; Night Flight</i>
Sassoon, S	<i>Memoirs of an Infantry Officer; Memoirs of a Fox-hunting Man</i> (NF)
Simpson, J	<i>Touching the Void</i> (NF)
Solzhenitsyn, A	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>
Steinbeck, J	<i>The Red Pony; The Moon is Down; The Pearl</i>
Stevenson, R	<i>Treasure Island; Travels With a Donkey; The Black Arrow; Kidnapped</i>
Taylor, M	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
Tolkien, J	<i>The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings</i>
Twain, M	<i>Huck Finn; Tom Sawyer; Roughing it; Life on the Mississippi; The Prince and the Pauper</i>
Verne, J	<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>
Walsh, J	<i>Dolphin Crossing</i>
Warner, R	<i>Men and Gods; Greeks and Trojans; The Vengeance of the Gods</i>
Waugh, E	<i>Decline and Fall</i>
Wells, H G	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>
Wodehouse, PG	The Jeeves books
Wyndham, J	<i>The Day of the Triffids; The Midwich Cuckoos</i>
Yen Ma, A	<i>Chinese Cinderella</i>
Zephaniah, B	<i>Refugee Boy</i>

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**The next list aims to introduce you to the easier works of some more testing writers.**

Austen, Jane	<i>Northanger Abbey</i>
Blixen, Karen	<i>Out of Africa</i>
Brontë, Anne	<i>The Tenant of Wildfell Hall</i>
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Youth; Tales of Unrest</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>Great Expectations; Oliver Twist</i>
Eliot, George	<i>Scenes of Clerical Life</i>
Greene, Graham	<i>Brighton Rock</i>
Hardy, Thomas	<i>The Trumpet-Major; Under the Greenwood Tree; The Mayor of Casterbridge</i>
Hartley, LP	<i>The Go-Between</i>
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>
James, Henry	<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>
Kafka, Franz	<i>Metamorphosis &amp; Other Stories</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Kim</i> etc.
Melville, Herman	<i>Billy Budd</i>
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i>
Paton, Alan	<i>Cry the Beloved Country</i>
Rhys, Jean	<i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i>
Salinger, JD	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>
Schreiner, Olive	<i>The Story of an African Farm</i>
Spark, Muriel	<i>The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie</i>

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For those who like the short story, here is a list of some notable collections or authors. Any anthology bearing some of the work of these authors should be good reading:

Fitzgerald, F	<i>The Diamond as Big as the Ritz</i>
Forster, EM	<i>The Machine Stops; Collected Short Stories</i>
Dahl, R	Various collections
Grimm, J	<i>Complete Fairy Tales</i>

Hardy, T	<i>Wessex Tales</i>
Hemingway, E	<i>Selected Short Stories</i>
Henry, O	<i>The Best of O Henry</i>
Lawrence, D H	<i>Selected Short Stories</i>
Lessing, D	<i>The Story of a Non-Marrying Man and Other Stories</i>
Maugham, W	<i>The Complete Short Stories</i>
Maupassant, G de	Various collections
Poe, E	<i>Tales of Mystery and Imagination</i>
Saki (HH Munro)	<i>The Complete Short Stories</i>

### **Anthologies**

The Oxford Book of  
Fantasy Stories  
Victorian Ghost  
Stories

### **INDIAN WRITERS**

R K Narayan	<i>Swamy And Friends</i>
Anita Desai	<i>The Village By The Sea</i> <i>Fire On The Mountain</i> <i>Other Titles</i>
Munshi Premchand	<i>Kafang</i>
Rabindranath Tagore	<i>Red Oleanders</i> <i>Post Office and other Short Stories</i> <i>Gitanjali</i> <i>Other Titles</i>
Ruskin Bond	<i>Rusty (Series)</i> <i>The Eyes Have It</i> <i>The Room On The Roof</i> <i>Several Other Titles</i>
Jawaharlal Nehru	<i>The Discovery Of India</i> <i>Glimpses Of World</i> <i>History</i>
Sarojini Naidu	<i>Collection Of Poems</i>
Toru Dutt	<i>Collection Of Poems</i>
Vikram Seth	<i>Poems</i>
Romesh Dutt	<i>The Ramayana (Translation)</i>
R K Narayan	<i>The Mahabharata (Translation)</i>
Vikram Seth	<i>Poems</i>
Bapsi Sidhwa	<i>The Ice Candy Man</i>
Nizzim Ezekiel	<i>Selection Of Poems</i>
M. K. Gandhi	<i>The Story Of My Experiments With Truth</i>
Various Writers	<i>Folk Tales Of India – Different Regions</i>
Satyajit Ray	<i>(Feluda's Investigation)</i>