
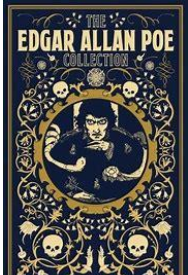


Year 8 Literacy

Recommended Reads Top Picks:

<p>Crongton Knights</p> 	<p>McKay's life on the South Crongton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the Bailiffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble.</p>
<p>Monsters</p> 	<p>An absolutely compelling, psychological insight into the woman who created the much studied Gothic novel <i>Frankenstein</i> which will illuminate that study enormously and ensure a much deeper understanding. Mary Godwin's own story is, of course, as dramatic and heartrending as her novel.</p>
<p>Coram Boy</p> 	<p><i>Coram Boy</i> is the story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate. The two boys' lives are linked by the Coram Man, a shady figure who collects abandoned and unwanted children from across the country, supposedly to deliver them to a safe new life at the Coram Hospital in London.</p>
<p>Northern Lights</p> 	<p>Lyra and her animal daemon live a carefree life amongst the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. Yet the destiny that awaits her will take her far from her home, to the magical frozen lands of the Arctic, amongst the witch-clans and ice-bears.</p>
<p>Heartstream</p> 	<p>A taut thriller dealing with psychology, social media, the allure of fame and obsession – you won't put it down!</p>



<p>It's Trevor Noah: Born A Crime</p> 	<p>The host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, tells the story of growing up mixed race in South Africa under and after apartheid .</p>
<p>The Edgar Allan Poe Collection</p> 	<p>Mysterious, morbid and undeniably fascinating, the tales collected here are a perfect introduction to America's master of horror.</p>

Recommended Reads By Genre:

Historical

Bone Talk- Candy Gourlay (*Samkad dreams of becoming a mighty headhunter like his father, carrying his own weapons and etching tattoos across his chest to proclaim his greatness as a warrior*)

The Book Thief –Markus Zusak (*Narrated by Death himself, a novel about a young girl growing up (and stealing books) in World War II Germany*)

Realistic

One of Us is Lying- Karen McManus (*Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive*)

Eleanor and Park -Rainbow Rowell (*A breathless, achingly good read about love and outsiders*)

Geek Girl – Holly Smale (*Harriet's comical and cringeworthy misadventures in the world of fashion are guaranteed to get you laughing*)

A Time to Dance – Padma Venkatraman (*Veda, a classical dance prodigy in India, lives and breathes dance—so when an accident leaves her a below-knee amputee, her dreams are shattered*)

Zebra Crossing Soul Song –Sita Bramachari (*Lenny has spent most of his life at the zebra crossing, and for many of those years Otis, the singing `zebra man' has helped him on his way. But when Otis' sad past comes back to haunt him, Lenny is forced to face his crossroads alone.*) **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY**

Fantasy/Magical

The Gormenghast Trilogy – Mervin Peake (*A doomed lord, an emergent hero, and a dazzling array of bizarre creatures*) **CHALLENGE**

The Hobbit –J.R.R.Tolkien (*The Hobbit is the unforgettable story of Bilbo, a peace-loving hobbit, who embarks on a strange and magical adventure*)

Caraval- Stephanie Garber (*Before you enter the world of Caraval, you must remember that it's all a game...Welcome to Caraval, where nothing is quite what it seems.*)



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Dystopian/Adventure

1984- George Orwell (Totalitarian world. Watchful eye of 'big brother') **CHALLENGE**

The Giver – Lois Lowry (At the age of twelve, Jonas, a young boy from a seemingly utopian, futuristic world, is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who alone holds the memories of the true joys and pain of life.)

The Maze Runner (A group of boys are stuck in a terrifying maze...)

The Gone series – Michael Grant (*In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young.*)

Non-Fiction

We are all Greta. Be Inspired to save the world –Valentina Giannella (*Follow in Greta Thunberg's footsteps and join the global mission to save our planet from climate change. This book will answer readers' questions on what climate change means, what its consequences will be, and what must be done to protect our world.*)

The Boy who Harnessed the Wind –William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (*a gripping memoir of survival and perseverance about the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village.*)

Classics

The Woman in Black – Susan Hill (*written in the style of a traditional Gothic novel. The plot concerns a mysterious spectre that haunts a small English town, heralding the death of children.*)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams (*Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect. Together this dynamic pair begin a journey through space aided by quotes from The Hitchhiker's Guide ("A towel is about the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have")*)

Horror

The Wrong Train – Jeremy de Quidt (*A boy gets off the wrong train at an empty station. He meets a man who starts to tell stories...A chilling collection of tales that will keep you up at night*)

The Screaming Staircase – Lockwood & Co. Book 1- Jonathan Stroud (*The main characters are very resourceful, very brave ghost hunters and inhabit a world where ghosts are nearly everywhere, putting people in danger every night.*)

The Evil Within (How the young Henry Jekyll became Mr Hyde)–Catherine Macphail (*What transforms an ordinary Edinburgh boy into the most infamous split personality of all time?*) **DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY**

Graphic Novels

Nimona – Noelle Stevenson (*Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc.)*

The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson) Graphic novel –Rick Riordan (*This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea. Can Percy find the lightning bolt before a fully-fledged war of the Gods erupts?*)

Ms Marvel: No Normal- G. Willow Wilson and Adrian Alphona (*Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City — until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm!*)



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