

Year 7 Reading List 2023

Are you looking for a great book for your child's collection? The following list contains more than 50 longer and more difficult chapter books to appeal to children aged 11 – 12 in Year 7 of secondary school.

There is a range of fiction and nonfiction suitable for all ability ranges within this age group, including titles for both reluctant and more able readers. In all the lists, we feature books to appeal to a wide range of interests and situations.

Remember, that for children to keep wanting to read, they must enjoy reading. As they get older, they prefer to choose books for themselves and at times, they will choose books which are easy for them. You should not interfere if children range up and down in level of the difficulty of the books they read. No one likes to be challenged all the time.

This list of year 7 books is curated by a team of teachers and school librarians and includes stories by Lisa Thompson, Gillian Cross, Malorie Blackman, Philip Pullman, Michael Morpugo and Marcus Zusak.

Once your child has read and enjoyed an author, it makes sense to borrow or buy another book by the same author. Be careful, though, because some authors write for different age groups. Ask your school librarian or teacher for more help in this regard.

The books on this list may be available for borrowing from your child's school library or your local library. They may also be purchased from local bookshops or online from Readings (Australia), Dymocks (Australia) or Amazon (USA).

The books are not listed in any particular order.

A Monster Calls by *Patrick Ness*

Coraline by *Neil Gaiman*

Crocodile Tears by *Anthony Horowitz*

Dragon Keeper Trilogy by Carole Wilkinson

Liesl and Po by Lauren Oliver

Samurai Kids: White Crane by Sandy Fussell

Shakespeare's Apprentice by Veronica Bennett

Skellig by David Almond

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Animal Poems by Valerie Worth

Rhyme Stew by Roald Dahl

Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

Runner by Robert Newton

Playing Beatie Bow by Ruth Park

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Miss Peregrine's School for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Blueback by Tim Winton

Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella

Freedom by Catherine Johnson

Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari

Kick by Mitch Johnson

Watership Down by Richard Adams

The Golfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Robin Hood: Jet Skis, Swamps and Smugglers by Robert Muchamore

Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper

Wolf by Gillian Cross

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson

The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner

Across the Barricades by Joan Lingard

War Horse by Michael Morpugo

Stone Cold by Robert Swindells

His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4 by Sue Townsend

Cue for Treason by Geoffrey Trease

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Graveyard Book by Elizabeth Laird

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Box of Delights by John Masefield

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpugo

A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair by Nicholas Fisk

Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge