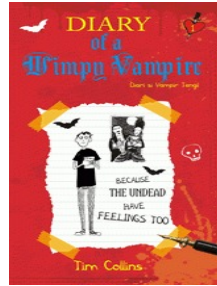


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Most of the authors listed here have written other great books as well. Some are even titles from a series.

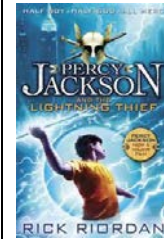
*Diary of a Wimpy Vampire*- Tim Collins



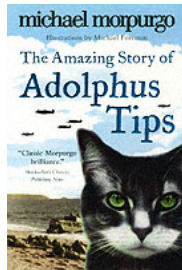
*The 39 Clue series*- various authors



*Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*- Rick Riordan



*The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips* -Michael Morpurgo



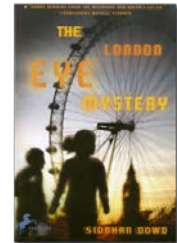
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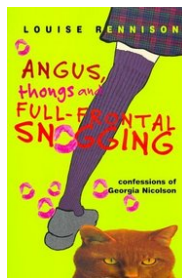
*Jugglin'* (Devana High series)- Bali Rai



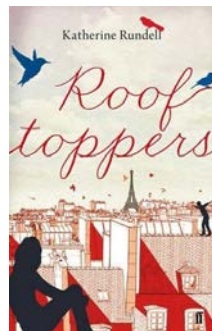
*The London Eye Mystery*- Siobhan Dowd



*Angus Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging* - Louise Reddison



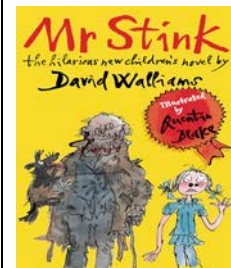
*Rooftoppers*- Katherine Rundell



*H.I.V.E.-* Mark Walden



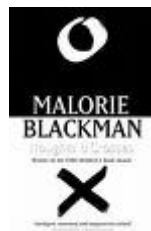
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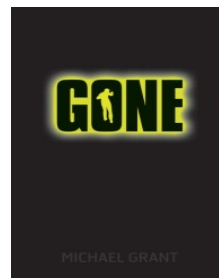
*A Series of Unfortunate Events* - Lemony Snicket



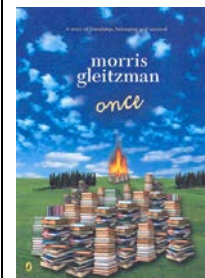
*Noughts and Crosses* - Malorie Blackman



*Gone* (series)- Michael Grant



*Once*- Maurice Gleitzman



## **Year 8 Reading**

An important way to help your child progress, both in English lessons and across all other subjects, is to encourage them to read! We recommend at least twenty minutes quality reading time a day. This could be a novel, a short story, a newspaper article, a film review or a celebrity's autobiography.

## **The Benefits**

Reading can increase your child's range of vocabulary. Seeing good examples of how to write will support your child's understanding of how to use spelling, punctuation, sentences and paragraphs in their own writing. Reading also provides opportunities to practise understanding different types of writing. In addition, it can help them to understand other people's perspectives and to keep learning about the world around them. Overall, it can dramatically help your child to succeed in their learning.

## **Helpful websites:**

For guidance on the reading skills that need to be practised:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/english/reading/>

For personal reviews and an A-Z catalogue of suggestions: <http://www.readingmatters.co.uk/>

To search for book recommendations by age group:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/12/11-plus-readers.html>

For a list of popular children's authors (which directs you to each author's website):

<http://www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/>