

KS3 Summer Reading Suggestions

These books have been recommended by your English teachers and Haggerston Library. They offer a range of genres and themes that will ensure your summer is jam-packed full of great reads.



Fiction:

Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes - Rick Riordan *Greek Mythology, Heroes*
Northern Lights - Philip Pullman - *Fantasy, Adventure*
The Name of the Wind - Patrick Rothfuss *Fantasy, Power*
The Final Empire (Mistborn series) by **Brandon Sanderson** *Fantasy, Rebellion*
The Parker Inheritance - Varian Johnson *Mystery, Identity, Society*
I Wish You All The Best - Mason Deaver *Friendship, Family, Romance, LGBTQ+*
King and the Dragon Flies - Kacen Callender *Family, Friendship, Racism, LGBTQ+*
The Watsons Go To Birmingham by **Christopher Paul Curtis** *Family, Friendship, Coming-of-Age*
The Boxer - Nikesh Shukla *Family, Friendship, Boxing, Race*
Watch Us Rise - Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan *Feminism, Social Justice*
The Fifth Season (Broken Earth series) by **N.K Jemison** *Science Fiction, Cultural Oppression*
Chasing the Stars - Malorie Blackman *Science Fiction, Othello Retelling, Dystopian, Romance*
The Giver - Lois Lowry *Dystopian, Freedom, Memory*
The Hunger Games (Trilogy) - **Suzanne Collins** *Dystopian, Political, Adventure*
On The Come Up - Angie Thomas *Social Justice, Expression, Individuality, Freedom of Speech*
The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas *Racism, Social Justice, Power*
High Rise Mystery - Sharna Jackson *Crime fiction, Action*
Zenobia July - Lisa Bunker *Crime, Mystery, Friendship, Gender, LGBTQ+*
The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein - **Kiersten White** *Gothic, Feminism, Mental Illness*
Coraline - Neil Gaiman - *Gothic, Fantasy*
12 Minutes to Midnight - **Christopher Edge** *Gothic, Victorian, Fantasy*
Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen *Classic Literature, Romance, Social Class*
Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte *Classic Literature, Feminism, Romance, Religion*
American Street - Ibo Zobi *Family, Immigration, Cultural Identity*
A Long Walk to Water - Linda Sue Park *Immigration, Survival, Hope, Development*
Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe *Change, Tradition, Masculinity*
The Island at the End of Everything - **Kiran Millwood Hargrave** *Prejudice, Segregation, Family*
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo *War, Survival, Loss, Friendship*
The Pearl - John Steinbeck *Greed, Fate, Oppression*
Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan *Hope, American Dream, Society, Class*

Non-Fiction:

The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets - **Gayle E Pitman** *Historical, LGBTQ+*
Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag - **Rob Sanders** *Historical, LGBTQ+*
The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank *Historical, WW2, Holocaust, Autobiography*
Proud (Young Readers Edition): Living My American Dream - **Ibtihaj Muhammad** *Autobiography*
The Distance Between Us: Young Readers Edition - **Reyna Grande** *American Dream, Immigration*
Explorers: Amazing Tales of the World's Greatest Adventures - **Nellie Huang** *Travel, Adventure*
This Book is Anti-Racist - **Tiffany Jewell** *Social Justice, Politics, Race*
The Story of Trailblazing Actor Ira Aldridge - **Glenda Armand** *History, Race, Shakespeare*
Mind Your Head - Juno Dawson *Mental Health, Empowerment, Relationships*
The Reason I Jump - **Naoki Higashida** *Biography, Autism, Perspective*
Freedom in Congo Square - **R. Gregory Christie** *Historical, Resistance, Racism*
We Are All Greta - Lucia Esther Maruzzelli - *Climate Justice, Political Change*



Poetry:

Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson *Racism, Activism, Civil Rights Movement, Non-fiction*

Rebound - Kwame Alexander *Friendship, Sport, Coming of Age*

Introduction to Poetry - Billy Collins *Imagery, Joy of Poetry*

Walking Black Home - Benjamin Zephaniah *Race, Social Justice*

Mrs Midas - Carol Anne Duffy *Mythology, Female Perspective*

Medusa and Minotaur Take Tea - Rachel Piercey *Greek Mythology, Retelling*

A Tale of Modern Britain - Caleb Femi *Performance Poetry*

Caged Bird - Maya Angelou *History, Race, Oppression*

Still I Rise - Maya Angelou *Resilience, Confidence*

Listen - Gillian Clarke *War Poetry, Power, Conflict*

In Times of Peace - John Agard *War Poetry, Conflict*

The Tyger - William Blake *Imagination, Beauty, Religion*

First Day at School - Roger McGough *Humour, Childhood*

Illustrated/Graphic Novels

Smile - Raina Telgemeier

Guts - Raina Telgemeier

Drama - Raina Telgemeier

