



CLAIRES COURT MAIDENHEAD

An independent school for girls and boys

Summer Reading



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Compile your summer reading list!

Try a book from the fiction genres listed below:

Classic Fiction

E.g. *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling; *Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome; *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton; *Emma* by Jane Austen; *Tom's Midnight Garden* by Philippa Pearce; *The Call Of The Wild* by Jack London; *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken

Or look at books by E. Nesbit, L. M. Montgomery, Frances Hodgson Burnett

Quick Read: *Jane Eyre: A Retelling* by Tanya Landman

Animal Adventure

E.g. *Sky Hawk* by Gill Lewis; *Bird Boy* by Catherine Bruton, *Twitch* by M.G. Leonard, *Talking to Alaska* by Anna Woltz, *I Cosmo* by Carlie Sorisaiak and *Lost on Gibbon Island* by Jess Butterworth

The Last Wild by Piers Torday; *Tyger* by S.F. Said

Or look at books by Michael Morpurgo, Megan Rix, Sarah Lean, Lauren St. John, Nizrana Farook
'Classic' read: *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

Quick Read: *Blue Moon* by Jenny Oldfield

Mystery/Thriller

E.g. *High-Rise Mystery* by Sharna Jackson; *Waiting For Murder* by Fleur Hitchcock; *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd; *The Highland Falcon Thief* by M. G. Leonard, *The Swifts* by Beth Lincoln; *Dread Wood* by Jennifer Killick, *A Season For Scandal* by Laura Wood and *Mysteries at Sea: The Royal Jewel Plot* by A. M. Howell

Or look at books by Robin Stevens, Helen Dennis, Katherine Woodfine

'Classic' read: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Quick Read: *The Liar's Handbook* by Keren David



Historical Fiction

E.g. The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay; When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle; Circus Maximus series by Annelise Gray; Torn Apart: The Partition of India, 1947 by Swapna Haddow, Wolf Road by Alice Roberts; Through Water and Fire by Matt Wainwright, Churchill's Spy by Rosie Raja and The Great Revolt by Paul Doswell.

Or look at books by Ally Sherrick, Emma Carroll, Lesley Parr, Barbara Henderson, the Voices Series (various authors) from Scholastic

'Classic' read: The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

Quick read: Resist by Tom Palmer

Fantasy Fiction

E.g. Greenwild by Pari Thomson; Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell; Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy; A Darkness of Dragons by S. A. Patrick, Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman; The Book of Stolen Dreams by David Farr and Alex vs. Axel: The Impossible Quests by Sam Copeland

Or look at books by Rick Riordan, J.K. Rowling, Philip Reeve, Terry Pratchett, Peter Bunzl, Sophie Anderson

'Classic' read: Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Quick Read: Ghost Stadium by Tom Palmer

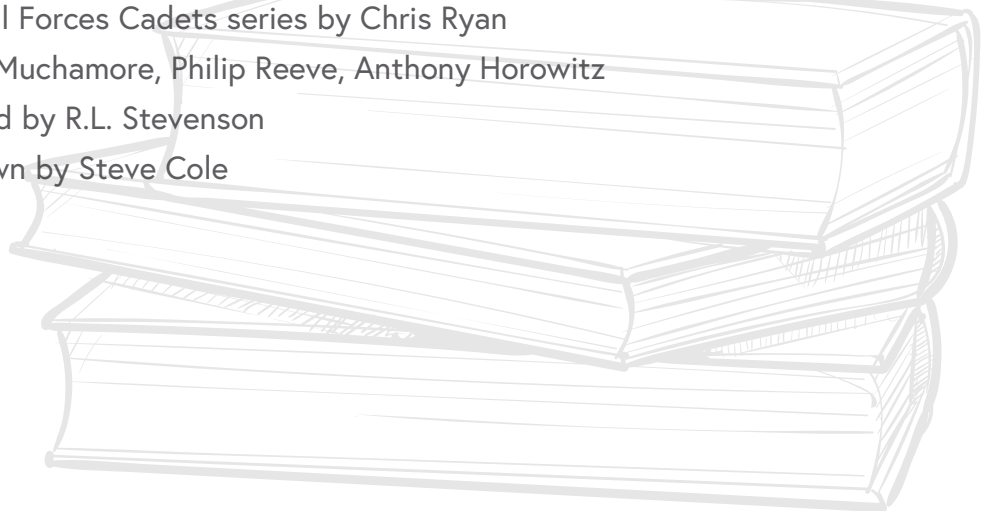
Adventure Stories

E.g. Deadlock by Simon Fox; The Medusa Project by Sophie McKenzie; Black Hole Cinema Club by Christopher Edge; Hunt for The Golden Scarab by M.G. Leonard, The Clockwork Conspiracy by Sam Sedgman, Voyage of the Sparrowhawk by Natasha Farrant; The Explorer by Katherine Rundell; Special Forces Cadets series by Chris Ryan

Or look at books by Robert Muchamore, Philip Reeve, Anthony Horowitz

'Classic' read: Treasure Island by R.L. Stevenson

Quick Read: World Burn Down by Steve Cole



Science Fiction

E.g. Fake by Ele Fountain; Wildspark by Vashti Hardy; The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen; The Middler by Kirsty Applebaum; Wonderscape by Jennifer Bell; Our Sister, Again by Sophie Cameron and Swarm Rising by Tim Peake and Orion Lost by Alastair Chisholm.
Or look at books by Christopher Edge, Ross Welford, Patrick Ness, Rick Yancey, Suzanne Collins, Jennifer Killick

'Classic' read: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Quick Read: Peace Maker by Malorie Blackman

Sporting Stories

E.g. The Dream Team: Jaz Santos vs. the World by Priscilla Mante; Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes; Splash by Charli Howard; Kick by Mitch Johnson, Run Series by Jason Reynolds. The Dick, Kerr Girls series by Eve Ainsworth.

Or look at books by Mal Peet, Bali Rai, Tom Palmer, Gerard Siggins, Kwame Alexander, Eve Ainsworth, Dan Freedman

'Classic' read: National Velvet by Enid Bagnold

Quick Read: Home Ground by Alan Gibbons

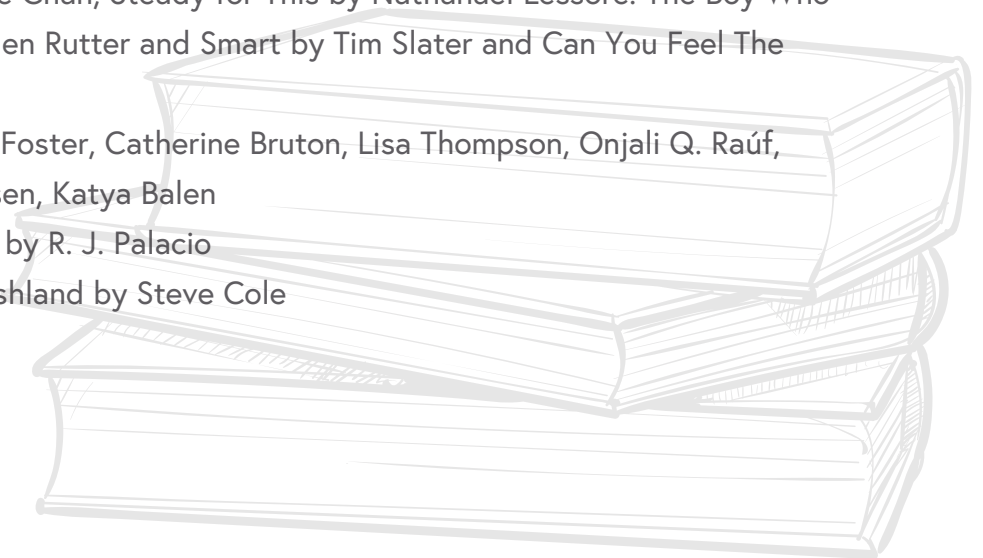
Real-Life Issues

E.g. The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow; Asha & the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan; A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll; The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter; Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths by Maisie Chan; Steady for This by Nathanael Lessore. The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter and Smart by Tim Slater and Can You Feel The Noise by Stewart Foster.

Or look at books by Stewart Foster, Catherine Bruton, Lisa Thompson, Onjali Q. Raúf, Patrice Lawrence, Susin Nielsen, Katya Balen

Future 'classic' read: Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Quick Read: Welcome to Trashland by Steve Cole



Reading for Wellbeing

E.g. A Better Day by Dr. Alex George; Social Media Survival Guide by Holly Bathi; Healthy for Life: Self-esteem and Mental Health by Anna Claybourne; Be Happy Be You: The Teenage Guide to Boost Happiness and Resilience by Penny Alexander; Good News by Rashmi Sirdeshpande, 10 Ways to Build a Brilliant Mind by Nicola Morgan, How To Say No to Your Phone by Brad Marshall & Lindsay Hassock, You Don't Have to be Loud by Ben Brooks and Go Big by Matthew Burton.

Or look at books by Nicola Morgan, Matthew Syed, Marcus Rashford, Charlotte Markey

Humorous Stories

.E.g. Oh Maya Gods! by Maz Evans, Kid Normal by Greg James & Chris Smith, The Last Kids on Earth by Matt Brallier, The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter, Wished by Lissa Evans, & Ministry of Mischief by Alex Foulkes.

Or look at books by: Eva Amores and Matt Cosgrove, David Baddiel & Nathanael Lessore.

'Classic' read: The Twits by Roald Dahl

Quick Read: Monday into the Cave of Thieves by Ralph Lazar

Reading Resources

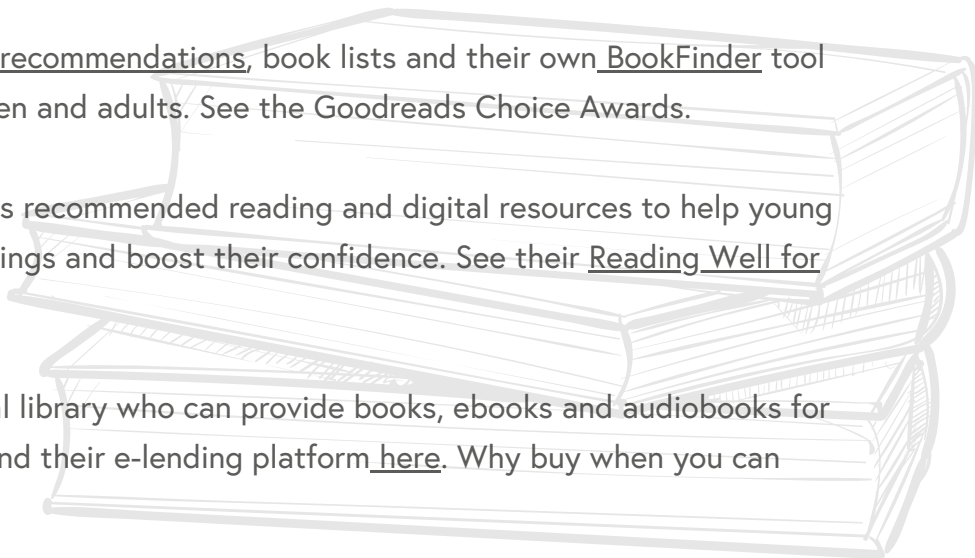
Here are some good websites and resources to help you find more reading ideas

[LoveReading4Kids](#) A great website that groups fiction by age category. See their summer reading recommendations.

[BookTrust](#) Try their monthly [recommendations](#), book lists and their own [BookFinder](#) tool
[Goodreads](#) Fiction for children and adults. See the Goodreads Choice Awards.

The Reading Agency provides recommended reading and digital resources to help young people understand their feelings and boost their confidence. See their [Reading Well for Teens](#) booklist.

Don't forget to use your local library who can provide books, ebooks and audiobooks for FREE! See [RBWM Libraries](#) and their e-lending platform [here](#). Why buy when you can borrow?



My Summer Reading

Please keep a record here of all the books you read this summer.
You will learn how to take an Accelerated Reader quiz on each book when you start school in September!

Title	Author	Genre

Have fun!



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