



Sir John Nelthorpe School: Recommended Reads for Transition

Guidance

- The number in brackets (e.g. **(7.1)**) indicates its difficulty. This scale runs from 0.1 to 15+; however, the two extremes of the scale have not been used for this booklist. Please note that for some titles this information is unavailable.
- Books with **(!)** are recommended for more mature pupils and these books may contain content, themes or language that may not be suitable for some pupils.
- Most pupils should aim to consistently read books that are rated as 5.0 and above; this will offer a good level of challenge for the majority of pupils, although this is of course dependent upon the pupil's starting point. Therefore, this is only offered as a guideline – pupils are encouraged to read books which offer a suitable level of challenge, which may be lower or higher than 5.0. Please contact our Head of English and Performing Arts & Director of Literacy, Mr D. Waite (d.waite@nelthorpe.org.uk) if you would like any further guidance on this.

Action, Adventure and Mystery

<i>The Middler</i> by Kristy Applebaum. A thriller set in a dark future	<i>Beetle Boy</i> by MG Leonard. A mystery adventure with a boy and beetle in search of a missing dad. (4.9)
<i>Airman</i> by Eoin Colfer. A fast-paced action book, perfect for anyone fascinated by adventure/flight. (5.8)	<i>The Explorer</i> by Katherine Rundell. Stranded in the Amazon jungle, will Fred survive? (4.5)
<i>The London Eye Mystery</i> by Siobhan Dowd. How can someone disappear from the London Eye?! (4.1)	<i>Murder Most Unladylike</i> by Robin Stevens. A body disappears from the gym. What happened? Sherlock Holmes inspired detective story set in a 1930s girl School (!) (5.8)
<i>High Rise Mystery</i> by Sharna Jackson. A tech-savvy detective duo fight crime in London.	<i>Beetle Boy</i> by MG Leonard. A mystery adventure with a boy and beetle in search of a missing dad. (4.9)
<i>Ranger's Apprentice: Ruins of Gorlan</i> by J Flanagan. Will must protect the kingdom from evil magic. (5.9)	<i>The Whispers</i> by Greg Howard. A powerful family drama with creatures who can grant wishes.



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<u>Fantasy, Magic Realism, Ghosts...and Horror!</u>	<u>Relationships & Tough Situations</u>
<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i> by K Barnhill. A witch & a poetic swamp monster. Award winner. (4.8)	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by K Applegate. Story 'told' by an exploited gorilla. Newbery winner. (3.6)
<i>The Accidental Billionaire</i> by Tom McLaughlan. Jasper creates the world's first talking cat – and becomes rich. But are talking cats a good idea? (4.4)	<i>Cloud Busting</i> - by Malorie Blackman. Inspiring and heart-warming. (4.9)
<i>My Brother is a Superhero</i> - (& sequels) by David Solomon. Life is not fair: Luke loves comics, but it is his geeky older brother who gets superpowers. (5.4)	<i>Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech.</i> A moving award winner about grief and love. (4.3)
<i>The Savage</i> by David Almond. What if your writing became reality – and you have created a savage? (4.6)	<i>The Many Worlds of Albie Bright</i> by C Edge. Can Albie bring his mum back using quantum physics (6.6)
<i>Doll Bones</i> by Holly Black. Eleanor Black died in 1895 – and now she wants to play. (5.4)	<i>The Bubble Boy</i> by Stewart Foster. Because of his health, 11 year old Joe is stuck in hospital. And yet...
<i>Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror</i> by C. Priestley. A collection of intertwined, spine-tingling stories. (6.0)	<i>Hello, Universe</i> by EE Kelly. A story of unusual friendships from 4 points of view. Award winner.

<u>War & History</u>	<u>Just for Fun!</u>
<i>Soldier Dog</i> by Sam Angus. Stanley is a dog-handler in WWI. Will his dog save countless lives? (6.6)	<i>The Person Controller</i> by David Baddiel. Fred and Ellie love video games but struggle at school. Then they get a bizarre controller with hilarious results! (4.7)
<i>Letters from the Lighthouse</i> by Emma Carroll. 12 yo Olive has been evacuated to a lighthouse during WWII – but her sister is missing. Extraordinary. (4.9)	<i>Flora and Ulysses</i> by Kate DiCamillo. A squirrel with superpowers, a self-described 'cynic' and comic book-style illustrations. Award winner. (4.3)
<i>Race to the Frozen North</i> by Catherine Johnson. Based on M. Henson's life, this is a story of a fight against prejudice and cruelty to become a pioneer (4.6)	<i>Enginerds</i> by Jarret Lerner. Super-smart boys vs farting robots – a funny, action-packed novel
<i>Armistice Runner</i> by Tom Palmer. Lily's gran has Alzheimer's – but will the WWI diaries of her brave great-great-granddad reconnect them? (4.0)	<i>Fenway and Hattie</i> by Victoria Cole. Written from the point-of-view of Fenway, the dog. Hysterical!